

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Sunday of the Holy Cross

March 4, 2018: Third Sunday of the Great Fast

Epistle: Heb. 4:14 - 5:6

Gospel: Mk. 8:34 - 9:1

Mon., March 5	8:00	+ Ann Marie Chelak (Michael Wasnetsky & Family)
Tues., March 6	8:00	+ Msgr. Stephen Hrynuck (Kushner Family)
Wed., March 7	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy
Thurs., March 8	8:00	+ Ann Murty (Daughter)
Fri., March 9	6:30 pm	Presanctified Liturgy
Sat., March 10	No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm For Our Parishioners	
Sun., March 11	9:00	+ Mary Bohn (St. Cyril's Choir) 11:30 + Veronica Bious (Joseph, Sandra & Nicole Berta) 3:00 pm Sorokousty

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 (Sokrousty).

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.

Meditation for the Third Sunday of the Great Fast

Daily we are bombarded with messages which reveal the steadfast rivalry between various political and social groups. Each contends that they are acting in the interests of all in society. Panels of media “experts” debate the merits of what people in power say and do. Yet, there is a reluctance to surrender to some common ground. Where is the gift of sacrifice in the interests of the other, the common good? St. Paul, in his Epistle to the Philippians, exhorts us to “do nothing out of selfishness or out of

vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also everyone for those of others. Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:3-5).

The veneration of the Holy Cross on the third Sunday of Great Fast reminds us of Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross for you and for me. Jesus died voluntarily for our salvation. As you venerate the Holy Cross, resolve to live with greater humil-

ity. Let go of rigid attitudes and perceptions. Resolve to show greater understanding for the benefit of the common

good. Participate in the special Lenten services, being a part of a community of faith. A Blessed Journey in Great Fast!

From the Archbishop...

Please Help Us Improve Accessibility To Our Chancery: You will recall that our Chancery moved into the former Cathedral school building, allowing for leasing out our former building to earn revenue for the archeparchy. The original plan envisioned an addition to accommodate an elevator. The cost was prohibitive – well in excess of \$400,000 or more. We proceeded to adapt the school building and to transfer the Chancery without providing for an elevator. So as to provide for those who need assistance to visit our offices, we are installing two chair lifts at a total cost of \$25,000. One will provide for access to the main floor at the front entrance from the parking lot. The second will provide access to the top floor

offices via the wide stairway on the 8th Street side of the building. This will assist in providing for persons who need assistance ascending between the floors. It is important that everyone feels welcome and able to visit our Chancery offices. We humbly ask your help in meeting this cost. Your contribution will assist in meeting the cost while at the same time, indicate your support for ensuring that physically challenged people are welcomed equally in the Chancery. God bless you for your concern, and for your anticipated understanding and generous assistance. Your donation can be sent to the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, 810 N Franklin Street, Philadelphia, PA 19123. Thank-you!



Pussy-Willow Watch

Flower y (Palm Sunday) is just three weeks away! Once again this year, we turn

to our Parishioners for help in procuring our pussy-willows. If you have any bushes, please share them with us. You can either bring them in or arrangements can be made to have them picked up. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Church Community Project for 2018

St. Cyril's Church Community Project for 2018 is the collection of clothes and food for the local area. It will be held on Saturday, March 24th, before the 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy and after, until 5:30 p.m. On March 25th, Sunday, the collection will take place from 10:15 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. (After the 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy, and before and after the 11:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy.) Items can be dropped off at the school gym (133 River Street) during this time. The side door will also be open for easy access along with the front door of the school.

Get a jump on Spring cleaning out your closet! All clothes should be clean and wearable and can be on hangers or in bags. We will be accepting all clothes, accessories, shoes for Ladies and Gentleman and including all sizes for children, starting with infants to teenagers. (Clothes of any size and all season are accepted!!!)

If everyone in the church, dropped

off 1-2 items of food it would be a great food collection. We accept boxes, cans, bottles etc, in bags or boxes of food that are non-perishable. A container to hold food donations will also be in the vestibule of the Church for your convenience before the drop-off dates in the school gym.

Items will be delivered on Monday March 26th and Wednesday March 28th starting at 9:15 a.m. Volunteers will be needed to help load the cars/suv's and drive to the destination. (yet to be determined) If you have any group, organization who needs help, contact Lauren Telep 570-383-0319. If any individual or family can be assisted with our collection, please contact Father Nestor in private. We will be glad to help in time for Easter 2018.

This project is a great way to "Pass it On" as we are always so thankful to the community for the donations and support of our fund raisers, especially the Rummage sales.

Easter Is Around The Corner!

We thank everyone who helped and volunteered in setting up and taking down of the Christmas 2017 decorations. The additional five Christmas trees donated from the Rummage Sale were indeed added plus to the Church. We received numerous comments on how beautiful the

Church looked with all the added trees and lights for the Holy Season.

Easter is April 1, 2018 and we will need volunteers to decorate. Setting up the Lord's Grave and decorating it will take place Holy Thursday following the service at 6:30 Vespersal Divine Liturgy.

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).

Baked Fish Dinner

Our Parish will once again be sponsoring a “BAKED HADDOCK” FISH DINNER on FRIDAY MARCH 23, 2018 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, roll and dessert. Call 570-383-9487 for Reservations. *LIMITED amount of Dinners will be available a the Door \$15.00.

Archieparchial Holy Thursday Services

Holy Thursday Services including the Traditional Washing of the Feet of Twelve Priests by the Bishop will be held March 29, at 10:30 AM in Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Mount Carmel, Pa.; All the Faithful from the Archeparchy are Invited to Attend.

On Holy Thursday March 29, the traditional foot washing of twelve priests by the bishop will be part of the Holy Thursday services that will be held beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, 131 North Beech Street, Mt. Carmel (Northumberland County) Pa. This cus-

tom commemorates Our Lord washing the feet of his disciples as recounted in the Gospel of John. This Divine Liturgy also commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood. All the faithful from throughout the archeparchy are invited and encouraged to attend this Divine Liturgy on Holy Thursday in Mt. Carmel, Pa.

Our Deanery is looking into renting a bus for this event. It would leave from Olyphant, stop in Edwardsville, and then continue on to Mount Carmel. There will be more information in the future Bulletins.

Entering the Holy Mystery of Marriage

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 14, 2018 with a follow up session on Saturday, April 21, 2018. 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 pro-

file 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 April 21, 2018.

Each attending couple must commit to participating in all the sessions on April 14, 2018 as well as the 40 minute private meeting on April 21, 2018.

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 \$170 which includes materials, lunch and refreshments. For more information, or to register, please call: 215-635-1627.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of March 2018 is Team #3: Helen

Pagnotti, Marlene Zelno, Dorothy Zinsky and Cheryl Matuszewski.

Sunday Collection for February 24 & 25, 2018: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for March 10 & 11, 2018

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Borowski -- Brett Lowe	Andrew Augustine
9:00 am	Patrick Marcinko -- Joseph Chylak	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Nicholas Muchisky -- David Slachtish	Frank Lesnefsky

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The Cross, Our Victory

Have you seen the wonderful victory? Have you seen the splendid deeds of the Cross? ... Who can tell the Lord's mighty deeds? By death we were made immortal: these are the glorious deeds of the Cross.

Have you understood the victory? Have you grasped how it was wrought? Learn now, how this victory was gained without any sweat or toil of ours. No weapons of ours were stained with blood; our feet did not stand in the front line of battle; we suffered no wounds; witnessed no tumults; and yet we obtained the victory.

The battle was the Lord's, the crown is ours. Since then victory is ours, let us imitate the soldiers, and with joyful voices sing the songs of victory.

Let us praise the Lord and say, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?"

The Cross did all these wonderful things for us: the Cross is a war memorial erected against the demons, a sword against sin, the sword with which Christ slew the serpent.

The Cross is the Father's will, the glory of the Only-begotten, the Spirit's exultation, the beauty of the angels, the guardian of the Church. Paul glories in the Cross; it is the rampart of the saints, it is the light of the whole world.

St. John Chrysostom