

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Glory Forever!
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THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
VENERATION OF THE HOLY AND LIFE-GIVING CROSS
Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophylact.



LITURGY SCHEDULE:

- Sat. Mar. 07 17:00 Vigil: **THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST,**
Veneration of the Holy Cross. Third All Souls.
- Sun. Mar. 08 10:30 **THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST,**
Veneration of the Holy Cross. Suffrages pro populo
- Wed. Mar. 11 18:30 **LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS**
- Sat. Mar. 14 17:00 Vigil: **FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST,**
Fourth All Souls.
- Sun. Mar. 15 10:30 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST.**
40th Day: +The Cantor Andrew Regalla with Memorial Service.

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03 / 01 / 2026	Adults: \$1485	Holy Day: \$10	Candles: \$75	Fuel: \$70
COLLECTION	Lent Off.: \$75	E. Europe: \$175	Flowers: \$10	Initial: \$5
TOTAL: \$1955	Maintenance: \$50			
ATTENDANCE:	Sat. 17	Sun. 23 + 4		



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.

Pilate 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.

Dou 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 ~

- The annual **SPECIAL COLLECTION** to aid our sister churches in **Central and Eastern Europe** will be taken up during the month of March. The war against Ukraine is now in its 4th 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 evening drawing on **Sunday, March 29th**.
- **19th EGG EGGSTRAVAGANZA** at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Church Social Hall, Uniontown is **Sunday, March 22nd** 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.
- **LOOKING AHEAD:** Our parish will again sponsor a **SUPER BINGO** on **SUNDAY, APRIL 12th** in the parish center. Doors open at noon; games begin at 14:00 and will run until ca. 17:00. Proceeds will benefit the Church's Building and Maintenance Fund.