

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church

Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

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26 March 2017 / 7525 ~ Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast
~ Synaxis of Gabriel the Archangel ~

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

Sat. Mar. 25 09:30 Annunciation of the Theotokos Suffrages for +Bradley Grinnen – Fr. Paul-Alexander
17:00 Vigil: 4th Sunday of the Great Fast Suffrages for health and well-being of **Mary Ann Bukowski** –Margaret Hulyk, sister

Sun. Mar. 26 10:30 4th Sunday of the Great Fast Suffrages *pro populo*

Wed. Mar. 29 19:00: Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Sat. Apr. 01 17:00 Vigil: 5th Sunday of the Great Fast Suffrages for +Jerry Chirdon wife Barbara; +Helen Krynicki – daughter Joanne

Sun. Apr. 02 10:30 5th Sunday of the Great Fast Suffrages *pro populo*

Wed. Apr. 05 19:00: Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

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	ACOLYTES	LECTORS	USHERS
Sat. Mar. 25 AM	T. M. Syphan	J. Kontir	Any present
Sat. Mar. 25 PM	-----	B. Chirdon	D. Mihalko, J. Kontir
Sun. Mar. 26	T. M. Syphan	A. Syphan	D. Hess, J. Overdorff
Wed. Mar. 29	T. M. Syphan	A. Syphan	-----
Sat. Apr. 01	-----	B. Chirdon	J. Snitzer, R. Knouse
Sun. Apr. 02	E. R. A. Hess	S. Vacha	R. Knouse, J. Knouse
Wed. Apr. 05	T. M. Syphan	G. Krynicki	-----

03 / 19 / 2017 Adults: \$1126 Children: \$14 Eastern Churches: \$205
Collection Candles: \$84 **Total: \$1429**

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The word **angel** in Greek means "**messenger**" and this word expresses the nature of angelic service to the human race. Angels are also referred to as "**bodiless Powers of Heaven**". They are organized into several orders or choirs. The most influential of these classifications was that given by pseudo-Dionysius the Areopagite in the fourth or fifth century in his book *The Celestial Hierarchy*. In this work, the author interpolated several ambiguous passages from the New Testament, specifically Ephesians 6:12 and Colossians

1:16, to construct a schema of three Hierarchies, Spheres or Triads of angels, with each Hierarchy containing three Orders or Choirs. In descending order of power, these were:

First Hierarchy:

Seraphim
Cherubim
Thrones

Second Hierarchy:

Powers
Dominions
Principalities

Third Hierarchy:

Virtues
Archangels
Angels



The archangel Gabriel was sent from heaven to bring to the Virgin glad tidings of her conception. When he came to Nazareth, he marveled at the miracle and thought to himself: How is it that He Whom the heavens cannot comprehend is now being born of a virgin? The One Who has heaven for a throne and earth for a footstool is being enclosed within a virgin's womb. He, upon Whom the six-winged Seraphim and the many-eyed Cherubim cannot gaze, wills to become incarnate of her by a single word. The Word of God is at hand. Then why do I stand by and not say to the Virgin: «Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you! Rejoice, O pure Virgin and maiden bride! Rejoice, O Mother of Life! Blessed is the Fruit of your womb.»

Vespers: at Psalm 140

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Next Sunday's Readings: 5th Sunday of the Great Fast

Epistle, Hebrews 9:11 – 14 *Christ as High Priest*

GOSPEL, Mark 10:32 – 45 *The Request of James and John*

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~ Announcements ~

- On **Fridays** during the Great Fast, potato/cheese filled pirohi will be sold - \$7 a dozen (frozen) - at the **parish centre** from **NOON to 18:00**. Spread the word to family and friends.
- **A SPRING BINGO** will take place at the **St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church Social Hall**, 624 East Pittsburgh St. Greensburg this **Sunday, 26 March** from **13:00 to ca. 16:00**. Admission is \$5 per person. For additional information see the poster in the Narthex or call: 724-832-8122.
- **ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST BYZANTINE CHURCH** in Uniontown is having their **12th Egg Eggstravaganza** on **Sunday, 2 April** from **Noon – 17:00**. There will be a plethora of activities scheduled for the day, a detailed list of which is posted in the Narthex. Handicap accessibility. Admission is free. For more information, please call: **724-208-6771, Monday – Friday** from **18:00 – 20:00**.