

Glory to Jesus Christ!
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Glory Forever!
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25 March, 2012: Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast

~ *Annunciation of the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary*~
(The Commemoration of our holy mother, Mary of Egypt is omitted)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat.	Mar.	24	5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil: w/ Mirovanije +Katherine Papier requested by John & Dorothy Gera					
Sun.	Mar.	25	10:30 AM: Fifth Sunday of Great Lent: Annunciation of the Theotokos For Our Parishioners w/ Mirovanije					
Wed.	Mar.	28	7:00 PM: Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts + Virginia Muchoney requested by Lil & Chauncey McCan					
Sat.	Mar.	31	5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil +Helen Krynicky requested by Daughter Joanne					
Sun.	Apr.	01	10:30 AM: Palm (Flowery) Sunday					
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			<u>Acolytes</u>		<u>Readers</u>		<u>Ushers</u>	
Sat.	Mar.	24	M. Mihalko		L. Knouse		J. Kontir, D. Mihalko	
Sun.	Mar.	25	D. Cianciotti		L. Cianciotti		G. Krynicky, W. Furwa	
Wed.	Mar.	28	Any Present		J. Kontir		-----	
Sat.	Mar.	31	M. Mihalko		D. Cholock		J. Snitzer, R. Garber	
Sun.	Apr.	01	All Present		S. Vacha		J. Overdorff, D. Hess	

Collection: 03/18/12: Adult \$801; Student \$4; Candles \$44; Easter Flowers \$180;
Lenten \$25; **Total: \$1054**



Ode 9 of Orthros / Matins: O Theotokos, the Holy Scriptures mystically speak of you. In ancient times Jacob saw you prefigured in the ladder and said, «This is the stairway on which God shall walk. Therefore, it is fitting that you should be greeted with: “Rejoice, O woman full of grace; the Lord is with you!”

The bush and the fire on Sinai revealed a marvelous wonder to Moses, the divine prophet. Seeking its fulfillment in the course of time, he said: I shall see it come to pass in the all-pure Virgin when they shall greet her as the Theotokos and say: « Rejoice, O woman full of grace; the Lord is with you!»



Daniel called you a spiritual mountain; Isaiah, the Theotokos; Gideon saw you as fleece, and David call you a sanctuary; another called you a gate. Gabriel now cries to you: «Rejoice, O woman full of grace; the Lord is with you!»

At the Praises of Matins / Orthros: That mystery which is from all eternity is being revealed today. The Son of God becomes the Son of Man. **He accepted the lowliest in or to give us the highest.** In time of old, Adam was deceived, he desired to become like God and did not. **Now God becomes man that He may make Adam God.** Let all creation be happy; let nature dance with joy because the archangel stands in awe before the Virgin and greets her. He brings the greeting which changes our grief into joy. Through the mercy of your compassion, You became incarnate, O our God, glory to You!

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Monday, 26 March, is the Leave-taking of the Annunciation, and the Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel. «The Archangel Gabriel, the spirit who see God face to face, gazes upon the brilliant, saving, and gleaming Light. He sings heavenly and awesome hymns with the ranks on high. He implores God to grant peace and great mercy to our souls.»



«Announcements»

- ❖ *We extend a warm welcome to **Father Deacon Lucas Crawford** from Luthersburg, PA. While visiting St. Vincent College over the weekend, he has graciously offered to serve Divine Liturgy on Saturday here at St. Mary Parish.*
- ❖ **The Holy Week Schedule** is on the tables in the Narthex. The Monthly Worker List is posted. The readers for Holy Week will be the same as last year except for Holy Saturday. Please check the calendar. All **Acolytes are required** to be present for every service starting with Palm Sunday through Pascha. The servers and ECF students will process on Friday evening. This year the **Blessing of Easter Baskets** will take place **downstairs** in the church basement.



Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. [2 Corinthians 9:7]

- A Special “**Thank You**” to **Connie Bankovich, Dolores Harhai, and Mary Ann Kontir** for donating baked goods to the Friday bingo this past week.
- **Mille Grazie “agli sconosciuti”:** Many thanks to the unknown volunteers who weeded and pruned the flower beds around the church this past week.
- **A warm thank you** to all those who volunteered this past week to clean the interior of our church in preparation for Pascha. Another cleaning day will be held on Wednesday, March 28th. If anyone is free and would care to lend a hand, by all means come.

- ❖ **SENIOR DINNER:** A free dinner for individuals 65 & older, sponsored by Christians Uniting, held on Wednesday, April 25th, St. Florian Church, starting at 5:00 p.m. Reservations required. Call Maggie Forbes @ 724-423-5823. See poster for more details.
- ❖ «Lunchapalooza» The Union Mission in Latrobe is a Christian organization that provides a temporary haven to men in need and assists them in building interdependent relationships. It offers refuge, hope, and the opportunity to those who truly need help to begin putting the broken pieces of their life back in order. In order to keep this valuable resource in our community, it needs your support through donations. If you run a business or organization and donate at one of the sponsorship levels, your organization will receive admission for guests to the *First Annual Lunchapalooza* held on Thursday, April 12th, at DeNunzio's Italian Restaurant, at the Latrobe Airport. See poster for more details if interested.

