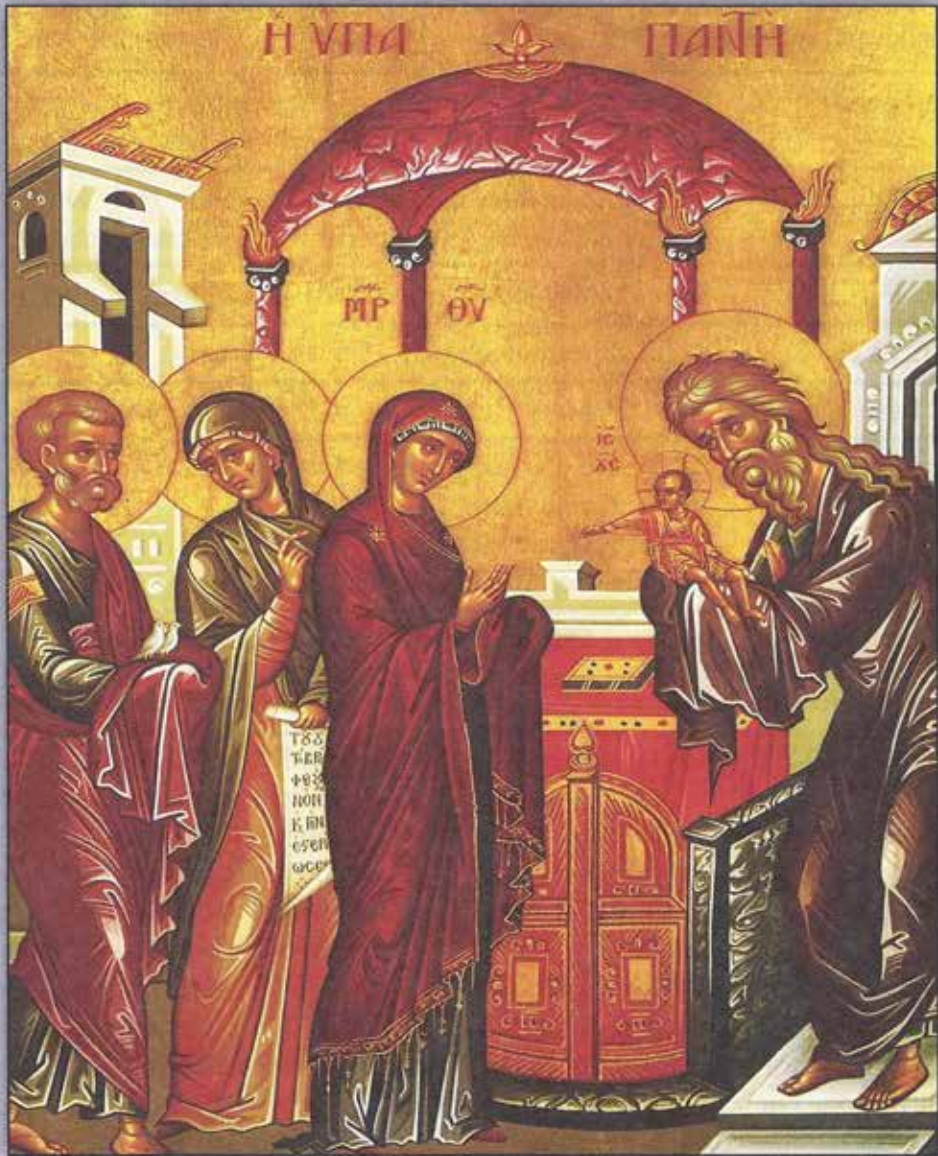


MEATFARE SUNDAY



Icon of the Encounter with Simeon -- February 2nd

January 31, 2016: Sunday of Meat-Fare	
Epistle: 1 Cor. 8:8 - 9:2	Gospel: Lk. 25: 31-46
Mon., Feb. 1	8:00 + Gabriel Beckage (Matt Beckage) 7:00 pm + Stanley, Charlotte & Michael Wysochansky (Legate)
Tues., Feb. 2	Encounter of Our Lord (Solemn Holy Day) 9:00 + Charlene Zinskie (Ron & Marlene Roberts)
Wed., Feb. 3	8:00 + Mary & Michael Stanko (Daughter Elaine & Robert)
Thurs., Feb. 4	8:00 Special Intention (Gawron Family)
Fri., Feb. 5	8:00 + Mary Bohn (John & Mary Ann Turko)
Sat., Feb. 6	No Morning Divine Liturgy. 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm For Our Parishioners
Sun., Feb. 7	9:00 + Olga & Daniel Telep Sr. (Daughter Lauren Telep) 11:30 +Amelia Malinchak (Daughter Jule)

Today Is the Sunday of the Last Judgment

Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the Last Judgment. It reminds us that while trusting in Christ's love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. Because He is a good and loving God who does not desire the death of a sinner, He calls us to turn from our wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11). The time for repentance and forgiveness is now.

As Father +Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT

(Ch. 1:4) that sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt. 25:40).

Today is also known as the Sunday of Meat-Fare... That means that Great Lent begins next Sunday afternoon. In

this final week of preparation for the Great Lent, the traditional discipline suggests that we bid farewell to meat in our diet after today until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for

the more intense fasting of Great Lent. The way we decide to adapt this discipline to our own situation is a matter of individual choice. Of greater importance is the need to formulate a spiritual plan for the coming Holy Season.

Encounter of Our Lord

Tuesday of this week is the Feast of the Encounter of our Lord in the Temple (Presentation), formally called “the Purification.” The first Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Monday Evening

at 7:00 pm; the second Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Tuesday morning at 9:00 am. Candles will be blessed following both Divine Liturgies.

The Jesus Prayer

Early Christians came to understand that the name of Jesus had great power, and that the recitation of His name was itself a form of prayer.

Heeding St. Paul’s guidance to pray without ceasing, their ancient, short prayer became known as the Jesus Prayer: “Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner.”

In the Eastern churches especially, this prayer became most popular. It is silently recited over and over throughout the waking hours, usually in rhythm with breathing. This is why it is also known as the “prayer of the heart.”

It is a prayer rich in theological and spiritual meaning.

The words form the essence of the

Christian faith in echoing Peter: “You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God.”

This prayer also emulates the words of the repentant publican who Jesus describes in Luke’s Gospel: “Have mercy on me a sinner.”

The Church sets aside the first month of the year to honor of the holy name of Jesus—and to remind us of the power of Christ’s name and to encourage us to pray in His name. Why not make a New Year’s resolution for 2016 to always have the Jesus Prayer on your lips and in your heart?

Our prayer today: *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.*

Our Condolences

Please remember in your prayers the following Parishioners who recently fell asleep in the Lord:

- **Dorothy Pompey** was buried from St. Cyril's last Saturday (January 23rd).

- **Juel Dudrich** was buried from St. Cyril's this past Monday.
 - **Jill King** was buried from St. Cyril's today/yesterday (January 30th).
- May their memory be eternal! Vichnaya Pamyat!

2015 Tax Reports

Parishioners who want a 2015 end of year financial report for tax purposes are asked to contact the Parish Office at 570-489-2271. Also, please keep in mind that we need to close the books

on 2015. For this reason, any donations received after February 1, 2016, no matter the date on the envelope, will be credited for 2016.

Holy Name Society Raffle

The Holy Name Society is having its annual raffle and tickets were mailed to parishioners. Please support this raffle with a \$10.00 Donation. The proceeds

of the raffle are used for expenses related to our parish. The drawing will be on Sunday, February 13, 2016 so get your tickets in.

Know a Marriage that Needs Help?

Throw them a lifeline and tell them about **Retrouvaille**, an international program that helps couples who are experiencing marital difficulties. This program is for all couples, at any stage of marriage that needs help to communicate with each other in a more

attentive and loving manner. The next program in the Scranton Diocese begins Feb. 26 - Feb. 28, 2016, at The Ramada Inn in Clarks Summit. For more information or to register, please call 800-470-2230 or visit www.helpour-marriage.org

Fresh Pyrohy for Great Lent

St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church is sponsoring a Lenten potato and cheese pyrohy sale on Saturday,

February 6, 2016 from 2:00 to 6:00pm in the Parish Center, 428 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton. These are freshly

made that day and are not frozen. Cost is \$7.00 per dozen. Orders should be placed no later than Monday, February

1 and are being taken by Leslie Izak at 570 342-3749.

Piggie Dinner

Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Wilkes-Barre, will hold a take-out Piggie / Holubtsi Dinner on Sunday, February 7, 2016. Dinners may be picked up between 11:30 am and 2:00 pm at the Parish School Hall, corner of North River and West Chestnut Streets, Wilkes-Barre. Din-

ner includes Piggies (meat stuffed cabbage), mashed potatoes, vegetable, bread and butter and dessert. Dinners will be \$11.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children (12 and under). Walk-Ins Welcome but Reservations are encouraged, call (570)829-3051.

Pizza and Soup Sale

ST. MICHAEL'S BC CHURCH, 205 N. Main St. Pittston, Pa. 18640 is having a "PIZZA & SOUP SALE" for Lent. We will offer Old Forge Style Baked (\$12) or Unbaked (\$10). Add \$1 extra for onions. Each week we will offer a soup of the week at \$8.00 per qt. Pre-order by Tues. Feb. 10 for Ash

Wednesday or by Thursday at 570-905-7387 - Pick up will be from 4-7 pm on Ash Wednesday and the following Friday's during Lent. Soup of the week is Homemade (Manhattan) Clam Chowder. All proceeds will benefit the Church.

International Dinner Club

ST. MARY'S BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH - 310 MIFFLIN AVE. SCRANTON, PA. is proud to announce that the International Dinner for February is "France" on Thursday, February 11, 2016. Seatings will be at 5:30 or 6:30pm. Reservations can be made at 570-343-5151 by February 9. The menu will start with an Appetizer

of Frisee salad tossed in a warm mustard seed vinaigrette an bacon lardons. The Entree will be Beef Bourguignon served with a white bean puree. The dessert is Homemade Beignets. Coffee, Tea, Water is Included and a Cash Bar is available. The price is only \$20.00 per person.

Spaghetti Dinner

The Annual ALL YOU CAN EAT Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by Eureka Hose Company No.4 will be held on Saturday March 5th at the fire station 717 East Grant St. Olyphant. Dinner includes pasta, salad, bread and butter, dessert

and beverage. Take outs will be from 3:00 to 5:00 pm and serving sit down dinners from 5:00 to 8:00 pm. Donation is \$10.00. Tickets can be obtained from any member or at the door.

L.U.C. Annual Lenten Retreat - March 11 to 13, 2016

St. Mary's Villa Retreat Center, Sloatsburg, NY

This year's theme is "Merciful, like the Father".

This is the motto of Pope Francis' Jubilee Year of Mercy. It is a time of exploring the meaning of mercy and our allowing God's unconditional love and limitless mercy to transform our lives. We will explore prayer and forgiveness and our own ability to reconcile and forgive as well as expand our capacity to trust. This spiritual event will be our "door to mercy" through which we choose to pass, trusting in the power and love and mercy of God to transform our lives.

Retreat Director is Archpriest Father Daniel Troyan who is pastor of Holy Ghost Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in West

Easton, Pennsylvania. He has served in many Ukrainian Catholic parishes from Ohio through Pennsylvania in his 34 years of priesthood. He has served as Director of Evangelization and Coordinator for the Shroud of Turin exhibit for the Archeparchy of Philadelphia. He has been a member of the League of Ukrainian Catholics since his youth and is presently National Spiritual Director of the LUC. He presently resides in West Easton with his little dog "Brother Timmy", who is Youth Director for the children of the parish.

Additional details along with registration information will be made available shortly.

Bus Trip

On Saturday, May 21, 2016, North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics is sponsoring a bus trip to the annual St. George Ukrainian Street Festival in New York City's Lower East Side of

Manhattan and to Brighton Beach [Little Odessa], Brooklyn. Participants are also welcome to do their own thing for part of the day if they so wish.

The 55 passenger bus will depart from

Edwardsville's St. Vladimir Church, 70 Zerby Avenue at 8:30am and from Scranton's St. Vladimir Church, 428 North Seventh Avenue at 9:15am. Departure for home directly from Brighton Beach will be at 9:00pm. Cost is \$40.00 per person.

Full nonrefundable advance payment

reserves a seat. For reservations contact either Paul Ewasko at 570 563-2275 or Andrew Jamula at 570 822-5354. Check to be made out to North Anthracite Council of LUC. Early reservations are recommended as the bus is expected to fill quickly.

Trip to Ukraine

St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish of Scranton is sponsoring a trip to Ukraine from September 8 to 20, 2016. The 13 day itinerary will include Kyiv, Lviv, Yaremche in the heart of the Carpathian Mountains, Ivano Frankivsk, Chernivtsi, Podilsky, Zarvanytsia [the Lourdes of Western Ukraine] and Ternopil. Included are visits to centuries old sacred sites such as the Pecherska Lavra / Monastery of the Caves, Sunday Divine Liturgy at the Ukrainian Greek Catholic

Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ in Kyiv and St. George Ukrainian Greek Catholic Cathedral in Lviv, the Maidan Memorial, Dnister riverboat cruise, Lviv Opera House, etc.

Tour land cost twin per person is \$2,290. Air fare is estimated to be approximately \$990.

For full details contact Jean Stasyszyn Pedley at 570 698-6838 or Scope Travel at 201 463-4656.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of February 2016 is Team #2: Eu-

gene Zinsky, John Turko, Jr., Leonard Mitchko, and Michael Shumek.

Sunday Collection for January 23 & 24, 2016: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for February 6 & 7, 2016

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Joseph Chylak -- Daniel Chylak	John Sakson
9:00 am	John Nasevich -- Patrick Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	David Slachtish -- Nicholas Muchisky	Frank Lesnefsky

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The Presentation

So even though the arms of Simeon seemed to be presenting the Son, the words of Simeon testified that it was he who was being presented by the Son. Therefore, there can be no question for us about what happened; what was said puts an end to questioning: "Now, therefore, you dismiss your servant in peace." Whoever is dismissed in peace to go to God is presented to God as an offering. And to make it known by whom he was being presented, he said: "For my eyes have seen your compassion." Now, if goodness had not been at work in him, why would he be giving thanks? He was quite properly giving thanks because he had been found worthy to receive into his arms the one whom angels and prophets had eagerly

longed to see: For my eyes have seen your compassion

There was no possibility of our Lord becoming lost; those who had been lost were found by him! So the servant, who had been very careful not to become lost, was presented by the Son, who could not be lost. For my eyes have seen your compassion. It is clear that Simeon carried compassion in the baby he carried. He invisibly received peace from the child he visibly held in his arms. That child was glorious even when a feeble little man carried man, and the one who carried him became exalted by Him.

St. Ephrem the Syrian

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