

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!
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26 February, 2012: First Sunday of the Great Fast *Sunday of Orthodoxy. Memory of the Holy Prophets.*

Our Holy Father Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza. The Holy Great Martyr, Photina the Samaritan.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat.	Feb.	25	5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil <i>+Virginia Barbus requested by Joe & Judy Pacek</i>
Sun.	Feb.	26	10:30 AM: First Sunday of the Great Fast: Sunday of Orthodoxy Memory of the Holy Prophets: For Our Parishioners
Wed.	Feb.	29	7:00 PM: Presanctified Liturgy <i>+Helen Krynicky requested by Rick Povlik</i>
Sat.	Mar.	03	9:00 AM: Second All Souls' Saturday 5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil <i>+Margaret & John Molchan requested by the Overdorff Family</i>
Sun.	Mar.	04	10:30 AM: Second Sunday of the Great Fast: For Our Parishioners

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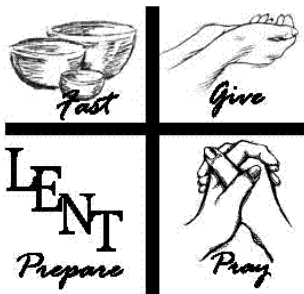
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		<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	
Sat.	Feb.	25	M. Mihalko	D. Cholock	J. Kontir, D. Mihalko
Sun.	Feb.	26	D. Cianciotti	L. Cianciotti	G. Krynicky, W. Furwa
Wed.	Feb.	29	Any Present	L. Knouse	-----
Sat.	Mar.	03	M. Mihalko	M. Hulyk	J. Snitzer, J. Overdorff
Sun.	Mar.	04	E. Hess	S. Vacha	D. Hess, R. Garber

Collection: 02/19/12: Adult \$ 892; Student \$ 4; Building Maintenance \$ 65; Candles \$ 40;
Total: \$ 1001



ST. AUGUSTINE ON FASTING: “Don’t believe that fasting suffices. Fasting punishes you, but it will not restore your brother! Your privations will be fruitful if you provide for the needs of another. Certainly you have deprived your body, but to whom did you give that of which you deprived yourself? What did you do with the things you denied yourself? How many poor people could be nourished by the meal which you did not take today?”



Let us keep an acceptable fast that will please the Lord. A true fast means estrangement from evils, abstinence from anger, control of the tongue, giving up the passions, insults, lies, and swearing. To be deprived of all of these is a true and acceptable fast.

I have committed every sort of sin. I am more lost than anyone. I would not have the tears to shed even if I wanted to repent. But if I continue to live indifferently I will be liable to punishment. But you, O God, who alone are good, set me aright and have mercy on me.

On this joyful day of the fast grant me showers of tears, O Lord. Let me feel compunction and wash away the filth of self-indulgence so that I may stand before you purified when you come from heaven to judge all mortals as the only just judge, O Lord.

Come, O faithful, let us eagerly take up the strong shield of the fast to deflect the enemy's evil scheme. Let us not be enticed by passionate pleasures nor fear the fire of temptations; for through them Christ who loves us all will reward us with crowns for our perseverance. Then let us pray with boldness; let us fall before him and cry out, begging peace for our souls and great mercy.

From my youth I have shown myself to be a zealous sinner. My mind has been scarred by the many evil habits in which I have lovingly persisted. Now I lament my ruinous delusions, my evil habits, and my folly, and the destruction of my soul. Do not despise me, O Lady, for I am being destroyed by evil. But by your protection take pity on me and save me from every outburst of passion so that at least in old age I may repent before God.

Stichera from Clean Monday
Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- **Many thanks** to Joanne H. Krynicky & Julie Gonofsky for donating cakes this past week to our bingo.
- **Special Thanks** to all the parishioners who contributed to Father Christopher Burke's memorial gift for his parents. \$610 was collected!
- **Pascha Basket Covers** are available through Lisa Heinack Astalos who runs a business called Hugs and Stitches. Raised in the Byzantine Catholic faith she remembers the ritual of Pascha Basket Blessing and wishes to help continue this beautiful tradition. Lisa personally embroiders each basket cover. See the poster for the various designs which may be created in English or Slavonic. You may order these covers by filling out an order form and mailing it or by going online to www.Hugsandstitchesonline.com. If you have questions, call Lisa at 724-331-9462.

- **TRAUGER VFW FISH FRY:** Fridays throughout the Lenten season from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm.



- **Gentle Reminder:** Given the unpredictability of winter weather, it is understandable that attendance may be down at any given Liturgy. Caution is urged when venturing out onto the snow-covered and icy roads. However, there is still a great need for your offertory envelopes to be turned in as soon as possible as our utility bills tend to come on time. Mailing your envelopes to the rectory is always an option if you know you will be absent from the Divine Liturgy.
- **Our parish and Trauger VFW** are jointly sponsoring a Penn State Extension of Westmorland County workshop entitled “***Cooking for Crowds***”. The two classes will be held at the Trauger VFD on Tuesday, 6 March and Wednesday, 7 March from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Participants are asked to attend BOTH sessions. The registration fee is \$11.00 per person and includes a food safety manual along with certificates of completion from both Penn State Extension and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. **Pre-registration is required**, the deadline for which is **Thursday, 1 March**. For more information and to register, please use the program brochure in the Narthex or contact Laurie Knouse.