

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory Forever!
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Saturday 4 – 4:30 PM
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12 February, 2012: Sunday of Meat Fare

Our Holy Father Melitius, Archbishop of Antioch

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat.	Feb.	11	9:00 AM, First All Souls' Saturday 5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil <i>+ Andrew & Helen Cholock requested by Barbara & Jerry Chirdon</i>
Sun.	Feb.	12	10:30 AM: Sunday of Meat Fare: For Our Parishioners
Sat.	Feb.	18	5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil <i>+ John Krynicky requested by Joe & Joan Lawrence</i>
Sun.	Feb.	19	10:30 AM: Sunday of Cheese Fare: For Our Parishioners 7:00 PM: Forgiveness Vespers

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			<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>
Sat.	Feb.	11	M. Mihalko	B. Chirdon	J. Kontir, D. Mihalko
Sun.	Feb.	12	D. Cianciotti	S. Vacha	D. & C. Cianciotti
Sat.	Feb.	18	M. Mihalko	J. Kontir	J. Snitzer, R. Garber
Sun.	Feb.	19	E. Hess	J. Hess	J. & B. Knouse

Collection: 02/05/12: Adult \$ 925; Student \$ 4; Candles \$ 42; Holy Day \$ 110;

Total: \$ 1081

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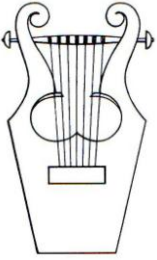
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FORGIVENESS VESPERS will be served on **Sunday evening, 19 February** at **7:00pm**. This service brings the period of pre-Lenten preparation to an end and at the same time, at the singing of the Great Prokeimenon, transitions us into the Great Fast. Vespers concludes with the **Rite of Mutual Forgiveness** and is the first service of Great Lent.

- Jesus began His public ministry by announcing to all who would listen: «**REPENT**, the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand».
- Christ's first command to His disciples after His resurrection was to give them the authority to **FORGIVE** sins.

It is impossible to enter into the bright sadness of the Great Fast without first asking others to **forgive** us and in turn bestowing **forgiveness** on them!!! **All parishioners**, young and old, and especially all those who have a **public ministry** in the Church (ushers, readers, altar boys, ECF teachers and students, Youth group) should make a heartfelt effort to attend this beautiful liturgy.

Psalm 136 (137) vs. 1 – 6



By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion. On the willows there we hung up our lyres. For there our captors required of us songs, and our tormentors, mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" How shall we sing the LORD's song **in a foreign land**? If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy!

RSV translation

The meaning of the Great Fast:

The ardent **desire** of Zacchæus!

The great **humility** of the Publican!

The **self-awareness** of the Prodigal Son!

Love for the hungry, thirsty, strangers, naked, sick, prisoners!



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- **The 2011 Financial Report is now available in the Narthex.**
- **In Memoriam of Frank & Elizabeth Burke:** Because of Fr. Chris' many years of service to this parish, it only seems proper for us to express our collective condolences to him on the recent deaths of his parents. To that end, donations will be accepted towards a memorial gift. If you would like to participate in this, please place your cash donation or check made payable to Rev. Christopher Burke in one of your "Special" envelopes and send it to the rectory or drop it in the collection basket.
- Thank you to **Marlene Harai** and **Sharalyn DeFlorio** for donating cakes to this week's bingo. Thank you also to **Stacey Shultz** and her sister **Sherry (née Shultz) Porvaznik** for coming and helping out at last week's bingo. New volunteers are always welcome!!!
- **Chicken & Biscuits Dinner - Sunday, February 12th - sponsored by the Kecksburg VFD Ladies Auxiliary.** Doors open at 11:30 AM. \$8.00 per person, \$4.00 ages 4 to 10, all under the age of 4 are FREE. Call 724-423-9540 for more information.
- **Gentle Reminder:** Given the unpredictability of winter weather, it is understandable that attendance may be down at any given Liturgy. Caution is urged when venturing out onto the snow-covered and icy roads. However, there is still a great need for your offertory envelopes to be turned in as soon as possible as our utility bills tend to come on time. Just this past week we had to have an emergency delivery of oil. Mailing your envelopes to the rectory is always an option if you know you will be absent from the Divine Liturgy.



~~ SAVE THE DATE ~~

The following programs are sponsored by Mount Saint Macrina House of Prayer.

- **Feb. 24-25:** Poustinia Retreat, 6:00 pm Friday - 7:00 pm Saturday. \$50.00 registration due by February 20.
- **March 4:** Lenten Day of Prayer, 1:15-4:30 pm. Includes supper. \$25.00 registration due by March 1.
- **March 6, 13, 20, 27:** Spiritual Reading Series, Presented by Sisters Carol & Barbara Jean, OSBM, 9:30-11:00 am. Free will offering. Registration due by March 1.
- **March 10:** Lenten Day of Prayer, Presented by Rev. Damon Geiger. 9:15 am- 12:30 pm. Includes Lunch. \$25.00 registration due by March 5.
- **March 26, 28, 30:** Morning of Personal Prayer, 9:30-11:30 am. Free will offering. Registration due by March 23.

