

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory Forever!
Слава на вики!

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26 FEBRUARY 2023 / 7531 FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY *Memory of Israel's Holy Prophets*



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Feb. 25 17:00 Vigil: FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**
Sunday of Orthodoxy – Memory of the Holy Prophets
Suffrages for +Kathleen Bossick – Veronica Trach
- Sun. Feb. 26 10:30 FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST** *Sunday of Orthodoxy – Memory of the Holy Prophets*
Suffrages pro populo
- Wed. Mar. 01 18:30 LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS**
Suffrages for +Kathleen Bossick – Veronica Trach
- Fri. Mar. 03 18:30 LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS**
Suffrages for +Kathleen Bossick – George & Paula Kapr
- Sat. Mar. 04 10:00 SECOND ALL SOULS SATURDAY w/ Panachida**
17:00 Vigil: SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
Feast of St. Gregory Palamas. Suffrages pro populo
- Sun. Mar. 05 10:30 SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST** *Feast of St. Gregory Palamas. Suffrages for +Michael & Catherine Bodnar – Dorothy Osif & daughters*

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COLLECTION

Adults: \$1135
Lenten Off: \$400

Candles: \$77
Holy Day: \$20

Maintenance: \$20
TOTAL: \$1652



HISTORICAL NOTE: the First Sunday of the Great Fast was originally dedicated to the memory of Israel's **Holy Prophets**. In today's gospel Philip tells Nathaniel «*We have found the One about Whom Moses wrote in the Law, and also the Prophets.*» The prophets and patriarchs are also mentioned in the epistle. Despite the teaching about icons defined at the Seventh Ecumenical Council in a.D. 787, the Iconoclasts began to trouble the Church again. After the death of the last Iconoclast emperor, Theophilus, his young son Michael III with his mother the regent Empress Theodora, and Patriarch Methodios, summoned the Synod of Constantinople in a.D. 843 to bring peace to the Church. At the end of the first session, all made a triumphal procession from the Church of Blachernæ to Hagia Sophia, restoring the icons to the church. This occurred on 11 March, 843 (which that year was the first Sunday of Great Lent). The Synod decreed that a perpetual feast on the anniversary of that day should be observed each year on the First Sunday of Great Lent, and named the day, «The Sunday of Orthodoxy».



Contribute to the needs of the saints, and practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless them and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another. Do not consider yourself to be better than others, but associate with the lowly, and never be conceited. Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Rather, be concerned about doing what is good in the eyes of all. As much as possible, and to the extent of your ability, live in peace with everyone. Dearly beloved, never seek revenge. Leave that to the time of retribution. For it is written, «*Vengeance is mine, says the Lord. I will repay.*» On the contrary, «*If your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink. By doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.*» Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

Romans 12:13 – 21



~ Announcements ~

- ❖ **ETERNAL MEMORY!** Kindly remember in your prayers **Mary Lezo** who fell asleep in the Lord on Pure Tuesday. She is survived by her children Dolores and John. *In blessed repose, grant O Lord eternal rest to your departed servant Mary and remember her forever! БѢЧНАА ПАМАТЬ!*
- ❖ The **2022 Contribution Statements** are now available. Those who get weekly Sunday bulletins will receive theirs along with this week's mailing. Please report any errors to the parish office.
- ❖ **SUNDAY, MARCH 19th**, the annual **SPECIAL COLLECTION** to aid our sister churches in **Central and Eastern Europe** will be taken. The war against Ukraine is now in its second year. Horrific devastation and untold anguish have been inflicted upon the Ukrainian people; this year's collection to help our Byzantine Catholic brethren is more important than ever. **PLEASE BE GENEROUS!**
- ❖ The Building and Maintenance Committee is selling a **\$500 LOTTERY STRIP TICKET**. The number will be taken from the PA Lottery Evening Pick 3 drawing on **Sunday, March 19th**.