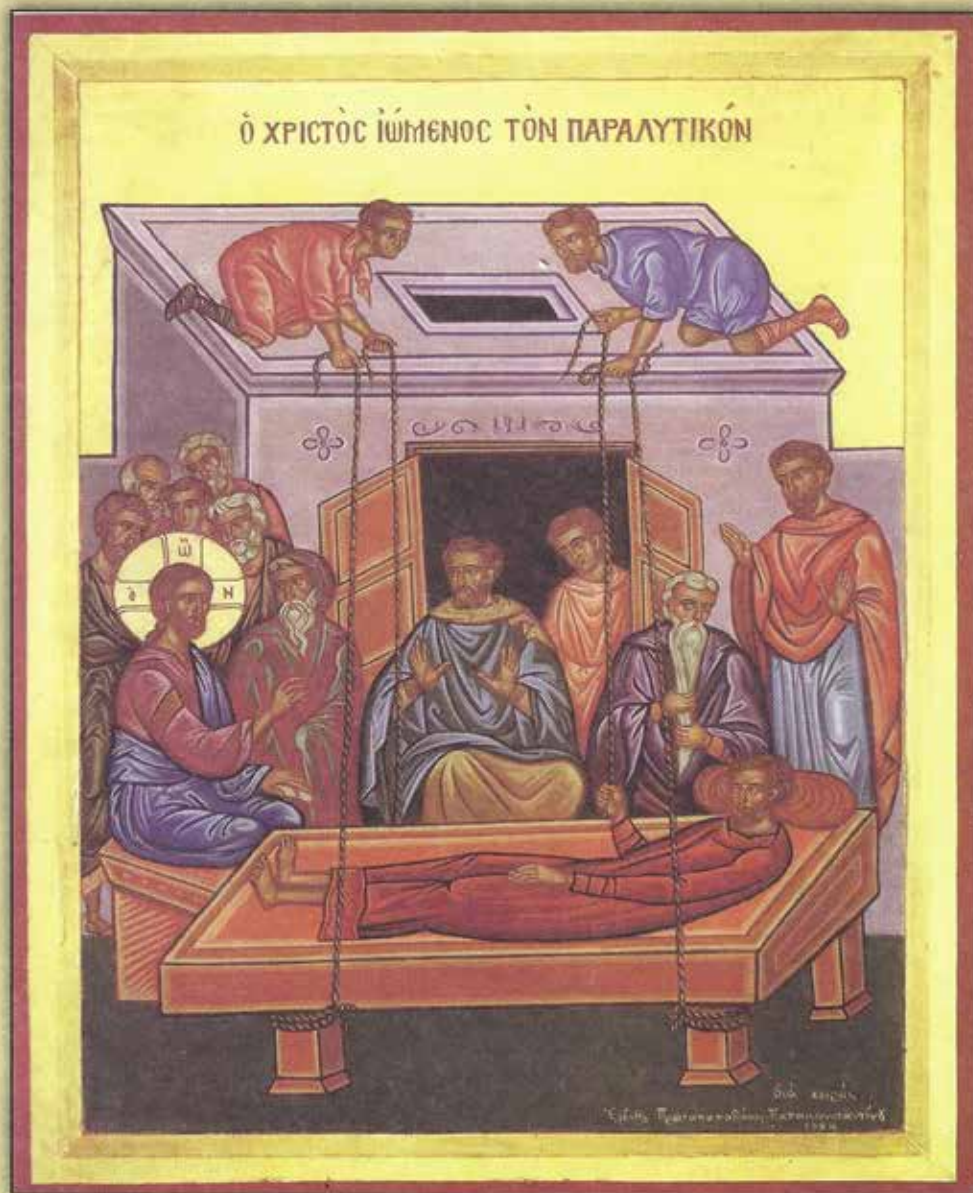


SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST



*Icon of the Healing of the Paralytic*

## February 21, 2016: Second Sunday of Great Lent

Epistle: Heb. 1:10 - 2:3

Gospel: Mk. 2: 1-12

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| <b>Mon., Feb. 22</b>   | 8:00 | + Mary Stevensky (Msgr. John Stevensky)   |
| <b>Tues., Feb. 23</b>  | 8:00 | ++ Justyna & John Lotoshynski (Neighbor Bak)  |
| <b>Wed., Feb. 24</b>   | 8:00 | Akathist to the Passion of Christ<br>6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy  |
| <b>Thurs., Feb. 25</b> | 8:00 | + Eugene McConnell (Family)   |
| <b>Fri., Feb. 26</b>   | 8:00 | Akathist to the Passion of Christ<br>6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy  |
| <b>Sat., Feb. 27</b>   |      | <b>No Morning Divine Liturgy.</b><br>10:30 Confessions<br>2:00 pm Confessions<br>4:00 pm + George & Marie Chmil (Paul & Rosemary Mizerak) |
| <b>Sun., Feb. 28</b>   | 9:00 | + Anna Chaykosky (Tom & Cathy Matkosky)<br>11:30 For Our Parishioners<br>3:00 pm Sorokousty   |

### From the Archbishop's Chancery...

#### Spiritual Regulations for the Great Fast

Although our Church traditionally prescribed abstention from meat and dairy products in days gone by for the entire duration of the Great Fast, the following are the minimal Lenten regulations today:

Abstinence from meat and all dairy products on the First Day of the Great Fast and on Good Friday.

Abstinence from meat only on all

Fridays of the Great Fast as well as Holy Saturday. It is also traditional to abstain from meat on Wednesdays during the Great Fast.

Reception of the Holy Mysteries of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist during the period from the onset of Great Fast to the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday.

The Fasting and Abstinance regula-

tions are not binding on persons 60 or older, the very poor, sick, nursing or pregnant women, children below the age of 14, and those who engage in physically very hard labor. However, all are urged, if able to do so, to observe the fasting and abstinence regulations.

All the faithful are urged to attend the Lenten services such as the Presanctified Liturgy and the Commemoration of the Deceased (Sorokousty).

Such good deeds as almsgiving, visitation of the sick, Bible reading and praying for vocations to the priesthood and religious life are most earnestly recommended to all the Faithful.

On Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast, **the Liturgy of the Presanc-**

**tified Gifts is to be celebrated.** Typika may be used the other days. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated for Sunday Liturgies during this time.

During Holy Week, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. On Holy Thursday evening, Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great should be celebrated. On Good Friday, March 25, which is also the Feast of the Annunciation, special services which include the Divine Liturgy are to be celebrated. (Liturgical instructions and text will be provided.) On Holy Saturday evening, Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated.

## The Grace of God's Mercy

In January of 2016, Our Archbishop, the Most Rev. Stefan Soroka, issued a Pastoral Letter for the "Year of Mercy." In this Pastoral Letter, he designates several Parishes to make special opportunities for the faithful to receive the grace of God's mercy. Ss. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church is one of

these designated Parishes.

His Grace encourages the faithful to make Pilgrimages and visit various Shrines throughout the Archeparchy of Philadelphia, including our Shrine of the Our Lady of Zhyrovtytsi. The text of this Pastoral Letter for the Year of Mercy can be found on our web site.

## What is the meaning of Vichnaya Pamyat?

Eternal Memory - *Vichnaya Pamyat*, memory eternal, is the short prayer that closes our memorial services, which call for laying to rest or remembering the de-

ceased of our community. People may think that this prayer refers only to memory in this world, but the eternal memory is indeed eternal, for what gain would

there be if one's name were remembered until the end of time but forgotten in heaven? Thus, it is correct to believe that in prayer we are commending those who have fallen asleep to eternal life in the Kingdom of God. That is the real meaning of Eternal Memory - *Vichnaya Pamyat*. The Bible tells us how the names of the righteous will be inscribed in the Book of Life, while the names of the unrighteous will be forgotten. In the story of the Rich Man and Lazarus, found in the Gospel of Luke, we see that the Lord pronounces the name of Lazarus, who enters the Kingdom of Heaven,

but that the name of the rich man, prohibited from entering Heaven, is omitted.

Thus we see that the Church teaches and practices the eternal remembrance of our deceased faithful. We might bear in mind that countless numbers of people have passed through this life without noise or notice, but have received an eternal name in Heaven where neither death nor change exist. We are advised to bear this understanding in mind whenever we sing or hear this short but meaningful prayer.

## **Congratulations**

St. Cyril's Holy Name Society wishes to thank everyone who participated in their most recent annual Raffle. Congratulations to the winner in the Raffle. They are Theresa Duick (1<sup>st</sup> prize), Joan Hudzik (2<sup>nd</sup> prize), and Joseph Albiero

(3<sup>rd</sup> prize).

We also thank the 1<sup>st</sup> prize winner Theresa Duick for donating her winnings of \$200.00 back to the Church in memory of her father Philip Duick.

## **Our Condolences**

Please remember in your prayers a former Parishioner Carol Shumek Klikus who recently fell asleep in the Lord on

February 3rd. May her memory be eternal! *Vichnaya Pamyat!*

## **School Sale Update**

The deal to sell our School to JBAS realty fell through. Because of this, we need to put the School back on the market and find a new buyer. If you know

of anybody that would be interested in purchasing the School, please let them know that it is available.

## **T-Shirts PRINTED with SS. Cyril's logo.**

We have not met the minimum order for St. Cyril T-shirts. The T-shirts, PRINTED with Ss. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, and 3-bar Cross. (same logo as the Embroidery Polo Shirts) It will be in adult sizes, 50 Poly/50 Cotton, short sleeves, in any color (suggestion: turquoise, black, navy, pink, yellow etc) If additional orders are placed by February 18 you can have the T-shirts to wear for Easter. Make checks out to Saint Cyril and memo "t-shirt order." If you placed an order, we are

holding them to meet the minimum requirement of 12 pcs. Adult size: S-M-L-XL @\$7.00 each. XXL @\$9.00 each. XXXL@\$10.00 each. XXXXL @ \$11.00 each. XXXXXL@ \$12.00 each.

A great idea to order them for your friends and family (out-of-town) of St. Cyril's and give as a gift. Be proud to wear the T-shirt with SS. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church/cross printed on the front. Order Today, call Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319.

## **Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop**

Ss. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church in Olyphant will again be offering Pysanky Classes. At this time there will be two dates, February 28, 2016 and March 13, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with possibly a third if needed. The beginner

class is approximately two hours long. The cost will be \$15 and includes the supplies needed to make your egg. For more information or to sign up for the class, please call Sonia Maslar at 570-489-9608 or Tammy Budnovitch at 570-766-1919 (after 5 pm).

## **Church Community Project for 2016**

Now is the time for our parishioners to get involved in our Community Project for 2016. We will be accepting non-perishable food and clothes for all seasons and accessories (shoes, hats, gloves, socks) of all sizes for men, ladies, kids, and babies. Clean and wearable!!! The collection will take place

on Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> starting at 3:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m. Before and after the Divine Liturgy. On Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> the collection will start at 10:15 a.m -1:30 p.m. Before and after each Divine Liturgy. Items can be dropped off at the School Gym, 133 River Street, Olyphant.

The Food and Clothes Collection for the Church Community Project was very successful when we did this in March 2015. The food will be delivered to the Jessup Food Pantry at St. Michael's Church, 316 First Ave., Jessup, the old Convent building. (570-489-9963). The Jessup Bread Basket of NEPA for the Mid-Valley area and The Emergency Food Assistance Program (TEFAP). Food is accepted in Jessup every Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. all year round at the Jessup Food Pantry. In 2015 one truck load of food was delivered to Jessup from our Church.

Clothes will be delivered to the United Neighborhood Centers (UNC) of Northeastern Penna. 410 Olive Street, Scranton, Pa. 570-343-8835 They accept clothes, household items

every day from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. throughout the year at the UNC. In March 2015, we dropped off 50 bags of clothing.

Volunteers are needed during the collection on Saturday and Sunday and then the deliveries. The clothes will be delivered on Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> to Scranton, and the Food will be delivered on Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> to Jessup. Volunteers and cars/truck will start loading the vehicles at noon. We need your help for the Church's Community Project.

Contact Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319 or Father Nestor at 570-489-2271 for any further information about donating or volunteering at the School Gym. If anyone in the parish needs help regarding clothes or food, in private please contact Father Nestor, only.

## **Fresh Pyrohy for Mid-Lent**

St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church of Scranton is sponsoring a homemade pyrohy/pierogi sale on Saturday, March 5 from 2:00 to 6:00pm in the Parish Center, 428 North Sev-

enth Avenue. These are not frozen but are freshly made that day - \$7.00 per dozen. Orders must be placed no later than Tuesday, March 1 and are being taken by Leslie Izak at 570 342-3749.

## **Spaghetti Dinner**

The Annual ALL YOU CAN EAT Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by Eureka Hose Company No.4 will be held on Saturday March 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Ham Bingo

The parishioners of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church are sponsoring their annual Ham Bingo on March 13, 2016 at 1 p.m. The event will be held in the church hall at 320 Vine St, Old Forge PA. Theme baskets, door prizes, and various bingo specials

will be available throughout the afternoon. The kitchen opens at 11am. A variety of food items and refreshments will be available. The church will also sponsor a bake sale during the bingo. Admission is \$3.00

## Baked Fish Dinner

Our Parish will once again be sponsoring a "BAKED HADDOCK" FISH DINNER on FRIDAY MARCH 18, 2016 from 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the REGAL ROOM (Ballroom/side entrance), 216 Lackawanna Avenue. Sit Down or Take Out!! Tickets are:

\$13.00 per ticket/dinner: Baked haddock, potato, vegetable, cole slaw, roll and dessert. Call 570-383-9487 for Reservations. \*Deadline for pre-sold Tickets is Monday, March 14, 2016. \*LIMITED amount of Dinners will be available a the Door \$15.00

## Collection Processing Team...

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

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

## Sunday Collection for February 13 & 14, 2016: \$

### Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for February 27 & 28, 2016

|          | Altar Boys                            | Lectors         |
|----------|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| 4:00 pm  | Daniel Chylak -- Michael Roberts      | John Sakson     |
| 9:00 am  | Joseph Skirpan -- John Nasevich       | Pat Marcinko    |
| 11:30 am | Nicholas Muchisky -- Samuel Sczesniak | Frank Lesnefsky |

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### *The Grace of Almsgiving*

The kind and merciful Lord, dearly beloved, deigns to provide occasions and opportunities in many ways, whereby we can redeem our sins without great labor and difficulty. Since He sees people without the strength to fast for their sins or unable to abstain from meat or wine, the poverty of the poor gives the wealthy an opportunity to sell their earthly goods and distribute them to the poor. His secures abundant fruits, for by generously bestowing their superfluities upon poor men they obtain the remission of their sins.

What can be so good and delightful, so easy and ready at hand, dearly beloved, as to strive to redeem your sins by giving alms out of what God has deigned to give you more than you need? God does not command you to spend what is necessary for yourself or your family, for of this the Apostle says: I do not mean that the relief of others should become your burden (2 Corin-

thians 8:13). God does not need to spend your superfluities on Himself, but He wants to keep them for you in eternal bliss. Indeed, He wanted the poor to be so in order that the rich might have a means of redeeming their sins. God could have made all people rich, but He wanted to provide the rich with an opportunity for showing mercy.

Not for their own merit do the few rich gain more than they need and the many poor people not acquire even what they need. This is the cleverness of divine mercy, as I said before, so that while the poor patiently bear their poverty they may obtain forgiveness of their sins, and the rich, in turn, while they mercifully distribute their superfluities, they may redeem their offenses, and attain eternal rewards.

*St. Caesarius of Arles*

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