

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!
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23 March 2014: Third Sunday of the Great Fast ~ Veneration of the Holy Cross
The Holy Venerable-Martyr Nikon and his students martyred with him.
Our Holy Mother Rafka.

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Mar. 22 9:30 AM: Third All Souls' Saturday
5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil
+Sophie & Felix Krynicki, Sr. requested by Felix Krynicki, Jr. Family and Joseph Grenda Family
Sun. Mar. 23 10:30 AM: Third Sunday of the Great Fast: pro populo
Tues. Mar. 25 7:00 PM: Annunciation of the Theotokos ~ Solemn w/Mirovanije
+ Robert Knouse, Sr. requested by Bob, Laurie, Brittney, & James Knouse
Wed. Mar. 26 7:00 PM: The Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
+Catherine & Michael Bodnar, Jr. requested by Dorothy, Martin, & Tina Osif
Sat. Mar. 29 9:30 AM: Fourth All Souls' Saturday
5:00 PM: Sunday Vigil
+William Lipko requested by the Andy & Agnes Lipko Family
Sun. Mar. 30 10:30 AM: Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast: pro populo

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	<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Sat. Mar. 22 AM		M. Harhai	
Sat. Mar. 22 PM	M. Mihalko	M. Hulyk	D. Mihalko, R. Garber
Sun. Mar. 23	D. Cianciotti	A. Prizzi	R. Knouse, R. Garber
Tues. Mar. 25	Any Present	Hess, Cianciotti, Knouse	----Any 2 Present----
Wed. Mar. 26		TBD	
Sat. Mar. 29 AM		M. Hulyk	
Sat. Mar. 29 PM	M. Mihalko	L. Knouse	J. Snitzer, J. Kontir
Sun. Mar. 30	E. & R. Hess	B. Chirdon	G. Krynicki, D. Hess

03/16/14 Collection: Adult \$1017; Student \$11; Eastern Europe \$25;
Candles \$63; Holy Days \$40; Total: \$1156.00

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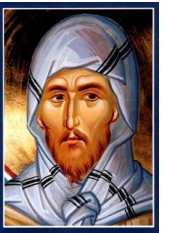
Fourth Week of the Great Fast: On Wednesday we pass the mid-point of the Great Fast. During this week, we venerate the Cross, which stands at the center of our salvation. Kontakion: No longer does the flaming sword guard the gates of Eden; for on them one finds the most glorious seal, the Tree of the Cross. By it the sorrow of death and the victory of the abyss have been conquered, for you, O my Savior, stood and called out to those in the abyss: "Enter again into Paradise."



~ Prayer of Saint Ephrem the Syrian ~

Lord and Master of my life,
spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair,
lust for power, and idle chatter.

Instead, bestow on me, Your servant,
a spirit of integrity, humility, patience, and love.



Humility "is a gift of God and from God Himself," says John of the Ladder, "for it is said: learn neither from angels nor from men but from Me — as I dwell within you, as I illumine and work within you — that I am gentle and humble of heart, in thought and in spirit, and your souls will find rest from their struggles and comfort from your thought." [The Ladder of Divine Ascent]

Abba Anthony, an early desert monk in Egypt, once said; «Life and death depend upon our neighbor. Indeed, if we gain our brother, we gain God. But if we scandalize our brother, we sin against Christ.»



Next Sunday's Readings:
Epistle, Hebrews 6:13-20: God's Sure Promise
Gospel, Mark 9:17-31: Healing a Boy w/ an Unclean Spirit



~ Announcements ~

- The Solemn Holyday of the Annunciation, a NO FAST day, is this Tuesday. Vespers Divine Liturgy will be served at 7:00 PM. There are no services Monday evening or Tuesday morning as originally announced.
- THIRD ALL SOULS SATURDAY: The Great Fast is a time when Byzantines who are really serious about their faith strive to be more ascetic out of love for God and neighbor, e.g., more prayers for loved ones – living AND dead. To those few who really care about their departed loved ones, not just in word but also enough to attend the All Souls Liturgies, may your communion in the Divine Eucharist bring you to closer communion with those who are asleep in the Lord.
- If anyone has PUSSY WILLOWS to donate for Palm Sunday, please let Father know. Due to a later date for Pascha this year, they may have to be cut early and stored in the cooler at the parish centre.
- Sincere Thanks to: Barbara Chirdon & Lisa Cianciotti for providing baked goods for our Friday bingo and to Jim Fullman for installing a new bulletin board in the Narthex.
- Contemplative Prayer & Praying with Icons Retreat: 4 – 6 April at the Bethany Retreat Center in Frenchville, PA. Information sheets are located in the Narthex. www.bethanyretreatcenter.org



- The **Kecksburg Ladies Auxiliary**: Soup, Salad, & Sandwich on **March 23rd** from 11 AM – 2 PM. Adults are \$6.00; Kids 4-12, \$3.00; Kids 3 and younger are free. Any questions, call Beth @ 724-972-5475.
- **«HAM BINGO»** Held at the **St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church Social Hall, Greensburg**, on **Sunday March 30th** from 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Doors open at 12:30. Admission: \$5.00. Tickets may be purchased at the door.
- During the Great Fast a **special collection** is always taken to aid our sister churches in need in Eastern Europe. If you have not submitted your donation, there is still time to do so. Either use the special envelope or one of the extras from the back of the box, labeling it **«Eastern Europe.»**
- **FUNERALS DURING LENT**: On week-days (Monday through Friday) of the Great Fast and on the first three days of Great and Holy Week, the Divine Liturgies of St. John Chrysostom and St. Basil the Great may **NOT** be celebrated. The **Parastas** and **Panachida** are served at the Funeral Home and the **Funeral** of a Lay person **with or without the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts** is served in the Church. A Divine Liturgy for the Faithful Departed should be celebrated during the Paschal season.