

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Glory Forever!
Слава на вѣки!

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19 February, 2012: Sunday of Cheese Fare

The Holy Apostle Archippus

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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			
Mon.	Feb.	20	7:00 PM: Presanctified Liturgy <i>+Richard Spirko requested by Marlene and Children</i>			
Wed.	Feb.	22	7:00 PM: Presanctified Liturgy <i>+Elizabeth Rozinsky requested by David Barlock</i>			
Sat.	Feb.	25	5:00 PM, Sunday Vigil <i>+Virginia Barbus requested by Joe & Judy Pacek</i>			
Sun.	Feb.	26	10:30 AM: First Sunday of the Great Fast: Sunday of Orthodoxy Memory of the Holy Prophets: For Our Parishioners			
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			<u>Acolytes</u>	<u>Readers</u>	<u>Ushers</u>	
Sat.	Feb.	18	M. Mihalko	J. Kontir	J. Snitzer, R. Garber	
Sun.	Feb.	19	E. Hess	J. Hess	J. & B. Knouse	
Mon.	Feb.	20	Any Present	M. Hulyk	-----	
Wed.	Feb.	22	Any Present	J. Kontir	-----	
Sat.	Feb.	25	M. Mihalko	D. Cholock	J. Kontir, D. Mihalko	
Sun.	Feb.	26	D. Cianciotti	L. Cianciotti	G. Krynicky, W. Furwa	

Collection: 02/12/12: Adult \$ 385; Student \$ 4; Building Maintenance \$ 170; Candles \$ 21;
Total: \$ 580

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!
FORGIVENESS!!!

TOMORROW is Clean Monday (Greek: **Καθαρή Δευτέρα**), also known as **Pure Monday**, or (in Cyprus only) **Green Monday**, is the first day of Great Lent. It is a movable feast that occurs at the beginning of the 7th week before Pascha. The common term for this day, "**Clean Monday**", refers to the **leaving behind of sinful attitudes** and non-fasting foods. Liturgically, Clean Monday begins on the preceding (Sunday) night, at a special service called **Forgiveness Vespers**, which culminates with the **Ceremony of Mutual Forgiveness**, at which all present will bow down before one another and ask forgiveness. In this way, the faithful begin Great Lent with a clean conscience, with forgiveness, and with renewed Christian love. The entire first week of the Great Fast is often referred to as "Clean Week," and it is customary to go to Confession during this week, and to clean the house thoroughly (or to have it clean before the beginning of the Fast).



Sung at the «Praises» of Matins on Cheesefare Sunday

«Formerly I was **clothed in an immortal brightness**; now, as a poor mortal, I am wrapped in the **shroud of death**. Alas! Whom shall I find to weep for me? But, O Lord and Lover of Mankind, You have drawn me out of the earth; now call me forth from the servitude of the Enemy, and, in Your compassion, grant me Your salvation.»

«The **arena of virtues** is now open! Let all who wish to begin training now enter! Prepare yourselves for the struggle of the Fast; those who strive valiantly will receive the **crown**! Let us put on the armor of the **Cross** to combat the Enemy, taking **faith** as our unshakable rampart. Let us put on **prayer** as our breastplate, and **charity** as our helmet. As our sword, let us use **fasting**, for it cuts out all evil from our hearts. Those who do this shall truly receive the **crown** from the hands of Christ, the Almighty One on the Day of Judgment.»



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- **Tie A Yellow Ribbon...** One of our own St. Mary parishioners is now serving in Afghanistan with the US Army, **Specialist Johnathan Osif**. Please remember him in your prayers that our Holy Theotokos spread her mantle of protection over him while he is there.
- **Pascha Basket Covers** are available through Lisa Heinack Astalos who runs a business called Hugs and Stitches. She was raised in the Byzantine Catholic faith & 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 go online to www.Hugsandstitchesonline.com. If there are questions, call Lisa at 724-331-9462.

- **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. Mailing your envelopes to the rectory is always an option if you know you will be absent from the Divine Liturgy.
- **TRAUGER VFW FISH FRY** begins on Ash Wednesday and will continue on Fridays throughout Lent from 11:00 am until 7:00 pm. They will serve baked & fried fish. A more detailed menu is forth-coming.
- **Trauger VFW and our parish** are jointly sponsoring a Penn State Extension of Westmorland County workshop entitled “***Cooking for Crowds***”. The two classes will be held at the Trauger VFD on Tuesday, 6 March and Wednesday, 7 March from 6:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. Participants are asked to attend BOTH sessions. The registration fee is \$11.00 per person and includes a food safety manual along with certificates of completion from both Penn State Extension and the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. **Pre-registration is required**, the deadline for which is **Thursday, 1 March**. For more information and to register, please use the program brochure in the Narthex or contact Laurie Knouse.