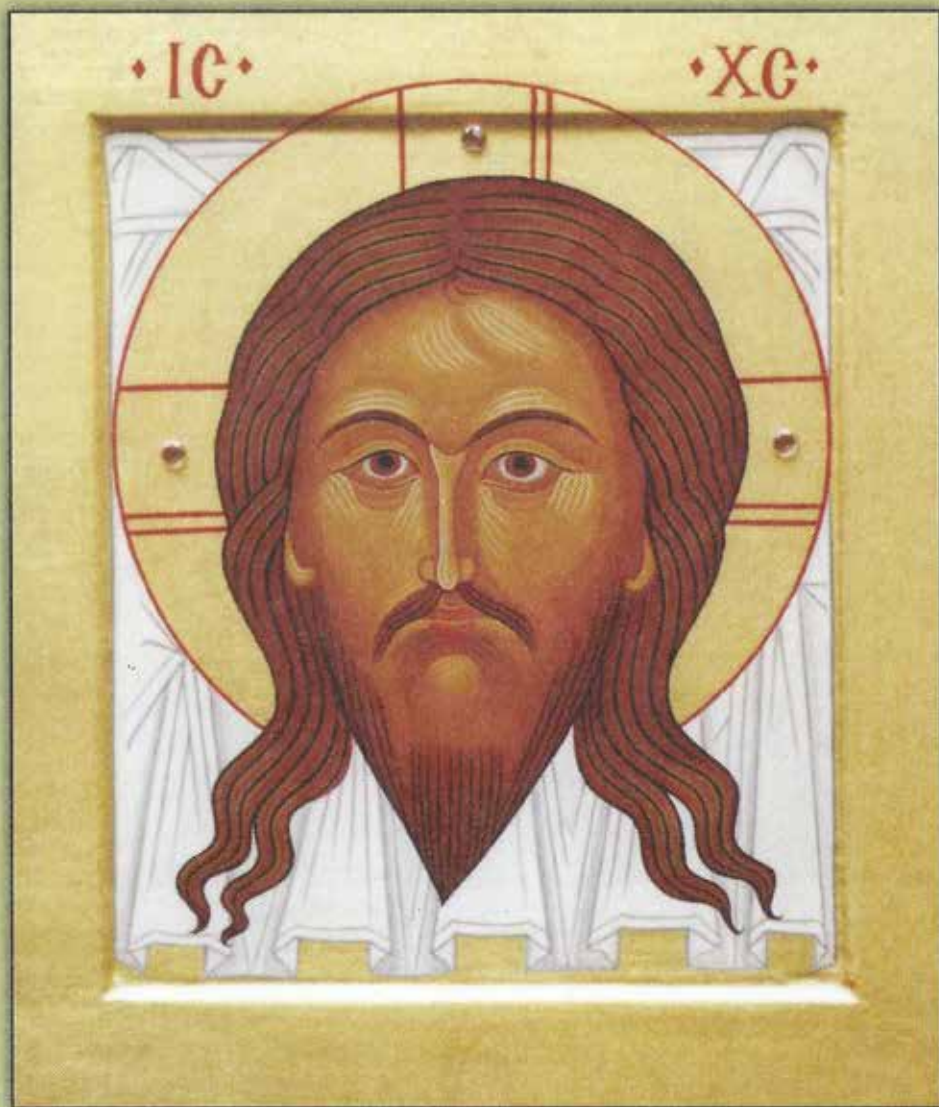


SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE



Icon of the Holy Napkin

February 23, 2020: Sunday of Cheese Fare

Epistle: Rom. 13:11 - 14:4

Gospel: Mt. 6: 14-21

Mon., Feb. 24	8:00 + Daniel & Olga E. Telep (Lauren Telep)
Tues., Feb. 25	8:00 + Gloria Smetana (Legate)
Wed., Feb. 26	6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy
Thurs. Feb. 27	No Divine Liturgy Today.
Fri., Feb. 28	6:30 pm Stations of the Cross
Sat., Feb. 29	No Morning Divine Liturgy 10:30 Confessions 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Douglas Kanuik (Marion Kanuik)
Sun., March 1	9:00 + Dora & John Withka (Niece Mickey Klapatch) 11:30 For Our Parishioners 3:00 pm Sorokousty

THE FORGIVENESS SERVICE

Priest: My brothers and sisters, at this time let us try to remember all of our sins which we have committed throughout the course of our life, and with which we have offended God.

All: Lord, we have sinned against You in thought, word and action. We have been wrong and we have done wrong. Forgive us.

Priest: Let us try to remember if we harbor any ill-feelings towards God for anything that happened in our

life.

All: Lord, help us to accept your will in our lives, to try to understand your ways, and not to feel angry with You or blame You for anything that might happen to us or go wrong for us in our lives.

Priest: Let us try to remember all of those people who have offended us, hurt us, angered us; all those people against whom, for whatever reason, we bear grudges, feel hatred, and whom we find hard to forgive.

All: From the bottom of my heart, I truly and sincerely forgive those who hate me, who have offended or hurt me, and against whom I carry a grudge or nourish ill-feelings.

Priest: Let us try to remember all of those people whom we ourselves have hurt or offended, knowingly or unknowingly, in word or in deed; and all those whom we, for whatever reason, hate and who bear grudges against us.

All: From the bottom of my heart, I truly and sincerely ask forgiveness and pardon of all those whom I hate, whom I have offended and hurt, and who hold a grudge against me because of this.

Priest: My brothers and sisters, if I have sinned against you, hurt you, or

offended you in thought, word or action, knowingly or unknowingly, in any possible way, please forgive me, a sinner, and pray to God for me.

All: May God Himself forgive you and pardon your sins and transgressions, and we also forgive and pardon you. Father, bless us and forgive us our sins and offenses and transgressions, committed voluntarily or perhaps unwittingly, against you.

Priest: May the Lord God, through His grace and loving kindness, forgive you. And I also pardon and forgive you. And now, let us ask forgiveness of one another by saying: Forgive me my brother/sister. And let the other answer: May God forgive you, and I also forgive you.

A HAPPY LENT.

Have you ever done something nice for a friend? Well, of course you have! Maybe you picked out a present for him or her, or sent a card, or helped your friend with something. But did you grumble about it? Did you complain? Probably not. When we do something for a friend, we are happy. We want to help, don't we?

In today's Gospel reading, we hear about how we should act when

we fast. That's because tomorrow we start Great Lent, the time when we get ready for Easter, for Pascha! We get ready by eating not-so-fancy foods, by helping the poor more, by going to church more, by forgiving others, and helping people who need our help. Sometimes people might complain about Lent. YOU might even start to complain. You won't get to have a big ice cream sundae when you want it.

You might not get to watch a TV show you wanted to watch, because your family is off to church. Or you might miss out on something else you want.

But always remember, when we do these things, we are remembering a friend, our Lord, Jesus Christ. And

when we remember Him, we are happy too. Let's see if we can go through Great Lent without complaining about it. Instead, we can remember why we're doing it! Can you have a happy Lent?

DEANERY FORGIVENESS VESPERS IN BERWICK

Everyone is invited to participate in our Deanery Vespers on the Eve of the First Day of the Great Fast. This service will take place on Sunday,

February 23rd, 3 pm at Ss. Cyril and Methodius Parish, N. Warren St in Berwick, PA.

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.

PIGGIE /HOLUBTSI DINNER

“Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Wilkes-Barre will hold a take-out Piggie / Holubtsi Dinner on Sunday, February 23rd, 2020. 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. Dinner includes Piggies (meat stuffed cabbage), mashed potatoes, vegetable, bread and butter and dessert. Dinners will be \$12.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children (12 and under). Walk-Ins Welcome but Reservations are encouraged, call (570)829-3051.”

POTATO PANCAKE AND HALUSHKI SALE

St. Michael’s Byzantine Catholic Church, 205 N. Main St , Pittston, PA. is having a Potato Pancake & Halushki Sale on Wednesday, February 26th from 4 to 6 pm. Orders must be over 6 pancakes. They

are \$1.25 each and the Halushki are \$6.00 per quart. Call Linda at 570-905-7387 with your order. Pick up at the back of the Church.

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 1, 15, & 22, 2020, 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).

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Eureka Hose Co. No. 4 will host the 51st Annual “All You Can Eat” Spaghetti Dinner at the Fire Station 717 East Grant St. Olyphant on Saturday March 7th. Take Out Dinners will be from

3:00 pm to 5:00 pm with Sit Down Dinners from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Dinners will include Salad, Pasta and Meatballs, bread and butter, Dessert and Beverage. Donation is \$10.00.

FISH DINNER FUND-RAISER FOR ST. CYRIL'S

St. Cyril's 8th Annual "Baked Haddock Fish Dinner" will be on Friday, April 3, 2020, held at the Regal Room, 213 Lackawanna Ave. Olyphant. (Enter the Ballroom/side entrance) Time: 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. You can Sit Down (be served) or Take it Out.

Pre-sold tickets are \$13.00 each

and include baked haddock, vegetable, potato, roll, and dessert. The deadline for tickets is Monday, March 30, 2020. There will a limited amount of tickets sold at the door at \$15.00 per ticket.

For reservations call Sandra at 570-383-9487. Tickets will also be sold in the Church vestibule in March.

HOLY THURSDAY SERVICES WITH THE ARCHBISHOP

All Parishioners are invited to the Holy Thursday Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great and Washing of the Feet, which will be celebrated at the Cathedral of the

Immaculate Conception on Thursday, April 9, at 10:30 am. His Grace, Archbishop Borys Gudziak, will be the main celebrant and will celebrate the ritual of washing the feet.

2020 L.U.C. LENTEN RETREAT

The League of Ukrainian Catholics of America has sponsored and held their Annual Lenten Retreat at Sloatsburg's St. Mary's Villa Educational and Retreat Center the week-end before Palm Sunday for 42 years, providing all faithful attending the opportunity to spend time in prayer and to have the chance to satisfy their Easter confession obligations.

This year's Lenten Retreat might be the last retreat held at The Villa as the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate are selling this property.

For the past forty-two years we have been so fortunate to be able to come on Retreat to Sloatsburg's St. Mary's; have been

fortunate to enjoy the quiet and comfort of St. Mary's, away from our everyday cares and chores to leave all behind and spend a few days in prayer and in friendship.

We have been blessed with the many graces received while on retreat and are thankful for the many clergy who have given their time to enrich our spiritual life year after year.

For this year celebrating our Retreat at St. Mary's, Msgr. Martin Canavan has accepted the position of Retreat Director. The theme for this year's retreat is "Standing at the Cross with the Mother of God". As we come to the close of the Great Lent and the beginning of the Great and Holy Week, we

pause, gathered together in Jesus' name to reflect on Mary's (the first disciple) place at the Cross. In the light of her "Let it be done to me according to your word" at the Annunciation for Jesus's word from the Cross, "It is accomplished!" we attempt to better understand our place in the Love

and Mercy of God poured out on us each and every day.

The dates for year's retreat are March 27, 28 and 29th. The Lenten Retreat is scheduled for beginning Friday evening at 7:30 pm. The retreat is open to all faithful of all Eparchies.

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 16, 2020. The itinerary includes the 44th Annual Ukrainian Street Festival sponsored by New York's St. George Ukrainian Greek Catholic parish and the 14th Annual Multi-Ethnic Parade and Dance Festival both on the Lower East Side plus a ride on the Staten Island Ferry. Participants are free to do their own thing in the City 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 8:00 am and at Scranton's St. Vladimir Church, 428 North Seventh Avenue at 8:45 am. Departure for home will be at 8:00 pm. 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 Dorothy at 570 822-5354. 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 2020 is Team #2:

Eugene Zinsky, John Turko, Jr. Leonard Mitchko, and Michael Shumek.

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for February 29 & March 1, 2020

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Borowski -- Alex Nick	John Sakson
9:00 am	Patrick Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Nicholas Muchisky -- Tyler Muchisky	Frank Lesnefsky

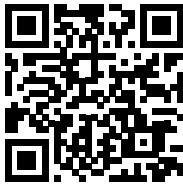
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Forgiveness Sunday

A wise old monk once said, "There are two parts of the Gospel. The first part is the believing part, and the second part is the behaving part." The Gospel readings over the past few Sundays were intended to prepare us for our journey through the Great Fast and to challenge us, if necessary, to adjust our behavior accordingly.

First, the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee reminds us of the need for true humility in confessing our sins before God and honestly admitting them to ourselves. Next, the Sunday of the Prodigal Son reminds us of God's abundant mercy and constant willingness to forgive. On the Sunday of Meatfare, we hear the Gospel reading about the final judgment and are reminded that there will come a time in each of our lives when we will be held accountable for every thought, word and deed.

Today, on the Sunday of Cheesefare, we are reminded that we must pass on forgiveness to others as we wish God to forgive us. The Gospel reading tells us clearly, "if you forgive the faults of others, your Heavenly Father will forgive yours; but, if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive you." (Matthew 6:14)

Let us, therefore, make every deliberate effort to be humble, merciful and forgiving during the forty days of the Great Fast because "now is the season for repentance. Let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light." (Stichera from Vespers of Forgiveness)

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