



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, Mar. 4

The Holy Martyr Conon

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

5:00 A.M. No Great Vespers

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday, Mar. 5

First Sunday of Great Fast/Sunday of Orthodoxy

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+ **Stella Shedno (by Errol Sehnke)**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Mary & Peter Hall (by Wayne P. Hall)**

Wednesday, Mar. 8

St. Theophylact, Bishop-Confessor

Readings: Gen. 4:16-26; Prov. 5:15-6

7:00 P. M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (North side, Pittsburgh)

Thursday, Mar. 9

40 Martyrs of Sebaste

Readings: Gen. 5:1-24; Prov. 6:3-20

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

Saturday, Mar. 11

Second All Souls Saturday

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

9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Hramotky

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

Sunday, March 12

Second Sunday of the Great Fast

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

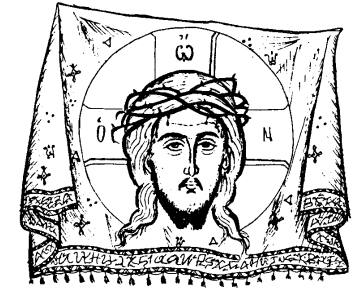
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God's blessing upon David and Orysia Barshowski, by Alexandra Kozak

2017 Lenten Regulations

Although our Church traditionally prescribed abstinence from meat and dairy products in days gone by for the entire duration of the Great Fast-Lent, the following minimal Lenten regulations are in force in our Eparchy of St. Josaphat.



1. Abstinence from meat and all dairy products on the First Day of Lent (February 27, 2017) and on Good Friday (April 14, 2017).

2. Abstinence from meat on all Fridays of Lent as well as Holy Saturday (April 15, 2017). During the Great Fast, the faithful may also maintain the tradition of abstaining from meat on Wednesdays.

3. Reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist during the Paschal Season (from the onset of Lent to the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday)

Fasting and Abstinence regulations are not binding on persons 60 or older, the very poor, sick, nursing or pregnant women, children who have not completed their seventh year of age, and those who engage in physically very hard labor. Prayer and almsgiving oblige all!

In the authentic tradition of the Church, we also fast from the glorious celebration of the Divine Liturgy on the weekdays of the Great Fast. Only the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated in all our Churches on the Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent, and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Great and Holy Week.

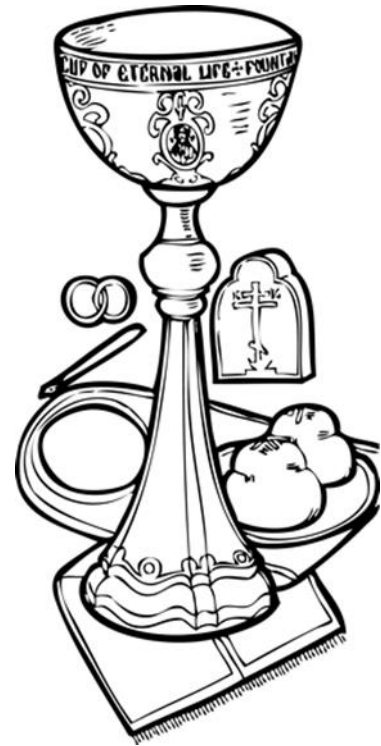
PRAYER OF SAINT EPHREM

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)





10th Ordination Anniversary of Father Ihor Hohosha on Sunday, March 26, 2017

After the consecration of the Eucharist, the bishop places the body of Christ into the new priest's hands with the following admonition:

Bishop: Receive this Divine Trust, and guard it until the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, at which time He will demand it from you.

Dear Parishioners:

On March 25th, 2007, through the Laying-on of Hands (Cheirotonia) of His Grace Bishop Robert M. Moskal I was ordained to the Holy Priesthood for our Eparchy of St. Josaphat. The ordination took place on the Feast of Annunciation at the St. Josaphat Cathedral, Parma, OH.

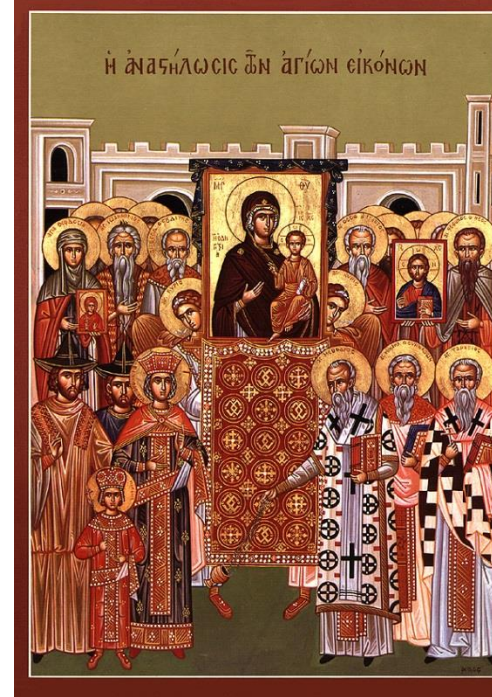
Being ordained to the Holy Priesthood, your life is "transfigured" and you are sent by the Eparchial Bishop to continue this "transfiguration" in the midst of our faithful, through the administration of the Holy Mysteries and preaching/teaching the Word of God.

*Every day I give thanks for this great gift of the Holy Priesthood, but in a particular way on Sunday, March 26th, I wish to give thanks for this great gift with you. Ten years is not a long time but I wish to share with you this journey as an opportunity to pray for vocations and to pray for all priests and monastics in our Holy Church. **As part of this celebration, following the Divine Liturgy (10:00A.M.at St. George Church for both parishes) we will have refreshments in St. John The Baptist Church hall.***

Fr. Ihor Hohosha

Therefore, I implore You, look upon me, Your sinful and unworthy servant, and cleanse my soul and heart from evil consciousness. Enable me by the power of Your Holy Spirit so that, vested with the grace of priesthood, I may stand before Your holy Table and celebrate the mystery of Your holy and pure Body and Your precious Blood. To You I come with bowed head and pray: do not turn Your face away from me or reject me from among Your children, but make me, Your sinful and unworthy servant, worthy to offer to You these gifts.

-Prayer of the Priest before the Great Entrance



March 5, 2017

First Sunday of Great Fast,

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Holy Martyr Conon (249-251)

Changeable Part: Pages 8-9 in the Booklet of Changeable Parts (Small white book)

Announcements:

Today: 1st Sunday of the Great Fast

We celebrate today the First Sunday of the Great Fast which is also called the Sunday of Orthodoxy in commemoration of the victory of orthodoxy-true faith in controversy over Holy Icons in the year 843. As part of this commemoration, the blessing of Icons will take place at the end of the Divine Liturgy. If you have any Icons, Crosses, religious items you would like to have blessed, please place them on the Tetrapod in the center of the Church.

Today: National Collection

On this Sunday we will also have the 2017 Collection to Aid the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Remember that proceeds from this collection very much help our Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ukraine. For this collection please use the special envelopes which are available in the Church vestibule.

Thank You! Soup Sale

Last Sunday, following the Divine Liturgy the parents and children of our St. George's Church School had in the Church hall their Soup Sale. It was a great success. Thank you to all who donated food and made this fundraiser possible. Profit from Soup Sale: \$323.00. All proceeds go towards St. George's Church School. Thank you for support of our children who are the future of our parish family.

Last chance!!!Easter Candy Order forms are available. They are due March 5, 2017

Teenager & Young Adults REMINDER: This year's Lock-in-Retreat will be **March 18-19** at St. Anne's in Austintown, OH. \$25 admission includes presentations, book, meals, T-shirt & FUN! **DEADLINE to register is SUNDAY, March 5th!** Contact Dcn. Myron Spak 412-303-9086 or mjspak@verizon.net. The theme: To Die for Christ means to Live Forever!

Please make a special effort to support this film! Fr. Ihor "Bitter Harvest" a romantic-drama movie about the famine Holodomor that killed millions of Ukrainians in the 1930s is playing at the AMC Lowes Waterfront 22 Movie Theatre (West Homestead), 412-462-6550 or www.amctheatres.com.

A Premier of a movie about Patriarch Josyf Slipyj, (born 2-17-1893 in Zazdrist Ukraine, died 9-7-1984 in Rome Italy at age 92) will be *held at our Church* on **Saturday, March 25 at 6pm at Holy Trinity Parish** (730 Washington Avenue - Carnegie, PA 15106) . He was the Patriarch of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, and courageously spent 18 years in Soviet prison camps until the Vatican obtained his release from the godless Soviets. This film will be in Ukrainian. Fr. Ihor Yatsiv is travelling all the way from Ukraine to show this. Please, please, make a special effort to attend.

St George Easter Kielbasy Sale – This Year it will be local Kielbasy .

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 \$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, April 9th (Palm Sunday) after the Divine Liturgy. Thanks to all our parishioners for the continued support of this important parish fundraiser.

Pyrohy Production

During this Lenten Season we are very-very busy with our pyrohy production. Help is very much needed on Wednesday morning at 7:00 a.m. with scooping and again on Thursday morning starting at 7:00 a.m. we will need your help with the production itself. Please come and give us a hand during the Great Fast with this important parish fundraiser.

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of February 26, 2017 was **\$2,237.00**

(Collection: \$982.00, Loose & candles: \$76.00, Pyrohy: \$698.00, Soup Sale: \$323.00, Other donation: 160.00)

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



Parish Lenten Mission 2017

Mark your calendars for our Parish Lenten Mission 2017 which will take place Thursday & Friday, March 16-17, 2017 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 Thursday evening, March 16th, 2017 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. Frank Mittolo, retired priest of Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, will have a Lenten homily and during the service he will be able to hear our confessions.

On Friday evening, March 17th, 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 Rev. Thomas G. Schluep, Parochial Vicar of Saint Sebastian Roman Catholic parish at North Side. 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!



A WORD ABOUT FASTING

It is necessary most of all for one who is fasting to curb anger, to accustom himself to meekness and condescension, to have a contrite heart, to repulse impure thoughts and desires, to examine his conscience, to put his mind to the test and to verify what good has been done by us in this or any other week, and which deficiency we have corrected in ourselves in the present week. This is true fasting.

St. John Chrysostom

