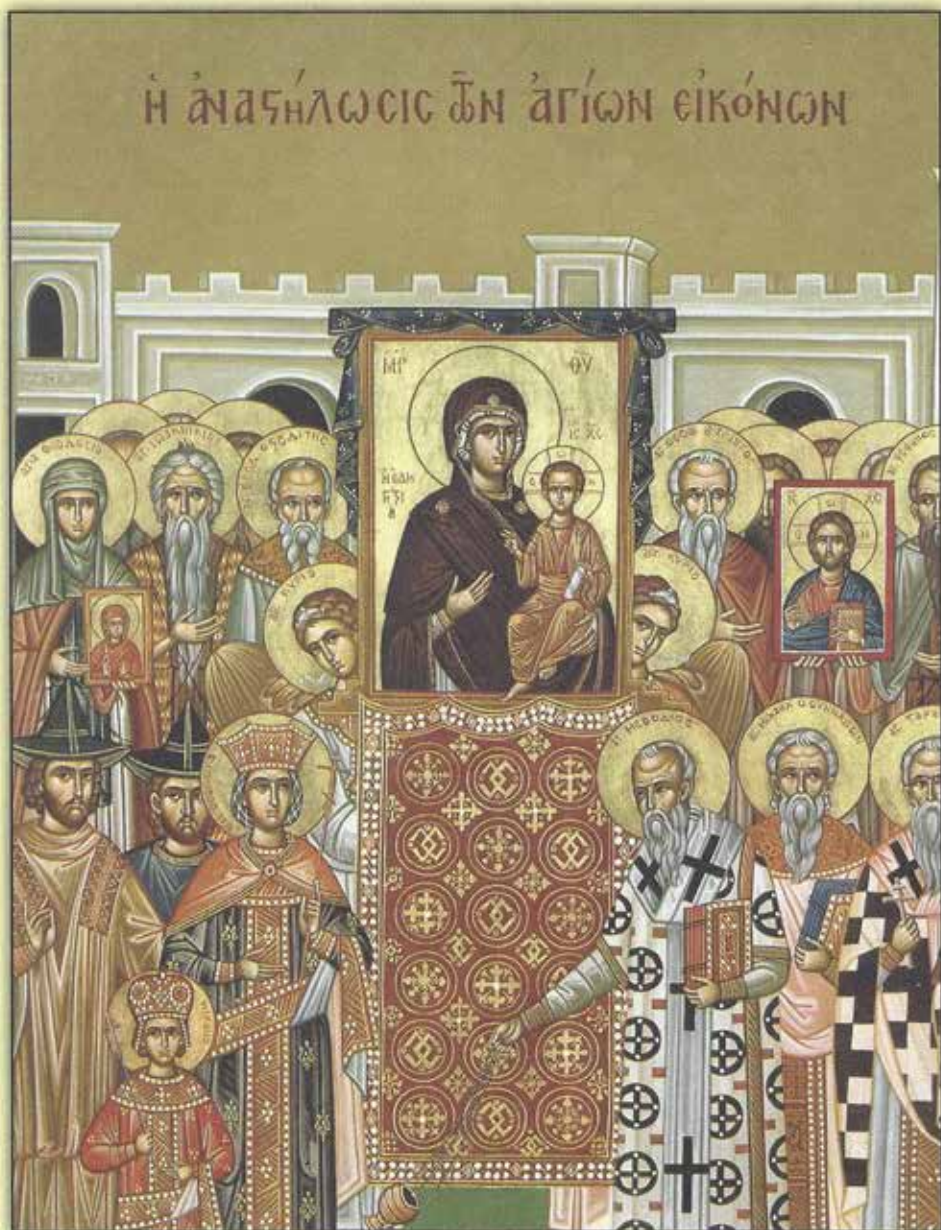


FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Ἡ ἀναθήλωσις τῶν ἁγίων εἰκόνων



Icon of the Holy Images

March 10, 2019: 1st Sunday of the Great Fast

Epistle: Romans 13:11 - 14:4

Gospel: Mt. 6: 14-21

Mon., March 11	8:00	+ Ann Murty (Cecille Bordlemay)
Tues., March 12	8:00	+ Brian Westington (Mary Ann Spryn)
Wed., March 13	6:30	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Thurs., March 14	8:00	+ Emmett & Zenia Hooper & Baby Girl Hooper (Family)
Fri., March 15	6:30	Lenten Service
Sat., March 16		No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Anna & Michael Zinsky (Evelyn Trently)
Sun., March 17	9:00	+ Olga E. Telep (Daughter Lauren)
	11:30	For Our Parishioners
	3:00	Sorokousty

Meditation for the First Sunday of the Great Fast

When Philip told Nathaniel that they had found “the one about whom Moses wrote in the law, also the prophets, Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth”, Nathaniel asks “Can anything good come from Nazareth?” (Jn 1:46). Nathaniel reveals a common human characteristic, namely a tendency to make quick judgments. Jesus repeatedly instructed his disciples and the people to whom he preached to “Stop judging that you may not be judged” (Mt 7:1) He would ask why we look

at the splinter in another person’s eye and not the wooden beam in our own eye. Let the one who is without sin cast the first stone! Quick judgments are often revealed through the occasional use of inappropriate words or swearing. Jesus told his disciples that “on the day of judgment, people will render an account for every careless word they speak” (Mt 12:36). We ought to set aside any careless use of words. Setting aside our tendency to judge others while realizing our

own huge imperfections is a necessity before welcoming the Lord into our hearts.

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 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 Pre-sanctified 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.

Collection for the Church in Europe

This week, we participate in the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your donation today helps restore the Church and build the future in 20 countries, many of which still struggle to recover in the after-

math of Soviet rule. Funds from this collection help support reconstruction, education, formation, and poverty outreach. For more information, please visit www.usccb.org/ccee. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

There will be a Coffee Hour after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy today, March 3, 2019 in the Little Hall. Hope to see you there.

Lenten Fund Raiser: Homemade Clam Chowder.

Available for pick-up after Divine Liturgy Saturday, March 16TH or Sunday, March 17TH.....\$8 PER QUART..... Please place your order on the form located at the back of the church or by

calling either Julie at 570-489-2931, or, Mary Ann at 570-489-4648. ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY 1 P.M. WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13TH. Friday pick-up can be arranged.

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 four dates, March 10, 17, 24, & 31, 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).

Annual St. Joseph Day Breakfast

St. Joseph Melkite Catholic Church on 130 North St. Frances Cabrini Avenue, West Scranton, Sunday, March 17, 2019 in the church hall. Adults are \$9.00, \$4.50 children 6-10 and free 5 & under. Our St. Joseph bread will be available in two-loaf packages Breakfast of eggs- many styles, Honeybaked

ham, olives, hash browns, scratch pancakes, bread, juice and hot beverages will be served from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Take-outs available. Tickets at the door. Contact melkite.scranton@gmail.com, melkitescranton.org or facebook. Join us for a hearty breakfast prior to or after your St. Patrick's Day festivities!!

Lenten Mission -- 2019: Windows into Heaven

The services will be held at five different churches over the course of a week. Following each service, there will be a discussion of the holy icons present in each church facilitated by Deacon Robert Behrens. Light refreshments will be served each night after the service allowing time for fellowship and discussion. The Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession) will be available before each service beginning at 6:00.

- Monday, March 25, 6:30 P.M., Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom for the Feast of the Annunciation, Saint John Byzantine Catholic Church, 310 Broadway Street, Scranton.
- Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 P.M., Moleben to the Holy Cross, Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, 700 Oak Street, Taylor.
- Wednesday, March 27, 6:30 P.M., Akathist to the Passion of Christ, Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, 430 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton.
- Thursday, March 28, 6:30 P.M., Lenten Devotions, Ciszek Chapel, Mulberry Street, campus of the University of Scranton (hosted by Saint Joseph Melkite Greek Catholic Church). Parking will be arranged near the chapel.
- Friday, March 29, 6:30 P.M., Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church, 310 Miin Avenue, Scranton.
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All are welcome!

Fish Dinner Fundraiser For St. Cyril's Church

The fundraiser "Fish Dinner" will be held Friday, April 12, 2019. It will be held at the Regal Room, and you can "Eat In" (No tip or tax required) or Take Out!!! Time 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m, Tickets will be sold at the Church

on March 16th or contact Sandra Berta (570-383-9487) Donation of \$13.00 per dinner and tickets will be available at the door on April 12 for \$15.00. Buy Early!!!

Metropolitan Borys Gudziak's Enthronement

North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics is considering chartering a bus to the Tuesday, June 4 enthronement of Metropolitan-Elect Borys Gudziak at our beautiful Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Pickups would be in Berwick, Plymouth and

Scranton. If you are interested in attending, please inform Sandra Berta at 570 383-9487 no later than Monday, March 25. If there is sufficient interest, a bus will be reserved and details - cost, departure time, etc. - will be shared at that time.

Spring Cleaning 2019

Now is the time to start cleaning out the closets for our clothing drive in Spring 2019. We will be having our "Community Service" Clothing and Food Donations before Easter. Information to

follow in later bulletins. Anyone who may have any organization, that will accept food or clothing, please contact Father Nestor or Lauren Telep.

Springtime Bus Trip – Only 10 Seats Remain Open

The North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics' sponsored chartered bus to New York City on Saturday, May 18, 2019 is filling up quickly. 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 Ewasko at 570 563-2275 or Janina Everett at 570 759-2824.

Save the Dates: 9th Annual Fundraiser Rummage Sale September 20, 21, 23 2019

The dates have been set for our 9th annual fundraiser Rummage Sale, on September 20-23, 2019

We will be accepting merchandise from estates, house sales, downsizing, throughout the next 7 months. Contact Father Nestor or Lauren Telep, for items for immediate donations.

Regarding "pickups" of furniture and merchandise, we prefer if items can be dropped off at the gym. We

are flexible, but limited when we need trucks and men to volunteer and pick up items. Trucks are always needed to help make this event successful. Let Father Nestor know, and you can be put on the list when we need a truck.

More information regarding Raffle donations, dropping off donations in August and September will be printed at a later date.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of March 2019 is Team #3:

Helen Pagnotti, Marlene Zelno, Dorothy Zinsky, and Cheryl Matuszewski.

Sunday Collection for March 2 & 3, 2019: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for March 16 & 17, 2019

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

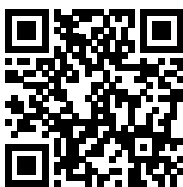
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Icons Show the Human Face of God

In recent months my Sunday reflections have frequently focused on our Christian brothers and sisters of the East. Wishing as it were to embrace their rich tradition of faith in a single glance, today I would like to refer once again to the sense of mystery which is apparent in their icons. The East and the West vie with each other to put their art at the service of the faith.

But from the East, where icons had to be defended with bloodshed in the iconoclast crisis of the eighth and ninth centuries, comes a particular call jealously to preserve the religious nature of this art. It is based on the mystery of the Incarnation, in which God chose to assume a human face. In the last analysis, sacred art seeks to transmit something of the mystery of that face.

This is why the East firmly insists on the spiritual qualities which must characterize the artist, to whom Simeon of Thessalonica, the great defender of Tradition, addresses this important exhortation: "Teach with words, write with letters, paint with colors, in conformity with Tradition; the painting is true, as is the writing of books; and the grace of God is present in them, because what is represented there is holy."

By contemplating icons in the whole context of liturgical and ecclesial life, the Christian community is called to grow in its experience of God, and to become more and more a living icon of the communion of life between the Three Divine Persons.

Pope John Paul II