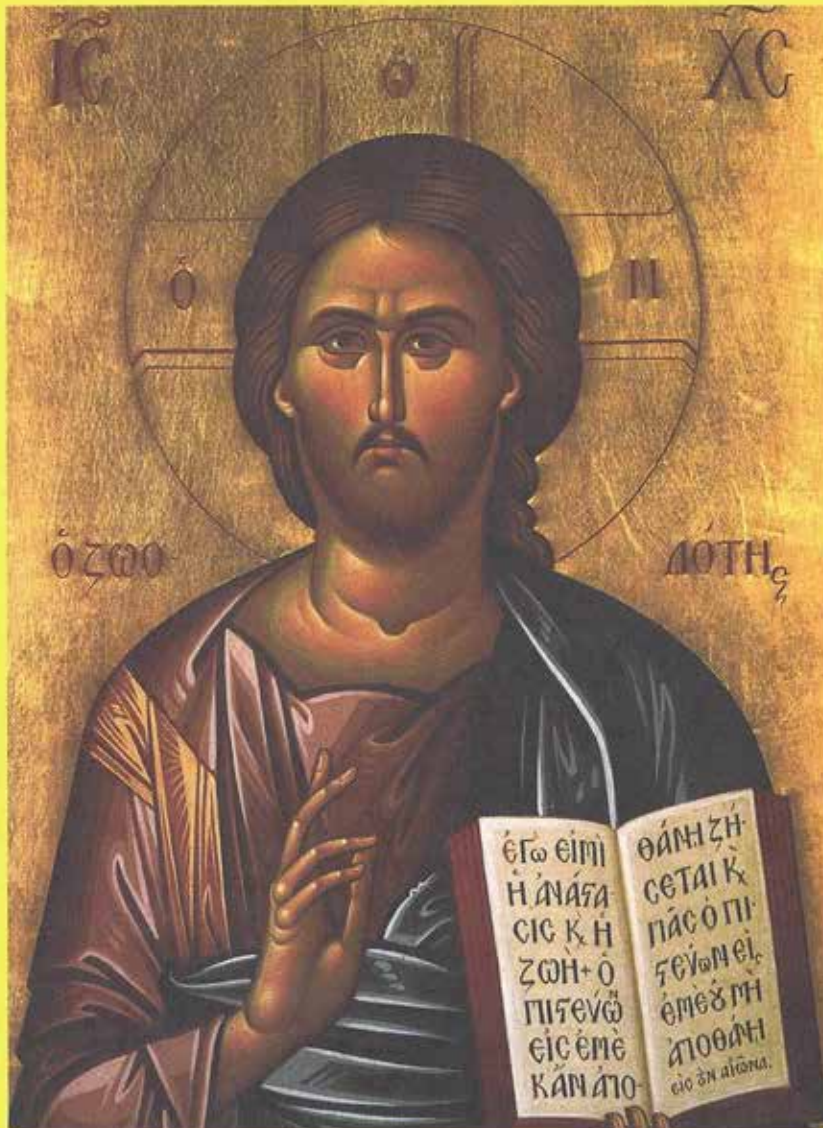


FORGIVENESS SUNDAY



Icon of Christ the Teacher

February 26, 2017: Sunday of Cheese-Fare

Epistle: Rom. 13:11 - 14:4

Gospel: Mt. 6; 14-21

Mon., Feb. 27 8:00 + Gene Turko Jr. & Loretta Young (Parents)

Tues., Feb. 28 8:00 + Mary & Michael Stanko (Elaine & Bob)

Wed., Mar. 1 No Services Today.t

Thurs. Mar. 2 8:00 + Horace Hitchens (Father Nestor)

Fri. Mar. 3 8:00 Akathist to the Passion of Christ
6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy

Sat., March 4 No Morning Divine Liturgy
10:30 Confessions
2:00 pm Confessions
4:00 pm + Deceased of the Wasnetsky Family (Family)

Sun., March 5 9:00 + Gene Turko (Holy Name Society)
11:30 For Our Parishioners

The Forgiveness Service

Priest: My brothers and sisters, at this time let us try to remember all of our sins which we have committed throughout the course of our life, and with which we have offended God.

All: Lord, we have sinned against You in thought, word and action. We have been wrong and we have done wrong. Forgive us.

Priest: Let us try to remember if we harbor any ill-feelings towards God for anything that happened in our life.

All: Lord, help us to accept your will in our lives, to try to understand your ways, and not to feel angry with You or blame You for anything that might happen to us or go wrong for us in our lives.

Priest: Let us try to remember all of those people who have offended us, hurt us, angered us; all those people against whom, for whatever reason, we bear grudges, feel hatred, and whom we find hard to forgive.

All: From the bottom of my heart, I

truly and sincerely forgive those who hate me, who have offended or hurt me, and against whom I carry a grudge or nourish ill-feelings.

Priest: Let us try to remember all of those people whom we ourselves have hurt or offended, knowingly or unknowingly, in word or in deed; and all those whom we, for whatever reason, hate and who bear grudges against us.

All: From the bottom of my heart, I truly and sincerely ask forgiveness and pardon of all those whom I hate, whom I have offended and hurt, and who hold a grudge against me because of this.

Priest: My brothers and sisters, if I have sinned against you, hurt you, or

offended you in thought, word or action, knowingly or unknowingly, in any possible way, please forgive me, a sinner, and pray to God for me.

All: May God Himself forgive you and pardon your sins and transgressions, and we also forgive and pardon you. Father, bless us and forgive us our sins and offenses and transgressions, committed voluntarily or perhaps unwittingly, against you.

Priest: May the Lord God, through His grace and loving kindness, forgive you. And I also pardon and forgive you. And now, let us ask forgiveness of one another by saying: Forgive me my brother/sister. And let the other answer: May God forgive you, and I also forgive you.

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:

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

Great Fast Liturgical Guidelines

On Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast, the Liturgy of the Presanctified 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 celebrat-

ed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. There is no Divine Liturgy celebrated on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. On Holy Thursday evening, Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great should be celebrated. On Holy Saturday evening, Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated.

From the Archbishop's Chancery

The St. Andrew Parish Mission in Lancaster, Pa. has moved to a new location – the chapel of the Dominican Sisters located at 1834 Lititz Pike, Lancaster PA 17601. The Divine Liturgy is celebrated Sundays at 1 p.m.

Pictures at the new location are on the FaceBook page at the following link: <https://www.facebook.com/ukrainian-churchlancasterpa/?ref=bookmarks>

The Website is : <http://nativity-vmchurch.wixsite.com/st-andriy>

Piggie / Holubtsi Dinner

Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Wilkes-Barre will hold a take-out Piggie / Holubtsi Dinner on Sunday, February 26, 2017. 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. Dinner 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 aged, call (570)829-3051.”
Welcome but Reservations are encour-

Holy Name Raffle

The Holy Name Society THANKS everyone who helped make their annual raffle a success. The raffle winners were: First Prize- Louise Zinsky; Second Prize: Michael Bartkovsky; and Third Prize: St. Cyril's Church. Michael Bartkovsky donated his win-

nings to our church. Also a member of our parish entered St Cyril's Church on their raffle ticket that won third prize. We thank both Michael Bartkovsky and the Anonymous Benefactor, who wrote in St. Cyril's, for their generosity.

All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner

The Annual "ALL YOU CAN IT" Spaghetti Dinner Sponsored by Eureka Hose Company No.4 will be held on Saturday March 4th 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. Tickets can be obtained from any member or at the door.

Fresh Pyrohy/Pierogi for Lent

St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church is sponsoring a Lenten potato and cheese pierogi sale on Saturday, March 4, 2017 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 27 and are being taken by Leslie Izak at 570 342-3.

St. Patrick's Dinner

ST. MARY'S DINNER CLUB, 320 Mifflin Ave. Scranton, Pa., will be sponsoring "St. Patrick's Irish Dinner" on Thursday, March 9, 2017. Seatings

are at 5:30pm or 6:30pm and reservations may be made by March 6th by calling 570-343-5151. The cost per person is only \$20.00 per person. The

menu will start with a Irish Pub Salad w/ Shanagarry Cream Dressing, Gaelic Beef & Guinness Stew with Fluffy mashed potatoes w/ fresh cream and chopped spring onions, Galway Heritage Cabbage with Fresh Baked Irish Soda Bread. The dessert will be Choco-

late Cake Supreme with Bailey's buttercream frosting. Coffee, Tea, Water, Soda is included and a Cash Bar is available. Please note: Because of Holy Week, our April Dinner Club will be held on the first Thursday of the month (April 6th).

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 three dates, March 12, 19 & 26, 2017, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The beginner class is approximately two

hours long. The cost will be \$20 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).

Ham Bingo

ST. NICHOLAS BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH HAM BINGO, 140 Church St., Old Forge, Pa. will be on April 2, 2017 in the Church Hall. The

kitchen will open at 11:00am, with games starting at 1:00pm. Many Door prizes will be awarded. Donation is \$3.00. All proceeds benefit the Church.

Baked Fish Dinner

Our Parish will once again be sponsoring a "BAKED HADDOCK" FISH DINNER on FRIDAY APRIL 7, 2017 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. *LIMITED amount of Dinners will be available a the Door \$15.00.

Marriage Preparation Workshop

The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church

is pleased to present a marriage preparation workshop, "*Entering the Holy*

Mystery of Marriage”, to take place on **Saturday, April 29, 2017** with a follow up session on **Saturday, May 6, 2017**. The program focuses on various aspects of marriage, both spiritual and practical, and provides each person an opportunity for greater understanding of one’s partner and a means to strengthen one’s relationship.

In addition to various presentations and exercises, each couple will be given the opportunity to take the Catholic version of a premarital questionnaire called F.A.C.E.T. (Foundations Applied Conversation and Education Tool). The F.A.C.E.T. inventory provides participants with a computer-generated profile of unique couple issues, challenges, strengths and realities to be discussed prior to marriage.

The F.A.C.E.T. results for each couple involved will be presented to them by a Pastoral Counselor trained in the use of this tool in a subsequent 40 minute private session on May 6, 2017.

Each attending couple must commit to participating in all the sessions on April 29, 2017 as well as the 40 minute private meeting on May 6, 2017.

The workshop will be held at: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1204 Valley Road, Melrose Park, PA 19027

The total cost per couple will be \$160 which includes materials, lunch and refreshments. April 22, 2017 - Registration and payment due Date!!! No registration will be accepted after 4/22/ 2017.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of February 2017 is Team #2:

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

Sunday Collection for February 18 & 19, 2017: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for March 4 & 5, 2017

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Chylak -- Joseph Chylak	Bill Vervan
9:00 am	John Nasevich -- Patrick Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Samuel Sczesniak -- Thomas Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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A Sacrifice to God is a Contrite Spirit

I acknowledge my transgression, says David. If I admit my fault, then you will pardon it. Let us never assume that if we live good lives we will be without sin; our lives should be praised only when we continue to beg for pardon. But men are hopeless creatures, and the less they concentrate on their own sins, the more interested they become in the sins of others. They seek to criticize, not to correct. Unable to excuse themselves, they are ready to accuse others. This was not the way that David showed us how to pray and make amends to God, when he said: I acknowledge my transgression, and my sin is ever before me. He did not concentrate on others' sins; he turned his thoughts on himself. He did not merely stroke the surface, but he plunged inside and went deep down within himself. He did not spare himself, and therefore was not impudent in asking to be spared.

Do you want God to be appeased? Learn what you are to do that God may be pleased with you. Consider the psalm again: If you wanted sacrifice,

I would indeed have given it; in burnt offerings you will take no delight. Are you then to be without sacrifice? Are you to offer nothing? Will you please God without an offering? Consider what you read in the same psalm: If you wanted sacrifice, I would indeed have given it; in burnt offerings you will take no delight. But continue to listen, and say with David: A sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit; God does not despise a contrite and humble heart. Cast aside your former offerings, for now you have found out what you are to offer. In the days of your fathers you would have made offerings of cattle – these were the sacrifices. If you wanted sacrifice, I would indeed have given it. These then, Lord, you do not want, and yet you do want sacrifice.

A sacrifice to God is a contrite spirit; God does not despise a contrite and humble heart. You now have the offering you are to make.

St. Augustine of Hippo

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