



## ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

**Saturday, Mar. 11**

**3rd All Souls Saturday**

Readings: Heb. 3:12-16; Mk. 1:35-44

**10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Panahyda**

**6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (Mckees Rocks, PA)**

**Sunday, Mar. 12**

**Third Sunday of Great Fast/Veneration of the Cross**

Readings: Heb. 4:14-5:6; Mk. 8:34-9:1

**\*Daylight Saving\***

**9:10 A.M. Third Hour;**

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

Supplications will be offered for **+Gregory H. Waslo III**, given by Dorothy Waslo

Supplications will be offered for **+Yuriy Hordynskyj**, given by Marta Schur

**Thursday, Mar. 16**

**Ss. Sabinus & Papas, Martyr**

Readings: Gen. 10:32-11:9; Prov. 13:19-14:6

**6:30 P. M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (North Side)**

**Saturday, Mar. 18**

**3rd All Souls Saturday**

Readings: Heb. 6:9-12; Mk. 7:31-37

**10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Panahyda**

**6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (Mckees Rocks, PA)**

**Sunday, Mar. 19**

**Fourth Sunday of Great Fast**

Readings: Heb. 6:13-20; Mk. 9:17-31

**9:10 A.M. Third Hour;**

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

Supplications will be offered for **+Ivan Salo**, given by Andy Salo

Supplications will be offered for **+paatty Della Ragione**, given by husband Luiggi & family

Jesus taught His disciples about what would happen to Him in the future. They didn't like what they heard! What would Jesus do?



Answer each problem, then fill in the spaces using this code.

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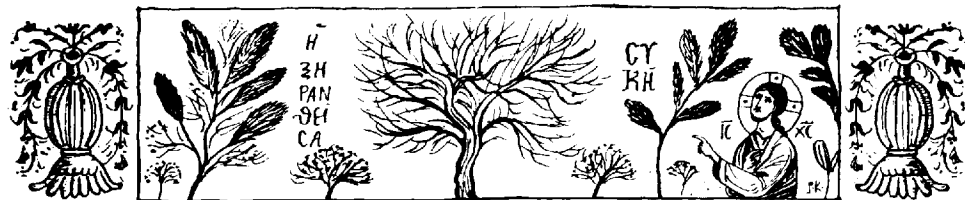


*hvklv* **Third Sunday of the Great Fast**  
**Veneration of the Cross**

Today we have reached the midpoint of the Great Fast-Lent; we have travelled half of our path to the Holy Pascha of Our Lord. Having come to the center of Lent, we piously venerate the Life-giving Cross of Christ. In the Synaxarion for today we read that since the Cross is the Tree of Life, and this tree was planted in the center of the Garden of Eden, in the same way the holy fathers placed the Tree of the Cross in the middle of Great Lent, reminding us of Adam's fall. At the same time we are delivered from the fall through the tree, for partaking of it we no longer die, but inherit life. In the services for this day, the Cross of Christ is hailed as the "invincible weapon, door to Paradise, succor of the faithful," and the "rampart set about the Church" (verses for "Lord, I have cried..."). Why is this so?

Why is the tool of a torturous death sentence hailed by the Church as a banner of victory? Why do Christians wear that, which the world sees as a symbol of shameful death, with such piety?

The Cross of Christ is dear to us because without it there is no Resurrection. And only he, who is ready to be crucified with Christ, can become an heir in the resurrection in Christ. We glorify the Cross of Our Lord today because, having been watered with the Savior's Blood, the Cross is no longer a tool of death but the Tree of Life. Saint Theophan the Recluse writes "that where there is a Christian, there is the cross, and where there is no cross, there is no Christian." Today, at the half-point of the Great Fast-Lent, let us examine ourselves: do we crucify the sins of our flesh, do we carry the cross in our hearts, is there in our souls a denial of self and of worldly passions? If not - neither is there a Christian there.



**March 12, 2023**

Third Sunday of the Great Fast:  
Veneration of the Holy Cross.  
Octoechos Tone 7; Our  
Venerable Father and  
Confessor Theophanes of  
Sigriana (817); Our Holy Father  
Gregory the Dialogist, Pope of  
Rome (604)

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**Announcements:**

**Today: Third Sunday of the Great Fast**

On this Third Sunday of the Great Fast we honor and venerate the Holy and Life-giving Cross of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In the beginning of the Divine Liturgy the Cross adorned with flowers will be brought out in procession and placed on the Tetrapod in the center of the Church. During the entire week the Cross will remain in the center of our Church, not merely to remind us of Christ's redemption and for us to keep the goal of their Lenten efforts, but also as a reminder: "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Mt 10:38). Following the Divine Liturgy, please come forward to venerate the Cross of Our Lord as we continue our journey of the Great Fast.

### Parish Lenten Mission 2023

Mark your calendars for our Parish Lenten Mission 2023 which will take place Wednesday & Thursday, March 23 & March 30, 2023. A parish mission is a special event that allows us to take some time to look at our lives, values, and direction.

On Thursday evening, March 23, we will celebrate at 6:30 p.m. the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts at St. George Parish. Following that service Fr. Andrew Clarke, retired priest and our good friend, will have a Lenten homily. Also, Father Andrew will be able to hear confession.

On Thursday evening, March 30, we will celebrate at 6:30 p.m. the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts at St. John's parish, Mckees rocks. Following that service Fr. Andrew Clarke, retired priest and our good friend, will have a Lenten homily. Also, Father Andrew will be able to hear confession. Let us come together for the renewal of our souls and bodies in preparation for the Great Feast of the Resurrection!

### Don't Wait Until It Is Too Late

Start arranging your schedule today so that you can be present for the Divine Services for Holy Friday through Pascha-Resurrection of Christ. Absolutely no one should miss these Divine Services. Put God first: take off work and stand by the Cross of Christ.

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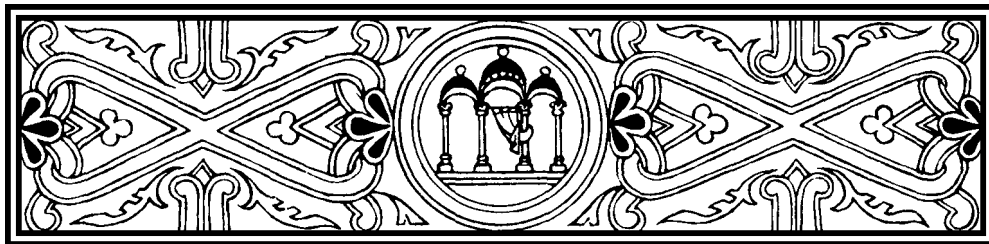
Our total income from last week's sale was **\$2,003.00**. Thanks to all our dedicated women and men that come faithfully to be part of this parish activity.

### Collection- May God bless you...

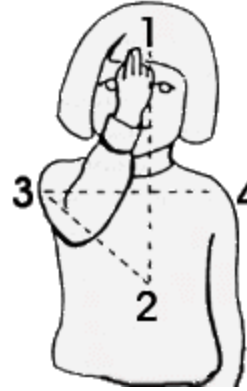
The grand total for Sunday, March 5, 2023, was **\$1,597.00**

(Collection: \$1390.00, loose & candles: \$102.00, Ukraine Aid: \$105.00)

*Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!*



### *How often are we to cross ourselves?*



The answer is very simple: Frequently. Why according to our Holy Tradition are we to cross ourselves so frequently? We are well aware of the tremendous power of our great enemy, the devil, who attacks unceasingly. Our Lord left us an invincible weapon against him: the Cross. So the sign of the Cross is made against danger, against fear of some kind of trouble, as a protection against the devil's wiles, and when begging God for His help, His mercy, His forgiveness, His granting of a petition. God is ever present, ready to assist in our daily struggle whenever we ask.

As Eastern Christians we are to make the sign of the Cross as we begin and end our private devotions-prayers, when we enter the Church, when we venerate the icons, the Holy Gospel, or the Holy Cross. We make the sign of the Cross when the name of the Holy Trinity is pronounced during the Divine Liturgy or any Divine Service. Finally, we make the sign of the Cross at prayers before and after meals, and at any appropriate times as an act of piety.



St. Kosmas Aitolos, concerning the sign of the Cross, writes the following: Listen, my brethren, how the sign of the Cross is made and what it means. First, just as the Holy Trinity is glorified in heaven by the angels, so should you join your three fingers of your right hand. And being unable to ascend into heaven to worship, raise your hand to your head (because the head means heaven) and say "Just as the angels glorify the Holy Trinity in heaven, so do I, as a servant glorify and worship the Holy Trinity. And as the fingers are three separate, and are together, so is the Holy Trinity three persons but one God."

Lowering your hand to your stomach, say: "I worship You and adore You my Lord, because you condescended and took on flesh in the womb of the Theotokos for my sins." Place your hand on your right shoulder and say: "I beg You, my God, to forgive me and to put me on Your right with the just." Placing your hand again on your left shoulder say: "I beg You my Lord, do not put me on the left with the sinners." This is what the Cross means. On this Sunday as we honor the Life-giving Cross let us remember that the sign of the Cross gives us great strength to repel and conquer evil and to do good, but we must remember to make the sign of the Cross correctly and without haste, otherwise it will not be the sign of the Cross, but just waving our hand around, which only gladdens the demons. By making the sign of the Cross carelessly we show a lack of reverence for God. This is a sin, called sacrilege.