

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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3 MARCH 2024 / 7532 THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST VENERATION OF THE HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

Sat. Mar. 02	10:00 THIRD ALL SOULS SATURDAY w/ Panachida
	17:00 VIGIL: THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
	<i>Suffrages pro populo; esp. for + James Kontir – William & Diane Onoschak</i>
Sun. Mar. 03	10:30 THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
	<i>Suffrages for +James Kontir – daughter, Natalee</i>
Fri. Mar. 08	18:30 LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS
	<i>Suffrages for +James Kontir – James & Janice Scekeres</i>
Sat. Mar. 09	17:00 FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
	<i>Suffrages pro populo, esp. for +James Kontir – Bingo Workers</i>
Sun. Mar. 10	10:30 FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
	<i>Suffrages for +James Kontir – daughter, Natalee</i>

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02 / 25 / 2024	Adults: \$840	Candles: \$60	Lenten Off: \$65	Fuel: \$160	
COLLECTION	Maintenance \$20	Initial Off. \$4	TOTAL: \$1149		
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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.

And I will pour out a spirit of compassion and supplication on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that, when they look on the One Whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for Him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over Him, as one weeps over a firstborn. On that day the mourning in Jerusalem will be as great as the mourning for Hadad-rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

Zechariah 12:10-11

When, then, you make the sign of the cross on the forehead, arm yourself with a saintly boldness, and reinstall your soul in its old liberty; for you are not ignorant that the cross is a prize beyond all price. Consider what is the price given for your ransom, and you will never more be slave to any man on earth. This reward and ransom is the cross. You should not then, carelessly make the sign on the forehead, but you should impress it on your heart with the love of a fervent faith. Nothing impure will dare to disturb you on seeing the weapon that overcomes all things.



St. John Chrysostom



~ Announcements ~

- **SUPER BINGO POSTERS** are available in the Narthex for advertising at local businesses. Please take one or two and ask a business owner that you frequent to display it.
- 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 17th – St. Patrick's Day**.
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 17th**, 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 third 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!**
- **KOLACHE SALE!** St. Florian Church in United announces their spring kolache sale of nut, apricot, poppyseed, and prune rolls (14"-15" long). Price is \$15 each. **Advance orders only.** Orders must be placed no later than March 5th, 2024. Call Phyllis: 724-423-5233, Fran: 724-420-1648, or Claudia: 401-257-9513.
- **17th EGG EGGSTRAVAGANZA** at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Church Social Hall, Uniontown is **Sunday, March 17th from Noon – 4:00**. Admission is free. A Lenten luncheon will be served. For information, call **724-438-1382, M-F** (leave message). See posters in Narthex for more details of all the many events planned for the day.