

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Sunday of the Holy Cross

March 24, 2019: 3rd Sunday of the Great Fast

Epistle: Heb. 4:14 - 5:6

Gospel: Mk. 8:34 - 9:1

Mon., March 25	Annunciation of the Mother of God 9:00 + Marie Spryn & Stracka (John Spryn) 7:00 pm + Msgr. Stephen Hrynuck (Kushner Family)
Tues., March 26	8:00 + Mary & Harry Farneti (Leo Danylak)
Wed., March 27	6:30 Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
Thurs., March 28	8:00 + Jenny Mitchko (Lenny Mitchko)
Fri., March 29	6:30 Lenten Services
Sat., March 30	No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Gloria Hughes (Carmel Dolan)
Sun., March 31	9:00 For Our Parishioners 11:30 + Fred Jacobs; + Deborah Altier; Kimberly Mellow (Family) 3:00 Sorokousty

Meditation for the Third Sunday of the Great Fast

Daily we are bombarded with messages which reveal the steadfast rivalry between various political and social groups. Each contends that they are acting in the interests of all in society. Panels of media “experts” debate the merits of what people in power say and do. Yet, there is a reluctance to surrender to some common ground. Where is the gift of sacrifice in the interests of the other, the

common good? St. Paul, in his Epistle to the Philippians, exhorts us to “do nothing out of selfishness or out of vainglory; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves, each looking out not for his own interests, but also everyone for those of others. Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 2:3-5).

The veneration of the Holy Cross on the third Sunday of Great Fast reminds us of Jesus' sacrifice on the cross for you and for me. Jesus died voluntarily for our salvation. As you venerate the Holy Cross, resolve to live with greater humility. Let go of

rigid attitudes and perceptions. Resolve to show greater understanding for the benefit of the common good. Participate in the special Lenten services, being a part of a community of faith. A Blessed Journey in Great Fast!

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 dur-

ing 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 regula-

tions 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.

Its Cold Outside...

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

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

call Father Nestor to make arrangements.

There is now be a Coffee Hour after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy in the Little Hall. Hope to see you there.

Congratulations...

Congratulations to **Mariano Almodovar**, along with his parents Jay and Alyss, on the occasion of his initiation into the flock of Jesus Christ. Mariano received the Holy Mysteries of Initia-

tion during the 11:30 Divine Liturgy. We welcome you into our Parish Community and pray that God may grant you many happy and blessed years! Mnohaya Leeta!

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 approxi-

mately 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).

The Soup Ladies Are at it Again

The Soup Ladies are at it again. This time it's **VEGETARIAN VEGETABLE** that's simmering....a hearty vegetable soup for \$8.00 per quart.....available by order after Divine Liturgy Saturday, March 30 and Sunday, March 31. (Arrangements can be made for Friday pickup.) You can

place your order by filling out the form at the back of the church....or, by calling either Jule at 570-489-2931 or Mary Ann at 570-489-4648. **ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 AT 1:00 P.M.**

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 Main Avenue, Scranton.

Pussy-Willow Watch

Flowery (Palm Sunday) is just three weeks 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.

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, 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 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

Supporting St. Cyril's Parish Financially in 2019 and in the Future!

Just a reminder, all those who have no envelopes, to get and use them regularly. Those who pay ONLY their annual dues, but do not have and do not use envelopes, are not truly supporting the Parish financially as they should. Long gone are the days, when \$1.00 in the Church envelope per week, (\$52.00 per year) was adequate. Times have changed, and we know there are Parishioners on limited income. But for the others, this is 2019 and for the welfare of our church, you need to coop-

erate in this respect so that we will be able to proceed with necessary repairs and expenses without any assessments. The average collection per week is approximately \$2,300.00 or \$119,600.00 per year. WE do have big expenses: gas, water, electricity, insurance, labor etc.... the cost of everything in the home has risen; so therefore the Church is no exception. This is our Church that we are all so proud of, and we need your additional support, financially.

Clean-up and Boxing Up Items from the Rummage Sale

We have been successful with our Rummage Sales and "Pay it Forward". There are still items in the gym that need to be boxed up and donated. On Tuesday, March

25 and Wednesday March 26th, starting at 10:00 a.m.-noon., volunteers are needed. Please help!!!! Any questions, contact Father Nestor or Lauren Telep

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 wear-

able. 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!

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 16 & 17, 2019: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for March 30 & 31, 2019

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

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The Cross, Our Victory

Have you seen the wonderful victory? Have you seen the splendid deeds of the Cross? ... Who can tell the Lord's mighty deeds? By death we were made immortal: these are the glorious deeds of the Cross.

Have you understood the victory? Have you grasped how it was wrought? Learn now, how this victory was gained without any sweat or toil of ours. No weapons of ours were stained with blood; our feet did not stand in the front line of battle; we suffered no wounds; witnessed no tumults; and yet we obtained the victory.

The battle was the Lord's, the crown is ours. Since then victory is ours, let us imitate the soldiers, and with joyful voices sing the songs of victory.

Let us praise the Lord and say, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?"

The Cross did all these wonderful things for us: the Cross is a war memorial erected against the demons, a sword against sin, the sword with which Christ slew the serpent.

The Cross is the Father's will, the glory of the Only-begotten, the Spirit's exultation, the beauty of the angels, the guardian of the Church. Paul glories in the Cross; it is the rampart of the saints, it is the light of the whole world.

St. John Chrysostom