



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Feb. 3

1st all Souls Saturday

Readings: 1 Cor. 10:23-28; Lk. 21: 8.9-27.33-36

10:00 A. M. Divine Liturgy/Sorokousty-Hramoty

6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy /Sorokousty-Hramoty

Sunday, Feb. 4

Sunday of Meat Fare

Readings: 1 Cor. 8:8-9:2; Mt. 25: 31-46

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Rose Marie & Peter Drahucz, given by Mary Ann Russo**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Sophia Hodowanec, given by Olech & Motria Hodowanec**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Michaylo Pyptyk, given by Family**

Saturday, Feb. 10

All Holy Ascetical Fathers and Mothers

Readings: 1 Cor. 10:23-28; Lk. 21: 8.9-27.33-36

6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday, Feb. 11

Sunday of the Cheese Fare/ Forgiveness Sunday

Readings: Rom. 13:11-14:4; Mt. 6:14-21

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy & Rite of Forgiveness

Supplications will be offered for +**Lisa Loy, given by Olech & Motria Hodowanec**

Supplications will be offered for +**Maria Vovk, given by grandson Fr. Igor**



The righteous people didn't know when they had done the good things Jesus said they did. How did Jesus explain it?

Use the code to find Jesus' reply.

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Advancing into the Great Fast-Lent



Why is this upcoming season called the “Great Fast-Lent?” In the Eastern Church this season is called “GREAT” Fast-Lent to distinguish it from the other three Lenten seasons: the Fast of the Nativity (Advent), the Fast of the Theotokos in August (Spasiwka) and the Fast of the Apostles in June (Petrivka).

It is called “Great” because it is more intense than the other fasting periods. For Christians, the Great Fast-Lent is a season to be taken seriously. The time of repentance should effect all aspects of our life: our diet, our prayer life, our daily schedule, our daily attitude.

Regardless of how strictly we choose to fast, every Christian’s eating habits should be remarkably different during this season. The message is to simplify our life-style, to get away from being creatures of habit, always “giving in” to our cravings, to consider those in our midst who have no choice but who need to fast on a constant basis due to poverty, etc.

Our Holy Church challenges us to be more than “Sunday Catholics”: to turn to prayer - hence the many opportunities offered to us during the Lenten season: Lenten Matins, the Eucharist received at Presanctified Liturgy, the different Akathist Hymns (Theotokos, Passion of Christ or to the Holy Cross) and the Moleben to the Cross.

Here is another tip I would like to offer to all our faithful during this Lenten season and that is to find a spiritually edifying book and undertake to read it during the Great Fast as a part of your Lenten struggle. Sometimes, we simply keep the Great Fast-Lent, if we do at all, by just adhering to the fasting regulation. This year plan to attend more the Lenten services that we celebrate in our parish during this important season. Remember, if we just do the minimal requirements,... then we will feel left un nourished.

Spiritual reading, which is something that we should do at all times of the year, is particularly important during the period of the Great Fast and is something which can deepen and broaden our spiritual lives. The Catholic bookstores and the Byzantine Seminary Press here in Pittsburgh offer a variety of great books for this time of the year. As we prepare to enter the forty day journey of the Great Fast-Lent let us make use of this golden opportunity to enrich ourselves!



February 4, 2024

Sunday of the Fearful Judgement (Meatfare).
Octoechos Tone 3. Post-feast of the Encounter. Our Venerable Father Isidore of Pelusium (408-50).

Changeable Parts – Pages 8-10
in the Booklet of Changeable Parts
(Small white book)

Announcements:

Next Sunday: Forgiveness

Next Sunday, Feb. 12, in our Liturgical calendar is the last Sunday before the Great Fast called Cheesefare Sunday. This Sunday is also called “Forgiveness Sunday”, from the pious Eastern Christian custom of asking each other’s forgiveness for discourtesy and disrespect, before we begin our journey through the Great Fast-Lent together. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy we will have the *Rite of Forgiveness* during which we will ask each other for forgiveness.

Mark your calendar: Next Adult Religious Class on: Feb. 15, 2024, at 6:30pm. Also, please mark other scheduled classes: March 14, Apr.18, May 16, and June 13, 2024

Next Coffee **Social and Children Liturgy** on Sunday, Feb. 25, 2024. If you would like to sponsor it let know to Fr. Igor.

Sarris Easter Candy – It’s time to place your orders for Easter candy. Order sheets are in the vestibule and are due back by February 11, 2024. Delivery date is March 17, 2024

Mardi Gras Party

Here in our local community, Brighton Heights Lutheran Church (3830 California Avenue) invites us to their annual Mardi Gras, which will take place on Sunday, February 11th from 12:00-4 p.m. Music will be by the Blue Orphans Band. Delicious food and coffee & desserts will be served. There is a Free Will offering to benefit various ministries. You can make your reservations by calling 412-761-8545.

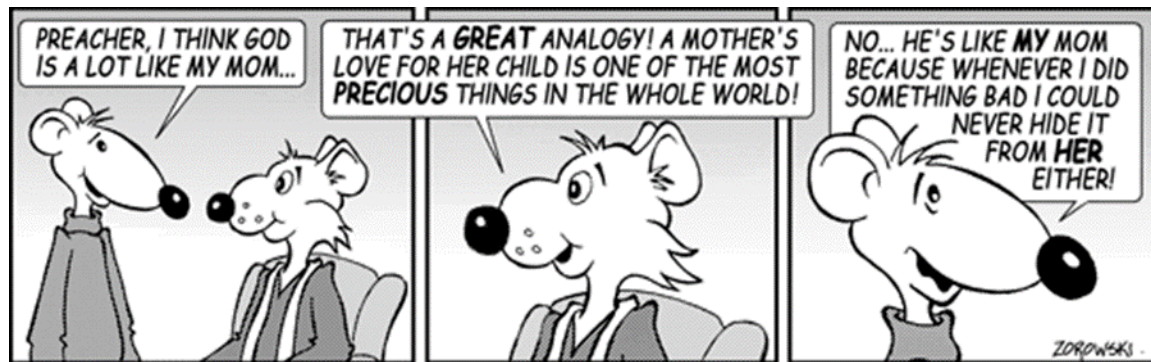
Pyrohy

Our total income from last week’s sale was **\$476.00**. Thanks to all our dedicated women and men that come faithfully to be part of this parish activity. **Help is very much needed with our pyrohy activity!** The upcoming Lenten season is our busiest time of the year and with this being the busiest time, we also generate income for our parish. I ask that you PLEASE consider helping with this activity. Help is very much needed now on Wednesday (9:00 a.m.) when the potatoes and sauerkraut are being prepared. On Wednesday (10:00 a.m.) we need more help with the production itself. Please come and give us a hand with this fundraiser that helps with the expenses of the parish.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday of January 28, 2024 was **1,020.00**
(Collection: \$995.00, Last week: \$25.00; Pyrohy: \$476.00)

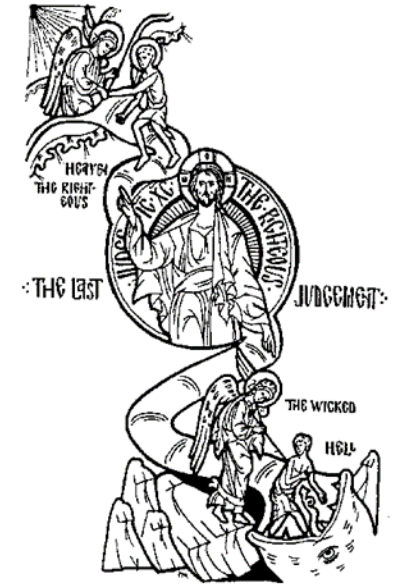
Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!



***Meatfare Sunday-Sunday of
the Last Judgment***

Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, O blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world...

Today’s Gospel reading is the parable of the Last Judgment. It reminds us that while trusting in Christ’s love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. If our hearts remain hardened and unrepentant, we should not expect the Lord to overlook our transgressions simply because He is a good and loving God. Although He does not desire the death of a sinner, He also expects us to turn from our wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11). This same idea is expressed in the prayer read by the priest after the penitent has confessed his or her sins.



The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, “Who will render to every man according to his deeds” (Rom. 2:6). Then the time for entreating God’s mercy and forgiveness will have passed.

As the late Fr. Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book Great Lent (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be LOVE. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ’s brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

According to the authentic Lenten custom, today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until the Feast of the Resurrection-Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of the Great Fast-Lent.