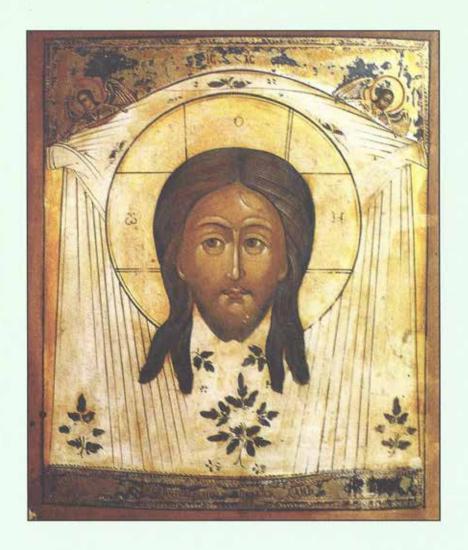
# CHEESEFARE SUNDAY SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS



Icon of the Holy Napkin

| February 11, 2018: Sunday of Cheese Fare Epistle: Rom. 13:11 - 14:4 Gospel: Mt. 6: 14-21 |  |  |
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| Mon., Feb. 12  | 8:00 + Theresa Bobersky (Dorothy Zinsky)   |  |
| Tues., Feb. 13   | 8:00 + Daniel Telep, Sr. (Daughter Lauren Telep)   |  |
| Wed., Feb. 14  | 6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy  |  |
| Thurs., Feb. 15  | 8:00 + Ann & Jacob Jablonski (Daughter Gloria)   |  |
| Fri., Feb. 16  | 6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy  |  |
| Sat., Feb. 17  | No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm For Our Parishioners                     |  |
| Sun., Feb. 18  | 9:00 +Patrick Marcinko, Jr. (Rosemary & George Martynuk) 11:30 + Roy Halladay (Phillies Fans) 3:00 pm Sorokousty |  |

## 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.

# From the Archbishop's Chancery...

The church provides special norms and guidelines to assist the faithful during their spiritual journey throughout the Great Fast. These spiritual aids are to be considered helpful practices for spiritual enrichment that the faithful should warmly embrace during Great

Lent and Holy Week, which precede the glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord, Pascha. May our Lord bestow His grace and blessing upon you during this holy season as you journey through the Great Fast.

#### **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.

Everyone should receive 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 Abstinence 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, Akafist of the Passion 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. This year, families are especially urged to pray together in the mornings and evenings.

#### **Great Fast Liturgical Guidelines**

On Wednesdays and Fridays of the Great Fast, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is to be celebrated for Sunday Liturgies during this time.

Flowery (Palm) Sunday, March 25 is also the Feast of the Annunciation this year and the liturgical propers and scriptural readings for both feasts are to be taken at the Divine Liturgies.

During Holy Week, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated 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.

#### **Archbishop Stefan's Meditation for Forgiveness Sunday**

We celebrate 'Forgiveness Sunday' as we prepare to enter the journey of Great Fast beginning on Monday, February 12th. Our first step in any journey is often the most important. You and I are called to celebrate forgiveness in our life. Ask yourself if you covet any anger or malice against anyone in your heart and mind. Are there some prevailing negative thoughts or feelings which need to be cast aside to free yourself of unneeded baggage for your journey of coming closer to the Lord? Our best efforts are minimized if we fail to forgive and to seek forgive-

ness. Recall Jesus' own words, "leave your gift at the altar and go first and be reconciled with your brother and then come and offer your gift" (Mt 5:24). Jesus told the people that "if you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father in heaven forgive your transgressions" (Mt 6:14-15). Today, and always, as you and I enter the holy journey of Great Fast, let us enter with a reconciled heart filled with forgiveness given and forgiveness received!

# **Deanery Forgiveness Vespers**

On Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> (today), Forgiveness Vespers will be held at Holy Transfiguration Ukrainian Catholic Church, 240 Center St., in Nanticoke at 4:00 pm. All the faithful are invited to participate. There will be a small, simple reception following the service with no meat or dairy as the Sunday eve is the beginning of Great Lent. If

anyone can bring a "covered" dish to the reception, it would be appreciated. (Ideas include fruit salad, no mayo tuna salad, hummus and vegetables, "hair-ring"; ziti-no meat/cheese, bread with oil and spice dip, chips, etc). If you have any questions, please contact Lisa at 570-574-1016.

# **Piggie Dinner**

Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Wilkes-Barre will hold a take-out Piggie / Holubtsi Dinner on Sunday, February 11, 2018. 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 \$12.00 for adults and \$6.00 for children (12 and under). Walk-Ins

Welcome but Reservations are encouraged, call (570)829-3051."

## Pyrohy/Pierogi for Lent

St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic parish is sponsoring a freshly made Lenten pyrohy/pierogi sale on Saturday, February 17, 2018 from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm at the parish center, 428

North Seventh Avenue. Cost is \$7.00 per dozen and must be ordered in advance no later than Tuesday, February 13 by phoning Leslie at 570 342-3749.

### Spaghetti Dinner

The Annual "All You Eat Spaghetti Dinner "sponsored by Eureka Hose Co. No. 4 will be held Saturday March 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Fire Station #717 East Grant St. Olyphant. Dinner includes pasta,salad, bread and butter, dessert and bever-

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

# **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 4, 11, & 18, 2018, 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).

# **Bus Trip**

Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church is sponsoring a springtime bus trip to New York City on Saturday, May 19, 2018. There will be two stops in Manhattan: the 911 Memorial Museum at Ground Zero and the 42nd annual St. George Ukrainian Street Festival on the

Lower East Side. Adults \$70.00; Seniors 65+ \$64.00; Youth 7 to 17 yrs. \$62.00. Participants can follow the above two-stop itinerary or are free to do their own thing for part or all of the day. For those not visiting the Museum, the cost is \$44.00. Departure from St. Vladimir Church, 428 North Seventh Avenue will be at 8:00 am and departure from New York City for home will be at 8:30 pm. For

additional details and to make reservations contact Dave Pietryka at 570 954-8517 or Paul Ewasko at 570 563-2275. Due to the large number of visitors, Museum staff strongly recommends early confirmation of number of tickets to be ordered, therefore we ask that reservations and nonrefundable payment be made preferably before April 1. Check should be made out to St. Vladimir Church.

#### 2018 Ukrainian Catholic Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

You are cordially invited to join St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, Passaic, NJ, on a once-in-a-lifetime journey following in the footsteps of Jesus with an opportunity to celebrate our Divine Liturgy at sacred places

along the way. Trip dates: October 14 – 23, 2018. For a brochure or further information contact Annette@selectintl.com, by phone 1-800-842-4842, 973-471-9727 or on Facebook, St. Nicholas Ukrainian Passaic.

# **Collection Processing Team...**

The Collection Processing Team for the month of February 2018 is Team #2: Eugene Zinsky, John Turko, Jr., Leonard Mitchko, and Michael Shumek.

# Sunday Collection for February 3 & 4, 2018: \$

#### Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for February 17 & 18, 2018

|          | Altar Boys                    | Lectors         |
|----------|-------------------------------|-----------------|
| 4:00 pm  | Brett Lowe Samuel Sczesniak   | Bill Vervan     |
| 9:00 am  | Joseph Chylak Nicholas Chylak | Pat Marcinko    |
| 11:30 am | Thomas Radle David Slachtish  | Frank Lesnefsky |

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### Forgive, So That You May Be Forgiven

Let us fix our attention on the blood of Christ and recognize how precious it is to God His Father, since it was shed for our salvation and brought the grace of repentance to all the world.

Recall especially what the Lord Jesus said when He taught gentleness and forbearance. Be merciful, He said, so that you may have mercy shown to you. Forgive, so that you may be forgiven. As you treat others, so you will be treated. As you give, so you will receive. As you judge, so you will be judged. As you are kind to others, so you will be treated kindly. The measure of your giving will be the measure of your receiving.

Let these commandments and precepts strengthen us to live in humble obedience to His sacred words. As Scripture asks: Whom shall I look upon with favor except the humble, peaceful man who trembles at my words?

Sharing then in the heritage of so many vast and glorious achievements, let us hasten toward the goal of peace, set before us from the beginning. Let us keep our eyes firmly fixed on the Father and Creator of the whole universe, and hold fast to his splendid and transcendent gifts of peace and all His blessings.

St. Clement of Rome

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