

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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27 January 2013: Sunday of the Prodigal Son

Translation of the Relics of our Holy Father John Chrysostom.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Jan. 26 **9:30 AM: First All Souls' Saturday**
5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil
+Joseph Dropik requested by Sister Elizabeth & Theresa Shultz

Sun. Jan. 27 **10:30 AM: Sunday of the Prodigal Son: pro populo**

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**

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	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>		
Sat. Jan. 26 am	Any Present	S. Vacha	-----		
Sat. Jan. 26 pm	M. Mihalko	J. Kontir	J. Kontir, R. Garber		
Sun. Jan. 27	D. Cianciotti	B. Chirdon	C. & D. Cianciotti		
Sat. Feb. 02	M. Mihalko	M. Hulyk	J. Snitzer, D. Mihalko		
Sun. Feb. 03	E. & R. Hess	J. Hess	D. Hess, G. Krynicky		

Collection: Adult \$865; Candles \$52; Student \$19; Fuel \$330; Initial Offering \$17;
01/20/13: Total: \$1283.00.

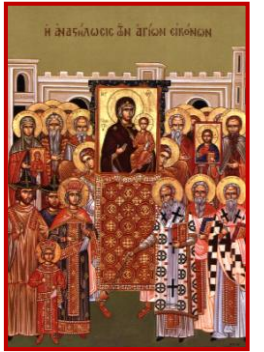
St. John Chrysostom: This great ecumenical teacher and hierarch died in the city of Comana in the year 407 on his way to a place of exile. He had been condemned by the intrigues of the Empress Eudoxia because of his daring denunciation of the vices ruling over Constantinople. The transfer of his venerable relics was made in the year 438, thirty years after the death of the saint during the reign of Eudoxia's son Emperor Theodosius II (408-450). St John Chrysostom had the warm love and deep respect of the people, and grief over his untimely death lived on in the hearts of Christians. Hearing a moving homily by a disciple of the saint, now Patriarch of Constantinople, the people of the City began to entreat the Patriarch to intercede with the emperor, so that the relics of St John might be brought back to Constantinople. The emperor, overwhelmed by St Proclus, gave his consent and gave the order to transfer the relics of St John. The coffin with the relics was placed in the Church of Holy Peace (Hagia Eirene). When Patriarch Proclus opened the coffin, the body of

Saint John was found to be incorrupt. The emperor approached the coffin with tears, asking forgiveness for his mother, who had banished St John. All day and night people did not leave his coffin. In the morning the coffin was brought to the Church of the Holy Apostles. Many of the sick were healed at his tomb. The celebration of the transfer of the relics of St John Chrysostom was established in the ninth century.

Forgiveness Vespers w/ Meager Meal ~ 10 FEBRUARY: This year Father would like to try something new to mark our entrance into the bright sadness of Great Lent: Vespers would be served at 4:00 in the afternoon followed by our first Lenten meal of bread and soup in the church basement. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex so we know how much food to prepare. Come as a family to mark this first step on the Lenten journey to the Resurrection on the third day.

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 the custom in many of our Churches to have a procession. This year I would like to invite **all parishioners regardless of age** to (1) bring to the Divine Liturgy any icons that you may have recently acquired to have them blessed. (2) bring an icon of your **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.



~ Announcements ~

- **The 2012 Parishioner Contribution Records are available in the Narthex along with the 2012 Financial Report and the St. Mary Youth Group Financial Statement.**



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.

- **"Just a Reminder"** Should Bingo be cancelled due to inclement weather, your group gets the week off. You do not work the next week. The crew that is scheduled works.
- **FYI: The Archeparchy of Pittsburgh has a new web site!** Check it out for some interesting reading. <http://www.archpitt.org>.

- **Thank you** to **James** and **Bob Knouse** for their fine efforts in keeping our parking lots cleared of ice and snow during these winter months.



- **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.
- **BCW REMINDER:** for those of you subscribing to the Byzantine Catholic World, it is time once again to renew your subscriptions. Please turn in your **\$12.00** remittance ASAP to the parish office, either cash or check made payable to “St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church.” Please inform us of any corrections that need to be made to the spelling of names and/or changes in address. If you do not presently subscribe to our archeparchy’s newspaper and wish to do so, follow the above directions.