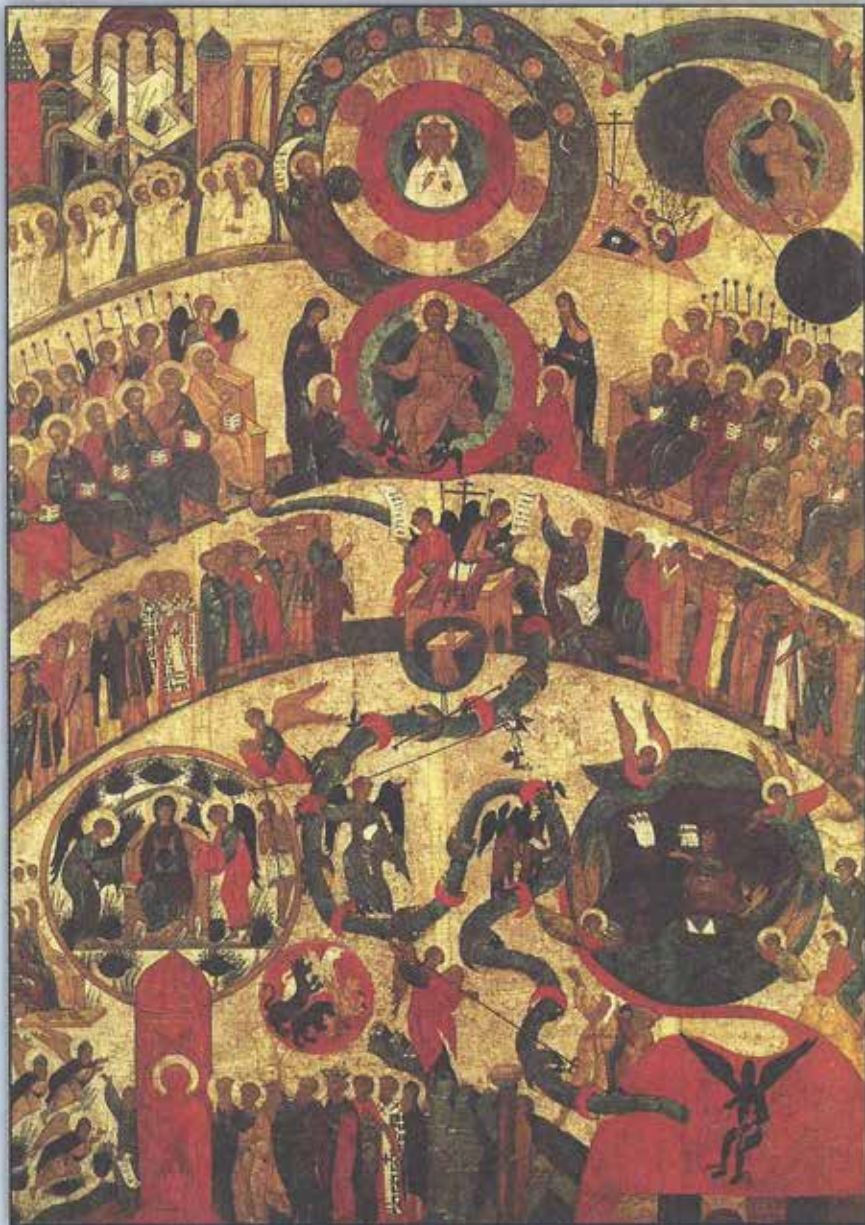


SUNDAY OF MEATFARE
JUDGMENT SUNDAY



Icon of the Last Judgment

February 24, 2019: Sunday of Meat Fare

Epistle: 1 Cor. 8:8 - 9:2

Gospel: Mt. 25: 31-46

Mon., Feb. 25

to

No Divine Liturgies This Week

Fri., March 1

Sat., March 2

No Morning Divine Liturgy

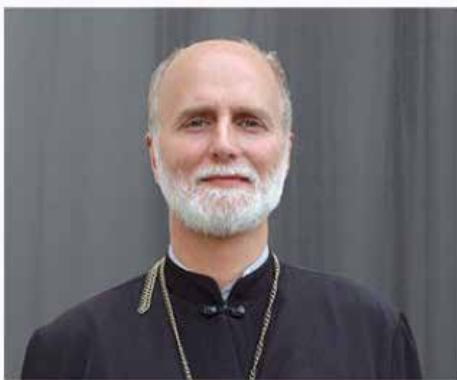
No Confessions Today

4:00 pm + Mary & George Marushock (Daughter, Ilona)

Sun., March 3

9:00 + Christine Danylak (Leo Danylak)

11:30 For Our Parishioners



*Pope Francis
Appoints Most Rev.
Borys Gudziak as new
Metropolitan-
Archbishop of the
Ukrainian Archeparchy
of Philadelphia*

On Monday, February 18th, 2019, the Vatican Information Service announced that the Holy Father has appointed Most Rev. Borys Gudziak as Archbishop of Philadelphia for Ukrainians and Metropolitan for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in USA and thus concurring with the recommendation of the appointment offered by the

Synod of Ukrainian Catholic Bishops, which met in September of 2018 in Lviv, Ukraine.

The Archeparchy of Philadelphia was declared by Pope Francis as “sede vacante” following the resignation of Most Rev. Stefan Soroka on April 16, 2018. Most Rev. Andriy Rabyi was named by Pope Francis as the Apostol-

ic Administrator of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia until the appointment of the new Metropolitan-Archbishop.

At the present time Most Rev. Borys Gudziak serves as the eparch of St. Volodymyr the Great Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy, which includes France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxemburg and Switzerland. He is the founder and president of the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, Ukraine. In addition, Archbishop Borys is the head of Department of External Church Relations of

the Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Bishop Andriy Rabyi, Apostolic Administrator, Bishop John Bura, Auxiliary Bishop, clergy, monastic orders and faithful of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia wholeheartedly and joyfully welcome the news and invite everyone to the installation of Most Rev. Borys Gudziak as the seventh Metropolitan-Archbishop for the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, which will take place on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, at the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, PA.

The Sunday of the Prodigal Son

The Sunday of the Prodigal Son is the second Sunday of a three-week period prior to the commencement of Great Lent. As with the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee, the theme of this Sunday is repentance, and the focus on the parable of the Prodigal Son leads Eastern Christians to contemplate the necessity of repentance in our relationship with our Heavenly Father.

The parable of the Prodigal Son forms an exact icon of repentance at its different stages. Sin is exile, enslavement to strangers, hunger. Repentance is the return from exile to our true home; it is to receive back our inheritance and freedom in the Father's house. But repentance implies action: "I will rise up

and go..." (v. 18). To repent is not just to feel dissatisfied, but to make a decision and to act upon it.

In the words of our Lord, we also learn of three things through this parable: the condition of the sinner, the rule of repentance, and the greatness of God's compassion. The reading of this parable follows the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee so that, seeing in the person of the Prodigal Son our own sinful condition, we might come to our senses and return to God through repentance. For those who have fallen into great despair over their sins thinking that there is no forgiveness, this parable offers hope. The Heavenly Father is patiently and lovingly waiting for our re-

turn. There is no sin that can overcome His love for us.

Finally, this parable offers us insight into the world in which we live. It is a world where the activities of people are disconnected and not ordered toward the fulfillment of God's divine purpose for life. It is a world of incoherent pursuits, of illusory strivings, of craving for foods and drinks that do not satisfy, a world where nothing ultimately makes sense, and a world engulfed in untruth, deceit and sin. It is the exact opposite of the world as created by God and potentially recreated by his Son and Spirit. There is no cure for the evils of our age unless we return to God. The world in which we

live is not a normal world, but a wasteland.

As a result of sin in our lives, we lose the joy of communion with God, we defile and lose our spiritual beauty, and we find ourselves far away from our real home, our real life. In true repentance, we realize this, and we express a deep desire to return, to recover what has been lost. On this day the Church reminds us of what we have abandoned and lost, and beckons us to find the desire and power to return. Our Heavenly Father is waiting and ready to receive us with His loving forgiveness and His saving embrace.

-Edited from goarch.org

In Case of Emergency...

Father Nestor will be away this week. In case of an emergency, please call

Father Myron Myronyuk at St. Vladimir's at 570-342-7023.

Its Cold Outside...

After the 9:00 Divine Liturgy, come over to the Little Hall for some hot coffee or tea.

Also, looking for volunteers to have a coffee hour after the other Divine Liturgies. If interested, please call

Father Nestor to make arrangements.

The first Coffee Hour after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy is scheduled for Sunday, March 3, 2019 in the Little Hall. Hope to see you there.

Divine Liturgy Attendance on Snowy Days

It is very rare that the Divine Liturgy

is canceled, especially on a Sunday.

I want to encourage those of you who must walk further or more importantly, who drive to church, to PLEASE USE COMMON SENSE, when making a determination about attending the Divine Liturgy on the snowy, icy, inclement weekend or even more so on the week-

day. If attendance means putting yourself and others at risk, I am sure the Lord understands if you should decide to pray at home. Please use common sense and a well-informed conscience when making such a decision.

Myasopusna Celebration

Transfiguration of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church announces its 14th annual Myasopusna Celebration, a Pre-Lenten event, to be held on Meatfare (Myasopusna) Sunday, February 24, 2019. A dinner of holubtsi (stuffed cabbage), kobasa, varenyky (Transfiguration pierogies), kapusta, blackbread, and dessert will be served at the Church's Banquet Hall at 240 Center St., Hanover Section of Nanticoke, from 12:30 to 2:00

pm., with borscht also available, as well as Ukrainian and other beverages. Dinner is followed by entertainment until 4:00 pm from the Holy Year Choir, Kazka Ukrainian Folk Ensemble, and St. Mary's Traditional Ukrainian Dancers. Doors will open at noon, with Ukrainian crafts on display and for sale throughout the event. Dinner tickets are \$13 if purchased before 2/17, \$15 afterwards, by calling 570-735-4654 or 570-824-3880.

Pre-Lenten Pork and Sauerkraut Dinner

Father Myron Myronyuk and his parish family of Scranton's St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church cordially invite you to join us for our annual Pre-Lenten pork and sauerkraut/kapusta dinner on Sunday, February 24, 2019, beginning at 12:15pm at St. Vladimir Parish Center, 428 North Seventh Avenue - between West Lackawanna Avenue and West Linden Street.

Menu: slow roasted pork loin, gravy, Ukrainian kapusta (sweet and sour cab-

bage), mashed potatoes, vegetable, bread and rolls, dessert, coffee, tea, beverages.

Adults \$13.00; Students \$8.00 (age 6-12); Age 5 and under free.

Musical entertainment will be provided by the delightful Ihor and Regina Duo.

Advance reservations for both sit-down and take-out are required and can be made with Maria Black at 570 503-1514 before Tuesday, February 19th. Take-outs available at 11:30a.m. but no

later than 12 noon. Door prizes will be awarded along with a 50/50 drawing.

Upcoming L.U.C. Meeting

The North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics will meet on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at 5:00 pm at Grotto Pizza, 36 Gateway Shopping Center, Edwardsville.

Discussion will focus on the National Board structure, the upcoming Lenten Retreat, the May bus trip to New York City, and 2019 meeting schedule.

Deanery Forgiveness Vespers

On Sunday, March 3, 2019, 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).

Piggie Dinner

Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Wilkes-Barre will hold a take-out Piggie / Holubtsi Dinner on Sunday, March 3, 2019. 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. Din-

ner 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.

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 10, 17, & 24, 2019, 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).

Springtime Bus Trip

The North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City on Saturday, May 18, 2019. The Itinerary includes Brooklyn's Brighton Beach [Little Odessa] and the 43rd Annual St. George Ukrainian Street Festival on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Participants are free to do their own thing for all or part of the day if they so wish. Bus will pick up at Edwardsville's St. Vladimir Church,

70 Zerby Avenue at 8:00am and at Scranton's St. Vladimir Church, 428 North Seventh Avenue at 8:45am. Departure for home will be at 8:00pm. Cost is \$45.00 per person. Full nonrefundable advance payment reserves a seat. For further information and reservations call Paul at 570 563-2275 or Janina at 570 759-2824. Early reservations are recommended as this is a very popular trip and the 55 passenger bus is expected to fill quickly.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of February 2019 is Team #2: Eugene Zinsky, John Turko,

Jr., Leonard Mitchko, and Michael Shumek.

Sunday Collection for February 16 & 17, 2019: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for March 2 & 3, 2019

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Samuel Sczesniak -- Nicholas Borowski	John Sakson
9:00 am	Patrick Marcinko -- Nicholas Chylak	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Thomas Radle -- Brian Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

If You Love God, You will Love your Neighbor; If You Love your Neighbor, You will Love God

Surely everyone knows that human beings are social creatures and for that reason are not made for a solitary and uncivilized life. Nothing is better suited to our nature than to have continual relationships to seek one another out and to love one's own kind. The Lord asks no more than the fruit of the seed He has implanted in us, when He says: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another." (John 13:34) To lead us to obey this precept He does not want the badge of recognition of disciples to consist in miracles. Rather He asserts: "By this all will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:35) And between the commandment to love God and the commandment to love your neighbor, He has established so close a bond that He takes as done to Himself anything done to our brothers or sisters. He says: "I was thirsty and

you gave me drink." (Matt. 25:35) And He adds: "As you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me." (Matt. 25:40) The keeping of the first commandment includes the keeping of the second, and in the fulfillment of the second the first is fulfilled. Whoever loves God loves his neighbor. The Lord says: "Anyone who loves me will keep my word" (John 14:23) and "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you." (John 15:12) So then, whoever loves his neighbor loves God, and God reckons our unity with our brothers and sisters is unity with Him. One is reminded of Moses. He loved his brothers and sisters so much that he asked to be blotted out of the book of the living if the people did not receive forgiveness of their sins. (Exod. 32:32).

Saint Basil the Great