



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Mar. 3

3rd All Souls Saturday

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

8:30 A.M. Panachyda/Sorokousty

4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (South Side)

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

Sunday, Mar. 4

3rd Sunday of the Great Lent /Veneration of the Cross

Readings: Heb. 1:10-2:3; Mk. 2:1-12

9:10 A.M. Third Hour

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

God's blessing upon all parishioners (By Fr. Ihor)

Wednesday, Mar. 7

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

Sheptytsky Arms
Social Hall

Friday, Mar. 9

40 Martyrs of Sebaste

Readings: Gen. 12:1-7; Prov. 14:14-26

7:00 P. M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (North Side)

Saturday, Mar. 10

4th All Souls Saturday

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

8:30 A.M. Panachyda/Sorokousty

4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (Arnold, PA)

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

Sunday, Mar. 11

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

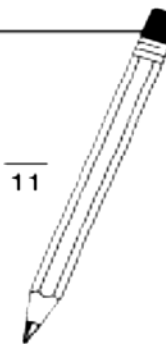
Readings: Heb. 6:13-20; Mk. 9:17-31

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ Paulina & Joseph Hamracey, by Pyptyk family

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Transfer the letters to the lines below.

- clear liquid – 1 2 3 4 5
- to create something new – I 6 7 8 9 10 11
- a place to live – 12 13 14 15 16
- glide through the air – 17 18 19
- a grouchy person – 20 21 22 23 24
- a place to sleep – 25 26 27



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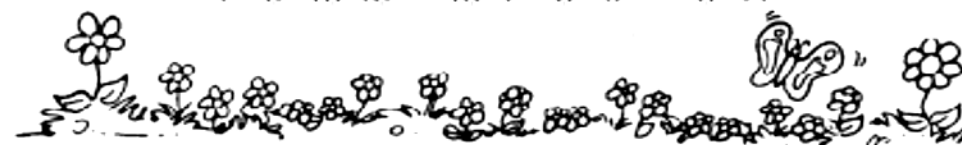
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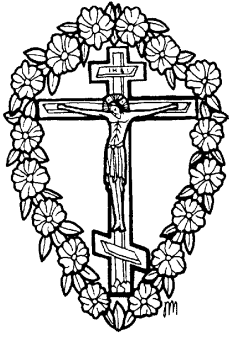
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Veneration of the Holy Cross



This, the Third Sunday of the Great Fast in our Liturgical calendar, is the Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross. It is on this Sunday that we not only remember the crucifixion of Christ, but remember that we crucify our passions with Him throughout the Great Fast- Lent. Additionally, it is on this Sunday, as the hymnography suggests, that we elevate the Cross of Christ as a symbol of victory for the faithful.

This solemn veneration of the Precious and Life-Giving Cross is quite similar to the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross celebrated every year on September 14th. Neither Feast distinguishes between Christ's death and His Resurrection from the dead. In fact, both Feasts celebrate the triumph and the glory of His Cross. This dominant theme is evident in both the hymnography and the Liturgical actions that take place before and towards the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great celebrated on this Sunday.

Today's Festal celebration begins as the priest censes the Cross that is placed on a tray surrounded by flowers, followed by the congregation singing the Great Doxology and "Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us." The priest then exits the North door of the Sanctuary and processes around the Church until he ends at the Tetrapod. Then, facing the Altar he says, "Wisdom, be attentive!" Setting the tray on the Tetrapod, the priest and faithful then sing while he censes around the Tetrapod: "O Lord, save your people and bless your inheritance. To all who do battle with sin and evil, grant victory; and by the power of your Cross protect your people." After this triumphant hymn has been sung, the priest and faithful sing the following hymn followed by with a full prostration "To Your Cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify Your Holy Resurrection!"

As we elevate His Cross may we crucify our passions with Him on the Cross. Then, on the third day, let us raise His Cross, as we have today, as a symbol of victory.

Shine, O Cross of the Lord, shine with the light of your grace upon the hearts of those that honor you. With love inspired by God, we embrace you, O desire of all the world. Through your our tears of sorrow have been wiped away; we have been delivered from the snares of death and have passed over to unending joy. Show us the glory of your beauty and grant to us your servants the reward of our abstinence, for we entreat with faith your rich protection and great mercy.



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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. The Cross stands in the midst of the Church in the middle of the Lenten Season not merely to remind us of Christ's redemption, but also to be venerated as that reality by which we must live to be saved. "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.

Mar. 4,
2018

Third Sunday
of the Great
Fast:
Veneration of
the Holy Cross,
Tone 6; Our
Venerable
Father
Gerasimus of
the Jordan

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.

Easter Bread-Paska

On Saturday, March 24th, 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, March 25th, following the Divine Liturgy.

St George Easter Kielbasy Sale – This Year it will be famous Kielbasy from Parma, OH

We are asking that parishioners buy kiellbasy for their own use and also sell some of this fine product to friends, neighbors, and colleagues. The price is \$10.00 per ring (approx. 2 lb.) and order forms are available in the Church vestibule for placing orders. You must place your order in advance in order to purchase this kolbasa. Payment must accompany your order.

The kolbasa will be available for pickup on Sunday, March 25th (Palm Sunday) after the Divine Liturgy. Thanks to all our parishioners for the continued support of this important parish fundraiser.

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 (March 25th). If you are able to obtain willow branches, please let Fr. Igor know after the Divine Liturgy.

Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was \$936.00. Thanks to all our dedicated women and men that come faithfully to be part of this parish activity. As was announced last Sunday: **Help is very much needed with our pyrohy activity!**

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of February 18, 2018 was **\$3,939.00**

(Collection: \$1860.00, Loose & candles: \$20.00, Pyrohy: \$936.00, Soup/Halushki sale: \$ 373.00, Donation for extra icons for church; \$750.00, by Nicholas baran in memory of Baba Anna Baran)

Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity!



Parish Lenten Mission 2018

Mark your calendars for our Parish Lenten Mission 2018 which will take place Tuesday & Wednesday, March 20-21, 2018 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 Tuesday evening, March 20th, 2018 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. Christopher Mannerino, parochial vicar of St. Theresa of Avilla of Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, will have a Lenten homily and during the service he will be able to hear our confessions.

On Wednesday evening, March 21th, 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 we will welcome Fr. Christopher Mannerino, parochial vicar of St. Theresa of Avilla of Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh. 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!



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)

