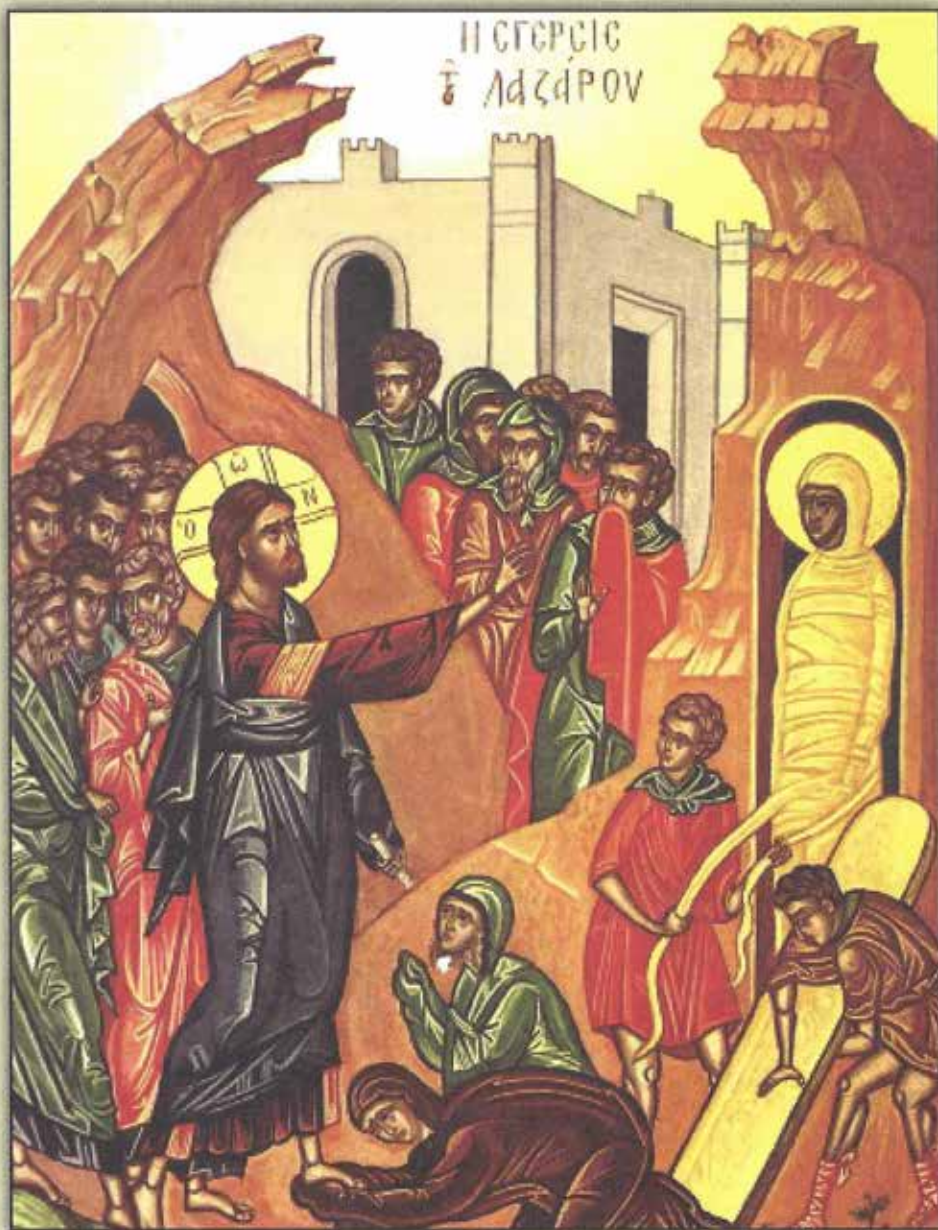


FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST  
SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT



*Icon of Raising Lazarus from the Dead*

## March 18, 2018: Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast

Epistle: Heb. 9: 11-14

Gospel: Mk. 10: 32-45

**Mon., March 19** 8:00 + Andrew & Anna Smagula (Son Joseph)

**Tues., March 20** 8:00 + Nicole Yeck Crimard (Bob & Joan Yeck)

**Wed., March 21** 6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy

**Thurs., March 22** 8:00 + Olga E. Telep (Daughter Lauren Telep)

**Fri., March 23** 6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy

**Sat., March 24** 9:00 + Martha Myshrall (Father Nestor)  
10:30 Easter Confessions  
2:00 pm Easter Confessions  
4:00 pm + Elinor Chowanec (Family)

**Sun., March 25** 9:00 For Our Parishioners  
11:30 + Jenny Mitchko (Lenny Mitchko)

## What's Coming Up?

**Fri., March 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Fish Dinner "Meatless Meal for Lent" at the Regal Room

**Sat. & Sun., March 24 & 25:** Church Community Project: Collection of Clothes & Food

**Sat., March 24<sup>th</sup>:** Last day for Confessions before Easter. Time: 10:30 am & 2 pm. There will be several priests hearing Confessions.

**Flowery (Palm) Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>:** Blessing of the Pussy Willows, Saturday 4:00 p.m. and on Sunday 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.

**March 28<sup>th</sup>, Holy Wednesday:** Presanctified Liturgy Anointing at 6:00 pm.

**March 29<sup>th</sup>, Holy Thursday:** Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. We will set up the Lord's Grave following this Service.

**March 30<sup>th</sup>: Good Friday:** Vespers, Procession and Veneration of the Holy Shroud at 3:00 p.m.

**March 31<sup>st</sup> Holy Saturday:** Blessing of the Baskets at 3:00 p.m. Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great at 5:00 pm. **Please note that this time is only for HOLY SATURDAY!**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> Easter Sunday:** Resurrection Matins at 8:00 a.m. with the Easter Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. and Easter Divine Liturgy at 11:30 a.m.

**April 2<sup>nd</sup> Bright Monday:** Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am.

**April 3<sup>rd</sup> Bright Tuesday:** Divine Liturgy at t 9:00 a.m.

## **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.

## **Meditation for the Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast**

St. Mark tells us of the disciples walking on the road to Jerusalem with Jesus walking in the lead. He tells us that “their mood was one of wonderment, while that of those who followed was fear” (Mk 10:32). Then we hear of two disciples vying to sit, one at the right and other on the left, when Jesus comes into His glory. This caused some anger among the other disciples. Jesus calms them by instructing them, “You know how among the Gentiles those who seem to exercise authority lord it over them; their great ones make their importance felt. It cannot be like that with you. Anyone among you who aspires to greatness must serve the rest; whoever wants to rank first among you must serve

the needs of all” (Mk 10:44). Fear, mutual distrust, envy, and pride rob you and me of the special gift of walking with Jesus with wonderment. We can be blinded to the needs and sufferings of others around us. We can forget the importance of being of service to others. Great Fast invites you and me to walk alongside Jesus Christ with wonderment as to where He will lead us. We are reminded, “... the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve...” (Mk 10:45). Saint Teresa of Calcutta saw the face of Jesus in every person she ministered to, especially the sick and the dying. Through her inspiration, may we also cherish and search for opportunities to see Jesus Christ in the faces of those we serve!

## **Lenten Services — Have You Attended Yet?**

Five weeks of Great Lent are now over. Only one more to go until Flowery (Palm) Sunday and Holy Week. Have you made the effort to come to church for our week-day Lenten services? This week offers sev-

eral golden opportunities for you to come to church. Make it your plan to attend more of these services before Easter. Take extra care about your spiritual well-being!

## **Pussy-Willow Watch**

Flowery (Palm) Sunday is just one week 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!**

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 Vespers Divine Liturgy.

## **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 custom 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 will be renting a bus for this event. It would leave from Olyphant at 7:30 am and stop at St. Vladimir's Church in Edwardsville at 8:30 am. It will then continue on to Ss. Peter & Paul Church in Mount Carmel. We ask for a \$12.00 donation to help cover the cost of the bus. If you are interested, please let Father Nestor know as soon as possible.

## **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 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 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 Ukrai-

nian 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.

## **“Barvinok” Ukrainian Dance Ensemble**

Scranton’s St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic parish is sponsoring a performance by the Ukrainian Folkdance group “Barvinok” [Periwinkle in Ukrainian] on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 4:00pm at its parish center 428 North Seventh Avenue. The highly acclaimed dance group which hails from the Metropolitan New Jersey/New York City area has appeared in numerous venues on the East Coast and in Ukraine where they took first place in an international folk dance competition. Under the direction of Mr. Gregory Momot, the

troupe performs traditional dances from various regions of Ukraine while attired in colorful embroidered costumes. Mr. Momot was trained at the Kyiv Cultural University and danced with the world renowned Virsky Ukrainian National Dance Company. His energetic and intricate choreography along with beautiful regional costumes bring alive the electrifying spirit of Ukrainian dance. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance - \$12.00 at the door and can be purchased by contacting Kristen Waznak at 570 241-1223.

## **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 March 3 & 4, 2018:**

### **Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for March 24 & 25, 2018**

	<b>Altar Boys</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
4:00 pm	Nicholas Borowski -- Brett Lowe	Bill Vervan
9:00 am	Patrick Marcinko -- Joseph Chylak	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Thomas Radle -- David Slachtish	Frank Lesnefsky

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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

### *Conventional Wisdom and the Lord's*

Listen, friend, it's a dog-eat-dog world out there. You've got to do it to them before they do it to you.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Always remember the golden rule: those who have the gold, make the rules.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Remember: Never get mad. Get even.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Take my advice, kid – Don't make waves. You've got to go along to get along. Keep your eyes open and your mouth shut.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Charity is fine, but business is business. Always, always, always buy low and sell high.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

The drug users and the city scum – they deserve what happens to them. We work hard for what we've got – nobody is doing us any favors. Let them do the same. It can be done. Hey, look: You got to take care of your own.

*But it cannot be like that with you ...*

Jesus' admonition is almost a pleading: If you really understand Me and what I am about, if you really want to be My disciple, if you really seek to be worthy of My name, then you must see the world differently and respond to its challenges with a very different set of values. The world may try to justify vengeance rather than forgiveness, to glorify self-preservation over selflessness, to insist on preserving the system and convention for the sake of compassion and justice.

*But it cannot be like that with you.*