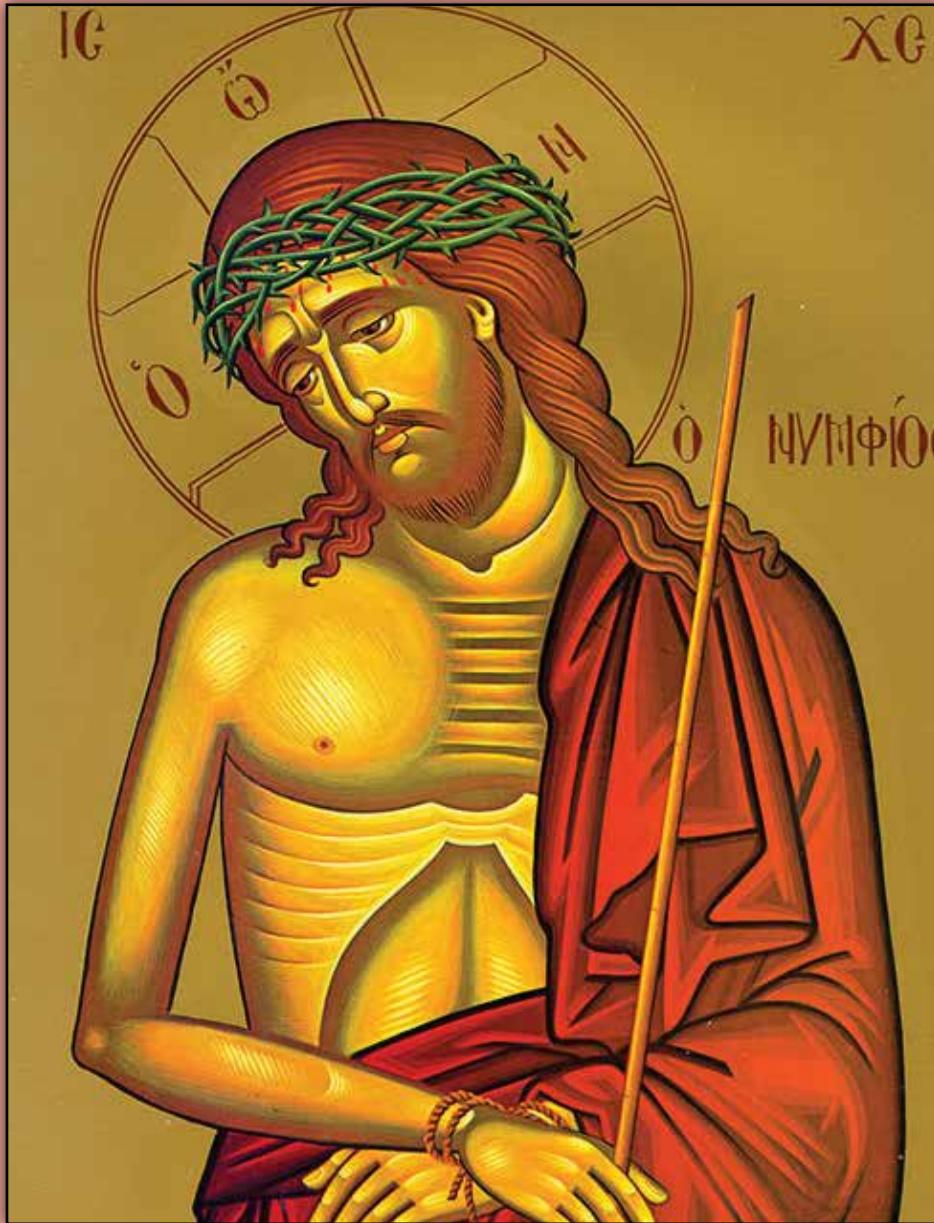


SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE



Icon of Christ the Bridegroom

February 15, 2026: Sunday of Cheese Fare

Epistle: Rom. 13:11 - 14:4

Gospel: Mt. 6: 14-21

This Weekend 4:00 pm + Gene Turko, Jr. (John & Mary Ann Turko)
10:30 For Our Parishioners

Mon., Feb. 16 9:00 + Jacob, Ann & Karen Jablonski (Gloria Jablonski)

Tues., Feb. 17 9:00 + Mary Lil Hayslett (Daughter. Lorie)

Wed., Feb. 18 6:00 pm Stations; Sorokousty

Thurs., Feb. 19 **No Services Today**

Fri., Feb. 20 6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy

Sat., Feb. 21 **No Morning Divine Liturgy**

2:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm + George Danylak (Kushner Family)

Sun., February 22 10:30 For Our Parishioners

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 unknow-

ingly, 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.

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. Families are especially urged to pray together in the mornings and evenings.

SOROKOUSTY MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Great Fast begins tomorrow. As in the past, we will honor the memory of our beloved deceased with Sorokousty Memorial Services. This is the service where Fr. Nestor reads aloud the Family names of the deceased. If you would like your deceased family

members commemorated during these services, please submit your envelope with the names clearly listed. Envelopes are included in your packet of donation envelopes. Please clearly PRINT the first names of the deceased on the front.

DID YOU KNOW - FOUR LITURGIES

Did you know that 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, 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 preconsecrated elements of Holy Communion. Its purpose is to offer its more frequent opportunity during Lent to receive Holy Communion.

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?

BLESSED CANDLES

Decorative candles were blessed on the Feast of the Encounter of Our Lord with Simeon and Anna. These

candles are available for a donation of \$15. They make a wonderful gift or you can use them for the Easter

Basket blessing. Supplies are limited, so be sure to get yours soon.

ON WINTER CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Winter sometimes brings stormy weather. We kindly ask our parishioners to use good judgment and common sense by not driving when conditions are dangerous. As weather varies from place to place, it may be that services will be held as scheduled, despite the fact that conditions in your area are difficult. Please prioritize your safety and that of others by assessing the situation before venturing out.

Also, wintertime is cold and flu

season. If you are truly sick, please stay home. Refrain from attending services to avoid the risk of infecting your fellow parishioners with your illness. Rest assured, God will understand your need to take care of your health and the well-being of the community.

We appreciate your cooperation and understanding in these matters. Let us all do our part to ensure a safe and healthy winter season.

BINGO AT THE MANOR ON MAIN

We're excited to announce that our Parish Cash Bingo is happening this Sunday at the Manor on Main. Doors open at 12 noon and Bingo begins at 1 pm. Come play for a chance to win or lend a hand by volunteering—your support makes all the difference! All are welcome,

and your participation helps support our Parish. Thank you, and we hope to see you there!

If anyone has any questions, please contact Jule at 570-357-6171, Michaelene at 570-209-2026 or Janet at 570-561-6460. Thank you all for your help and generosity!

COLLECTION FOR THE CHURCH IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

Our Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States participates in a Special Collection which supports

the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Communism in this region fell more than 30 years ago, but the

Church still struggles to rebuild after decades of oppressive rule. Under communism, religion and religious practices were openly persecuted, and atheism was actively propagated and enforced. Your support of this collection aids those affected by the war in Ukraine and

renews vital aspects of Church life throughout the region. You support Seminary programs, promote ministries and education for children and families, rebuild Churches, and renew community life. Please be generous and prayerfully consider how you can support this collection.

PYSANKY CLASSES

Learn the art of making Ukrainian Easter Eggs. Classes are February 22nd and March 1st, with two times to choose from: 12:00 and 3:00. Fee of \$25 includes all sup-

plies. Location: St. Cyril's Parish Hall, 207 River Street, Olyphant. For reservations call: Tammy 570-766-1919. Class sizes are limited and fill up fast.

PORKETTA SALE

Eureka Hose Co. No. 4, 717 E. Grant St., Olyphant, is sponsoring a porketta sandwich sale on March 7th from noon to 5 pm at the fire station. Tickets, priced at \$7 for two sandwiches, may be purchased

from any member of the station, Mondays from 6 to 7 pm. Patrons are encouraged to purchase tickets prior to the sale to guarantee availability. Proceeds will be used for station and equipment upkeep.

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM

The Collection Processing Team for the month of February 2026 is Team #2: Eugene Zin-

sky, John Turko, Jr., and Michael Shumek.

Sunday Collection for February 7 & 8, 2026: \$

Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity.

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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.*