

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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11 March, 2012: Third Sunday of the Great Fast ~ Veneration of the Holy Cross ~

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

- Sat. Mar. 10 **9:00 AM: Third All Souls' Saturday**
5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil
+Michael & Catherine Bodnar requested by Martin Osif Family
- Sun. Mar. 11 **10:30 AM: Third Sunday of the Great Fast: Veneration of the Cross:**
For Our Parishioners
- Wed. Mar. 14 **7:00 PM: Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**
+Virginia Barbus requested by Ellen & Don Diguglieimo
- Sat. Mar. 17 **10:30 AM: Fourth All Soul's Saturday**
5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil
+John Rusinko requested by Tony Giacobbi
- Sun. Mar. 18 **10:30 AM: Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast: Memory of Our Holy**
Father John Climacus: For Our Parishioners

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Acolytes

Readers

Ushers

Sat. Mar. 10	M. Mihalko	L. Knouse	J. Kontir, D. Mihalko
Sun. Mar. 11	D. Cianciotti	B. Chirdon	D. & C. Cianciotti
Wed. Mar. 14	Any Present	D. Cholock	-----
Sat. Mar. 17	M. Mihalko	J. Kontir	J. Snitzer, R. Garber
Sun. Mar. 18	E. Hess	J. Hess	J. & B. Knouse

Collection: 03/04/12: Adult \$938; Student \$4; Candles \$42; Lenten \$20; Fuel \$20;
Total: \$1024



Mid-Lent: The Holy Cross. At Matins / Orthros the Cross is brought in solemn procession to the center of the Temple and remains there on the Tetrapod for the entire week. It is noteworthy that the theme of the Cross that dominates the hymns of this Sunday is developed in terms not of suffering but of **VICTORY** and **JOY**. More than that, the theme-songs (*hirmoi*) of the Sunday Canon are taken from the Paschal Service – “The Day of the Resurrection” – and the Canon is a paraphrase of the Easter Canon of Saint John of Damascus.

Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

~~Fourth Week of the Great Fast~~



On Wednesday we pass the mid-point of the Great Fast. During this week we venerate the Cross, which stands at the center of our salvation. During this week, we begin to say the exorcisms for those catechumens preparing for baptism at Pascha. On Wednesday, at the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, we begin to say the Litany for those about to be enlightened.

Kontakion, Tone 7: No longer does the flaming sword guard the gates of Eden; for the tree of the cross has come to quench it wondrously. The sting of death and the victory of Hades have been driven out. For you, O my Savior, stood and called out to those in Hades: Enter again into paradise.



According to the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches promulgated by Pope John Paul II in 1990, Title XVI – Divine worship and especially the sacraments, Chapter IV: **The Sacrament of Penance**, the following is enjoined upon Eastern Catholics:

Can. 719 – Any one who is aware of serious sin is to receive the sacrament of penance as soon as possible; **it is strongly recommended to all the Christian faithful that they receive this sacrament frequently especially during the times of fast and penance observed in their own Church sui iuris.**

For us of the Byzantine Metropolitan Church *sui iuris* of Pittsburgh, the norms of particular law legislated by the Council of Hierarchs in 1999 have designated the penitential seasons as (1) **The Great Fast**, (2) **The Peter and Paul Fast**, [Jun. 3 - 28], (3) **The Dormition Fast** [Aug. 1 - 14], and (4) **The Philip Fast** [Nov. 15 – Dec. 24]

Note that this expectation is different from what is required of Roman Catholics (the so-called «Easter Duty»)! Many Rusyn Byzantine Catholics of a certain generation, who received their religious training w/ the *Baltimore Catechism* taught by Roman Catholic sisters, may not be aware of their own legitimate tradition to which the Roman pontiffs, especially Blessed John Paul II, have repeatedly exhorted us to rediscover and foster.

Confessions will be heard **after** the Liturgies on Saturdays March 17 & 24 and Sundays March 18 & 25 & on Wednesdays March 21 & 28. There will be no confessions on Palm Sunday or during Holy Week except in case of emergency.



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- **~~Living Here & Beyond~~** The Ninth Annual Women's Day of Reflection, Saturday, April 28th, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm, held at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall, PA., sponsored by the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Office of Religious Education. \$25.00 includes lunch. Pre-registration required. Call 412-322-8773 for more information. Posters to follow.

- If anyone wishes to donate **pussy willows** for Palm Sunday, please bring them to church the morning of Saturday, March 31st.
- ***The 7th Egg Eggstravaganza and Easter Craft / Bake Sale will be held on Sunday, March 25, from 12 Noon to 5 pm at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church Social Hall, 201 East Main Street, Uniontown, PA. Egg artists will demonstrate, display, and sell their wares. Items for the traditional Pasha basket blessing will be available for sale along with a variety of items at the Bake Sale. Admission is free. See Posters!***
- <<<**Ham & Turkey Raffle**>>> Saturday, March 17, Kecksburg Fire Department, sponsored by the Kecksburg Ladies Auxiliary. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Free admission, food, & drinks. Call 724-423-9540 for more information.
- **St. Benedict Rosary Altar Society** cordially invites you to a **Card & Board Game Party** on Wednesday, March 28th, at 6:00 p.m. in the St. Benedict Parish Center, 260 Bruno Road, Greensburg. Tickets are \$6.00 per person and are sold in advance only. For tickets, contact Sue @ 724-838-1682. Doors open at 5:30.

