

Glory to Jesus Christ! St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church Glory Forever!  
 Слава Иисусу Христу! 4480 Route 981 Latrobe, PA 15650 Слава на вики!

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## 7 February 2016 / 7524: Forgiveness Sunday

*Our Venerable Father Parthenius, Bishop of Lampsacus  
 The Passing of the Martyr Priest Peter Verhun (1957)*



The Lord Confronts the Disobedience of Adam and Eve  
 The Expulsion from Paradise Nave Mosaics from Palatine Chapel, Palermo, Sicily  
 Mid 12th Century

### LITURGICAL SCHEDULE:

Sat. Feb. 06 **17:00 Vigil of Cheesefare Sunday:** Suffrages for **Edward Nemeth** – *from his sister Helen DeFlorio*  
 Sun. Feb. 07 **10:30 Cheesefare Sunday + Meager Meal + Forgiveness Vespers,** Suffrages *pro populo parœciæ*  
 Mon. Feb. 08 **19:00 Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**  
 Wed. Feb. 10 **19:00 Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**  
 Sat. Feb. 13 **17:00 Vigil of the Sunday of Orthodoxy**

Sun. Feb. 14	<b>10:30 Sunday of Orthodoxy:</b> Suffrages <i>pro populo parœciæ</i> ; Suffrages for <b>John Krynicky</b> – <i>Joann Krynicky</i>		
Wed. Feb. 17	<b>19:00 Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts</b>		
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	<b>Acolytes</b>	<b>Lectors</b>	<b>Ushers</b>
Sat. Feb. 06	-----	M. Harhai	D. Mihalko, J. Snitzer
Sun. Feb. 07	Ruggieri, Syphans	S. Vacha	D. Hess, J. Overdorff
Mon. Feb. 08	T. & M. Syphan	A. Syphan	-----
Wed. Feb. 10	T. & M. Syphan	A. Syphan	-----
Sat. Feb. 13	-----	M. Harhai,	J. Snitzer, J. Kontir
Sun. Feb. 14	E. R. A. Hess	G. Krynicky	R. Garber, J. Knouse

**1/31/16** Adult: \$1218 Student: \$16 Initial Offering: \$38 Fuel: \$25  
**Collection** Candles: \$70 Theophany: \$25 **Total: \$1392**  
**Attendance:** Saturday: 27+1 Sunday: 44 + 10 All Souls': 10 Encounter: 14  
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**From the Triodion:** «In days of old on Mount Sinai, **Moses** received the vision of God by fasting, and **Elijah** the prophet was carried aloft in a chariot of fire. Purified by fasting, **Isaiah** received the burning coal on his lips, an ember which the Seraphim had taken from the altar. By fasting, **Daniel** and **the three Youths** closed the mouth of lions and trampled underfoot the flames of fire.»

Even in 2016, true fasting, like that of Israel's prophets of old, can produce visions, heavenly journey, and life saving events; awesome and tremendous encounters with the divine. Perhaps our modern day reluctance to fast reveals our uneasiness about the possibility of having a direct encounter with God, for fear of what He may require of us?

**CLEAN MONDAY:** Let us begin this Fast in *joy, shining* with the commandments of Christ our God, with the *light of charity* and the *brightness of prayer*, with the *purity of heart* and the *energy of the strong*, so that we might nobly hasten to the third day Resurrection, which sheds its immortal light over all the earth.

Let us accept the beginning of this Fast with joy. Let there be no sad faces, but let us wash our face in the waters that free us from passions; let us bless and exalt Christ forever. Let us massage our soul with the oil of compassion; and in prayer, let us not make great speeches. Let us simply address our Father in Heaven, blessing and exalting Him forever.

Now is the time of the bright Fast. Let us begin it with a holy conversion, abstaining from every quarrel and dissension.

## Next Sunday's Readings ~ Sunday of Orthodoxy

Epistle, Hebrews 11:24 – 26, 32 – 12:2 *Faith; The Discipline of the Lord*

Gospel, John 1:43 – 51 *The Calling of Philip and Nathanael*

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### ~ Announcements ~

- **PURE MONDAY: 8 February**, Strict Fast required: no meat or dairy products.
- **SUNDAYS OF THE GREAT FAST** mark the return to the Anaphora of St. Basil the Great in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy.
- **SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY** commemorates the return of icons in our churches following the iconoclastic period that ended *anno Domini* 843. Unblessed icons will be hallowed at the Liturgy. All are encouraged to carry a family icon in the procession.
- **2<sup>nd</sup> ALL SOULS' SATURDAY is 20 February.** The Divine Liturgy for all the Faithful Departed throughout time will be served at 9:30 followed by a Panachida with Kollyva for the faithful departed from our parish.
- During the Great Fast a **SPECIAL COLLECTION** is always taken up by our Archeparchy to aid our sister churches in need in **EASTERN EUROPE**. Please be generous.
- **EASTER KOLACHE SALE UNDERWAY** at St. Florian Church in United. Advance orders are being taken for 15-inch freshly baked nut, apricot, poppy seed & prune rolls priced at \$12.00 each. Orders will be taken until February 22, 2016. Rolls will be available for pick-up on Saturday, March 5, 4:30-6:30 pm, and Sunday, March 6, 10:00 am-Noon. Call Phyllis, 724-423-5233; Bobbi, 724-423-6619; or Juanita, 724-423-2455 to place your order.