

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



*Icon of Raising Lazarus from the Dead*

## April 7, 2019: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the Great Fast

Epistle: Heb. 9: 11-14

Gospel: Mk. 10: 32-45

**Mon., April 8** 8:00 + Rose Blachek (Roman & Eileen Kushner)

**Tues., April 9** 8:00 + Mildred Wondolowski (Cecille Bordlemay)

**Wed., April 10** 6:30 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

**Thurs., April 11** 8:00 + Harry Semtana Jr. (Legate)

**Fri., April 12** 6:30 Lenten Services

**Sat., April 13** 9:00 + Fred Jacobs (Roman & Eileen Kushner)

10:30 Confessions

2:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm + George Beggin Jr. (Family)

**Sun., April 14** 9:00 For Our Parishioners

11:30 + Joseph Muchisky (Mildred Bendersky)

*There will be a Parish Meeting following this Divine Liturgy. All are invited to attend.*

## What's Coming Up?

**Sat. & Sun., April 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>:** Church Community Project: Collection of Clothes & Food

**Fri., April 12<sup>th</sup>:** Fish Dinner "Meatless Meal for Lent" at the Regal Room

**Sat., April 13<sup>th</sup>:** Last day for Confessions before Easter. Time: 10:30 am & 2 pm. There will be two priests hearing Confessions.

**Flowery (Palm) Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<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.

**April 17<sup>th</sup>, Holy Wednesday:** Presanctified Liturgy with Anointing at 6:30 pm.

**April 18<sup>th</sup>, Holy Thursday:** Vespertal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great. We will set up the Lord's Grave following this Service.

**April 19<sup>th</sup>: Good Friday:** Vespers, Procession and Veneration of the Holy Shroud at 3:00 p.m.

**April 20<sup>th</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 21<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 22<sup>nd</sup>: Bright Monday:** Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>: Bright Tuesday:** Divine Liturgy at 9:00 am.

## **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. One more to go until Flowery

(Palm) Sunday and Holy Week. Have you made the effort to come to church

for our weekday Lenten services? This week offers several 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 NEXT WEEK! 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.

## **Meatless Meal for LENT**

St. Cyril's is sponsoring a "Meatless Meal for Lent, "Baked Haddock" Fish Dinner this Friday, April 12, 2019 at the Regal Room (Ballroom/side entrance) 216 Lackawanna Ave., Olyphant. From 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Sit In or Take Out! Pre-sold are \$13.00 per ticket/dinner. (baked haddock, potato, coleslaw, roll and dessert). If you "Sit-

In" coffee and tea will be served. Call Sandra at 570-383-9487 for reservations. The deadline for pre-sold tickets is Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2019. A limited amount of dinners will be available the door at \$15.00 per ticket/dinner. Tickets will be available to purchase after each Divine Liturgy

## **Community Service for St. Cyril's Parish**

This Saturday April 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday April 7<sup>th</sup> we will be collecting non-perishable food and clothing for St. Cyril's Community Project 2019. It is a good way to "PAY IT FORWARD" for all the community support we get for our fundraisers: rummage sale, fish dinners, raffles, donations etc....

Donations of food and clothing

will be accepted before and after every Divine Liturgy at St. Cyril's School gym (133 River Street) on April 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. A basket will also be placed in the vestibule of the church for the non-perishable food. If everyone in our parish donated one grocery item, it would make our food collection available to more than one food pantry.

All clothes should be clean and wearable. Clothes can be left on hangers or put into bags or boxes. We accept clothes in all sizes: for men, women, teenagers, children, and babies. (clothes, women's and men's accessories, almost new /clean shoes, etc...) Any questions or suggestions as to whom we should donate to, contact Lauren Telep 570-383-0319.

For the delivery of our "Commu-

nity Service" items, we need volunteers and Trucks/SUV's. On Monday April 8<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m. we plan to deliver the clothes. On Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. we will deliver the food. If you have a truck, and cannot lift items, we understand. But we need you to drive your truck for the delivery of these items, especially on Monday April 8<sup>th</sup> for the clothes deliveries. Please come and help us!

## **Olyphant Borough Annual Easter Egg Hunt**

The date has been set for the Olyphant Borough to hold its annual Easter Egg Hunt. This event will be held April 13, 2019, Saturday At "Wargo-Monsignor Hrynuck-Beckage Sports Complex" Fern Hill Park, 700 Block of East Grant Street in Olyphant, Starting at

1:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. Infants to kids age 12 are welcomed to attend with their families. The Easter Bunny will be available for you to take photos. Hot Dogs and refreshment will be served across the Street at The Eureka Hose Co #4 for the kids.

## **Easter Bake Sale**

Saturday, April 13, 2019

Door opens at 10 - 5

Holy Ghost Hall of LaSalle Academy

309 First Ave., Jessup

Cookies, Nut & Poppy Rolls, Paschal Breads & other Delicious Treats

Benefits Holy Ghost Church

## **Easter is Around the Corner!**

Easter is April 21, 2019 and we will need volunteers to decorate. Setting up the Lord's Grave and decorating it will

take place Holy Thursday (April 18<sup>th</sup>) following the service at 6:30 Vespers Divine Liturgy.

## **Books Appétit**

Valley Community Library will hold its annual “Books Appétit” fundraiser Thursday, May 2, 2019, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wine-tasting by Case Quattro Winery, with bottles available for sale. The \$25 tickets (cash or check only), includes food from local restaurants and markets, and free wine or beer. Dozens of raffle baskets. Guests are encour-

aged to bring new socks or toiletries to donate to the Gino Merli Veterans Center. Books Appétit is a 2019 NEPA Match Day event, for which the Scranton Area Community Foundation will match fundraising up to \$1,000. Valley Community Library is at 739 River Street, Peckville. Phone 570-489-1765. [www.lclshome.org/valley](http://www.lclshome.org/valley).

## **Easter Dinner - Sviachene**

Father Myron Myronyuk and his Parish Family of Scranton’s Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will conduct their annual Easter Dinner “Sviachene” celebration on Sunday, May 5, 2019, beginning at 12:15pm in the Parish Center at 428 North Seventh Avenue. Dinner will consist of Ukrainian borshch, ham, kobasa, red horseradish, holubchy, potato salad, rye bread, rolls, dessert and beverages. Takeouts available by advance order - must be picked up promptly between 11:30am and no lat-

er than 12 noon.

Musical entertainment by the delightful Ihor and Regina Duo. A theme basket and 50/50 raffle will be available along with a drawing for an attractive Ukrainian tablecloth.

Admission: \$15.00 adults; \$8.00 students; age 5 and under free.

Advance reservations only - no tickets at the door. For reservations contact Maria Black at 570 503-1514. Deadline is Monday, April 29.

Everyone is invited to our welcoming church and at our table!

## **Inauguration of the Ministry of Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak**

- Tuesday, June 4, 2019: Enthronement
- 11:00 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy presided by His Beatitude Sviatoslav and Enthronement.

- 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Reception for all on the Cathedral grounds. After the Divine Liturgy, the bishops are invited to spend time with the faithful.
- 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Artistic/concert program
- 6:00 pm Hierarchical Vespers

Bishop Andriy has issued a letter asking for funds in order to help defray the cost of this great Celebration. A copy of this letter can be found in

back of the Church. Everyone is invited to please take a copy and read this letter.

### **An Invitation to Parish Singers/Choir Member**

Stephen Szyszka has been asked to organize an Archieparchial Choir to sing at the Hierarchical Enthronement Liturgy of Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak. He is extending an invitation to all Parish Singers

and Choir Members to participate in this Archieparchial Choir. If you are interested in participating in this Choir, please respond directly to him at [stephen.l.szyszka@gmail.com](mailto:stephen.l.szyszka@gmail.com).

### **Collection Processing Team...**

The Collection Processing Team for the month of March 2019 is Team #4:

Joseph Smagula and Ron Barkofsky.

### **Sunday Collection for March 30 & 31, 2019: \$**

### **Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for April 13 & 14, 2019**

	<b>Altar Boys</b>	<b>Lectors</b>
4:00 pm	Samuel Szczesniak -- Brett Lowe	Andrew Augustine
9:00 am	Nicholas Chylak -- Patrick Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Thomas Radle -- Brian Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

## Ss. Cyril & Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church

135 River St., Olyphant, PA 18447-1435

Telephone: 570-291-4451 Fax: 570-489-6918

Web Site: [stcyrils.weconnect.com](http://stcyrils.weconnect.com)

E-Mail: [sscyrilandmethodius@comcast.net](mailto:sscyrilandmethodius@comcast.net)



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.*