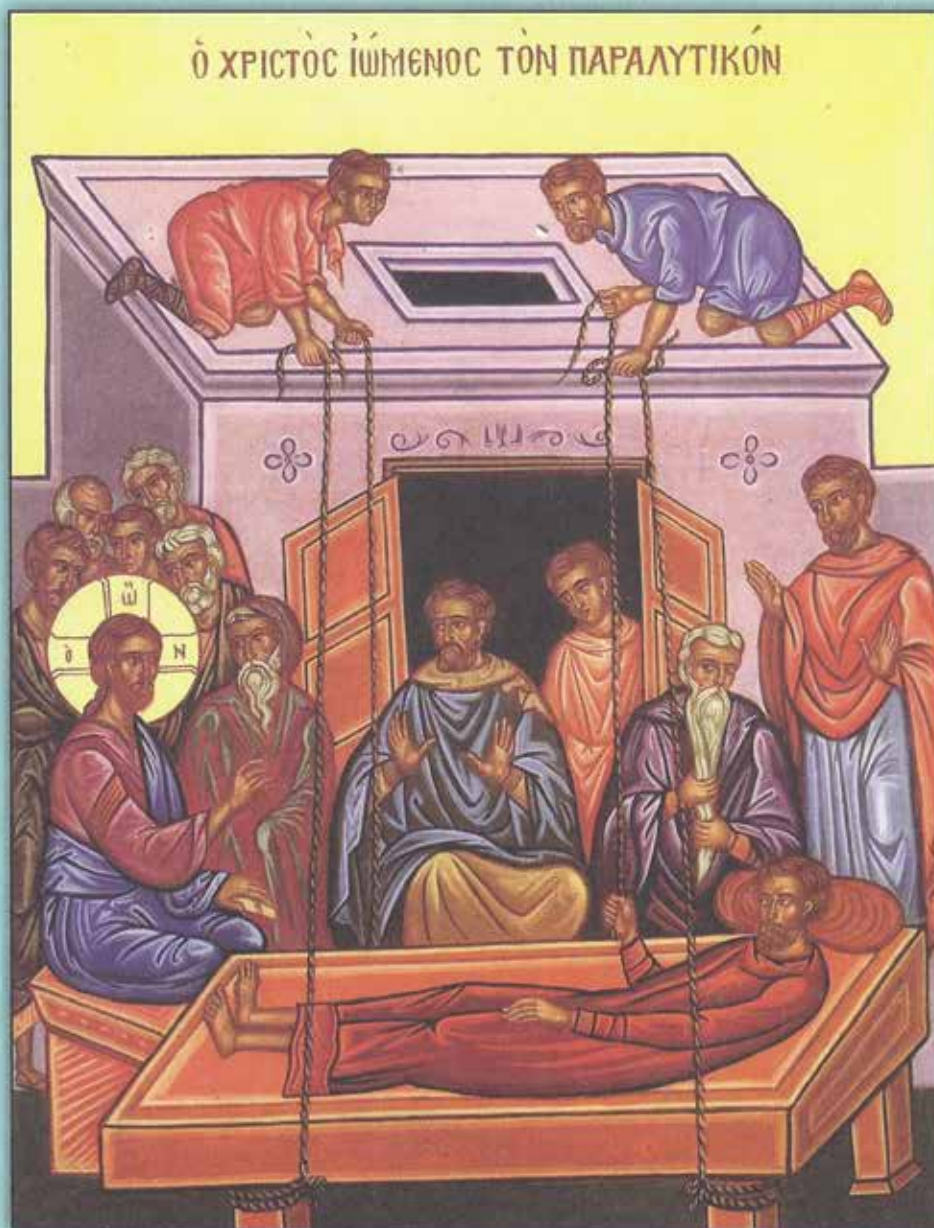


SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS



Icon of Healing the Paralytic

March 17, 2019: 2nd Sunday of the Great Fast		
Epistle: Heb. 1:10 - 2:3		Gospel: Mk. 2: 1-12
Mon., March 18	8:00	+ Andrew & Anna Smagula (Son Joseph)
Tues., March 19	8:00	+ Nicole Yeck Crimard (Bob & Joan Yeck)
Wed., March 20	6:30	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Thurs., March 21	8:00	+ Susan & Andrew Horvath (Family)
Fri., March 22	6:30	Lenten Service
Sat., March 23	No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Elinor Chowanec (Family)	
Sun., March 24	9:00	For Our Parishioners
	11:30	+ Harry & Olga Pish; + Mildred Polacek; Baptism of Mariano Almodovar
	3:00	Sorokousty

Meditation for the Second Sunday of Great Lent

A meaningful journey through Great Lent ought to unsettle our comfort zones. One of these comfort zones might be an attitude of living with an attitude of entitlement. Recall how some of the apostles were arguing among themselves as to who was the most important. Jesus sat them down and said, "If anyone wishes to rank first, he must remain the last one of all and the servant of all" (Mk. 9:36). How do we approach Jesus?

Recall how the Gospels tell of us people jeering, insulting and mocking

Jesus on the cross. When we judge others, laugh or bully others for what we perceive as different in the way they do things or present themselves, are we not like those unpleasant persons at the foot of the cross? Are we setting ourselves as more important than others just as the apostles did? The friends of the paralytic in today's Gospel reveal to us how we ought to witness to Jesus Christ. They were so motivated that they even made a hole in someone's roof to get their friend to Jesus for healing. Jesus tells them that

the paralytic is healed because of the faith of these friends. They vividly reveal what being a servant to one another calls us to do. Others around us are thirsting to hear the healing words of Jesus Christ, and not demeaning, critical or bullying words.

Dare to be a servant of others, presenting them to Jesus Christ for healing in our prayers, with our words of love and encouragement, and forgiveness. Take the challenge!

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 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.

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.

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).

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 Presanctied Gifts, Saint Mary Byzantine

Catholic Church, 310 Miin Avenue, Scranton.

Meatless Meal for LENT

St. Cyril's is sponsoring a "Meatless Meal for Lent, "Baked Haddock" Fish Dinner on 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, potatoe, 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 8th, 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

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.

Community Service for St. Cyril's Parish

On Saturday April 6th and Sunday April 7th 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 6th and 7th. 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 “Community Service” items, we need volunteers and Trucks/SUV’s. On Monday April 8th, at 10:00 a.m. we plan to deliver the clothes. On Wednesday, April 10th, 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 8th for the clothes deliveries. Please come and help us!

St. Cyril’s Spring Clearance (Freeze) Rummage Sale for 2019

On Saturday, March 9, 2019 St. Cyril’s held it’s 1st Spring Clearance (Freeze) Sale, fundraiser in St. Cyril’s School Gym. It was freezing! Furniture was 1/2 original price and everything else was 25¢ with few exceptions. As the doors opened at 9:00 a.m. 86 people were standing in line to enter the gym. We thank our parishioners and non-parishioners who endured the cold temperatures throughout the day. We did offer everyone, hot tea, coffee and hot chocolate to keep warm. Special thanks to Sandra Berta, Glenda Marcinko, Anne Elaine Gazella Srebro, Marlene Zelno, Marie Martin, Rosemary Martynuck , Julie Harris, Cheryl Matuczewski, Michaelene Davis, Rose Sember, Michael Hermanovitch, John Sedlak, Mike Schumek, John Uhnick, John Turko, Barbara Krenitsky, Carol Zadarosni, Ron Bartofsky, Dorothy Zinsky, Lauren Telep , Father Nestor, Cathy Marcinko, Joyce Krisanda Garofalo and our non-parishioners: Janice Krisanda Eboli, Carl and Lorie Schweinsburg , Jude Vilano , Victor and Dino(church maintenance) who helped us in our ‘FREEZE’ Rummage Sale fundraiser as we have a net profit of ****\$2383.95

We thank Michaelene Davis and her truck and the VFW #6052, Peckville, PA for putting up our “Rummage Sale” sign at the Anchor in Blakely. Also thanks to Penn Security Bank in Dickson City for running our add on their electronic billboard. We did have our photo and information on Page 2 in the Scranton Times, The Valley Advantage and other newspaper in NEPA (Times Leader and Citizen Voice) Our Public Service Announcements in local Church Bulletins and flyers throughout the community certainly added to the volume of people who attended this fundraiser. We have been successful in listing via Facebook local listings: NEPA Rummage sale, Lackawanna Yard Sales, Dunmore and Carbondale Yard Sales, etc... We had great publicity! Special thanks to Lauren Telep for coordinating it all!

The winner of the afgan/basket donated by Lorie Schweinsburg was won by our parishioner AnneElaine Srebro. The remaining rummage sale items were donated to: Sweatshirts to the Gino J. Merli Veterans Center in Scranton, Assortment of items to “Catholic Social Services of Carbondale”, “Wallenpaupack Area High School” for Santa’s Elf Day, Easter items to the Jessup Food Basket and St. Peter’s Cathedral, Scranton as of this past week.

*******Financial Report for The “FREEZE” Rummage Sale March 9th 2019**

\$ 1,352.61 Main checkout
\$ 640.75 2nd checkout
\$178.75 Jewelry
\$39.68 Raffle/kitchen
\$82.00 Donations and the Donation box

\$ 2,294.67 Total of the “Freeze” sale
\$192.65 Sales prior to March 9th 2019 and after September 23, 2018.

\$ 2,487.32 Gross Sales
---- 103.37 Expenses (newspaper ad, copies, banner)

\$ 2,383.95 Net sales (profit) for the “Freeze” Sale 2019

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of March 2019 is Team #3: Helen Pagnotti, Marlene Zelno, Dorothy Zin-sky, and Cheryl Matuszewski.

Sunday Collection for March 9 & 10, 2019: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for March 23 & 24, 2019

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Muchisky -- Brett Lowe	Bill Vervan
9:00 am	Brennin Marcinko -- Cole Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Tyler Muchisky -- Jordan Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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You are Forgiven and Healed

In Capernaum Jesus is surrounded by great numbers of people. As He preaches to the crowd, four friends of a paralyzed man lower him on his mat through the roof so that he can be close enough for Jesus to see him and cure him. Jesus responds to this act of faith, not by healing the man immediately, but by touching off the first of a series of controversial dialogues with the Scribes and Pharisees. When Jesus says, "Child, your sins are forgiven," He is as much as saying, "It is God whom you approach." In the Old Testament, only God is capable of forgiving sins; and it was expected that He would do so only at the end of time. It becomes clear why the Scribes murmur "he is blaspheming" and why Jesus brings it all out in the open. His claim to be able to forgive sins better reveals His identity as Son of God than do the miracles He performs.

Aware of the silent censure His forgiving word has caused in the crowd, Jesus proceeds to prove that "the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth" by commanding the man to rise and walk in the sight of everyone. In concluding this miracle, Mark asks his readers to praise God for His presence in their midst as the forgiver-healer, just as the crowd did, even in the face of those who did not believe.

It is significant that Mark has chosen to present this miracle and teaching about Jesus' power to forgive sins so early in his Gospel drama. It shows that the need for the experience of God's forgiveness was as important to first-century Christians as it is today. Mark's readers praise God for saying clearly, and even today, "My sons, my daughters, I absolve you from your sins."