

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

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03 February 2013: Sunday of Meat Fare

Synaxis of the Holy Prophet Simeon and the Prophetess Anna.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Feb. 02 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil**
+Richard Spirko requested by Lisa & Chuck Cianciotti & Sons

Sun. Feb. 03 **10:30 AM: Sunday of Meat Fare: pro populo**

Sat. Feb. 09 **5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil**
+Helen Krynicky requested by Edmund & Mary Ann Davis

Sun. Feb. 10 **10:30 AM: Sunday of Cheesefare: pro populo**
4:00 PM: Forgiveness Vespers

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	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>		
Sat. Feb. 02	M. Mihalko	M. Hulyk	J. Snitzer, D. Mihalko		
Sun. Feb. 03	E. & R. Hess	J. Hess	D. Hess, G. Krynicky		
Sat. Feb. 09	M. Mihalko	D. Cholock	J. Kontir, R. Garber		
Sun. Feb. 10	D. Cianciotti	L. Cianciotti	W. Furwa, J. Overdorff		

Collection: 01/27/13: Adult \$440; Candles \$40; Student \$12; **Total: \$492.00.**

Forgiveness Vespers w/ Meager Meal will be served on **Sunday afternoon, 10 February** at **4:00pm**, followed by our first Lenten meal of bread and soup in the church basement. This service brings the period of pre-Lenten preparation to an end and at the same time, at the singing of the Great Prokeimenon, transitions us into the Great Fast. Vespers concludes with the **Rite of Mutual Forgiveness** and is the first service of Great Lent.

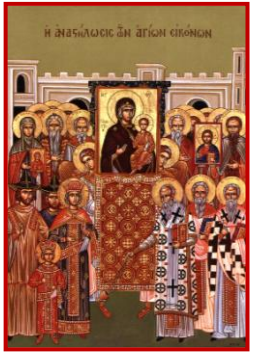
- Jesus began His public ministry by announcing to all who would listen: «**REPENT**, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand».
- Christ's first command to His disciples after His resurrection was to give them the authority to **FORGIVE** sins.

It is impossible to enter into the bright sadness of the Great Fast without first asking others to **forgive** us and in turn bestowing **forgiveness** on them!!! **All parishioners**, young and old, and especially all those who have a **public ministry** in the Church (ushers, readers, altar boys, ECF teachers and students,

youth group) should make a heartfelt effort to attend this beautiful liturgy. **Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex so we know how much food to prepare.**

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST ~ THE SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY, 17 FEBRUARY

marks the celebration of the victory of the **iconodules** (*servers of icons*) over the **iconoclasts** (*destroyers of icons*) by the decision of the **Seventh Ecumenical Council**. As Byzantine Catholics we commemorate the restoration of icons for use in our divine services and in our private devotional life at home. It is a devout custom in many of our Churches to bless new icons and to have a procession. This year I would like to invite **all parishioners regardless of age** (1) to bring to the Divine Liturgy any icons that they may have recently acquired in order to have them blessed; (2) to bring an icon of their **patron saint** or of the **Pokrov** to carry in procession around the church. All children especially are encouraged to take part in this beautiful and pious custom.



The meaning of the Great Fast:

The ardent **desire** of Zacchæus!

The great **humility** of the Publican!

The **self-awareness** of the Prodigal Son!

Love for the hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked, sick, prisoners!



~ **Announcements** ~

- **The First All Souls' Liturgy will be rescheduled at a future date.**
- **The 2012 Financial Report and the St. Mary Youth Group Financial Statement are available in the Narthex.**
- **Marriage in 2013?** Couples planning to enter into a Catholic marriage through the Mystery of Crowning this year must attend the two part Pre-Cana Program offered by the Archeparchy on **Saturday March 9th and 16th** at the Cathedral of Saint John the Baptist, 210 Greentree Road, in Munhall, PA. See Father for the registration form. **Please note that there are serious "consequences" incurred by Catholics who marry outside of the Catholic Church without proper dispensations!!! More details about this to come.**
- **FYI: The Archeparchy of Pittsburgh has a new web site!** Check it out for some interesting reading. <http://www.archpitt.org>.
- **Thank you** to **Dave Barlock, Ron Garber, Jane Matsko, and Sue Mihalko** for donating baked goods to our Friday Bingo.



- **A New Epistle Reader’s Short Course** A course for church readers will be conducted on three consecutive Saturdays – **February 9, 16, & 23** – at **St. Gregory Nazianzen Byzantine Catholic Church in Upper Saint Clair**. The program will cover the role of the church reader or lector; the use of the Scriptures in our church tradition; and the melodies & techniques used for singing of Epistles & Old Testament readings. **Classes begin at 10 AM and end at 3 PM; lunch and all materials are included in the \$15 course fee**, which can be paid at the door. Please let Father know if you are interested so that you can be registered in advance.

- **February Birthday Prayers and Wishes:** We wish the following parishioners many spiritual blessings on their birthday & many happy years! **Mnohaja L’ita !**

02—Ronald Dinsmore
 03—Eric Hess
 08—Mary Ann Davis
 10—Susan Vacha
 10—Michael Kakos
 13—Donna Fullman



18—Tina Osif
 21—Barbara Fignor
 21—Dolores Harhai
 27—Joan Boytim
 29—Allyson Dinsmore
 29—Lisa Cianciotti

