



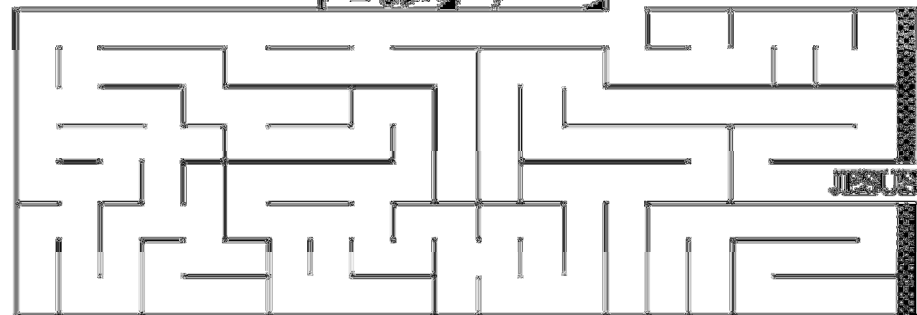
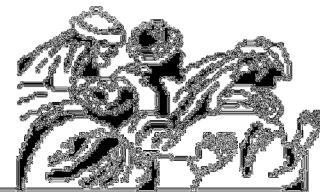
ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

180. THROUGH THE ROOF

(MARK 2:1-12)

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AMME	QED	FRACEDS
BED	HEARTS	ROOM
BROKEN	PARALYTIC	ROOF
CAPERNAUM	HOUSE	SCRIBES
SMITH	JESUS	SEES
STRENGTH		



Sunday, Feb. 24

Second Sunday of Great Fast/ The Feast of the First and Second Finding of the Head of the Holy Prophet John the Baptist

Readings: Heb 11:24-26.32-12:2; Jn: 1:43-51

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for+ Larry Merritt, given by Maria Perkun.
 Supplications will be offered for + Stefan, Maria, Stefan, Joseph Lorinc,
 given by Michael Lorinc.

Wednesday, Feb. 27

St. Procopius, Venerable- Confessor

Readings: Gen. 7: 6-9; Prov. 9:12-18

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

Thursday, Feb. 28

St. Basil, Venerable-Confessor

Readings: Gen. 7:11-8:4; Prov. 10:11-22

7:00 P. M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (McKees Rocks)

Saturday, March 2

3rd All Souls Saturday

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

9:00 A. M. Divine Liturgy/Sorokousty-Hramoty

5:00 P. M. NO Great Vespers

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

Sunday, March 3

Third Sunday of Great Fast/Veneration of the Cross

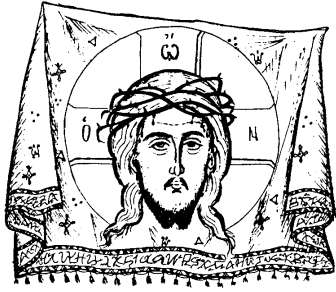
Readings: Heb. 4:14-5:6; Mk: 8:34-9:1

9:10 A.M. Third Hour;

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for + Alice Baley, Maria Bilyk, Maria Zaverucha,
 given by Jeanne Workman.
 Supplications will be offered for+ Larry Merritt, given by Olga Perkun.

Second Sunday of the Great Fast



“...But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”- He said to the paralytic-“I say to you, rise, take up your pallet and go home.” And he rose, and immediately took up the pallet and went out before them all...

Mark 2:10-11

With God’s help we passed two weeks of the Great Fast. Today’s Sunday Gospel reading was about the paralytic who at first could not walk by himself. But with strong faith in Jesus, together with Christ’s love to all His people this miracle happened: the paralytic was raised by the almighty word of the Lord and healed from the disease instantly. This teaches us to have faith in Christ Jesus because through it we can receive help from the Merciful Lord. This reading also encourages us to persevere in our prayers for others, and especially for the sick.

But the reason of Christ’s coming was neither healing the sick nor resurrecting the dead; these facts were only the results of His true mission – bringing salvation to all people on Earth. What does “salvation” mean? Is it something we can touch, see or feel? This question has raised many discussions in the Christian world over the centuries and still remains very important for our consideration, as our future life depends on it. If we understand salvation correctly in this life and live accordingly, it gives us hope to inherit the Kingdom of God. First of all, we need to say that salvation is needed where there is some kind of bondage or slavery. In our human case, unfortunately, we all are under the heavy bondage of sin and in its slavery. Sin drags us away from God (remember Adam and Eve) and, as a result of it, we all are mortals. So, the mission of Jesus Christ was to reunite us with God and to give us another life by saving us from the bondage of sin.

Another very good explanation of our salvation is that we humans are sick with different passions through our connection to sin. A variety of wrongdoings exist, and although they differ in weight, they cause pain to our soul and we humans are simply unable to heal ourselves on our own. This is why we call Jesus Christ the Physician of souls. He came to heal our wounds caused by numerous sins and to give us a healthy life in an eternal perspective. But the point is we HAVE to seek the healing; it will not come on its own without our visit to the Only Physician. Only the one who seeks a doctor will receive appropriate treatment – we all know this from our daily routine. The one who avoids his doctor will fall yet into deeper illness. During this Lenten journey let us seek the Divine Physician to receive that healing that leads to salvation. Amen.

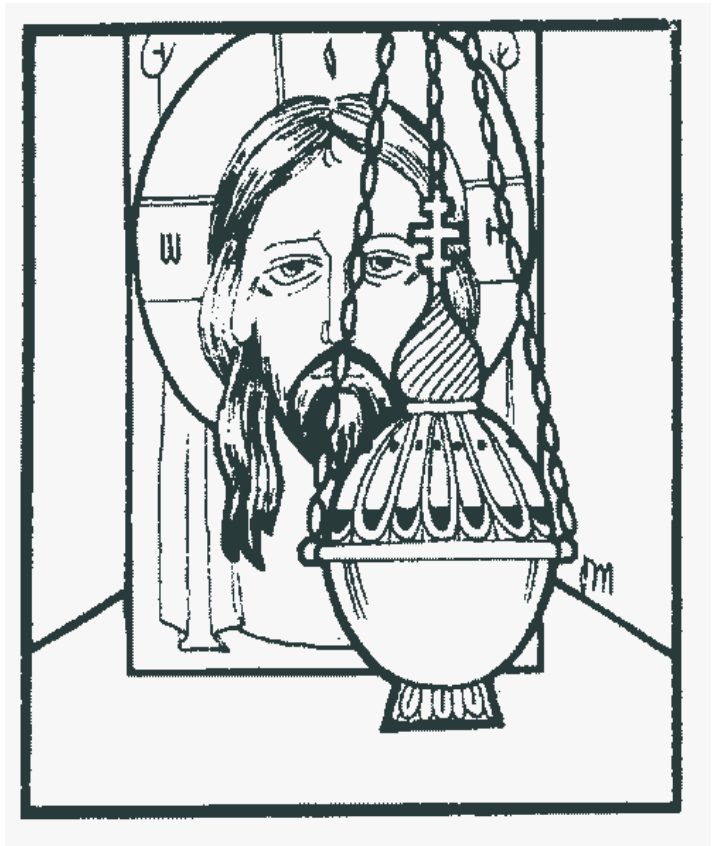
February 24, 2013

Second Sunday of the Great fast

The Feast of the First and Second Findings of the Head of the Holy Prophet John the Baptist

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Changeable Parts – Pages 4-5
in the Booklet of Changeable Parts
(Small white book)



Announcements:

Today: Second Sunday of the Great Fast

On this Second Sunday of the Great Fast we remember one of the greatest theological minds in the Eastern Church: Our Holy father Gregory Palamas, Archbishop of Thessalonica (1296-1359). He was a defender of mystical prayer (Hesychasm). As a Confessor of our Holy Faith he affirmed that nothing is more important than a ceaseless stream of prayer mounting upward to God. In practicing this mystical prayer he devoted himself to silent, mystical meditation to achieve oneness with God. As we continue our Lenten journey let us all continue to lift up our hearts in that ceaseless stream of prayer to Our Heavenly Father.

Easter Candy Order forms are still available. **They are due TODAY, February 24, 2013**

St. George's Parish Lenten Mission

Plan to come for our Parish Lenten Mission 2013 which will take place this year on Wednesday & Thursday, March 13-14, 2013. On Wednesday evening, March 13th, we will celebrate at 6:30 p.m. the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts. Following this Service, Fr. Michael Lenz, OFM will have a Lenten homily and during service he will be able to hear our confessions. On Thursday evening, March 14th, we will celebrate at 6:30 p.m. the Anointing of the Sick – Holy Unction. This evening will be led by Sister Mary Virginia, O.Carm. (Corpus Christi Carmelites), convent of Lady of Protection, St. Georges Byzantine parish in Aliquippa. Following last evening we will have Lenten refreshments in the Church hall.

Refreshments

Following the Lenten Mission on Thursday evenings, March 14th, we will offer Lenten Refreshments for the faithful in our Church hall. We will need your help in preparing and offering these refreshments. If you would like to help out, please let Fr. Ihor know following the Divine Liturgy. Thank you.

St George Easter Kolbasa Sale - Our parish is selling kolbasa for the Easter Season.

We are asking that parishioners buy kolbasa for their own use and also sell some of this fine product to friends, neighbors, and colleagues. The price is \$5.00 per pound 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 24th (Palm Sunday) after the Divine Liturgy. Thanks to all our parishioners for the continued support of this important parish fundraiser. Special thanks to Nick and Kathy Mikovitz for organization of this fundraiser.

Easter Pascha sale.

Please, use the sign-up sheet in a vestibule, if you would like to order Pascha for Easter.

Our Sympathies

Our prayers and sympathies are extended to the family and friends of +Nancy Spikula who was buried from parish of Holy Trinity on February 22nd, 2013. *May the Lord commit her soul to the place where the just repose and may her memory be eternal- Вічна Память!*

Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was **\$622.00** 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!**

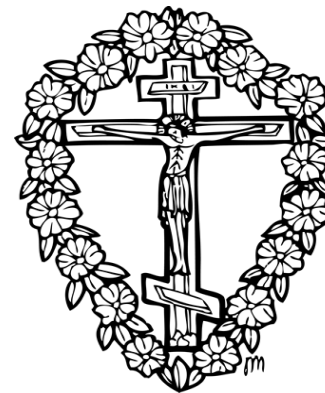
Collection- May God bless you...

Total for Sunday, February 17, 2013 was **\$571.00**
(Collection - \$553.00, Loose & candles - \$18.00)

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our holy church!

FEBRUARY 25, 2013 – REGISTRATION DEADLINE

for the March 2nd & 3rd Eparchy of Saint Josaphat Lock-in Retreat, an impactful and meaningful retreat experience for teenagers and young adults of our eparchy during the period of the Great Fast, with the full support and blessing of His Grace Bishop John Bura. Information packets are available on the eparchial web site at <http://stjosaphateparchy.com/>. If you have any questions, please contact Fr. Sub-deacon Myron Spak at 412-303-9086 or mjspak@verizon.net



Flowers for the Cross

On Sunday, March 3rd, we will celebrate the Third Sunday of the Great Fast on which we honor the Holy and Life-giving Cross of Our Savior. According to our Liturgical tradition the Cross is carried from the altar on a tray of flowers and placed in the midst of the congregation so that we may pay homage to the symbol of our salvation. The beautiful flowers surrounding the Cross signify the fragrance, sweetness and beauty that it has added to life.

If you wish to sponsor flowers for the Holy Cross on this upcoming Third Sunday of the Great Fast you may do so in honor or memory of a loved one. Your prayerful intentions will then be published on that Sunday in our parish bulletin. “Shine, Cross of the Lord, shine with the light of your grace upon the hearts of those that honor you!”