

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!
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4 March, 2012: Second Sunday of the Great Fast ~ Sunday of Saint Gregory Palamas ~

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

- Sat. Mar. 03 **9:00 AM: Second All Souls' Saturday**
5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil
+Margaret & John Molchan requested by the Overdorff Family
- Sun. Mar. 04 **10:30 AM: Second Sunday of the Great Fast:** For Our Parishioners
- Wed. Mar. 07 **7:00 PM: Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**
+Robert Hulyk requested by Marge Hulyk Family
- 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

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Acolytes

Readers

Ushers

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| Sat. Mar. 03 | M. Mihalko | M. Hulyk | J. Snitzer, J. Overdorff |
| Sun. Mar. 04 | E. Hess | S. Vacha | D. Hess, R. Garber |
| Wed. Mar. 07 | Any present | D. Cholock | ----- |
| Sat. Mar. 10 | M. Mihalko | L. Knouse | J. Kontir, D. Mihalko |
| Sun. Mar. 11 | D. Cianciotti | B. Chirdon | D. & C. Cianciotti |

Collection: 02/26/12: Adult \$750; Student \$4; Building Maintenance \$20; Candles \$53;
Lenten \$150; Fuel \$250; **Total: \$1227**



Historical Note: Saint Polycarp was the saint specially commemorated on the Second Sunday of the Great Fast before Gregory Palamas who lived from *anno Domini* 1269 – 1359. He was canonized by the Patriarch Philotheus and the synod held in Constantinople in 1368. The main point of “Palamism” is the distinction between the **divine essence**, inaccessible to men, and the **divine ‘energies’**, which are uncreated but are accessible to human vision [as at the Transfiguration, at the death of Saint Benedict]. The vision of ‘uncreated light’ – a divine energy – held a great place in the doctrines of the Byzantine mystics called «hesychasts».

Third Week of the Great Fast: during this coming week, we read the story of the Great Flood and the salvation of Noah in the ark (Genesis chapters 6 – 9). This is a foreshadowing of our baptism, by which we are saved from sin by the mystery of water, a sign of death to sin and life in God.



Kontakion, Tone 6: In your anger, Christ our God, during the days of Noah, You submerged the ocean of sins by your power. In these last days, You renew the world by baptism, and in the days to come, You will purify the earth by fire. Save us from anger in your love for us, O Redeemer of all.

Lamech named his son Noah, which means “to give rest”. Noah is a key ancestor in Saint Luke’s genealogy of Christ and is a type of Christ, Who said: «Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and *I will give you rest.*»



~ 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.
- GEORGE RUSINKO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is being offered once again to graduating students who are **active members** of St. Mary Parish. Applications are due in the office by March 31st. See Father for the application and letter verifying that you are an active member of our church.
- **Remember in your prayers** the soul of *John Shultz*, brother of Peter Shultz, brother-in-law of Gladys Shultis, and Uncle of the Charles Cianciotti family, who passed away last week. Our sincerest prayers and condolences are extended to his family and friends. *Eternal rest grant unto your servant, O Lord, and remember him forever.* **Вечная память! Αἰώνια ἡ μνήμη!**
- **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**.



- **Many thanks** to *Mary Ann Kontir, Joyce Regalla, and Father* for donating cakes and a pie this past week to our bingo.



~ **Ambon Prayer for the Second Sunday of the Great Fast** ~

O God and Father of glory, for our sake You gave us your Only-Begotten Son, and through Him You have made us your children, worthy again of the Holy Spirit. Have compassion on us now, for we have broken your commandments. Do not condemn us with those who have cut themselves off from You, nor leave us starved of your spiritual gifts. Instead, make us worthy to draw near to You by our words and in our hearts, and to prove by our deeds that we are your children, imitators of the conversion of the prodigal son to whom You made known your love beyond expression for sinners. Grant that we may obtain the everlasting happiness which You have prepared for all who do your will, through the grace and mercy and love for mankind of your Only-Begotten Son, to whom glory is due, together with your all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

