



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, March 2

Third All Souls Saturday

Readings: Heb. 10:32-38; Mk. 2:14-17

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

6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, March 3

Third Sunday of the Great Fast/Veneration of The Cross

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

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

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

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

Wednesday, Mar. 7

St. Basil and others, Bishop Martyr of Cherson

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

6:30 P. M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (McKees Rocks)

Saturday, March 9

Fourth All Souls Saturday

Readings: Heb. 6:9-12; Mk. 7:31-3

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

6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, March 10

Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast/St. John Climacus, Venerable

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 **+Fr. Lev, Anna and Oleh Lubynsky**, given by **Marta Lubynsky**

Then Jesus called the crowd to Him along with His disciples. What did Jesus say?

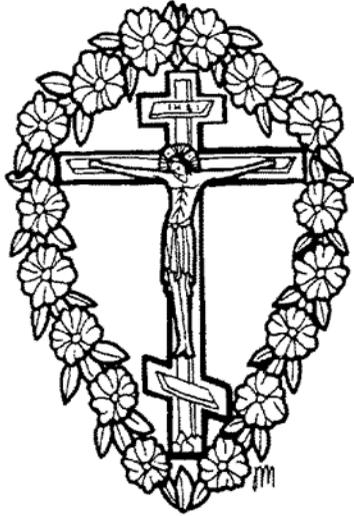


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Third Sunday of the Great Fast-Veneration of the Holy Cross

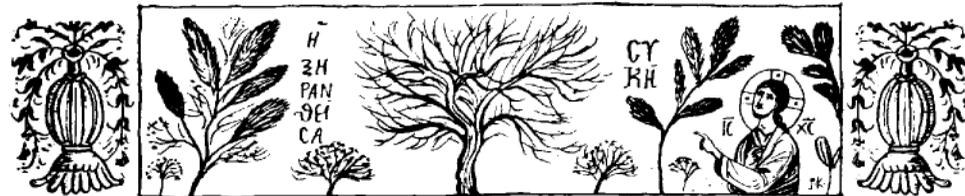


On this Sunday we commemorate the venerable Cross and the Crucifixion of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The Cross as such takes on meaning and adoration because of the Crucifixion of Christ upon it. Therefore, whether it is in Church hymns or prayers, it is understood that the Cross without Christ has no meaning or place in Christianity. The adoration of the Cross in the middle of the Great Fast-Lent is to remind the faithful in advance of the Crucifixion of Christ.

Therefore, the readings and the hymnology refer to the Passions, the sufferings, of Our Savior: The passages read this day repeat the calling of the Christian by Christ to dedicate his life, for *“If any man would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me (Christ)”*. This verse clearly indicates the kind of dedication which is needed by the

Christian in three steps: To renounce his arrogance and disobedience to God’s Plan. The second decision is to lift up his personal cross (the difficulties of life) with patience, faith and the full acceptance of the Will of God without complaint that the burden is too heavy. Having denied himself and lifted up his cross leads him to the third decision, and that is to follow Christ.

These three voluntary steps are three links which cannot be separated from each other, because the main power to accomplish them is the Grace of God, which man always invokes. The Adoration/Veneration of the Cross is expressed by the faithful through prayer, fasting, almsgiving and the forgiveness of the trespasses of others. On this Sunday the Veneration of the Cross is commemorated with a special service in the beginning of the Divine Liturgy in which the significance of the Cross is that it leads to the Resurrection of Christ.



March 3, 2024

Third Sunday of the Great Fast:
Veneration of the Holy Cross.
Octoechos Tone 7. Holy Martyrs
Eutropius and His Companions
Cleonicus and Basiliscus (286-305)

Changeable Parts – Pages 16-20
in the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small
white book)

Announcements:

Today: 3rd Sunday of the Great Fast

We celebrate the Third Sunday of the Great Fast on which we honor and venerate the Holy and Life-giving Cross of Christ Our Savior. This Sunday’s theme is that in the Cross of Christ crucified lies both “the power of God and the wisdom of God” for those being saved (1 Cor 1:24). On this Sunday in the middle of the Lenten season, the Cross stands in the middle of our Church, not merely to remind the faithful of Christ’s redemption and for them 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).

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

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.

Prayer List:

Make a point of praying for everyone on the prayer list. If you don't have one, contact the office and we'll send you one. In a special way, at this time, remember the following members of our parish family: **Barbara Fedora, Helen Fedenko, Orysia Barshowski, Kate Wyko, Thomas Kunsak, Kathee Shabla and Rose Shedno.**

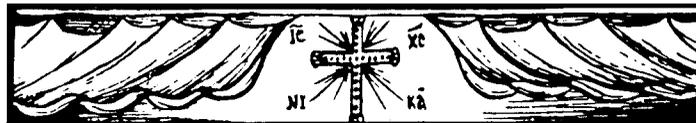
Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was **\$1125.50** Sincere thanks to all our dedicated pyrohy workers for their hard work during this Lenten Season. Due to the great number of orders, we ask you to place your orders in advance. Thank you!

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of February 11, 2024, was **\$900.00 + \$1,397.00**
(Collection: \$880.00, loose & candles: \$20.00, Pyrohy & halushki; \$1125.00 + \$272.00)

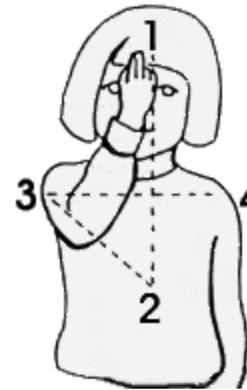
Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!



What is REPENTANCE? Repentance is the act of turning from one's sin and reorienting one's entire life toward God. The aspects of repentance are three: contrition, confession, and satisfaction. Contrition is sorrow and perfect grief of the heart, which comes about in a person who, on account of the sins committed, disappointed God and transgressed His divine Law. Related to contrition is affliction, which is also a sorrow and imperfect grief of the heart, which comes about, not because a person disappointed God by his sins, but because that person was deprived of divine grace, lost Paradise, and gained hell.



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 should 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.