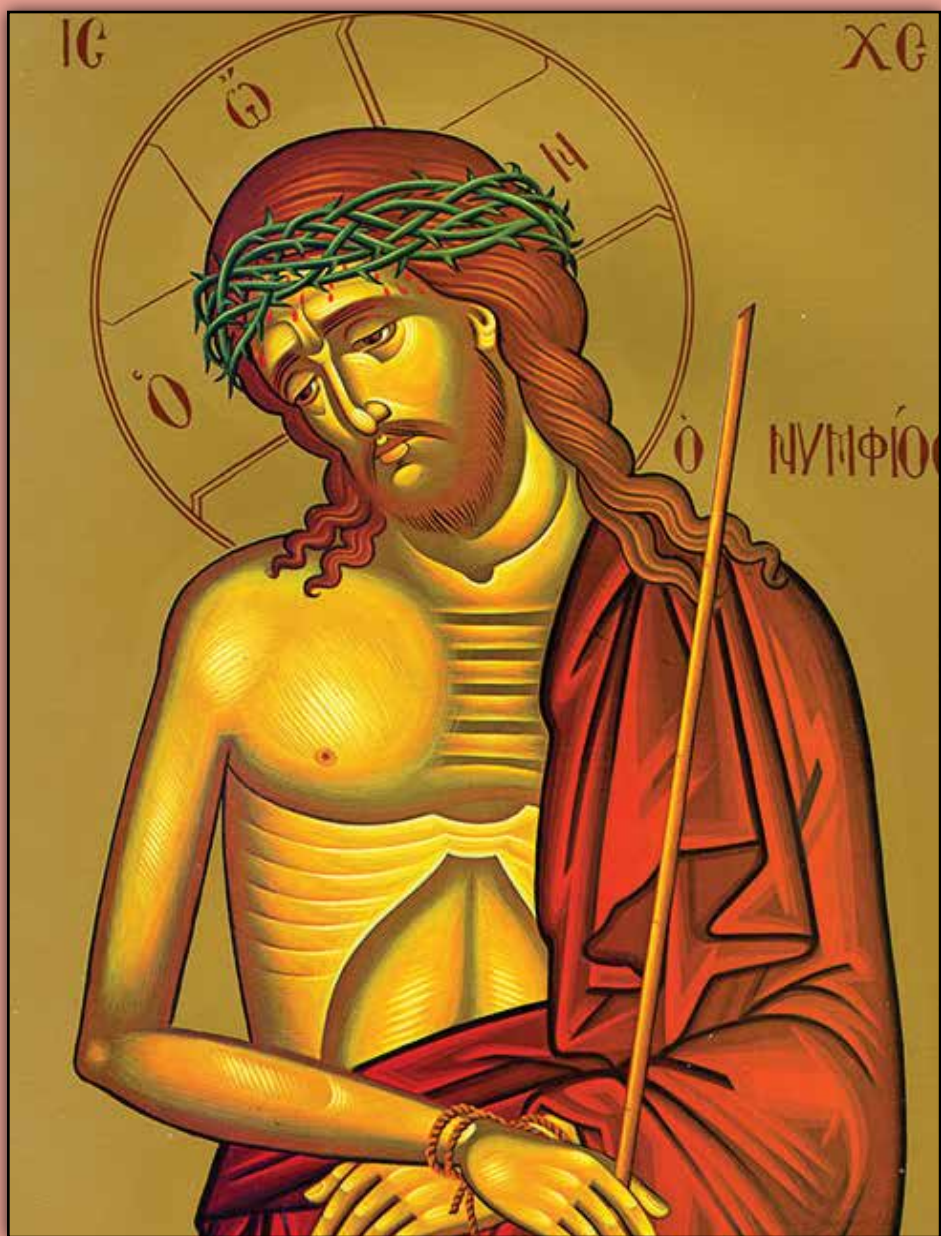


## SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE



*Icon of Christ the Bridegroom*

<b>February 27, 2022: Sunday of Cheese-Fare</b>		
Epistle: Rom. 13:11 - 14:4		Gospel: Mt. 6: 14-21
<b>Mon., Feb. 28</b>	9:00	+ Frank (Carol)
<b>Tues., March 1</b>	9:00	+ Christine Danylak (Leo Danylak)
<b>Wed., March 2</b>	6:00	Stations
<b>Thurs., March 3</b>	9:00	+ Amanda Danylak (Shirley Romanovitch)
<b>Fri., March 4</b>	6:00	Presanctified Liturgy
<b>Sat., March 5</b>	<b>No Morning Divine Liturgy.</b> 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + John Yeck Sr. (Bob & Joan Yeck)	
<b>Sun., March 6</b>	10:30	For Our Parishioners; 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.

## IDENTITY - PART 3

In part 2, we mentioned that The Priest anointed three parts of our body; forehead, breast, and shoulders. In that ritual, he also anoints three other parts of our body. He anoints our ears that we may serve in listening to the teachings of the Faith and in accepting the words of the Divine Gospel.

The Priest then anoints the palm of our hands so that we may raise up our hands in innocence to heaven; that we may do the right thing at all times; and that we may bless the Lord.

The Priest lastly anoints our feet that we may walk in the ways of the commandments of Christ.

In that beautiful and meaningful rite of anointing, we see that our whole being is anointed, is set aside to give witness to Jesus Christ, to be a prophet. We can truly say that we are a baptized prophet.

*by Fr. Walter J. Wysochansky  
Part 3 of 5*

## 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?

## **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, 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.

## **CHANGE IN TIME FOR THE DIVINE LITURGY ON SUNDAYS**

As of March 1, 2022, I will be assigned a second Parish: Ss. Peter and Paul Church in Simpson, PA. In order for me to be able to accomodate both Parishes, it is necessary to adjust the time of the Divine Liturgy in Olyphant. **AS OF SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2020 THE**

**DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE AT 10:30 INSTEAD OF 10:00 AM.** This change is necessary to ensure coverage of all Parishes due to the current clergy shortage. Please continue to pray for vocations.

## **WHY DO WE LIGHT CANDLES IN OUR CHURCH?**

We Christians don't just pray with our lips. We pray with all of our senses, sight, hearing, touch, smell, taste, to even include that sixth and often neglected sense, the nous which is sometimes called the eye of the soul. Candles are just one small part of that. Upon entering the church it is customary to light candles and offer prayers for one's personal needs or that of a family member or friend. Candles are lit before

icons as a sign of one's faith and hope in God's help that is always sent to all who turn to Him and His Saints with faith and prayers. In practice, when lighting a candle in Church the faithful usually make a small offering to the Church. By lighting a candle and offering a prayer, one enters into closer contact with the Church and her ministry to the faithful, invisibly warming the soul by the visible light of the candle.

## **DID YOU KNOW - FOUR LITURGIES**

There are four different liturgies in the Eastern Catholic Church:

- The Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom which is the most common liturgy celebrated on Sundays and weekdays.

- The Liturgy of St. Basil the Great which is celebrated only ten times a year, mainly during the Sundays of Lent. St. Basil's liturgy is very much like that of St. John Chrysostom with

the exception of the prayers offered privately by the priest. These are much longer.

- The Liturgy of St. James, the brother of the Lord, which is celebrated only once a year on the Feast Day of St. James, October 23, and only in certain places such as Jerusalem.
- The Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts which is used only on Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent. It is called pre-sanctified because no consecration

takes place. The communion elements distributed are reserved from the Eucharist of the previous Sunday. Thus, the Pre-Sanctified is not a Eucharistic liturgy but rather an evening Vesper Service that includes the distribution of pre consecrated elements of Holy Communion. Its purpose is to offer its more frequent opportunity during Lent to receive Holy Communion.

## **EWTN TO AIR TO BELIEVE**

EWTN is scheduled to air a program about Ukraine and the persecution of Catholics in Ukraine. It is called “To Believe” and will air on EWTN this Saturday & Sunday Feb. 26th and 27th

at 10 p.m. eastern. (Both days @ 10) and Tuesday, March 1st @ 3:00 a.m. Many people have forgotten, or have never been told what the people have had to go through & are still going through.

## **LENTEN FOOD SALE**

This year’s menu has some additional delicious options: pizza from Roseanna’s and pierogy from Little Spuds. Soups prepared by the chef of Bistro on the Hudson restaurant. BellaRose Food Truck will be offering several menu items. The flyer is attached to the bulletin. Due to the prohibitive

cost of postage, we will not be mailing the flyers, but are asking everyone to help distribute them. Please take some flyers to give to neighbors, take some to your workplace, your beautician’s shop, dentist’s/doctor’s office, etc. With everyone’s help, we can make this a very successful fundraiser.

## **UKRAINIAN PYSANKY CLASSES**

Ss. Cyril’s and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, PA will

be continuing with the tradition of making Ukrainian Pysanky in time for

Easter 2022. Classes will be held at St. Cyril's Parish Hall at 207 River Street, Olyphant with free parking. The beginner's classes will be taught by Tammy Budnovitch (for over 10 years at St. Cyril's) on Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, March 27<sup>th</sup> starting from

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

All supplies and eggs will be included at the cost of \$25.00 per person per class. Classes are limited in size! Mask are optional. Contact Tammy Budnovitch at 570-766-1919. Please, leave a message.

## **ANNUAL SPAGHETTI DINNER**

The Annual Spaghetti Dinner sponsored by Eureka Hose Company No. 4 will be held Saturday March 5th at the Fire Station, 717 East Grant St., Olyphant. The Dinner will consist of pasta, meatballs, salad, dessert, bread and butter. As of now the Dinner will be

take out only due to Covid-19. Dinner will be served from 3:00 to 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$10.00 and can be obtained from any member or at the door the day of the Event. Proceeds will help offset expenses and firefighting equipment.

## **ST. JOSEPH DAY BREAKFAST**

The Women's Society of St. Joseph Melkite Catholic Church on North St. Frances Cabrini Avenue, West Scranton, is sponsoring its annual Takeout St. Joseph Day Breakfast, Sunday, March 20, 2022. Our abundant meal includes Eggs, scratch pancakes, Home Fries, Olives, HoneyBaked Ham & Breads. 9am-1pm. Adults\$10.00 and

children age 6-10 \$6.00. Our fragrant St. Joseph Bread available in two loaf packages for \$5 until sold out. Tickets at the door. Pre-order preferred 570-468-0529, rectory 570-343-6092 or melkite.scranton@gmail.com. More info on facebook or melkitescranton.org.

## **COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...**

The Collection Processing Team for the month of February 2022 is Team #2: Eugene Zinsky, John Turko,

Jr., Leonard Mitchko, and Michael Shumek.

**Sunday Collection for Feb. 19 & 20, 2022: \$**



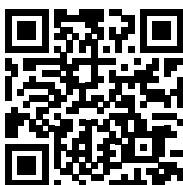
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### ***“As long as they have the bridegroom with them they cannot fast.” (Mark 2:19)***

This evening, Forgiveness Vespers begins the Great Fast. Texts from the propers of Vespers include the following:

Entering into the arena of the Holy Fast, let us make every effort to humble our flesh by abstinence; in prayer and with tears let us seek the Lord our Savior, and, that we might turn away from our evil deeds, let us say to Him: we have sinned against You, O Christ our King, save us as You saved the Ninevites of old, and in Your goodness, grant us a share in the kingdom of heaven.

When I see my deeds that deserve such punishment, I am without hope, O Lord; for I have disobeyed Your holy commandments, and I have led a foolish

life. Therefore, I beseech You: purify me in the waters of repentance by fasting and prayer, O Savior, full of goodness; do not reject me, O Benefactor of the Universe.

Let us begin the time of this bright fast, giving ourselves over to spiritual struggle. Let us sanctify our soul and purify our flesh. Let us not fast only from food; let us also abstain from every passion and cultivate spiritual virtues. And let us faithfully preserve in this, so that we may be worthy to see the holy passion of Christ our God and the joy of His holy Resurrection.

*Text from the Lenten Triodion,  
Sisters of Saint Basil, Uniontown, PA.*