



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Mar. 23

Third All Souls Saturday

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

8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy /Sorokousty

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Mar. 24

Third Sunday of the Lent/Veneration of the Cross

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

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Michael Pyptyk, by Rose Shedno**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Jane Chulack, by Joseph Blyth**

Monday, Mar. 25

Annunciation of the Theotokos

Readings: Heb 2:11-18; Lk: 1:24-38

7:00 A.M. Vespertal Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, Mar. 27

St. Basil and Other, Bishop –Martyr of Cherson/Mid-Lent

Readings: Gen. 9:18-10:1; Prov. 12:23-13:9

9:30 A. M. Service of Holy Eucharist- Mass (Latin rite)

Repose of Anthony JR, Antoni SR, Kateryna

7:00 P. M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (St. John's)

Saturday, Mar. 30

4th All Souls Saturday

Readings: 2 Cor. 4:6-15; Mt. 11: 2-15

8:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Sorokousty

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Mar. 31

4th Sunday of the Great Lent /St. John Climacus

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

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ **Michael Pyptyk, by Darrel & Carol Chulack**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Jane Chulack, by Colleen Blyth**

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



Use this code to find out.

♡ = A	♥ = E	★ = I	☆ = M	⊖ = Q	□ = U	■ = Y
♥ = B	♥ = F	☆ = J	☆ = N	◐ = R	■ = V	◻ = Z
♡ = C	♥ = G	★ = K	○ = O	◑ = S	◻ = W	
♥ = D	☆ = H	★ = L	● = P	⊙ = T	◻ = X	

“

★ ♥ □ □ ♥ ☆ ⊙

⊙ ○ ♥ ♥ ♥ ○ ☆ ♥ ☆ □

♥ ○ ☆ ☆ ○ □ ♥ ◐ ◑

☆ ♥ ⊙ ⊙ ☆ ♥ ☆ ♥ ♥ ♥ ☆ □

⊙ ☆ ♥ ☆ ◐ ♥ ☆ ■ ♥ ◐

♥ ☆ ♥ ⊙ ♥ ☆ ♥ □ ●

⊙ ☆ ♥ ★ ◐ ♥ ◐ ○ ◐ ◐

♥ ☆ ♥ ♥ ○ ☆ ☆ ○ □ ☆ ♥”



**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 Birthdays



Rebecca Mikovitz – 3

Linda Smith (Kerelitch) - 12

Jenna Parks – 8, Donald Hall – 18

Faith Kelly - 21



March 24, 2019

Third Sunday of the Great Fast: Veneration of the Holy Cross, Octoechos Tone 3. Fore-feast of the Annunciation of the Mother of God

Changeable Part: Pages 11-16 in the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)

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.

Easter Bread-Paska

On Saturday, April 13th, we will prepare Easter Bread (Paska) in our Church hall. The price per a loaf is \$10.00. In the Church vestibule we have a sign-up sheet for placing your orders. I ask you to write down your name and amount of Paska Bread (plain or raisin) you wish to order. You may pick-up your order on Palm Sunday, April 14th, following the Divine Liturgy.

This Sunday Soup Sale

We continue our fundraiser a Soup Sale. On this Sunday, March 4th, following the Divine Liturgy in our Church hall you will have the opportunity to purchase Lenten soups: Borsch, Barley etc. The price for a quart container is \$6.00. Thank you for support of our parish.

Willow Branches

As we reach Mid-Lent please remember that we will be in need of willow branches for the blessing of palms and willow branches on Palm Sunday (April 14). If you are able to obtain willow branches, please let Fr. Igor know after the Divine Liturgy.

Please, consider a donation for the new mixer!!!!!!

Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was \$1,563.00. 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. Also, we are adding an **extra session on Wednesday** evening. On Thursday we need more help with the production itself.

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of March 17, 2019 was **\$5,019.00**

(Collection: \$2,420.00, Loose & candles: \$70.00, Pyrohy: \$1583.00, Soup & Halushki: \$256.00)

Special donation: \$490.00 in memory of Jane Chulack, by Robert and Jane Pietrandrea, \$200.00 donation for new mixer, Orysia & David Barshowski.

Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity



PRAYER OF SAINT EPHREM

O Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power, and idle chatter. (Prostration)

Instead, grant to me Your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble mindedness, patience, and love. (Prostration)

O Lord and King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins, and not to judge my brother. For You are holy, now and ever and forever. Amen. (Prostration)



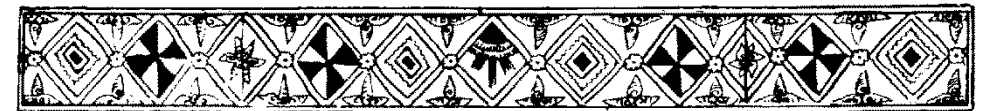
Parish Lenten Mission 2019

Mark your calendars for our Parish Lenten Mission 2019 which will take place Wednesday & Thursday, April 3-4, 2019 for both parishes. A parish mission is a special event that allows us to take some time to look at our lives, values, and direction.

On Wednesday evening, April 3rd, 2019 we will celebrate at 7:00 p.m. the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts at parish of St. John the Baptist (204 Olivia Street, McKees Rocks PA, 15136). Following this Service, Fr. John Chirovsky will have a Lenten homily and during the service he will be able to hear our confessions.

On Thursday evening, April 4th, we will celebrate at 7:00 p.m. the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts at parish of St. George (3455 California Avenue, Pittsburgh PA 15212). This evening, again we will welcome Fr. John Chirovsky. He will have a Lenten homily and during the service he will be able to hear our confessions.

Following both evenings we will have Lenten refreshments in the Church hall. Let us come together for the renewal of our souls and bodies in preparation for the Great Feast of the Resurrection!



Excerpt from Christ Our Pascha

The Visible and Invisible World: Angels, the heavenly incorporeal beings (spirits) "have their being by the will of the Father, [they] are brought into being by the work of the Son, and are perfected by the presence of the Spirit." God, as the highest Intelligence, fashioned the angelic intellects. We made them partakers of his inexpressible glory and formed their incorruptible essence. The angels are beacons, who reflect the Light of God. Since they have received eternal life from the Origin of Life, and because they contemplate eternal Glory in Wisdom, they are like mirrors filled with light. (#114)