

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!
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Saturday 4 – 4:30 PM
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22 February 2015: Sunday of Orthodoxy

Memory of the Holy Prophets

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Feb. 21 17:00 + *Suffrages for Daniel Teminsky by wife Katherine*

Sun. Feb. 22 10:30 *pro populo Dei*

Wed. Feb. 25 19:00 + *Suffrages for Mary Miscik by J. H. Krynicky*

Sat. Feb. 28 09:30 **2nd All Souls' Saturday**
17:00 + *Suffrages for Michael Bankovich by Youth Group*

Sun. Mar. 01 10:30 *pro populo Dei: Mary Bibel, John Osif, Daniel Furwa*

Acolytes

Lectors

Ushers

Sat. Feb. 21	-----	M. Hulyk	J. Snitzer, R. Garber
Sun. Feb. 22	Ruggieri / Syphan	A. Syphan	R. Knouse, G. Krynicky
Sat. Feb. 28	-----	L. Knouse	R. Garber, D. Mihalko
Sun. Mar. 01	Hess brothers	T. Tomosky	R. Garber, R. Knouse

2 / 8 / 15 Adult: \$400.00 Eastern Churches: \$120 Candles: \$17.00

Collection: Student: \$9.00 **Total: \$546.00**

Attendance: Saturday: 9 Sunday: 40 **Total: 49 + No Visitors**

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THE HOLY AND GREAT FAST: The Great Fast is **our** penitential preparation for the Great Feast of Pascha – Passover. As such, it is one of the most ancient parts of the liturgical year, east and west. Its forty days *symbolize the forty years the Israelites wandered in the desert after their exodus from*

slavery in Egypt until their arrival at the Promised Land, while the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is the fulfillment of the promise of the manna given in the desert, as St. John wrote, «So Jesus said to them, ‘Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave bread from heaven; My Father gives you the true bread from heaven (Jn 6:32)’.» In the Great Fast, we imitate Jesus our Lord, Who fasted for forty days in the desert following His baptism in the Jordan by John. The Feast of Pascha was also one of

the key times of the church year for baptism, and so the Great Fast was time of preparation for baptism and chrismation and first Eucharist on Holy and



Great Saturday. **Our** observance of the Great Fast, therefore, is **our** renewal of our baptismal fervor.

From the Triodion: Let us offer a Fast acceptable to the Lord, for the true Fast is the estrangement from sin; no more idle chatter, no more wrath; no more evil desires, no insults; no more lying, no false oaths. If we abstain from all this, we shall keep a Fast that is indeed acceptable to the Lord.

It is an adornment, a pearl of great price, that the Church of Christ has received in the Holy icons of the Savior, the Theotokos, and all the saints. Raising them on high, she shines with splendor and brightness and puts down all heresies. In joy, she glorifies God, Who by His love for us, had deigned to freely suffer His Passion.

Let us begin this second week of the Fast in joy; O faithful, let us exert ourselves from day to day, as did the prophet Elijah the Tishbite. May the four principal virtues be our chariot of fire! Let us lift our spirit by turning away from the passions, and through purity, let us struggle against the flesh, so that we may resist and conquer the Enemy.

Come, let us purify ourselves by sharing with the poor, not sounding the trumpet for our almsgiving, nor making public our good deeds. May our left hand know not what our right hand does, lest vainglory rob us of our fruit! But in secret, let us say to Him Who knows all secrets: Forgive us our trespasses, Father, in Your goodness for mankind.

Abstaining from the passion of anger, let us delight in charity without pretense. Let us feed the poor who are hungry, thus filling ourselves with the grace of God. By our tears we shall alleviate the tears of the last judgment.

The Meaning and now the Praxis of the Great Fast:

The ardent **desire** of Zacchæus!

The great **humility** of the Publican!

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

Love for those in need, for the Church, for Sacred Scripture!

Forgiveness of others!

Next Sunday's Readings ~ 2nd Sunday of the Great Fast

Epistle, Hebrews 1:10 – 2:3 *Christ is Superior to Angels; The Great Salvation*

Gospel, Mark 2:1 – 12 *The Healing of a Paralytic*

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~ Announcements ~

- **ON ALL SUNDAYS DURING THE GREAT FAST** – *except for Palm Sunday* – we pray the Anaphora of Saint Basil the Great at the Divine Liturgy. We will also pray this prayer on Great and Holy Thursday and on Great and Holy Saturday.

- During the Great Fast a **special collection** is always taken up by our Archeparchy to aid our sister churches in need in Eastern Europe, which is even more critical in light of the current conflict in Ukraine. Please be generous in your giving. Use one of the special envelopes or one of the extras from the back of your box and label it «**Eastern Europe.**»



Спасибо большое!

- **ANNUAL EASTER HAM BINGO** will be held at St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church Social Hall, Greensburg, on **Sunday, 8 March from 13:00 – 16:00.** Admission is \$5 per person. Tickets may be purchased at the door. There will be a Chinese Auction, Food Basket raffles, 50/50 raffle. Various ethnic foods will be sold to eat while playing bingo. Grocery gift cards will be given *in lieu* of a ham. For additional information, call 724-832-8122 or 724-837-8299.



- **HOLIDAY KOLACHE SALE!** St Florian Church's semi-annual holiday Kolache Sale is underway. Advance orders are being taken for 15 inch, freshly baked apricot, nut, poppyseed, and prune rolls priced at \$12 each. Orders will be taken until 9 March; rolls will be available for pickup in the social hall, Friday, 20 March – Sunday, March 22. Call Phylis, 724-423-5233; Bobbi, 724 423-6619 or Juanita, 724-423-2455 to place your orders.