

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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## 12 MARCH 2023 / 7531 THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST VENERATION OF THE HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS



### LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Mar. 11 10:00 **THIRD ALL SOULS SATURDAY** w/ Panachida

17:00 Vigil: **THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS** *Suffrages pro populo*

Sun. Mar. 12 10:30 **THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS** *Suffrages for +Michael Osif & Julia Osif – Dorothy Osif and daughters*

Wed. Mar. 15 18:30 **LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS MID-LENT** *Suffrages for +Anthony Giacobbi – Dorothy Osif*

Fri. Mar. 17 18:30 **LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS** *Suffrages for +Edmond Davis – Joseph Regalla*

Sat. Mar. 18 10:00 **FOURTH ALL SOULS SATURDAY** w/ Panachida  
17:00 Vigil: **FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**  
*Memory of our Holy Father John Climacus. Suffrages pro populo*

Sun. Mar. 19 10:30 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST** *Memory of our Holy Father John Climacus. Suffrages for +Martin Osif – wife Dorothy & daughter Tina*

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<b>03 / 05 / 2023</b>	Adults: \$981	Candles: \$36	Maintenance: \$10	
<b>COLLECTION</b>	East. Eur: \$150	Fuel: \$10	East. Flowers: \$35	
<b>TOTAL: \$1297</b>	Holy Day: \$50	Lenten Off.: \$25		



**FOURTH WEEK OF THE GREAT FAST:** On Wednesday we reach the mid-point of the Great Fast. It is during this week that we venerate the Cross, which stands at the center of our salvation. The Genesis readings focus on the end of the Great Flood, God's covenant with Noah, the Genealogy of Noah, and the Tower of Babel.

**H**aving come to the middle of this holy Fast, and having reached the veneration of your Cross, we bow before it and cry out to You: Great are You, O Christ, the Lover of mankind, and great are Your works, O Lord; for in fear we venerate Your Cross and sing to You: Glory to Your infinite mercy.

**P**ilate set up three crosses on Golgotha, two for the thieves and one for the Lord of life. Seeing this, Hades asked its servants: Who has driven this spear into my heart? A wooden lance has pierced me, and I am torn apart. What pain has penetrated my womb and my heart; what sorrow stabs my spirit? I am forced to give up Adam and his children, those whom I had received from the forbidden Tree; for a new Tree leads them to enter again into Paradise.

**Y**ou willingly suffered death on the Cross; You were pierced with a lance and tasted the bitter gall, O long-suffering Lord, Who by the hand of Moses sweetened the waters of Meribah. I now implore You and cry out: Deliver my heart from the bitterness of passions; sweeten my soul with the honey of repentance; and grant that I may venerate Your holy Passion.

**I** have surpassed the Publican in my transgressions, but I do not even match his repentance. I have not accomplished the good deeds of the Pharisee, yet I boldly outdo his boasting. By Your infinite humility, O Christ our God, by which You laid low the demons of high-mindedness on the Cross, establish in me the good deeds of the one and the lowliness of mind of the other. Confirm me in the good intentions of each and save me, O Savior.



### ~ Announcements ~

- ❖ **NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 19<sup>th</sup>**, 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 next **Sunday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**.
- ❖ **16<sup>th</sup> EGG EGGSTRAVAGANZA** at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Church Social Hall, Uniontown is **Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>** from **Noon – 4:00**. Admission is free. A Lenten luncheon will be served. For information, call 724-438-1382 (leave message). See posters in Narthex for more details of all the many events planned for the day.