

PRAYER OF ST. EPHRAEM (A prayer of the Great Fast)

O Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement,
lust of power and idle chatter. (Prostration)

Instead, grant to me Your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble-mindedness,
patience and love. (Prostration)

O Lord and King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge my brother;
for You are blessed now and ever and forever. Amen. (Prostration)

Announcements

1. CALENDAR OF UPCOMING IMPORTANT EVENTS

- April 7 Mission 6:30 pm (Confession 6pm)
- April 30 -Easter Dinner
- May 7 - 1st Penance & Holy Communion
- May 14 - Mary Crowning

2. MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Mission in our Parish will be on Friday April 7 at 6:30 Confession start at 6:00 PM

Master preacher will be Fr. Mark Fesniak Pastor of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Minersville, PA

3. Easter Flower Collection this Weekend

A reminder that donations for Easter Flowers can be made next weekend, April 1st & 2nd. Please use the specially marked envelope in your collection packet. Your Donations will help us Beautify our Church for the most joyous Resurrection.

4. EASTER DINNER "SVIACHENE" CELEBRATION

Father Myron Myronyuk and his Parish Family of Scranton's Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will conduct their annual Easter Dinner "Sviachene" celebration on Sunday, April 30, 2017, beginning at 12:30pm in the Parish Center at 428 North Seventh Avenue. Dinner will consist of borshch, holubchy, pyrohy, ham, kobasa, horseradish, rye bread, dessert and beverages. Takeouts available from 11:30am to 12 noon. Door prizes will be awarded along with a theme basket raffle. Admission: \$13.00 adults; \$8.00 children age 6-12; age 5 and under free. For reservations and takeout orders contact Maria Black at 570 503-1514. Advance reservations only - no tickets at the door. Reservation deadline is Monday, April 24. Everyone is invited to our welcoming church and at our table!

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5. New Prayer Books to be Ordered

There will be new Prayer Books ordered for the Pews of our Church. Each book will cost \$2.00. If anyone would like to sponsor any or all of the cost of these books, please drop an envelope marked "Prayer Books" in the collection basket or see Fr. Myron. Thank you for your support.

6. EASTER BAKE SALE

We are holding our Easter Bake Sale featuring Osborne Specialties nut rolls and cream cheese cake rolls. Nut rolls are \$8.00 ea. and include WALNUT, POPPY, LEKVAR, RASPBERRY COCONUT AND APRICOT. Cake rolls are \$10.00 ea. and include BANANA, CARROT, CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER AND CHOCOLATE COCONUT ALMOND. Order forms are located near the bulletins, as well as in the church hall during the social. Orders can also be placed by calling Daria McDonnell, (570) 963-1580. Orders must be placed no later than Sunday, April 2nd. Pick up is available following church services in the hall on Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. All proceeds benefit the children of the Religious Ed classes. Please make any checks out to St. Vladimir's Religious Ed. Your support is greatly appreciated!

7. Wyoming Valley Stations of the Cross Schedule

Sundays during Lent: 4:00pm

Apr. 2 Edwardsville, St. Vladimir's, Fr. Wolensky

Confessions: 3:30pm, Rosary: 3:45pm

Reception and Fellowship to Follow. Everyone is Invited.

8. CONFESSION

Confession will be heard weekly 20 min. before Divine Liturgy or by appointment with Fr. Myron continue your Great Fast (Lent) off with this beautiful sacrament.

9. MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

The week end of March 31, April 1, 2, 2017 the League of Ukrainian Catholics are sponsoring their Annual Lenten Retreat with Archimandrite George Appleyard as Retreat Director. The theme for this year's retreat is 'THE EXODUS - THEN AND NOW' since the Book of Exodus is the prescribed readings for Vespers during Holy Week. Archimandrite Appleyard will explore the Book of Exodus for the lessons to be applied to us today. Retreat is open to all. Make plans to come away for a quiet week end of prayer and understanding our Faith. There is reservation forms in the back of the church.

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10. BUS TRIP

The North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics is sponsoring a bus trip to New York City on Sunday, May 21, 2017 to the 41st Annual St. George Ukrainian Street Festival on the Lower East Side of Manhattan. Participants are also free to visit the 44th Annual Ninth Avenue International Food Festival in midtown Manhattan or do their own thing for part or all of the day. Bus will pick up at Edwardsville's St. Vladimir Church, 70 Zerby Avenue at 8:00am and at Scranton's St. Vladimir Church at 8:45am. Departure for home will be at 8:30pm. Cost is \$40.00 per person. Full nonrefundable advance payment reserves a seat. Reservations are being taken by Paul Ewasko at 570 563-2275. Check should be made payable to North Anthracite Council - LUC. Early reservations are recommended as the bus is expected to fill quickly.

METROPOLITAN STEFAN'S MEDITATION FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST

Our Great Fast Meditations have meditated on the sinfulness of living with feelings of entitlement. Today's Gospel tells of how two apostles who blatantly asked Jesus to sit on either side of him when he comes into his glory. It brought out feelings of animosity among the other ten apostles. Is this not true of life – our life, when we strive for being regarded as in some way superior and thereby more entitled to life's privileges than others? It occurs among all of us, between people of all ages, ethnic groups and races, people with different levels of education, amidst hierarchy, clergy, faithful, and so on. It causes dissension, envy and brutality amidst us.

Jesus was calling his apostles to a change of mind, to live with a new vision. It was not easy for them to understand that greatness meant becoming a servant of others. Like the apostles, we are slow to grasp Jesus' vision of joy and peace, slow to accept the truth that sets us free. Can we grasp the hand of Jesus Christ with His promise that we will not walk in darkness if we follow Him? Jesus taught that "whoever wants to rank first among you must serve the needs of all" (Mk 10:45).

Our Holy Father recently reminded us not to be hypocritical in the celebration of our faith. As we make plans for Easter celebrations, plan to make the entire journey with Jesus Christ, by participating in the Vespers and Exposition of the Holy Shroud on Good Friday and entering through His sacrifice into the celebration of Pascha, the glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I urge you not to be hypocritical with God by choosing to enjoy the blessing of Easter foods and participating in Easter Sunday



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services without having entered through the door
of Christ's passion and death on the cross.

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Please include in your prayers those members of
our parish who are in hospitals, care homes,
rehabilitation facilities & those who are not able
to join us actively in our church community.



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