

## **Divine Liturgy Guide**

**Sunday, March 2, 2025**

### **Sunday of Cheese Fare**

SAT MAR 1: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Mary Bryndzia by Midred B. Migliori

SUN MAR 2: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Sunday of the Cheese Fare Blessings for His People

MON MAR 3: 9:00 a.m. St. Andrew Canon & Panahyda

TUES MAR 4: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy +Yaroslav Matieshko by Family

WED MAR 5: 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy

THURS MAR 6: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Blessings for Timothy Myronyuk by Christopher Lilik

FRI MAR 7: 9:00 a.m. Akafist to the Passion of Christ & Panahyda

SAT MAR 8: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Peter Gaffney by Edward & Jean Chomko

SUN MAR 9: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Great Fast Blessings for His people

### **Collection Basket**

**2/22 to 2/23 \$ 8,134**

Thank you to last week's counters

Mike Trusz & Linda Gerrity

Next Week's Counters are:

Mike Trusz & Olenka Chandoha-Knott

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

#### **MARCH 1-7**

Sharmayne Tucker - Mar. 3

Sharon Drumsta - Mar. 7

## VIGIL CANDLE SPONSORS: week beginning March 1, 2025

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| 1  | Hanging Eternal Lamp<br>\$10           | By: Linda Pirritano<br>For: I.M.O. + Joseph and + Esther Linko  |
| 2  | 2 Altar Vigil Candles<br>\$10          | By: Mark and Leslie Izak<br>For: God's Blessings of Health for Dave Pedley  |
| 3  | Proskomedia Candles<br>\$10            | By: Fr. Myron & the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church<br>For: I.M.O. + Soldiers, + Civilians, + Refugees of Ukraine |
| 4  | 2 Tetrapod Candles<br>\$10             | By: Parish Family of St.Vladimir's Church<br>For: God's Blessings of Health upon His Holiness Pope Francis          |
| 5  | Jesus Vigil at Iconostas<br>\$5        | By: Sharmayne Tucker<br>For: I.M.O. + Walter Michael Tucker, Jr.  |
| 6  | Mary Vigil at Iconostas<br>\$5         | By: Biloskirka Family<br>For: I.M.O. + Nicholas and + Nadia Biloskirka  |
| 7  | St. Nicholas<br>\$5                    | By: Regina Kozel<br>For: I.M.O. + Ihor Shablovsky   |
| 8  | St. Vladimir Vigil at Iconostas<br>\$5 | By: Sharmayne Tucker<br>For: I.M.O. + Paul and + Betty Schwenk  |
| 9  | Jesus Entrance Vigil<br>\$5            | By: Stella Patrick<br>For: Health and God's Blessings for Stephen Patrick   |
| 10 | Mary Entrance Vigil<br>\$5             | By: Servants of God<br>For: Safety of persecuted Christians   |
| 11 | Mother of God Statue<br>\$10           | By: Lilik Family<br>For: Deliverance of Ukraine & Protection of her Defenders                                       |
| 12 | Altar 7 branch Saturday<br>\$5         | By: Fr. Myron & the Faithful of St. Vladimir's Church<br>For: God's Blessings upon all Seminarrians                 |
| 13 | Altar 7 branch Sunday<br>\$5           | By: Fr. Myron & the Faithful of St.Vladimir's Church<br>For: Peace in the Middle East & Safe Return of Hostages     |
| 14 | Blessed Mother (side altar)<br>\$5     | By: Servants of God<br>For: Vocations to the Holy Priesthood & Religious Life                                       |
| 15 | Jesus (side altar)<br>\$5              | By: Servants of God<br>For: Repentance, Humility, Holiness - the Great Fast (Lent)                                  |

### CONFESSION

*For anyone that would like to receive the holy sacrament of confession you can let Father Myron know and set up a time either before or after Liturgy from Tuesday through Saturday.*

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***Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viky!***

**Divine Liturgies: Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m.,**

**Holy Days & Weekdays see bulletin**

**OUR MISSION PARISH: Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church**

## **UPCOMING CALENDAR**

- **March 3** - first day of the Great Fast (first day of Lent)-Strict fast and abstinence - no meat or dairy
- **March 15-16** PYROHY ( sale and distribution dates)
- **March 29th** - psyanky class - details in announcements
- **April 5-6** PYROHY ( sale and distribution dates)
- **May 18** - Easter Dinner/Sviachene - details announced at a later date
- **June 1** - First Solemn Holy Communion

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **1. WEEKLY VIGIL CANDLES AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP**

**Honor a loved one by sponsoring a Vigil Candle which will be lit for them for an entire week. These 7-Day candles are available with your special intention starting at only \$5. Contact Helen Pagnotti to reserve yours today.**

### **2. SOROKOUSTY INFORMATION BEING COLLECTED**

**We are now collecting information for the Lenten Sorokousty (Remembrance of the Beloved Dead) services. If you would like the souls of your Beloved prayed for during Lent as is customary, please fill out the Sorokousty envelope found in your envelope box and drop it in the collection basket. Fr. Myron will read all names during Lenten services. Lent begins March 3rd.**

### **3. DIVINE LITURGY REQUESTS BEING ACCEPTED**

**Divine Liturgy requests are now being accepted for 2025. Liturgies are available Mondays through Saturdays. Please fill out a request form (pink sheet) located in the back of the Church and drop it into the collection basket or give it to Fr. Myron directly. This is your chance to honor a Loved One (Living or Deceased) by requesting a Divine Liturgy in their Honor.**

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### **4. FEBRUARY PYROHY SALE RAISES OVER \$1,100!**

Last month's Pyrohy project was another success for our Church. Thanks to the hard work of Parish Volunteers, 156 dozen were made and sold. Total sales were \$1,567. Expenses were \$397.62, for a Profit of \$1,169.38. Thank You to everyone who made and bought our delicious Pyrohy. The next Pyrohy sale is scheduled for March 15th.

### **5. PRE-LENTEN DINNER RAISES OVER \$1,800!**

Last Sunday's Pre-Lenten Dinner was not only Delicious but was a great fundraiser for St. Vladimir's. Thanks to our wonderful Kitchen Crew, 135 Dinners were prepared and sold. Income from the Dinner was \$2,939, Expenses were \$1,095.17, for a Profit of \$1,843.83. Kitchen: \$2,032. Basket Raffle: \$575. 50/50 Raffle: \$150. Cash Donations: \$120. Bar Tips: \$62. Thank You to everyone involved for making this event so successful. Your support is truly appreciated.

### **6. FORGIVENESS VESPERS THIS SUNDAY IN NANTICOKE**

Holy Transfiguration Ukrainian Catholic Church in Nanticoke will be holding a Forgiveness Vespers service this Sunday, March 2nd, at 3:00PM. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Confessions will be heard from 2:30PM to 3:00PM before Forgiveness Vespers.

### **7. MONDAY IS A STRICT DAY OF FASTING**

A reminder that the First Day of Lent, Monday, March 3rd, is a Strict Day of Fasting. No Meat or Dairy Products may be Eaten this Day.

### **8. SERVICES FOR FIRST WEEK OF LENT**

Lenten Services will be held three days this week here at St. Vladimir's. First, St. Andrew Canon Service with Panachyda on Monday morning at 9:00am. Second, Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy on Wednesday evening at 6:00pm. And finally, Akathist Service with Panachyda on Friday morning at 9:00am. Please make a special effort to attend these Services.

### **9. DAYLIGHT SAVINGS MARCH 9th**

Please note that next week is Daylight Savings Clocks go forward.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **10. PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGY THURSDAY IN WILKES-BARRE**

In addition to Lenten Services here at St. Vladimir's this week, Fr. Myron will be having Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Wilkes-Barre Thursday evening, March 6th, at 5:00pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

### **11. LENTEN PRAYERS FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK OR INFIRM**

Please remember to Pray for those who are Sick or Infirm during this Lenten season. The list of names is in the back of the Bulletin. If you know of anyone to be added to the list, contact Fr. Myron or Maria Ruane. Your prayers are appreciated.

### **12. UKRAINIAN PYSANKY EGG DECORATING**

Join Instructor Tammy Budnovitch in our parish hall on Saturday, March 29 at 1:30 P.M. for a fun and creative workshop on the beautiful art of Ukrainian Pysanky egg decorating! This is a beginner friendly class and all materials will be supplied. Space is limited to 20, so registration is required. The cost will be \$35 per person, \$10 will be going towards the Gaffney family. Payment and registration are necessary to secure your spot. Don't miss out on this chance to learn a timeless craft and create your own stunning decorated egg just in time for Pascha. Contact Maria Ruane at 570-877-5899 to register.

### **13. ATTENTION PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS OF ST. VLADIMIRS:**

We are looking for a person to monitor and update our parish website. Currently nothing has been updated. If you know of anyone who can help out, please let Father know. Our out of town parishioners and guests rely on information posted there. Thank you!!!!

## CHEESEFARE (FORGIVENESS) SUNDAY

### Tropar & Kondak

You came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days of burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

O Master, Guide to Wisdom, Bestower of prudent counsel, Instructor of the foolish and Defender of the poor ones; make firm my heart and give it understanding. Give me a word, O Word of the Father: Behold, I shall not stop my lips from crying out to You: In Your mercy, have mercy on me who am fallen.

### **Prokeimenon**

Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

**Verse:** In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

### **Alleluia Verses**

It is good to give praise to the Lord, and to sing to Your name, O Most High.

To announce Your mercy in the morning and Your truth every night.

### **Communion Verse**

Praise the Lord from the heavens: praise Him in the highest.  
Alleluia! (3X)

EPISTLE – Romans 13:11 – 14:4

A READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE ROMANS

Brethren: You know what sort of times we live in, and so you should live properly. It is time to wake up. You know that the day when we will be saved is nearer now than when we first put our faith in the Lord. Night is almost over, and day will soon appear. We must stop behaving as people do in the dark and be ready to live in the light. So behave properly, as people do in the day. Don't go to wild parties or get drunk or be vulgar or indecent. Don't quarrel or be jealous. Let the Lord Jesus Christ be as near to you as the clothes you wear. Then you won't try to satisfy your selfish desires. Welcome all the Lord's followers, even those whose faith is weak. Don't criticize them for having beliefs that are different from yours. Some think it is all right to eat anything, while those whose faith is weak will eat only vegetables. But you should not criticize others for eating or for not eating. After all, God welcomes everyone. What right do you have to criticize someone else's servants? Only their Lord can decide if they are doing right, and the Lord will make sure that they do right.

**Gospel: (Mt 6,14-21)**

The Lord said, "If you forgive others their transgressions, your heavenly Father will forgive you. But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your transgressions. When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites. They neglect their appearance, so that they may appear to others to be fasting. Amen, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you may not appear to be fasting, except to your Father who is hidden. And your Father who sees what is hidden will repay you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and decay destroy and thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor decay destroys, nor thieves break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there also will your heart be."



## PASTORAL LETTER FOR THE GREAT FAST 2025

As we enter the Great Fast, we begin to walk along a path of deeper union with God, through the grace of repentance and the renewal of our spiritual identity. By its very design, this holy season serves as a magnifying glass or a litmus test for our lives. It invites us to pause amid the whirlwind of life and to quiet our hearts, reflecting on what it means to be disciples of Christ, what it means to live in hope. In this Holy Year, as we are called to be pilgrims of hope, we must often face trials and confusion. Members of our Church, our refugees, our forced migrants and victims of war, soldiers on a brutal front, residents of cities under bombardment: all of us are citizens of the 21st century, in which turbulence, ideological confrontations, and economic inequality prevail. Besides these challenges, each of us has personal struggles, in family and school, work and health, faith and doubt, life and death. It is precisely in these trials that Jesus calls us to walk forward with hope—and not merely hope for ourselves, but hope for our brothers and sisters as well, indeed, hope for the entire world. Hope is not the same as optimism. It is not a feeling or a declaration that everything will turn out as well as we would like it to. The virtue of hope is “an unshakeable confidence in the Savior. It characterizes the believer who awaits the fullness of Christ’s coming; hope is the virtue of the ‘sojourner,’ the one who, being a partaker of divine life, grows in it, that is, becomes divinized” (Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church: Christ—Our Pascha, nn. 841 842). What, then, is our hope? What is full hope? What is ultimate hope? Is it not the life in Christ, life in the Kingdom of God? We who have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ (Gal. 3:27). He guides us with His word, nurtures us with the Holy Eucharist, calls us His friends, His brothers and sisters (John 15:15). We are sons and daughters of the heavenly Father, part of the Body of Christ: “For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ” (1 Cor. 12:12). Dear brother, dear sister, you belong to Jesus! Christ has taken on our life, our humanity, and we have put Him on as our clothing! He feeds us with His most holy Body and Blood. Our hope is not measured by wealth, power, pleasure, or comfort, but instead is founded on the promises of Christ. It arises in our friendship with the Son of God, through which our true identity in the house of the Father is made manifest. How shall we live this hope? How can we begin anew? In the Gospel, we hear the Lord’s call: “Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven

is at hand” (Matt. 3:2). The Great Fast is a time to reclaim our true identity, a time to rediscover hope. All the practices of this salutary season have one fundamental goal: to help us to encounter the Lord, to know Him, to receive His gifts and blessings, and to trust Him in all circumstances of life. When we pray, may our eyes meet the eyes of Jesus. When we fast, may we become detached from those things of the world that distract us from seeing those eyes clearly. Let us put aside, at least for a while, the screens of our phones and computers so that we may hear God’s Word. This Word is addressed to each of us personally in our pain and our sorrows, in our doubts and confusion. Through repentance and confession of our sins, let us create a place in our hearts and souls for the Holy Spirit, who fills our lives and relationships with light and peace. Our hope must motivate us to give hope to others as well, to share the gift of faith, of Holy Baptism, of trust in Jesus. How? We do this through our sacrifices—our time, talents, and treasure. So, beloved in Christ, let us give freely, let us give generously. Let us give so that it hurts at least a little: we must give more than mere crumbs from our table! May our giving become a true sacrifice of love. And best of all, let us do at least one good deed each day without letting anyone know about it: you, your good deed, and the Lord—an intimate secret. Today, as Ukraine suffers from the prolonged, oppressive war waged by Russia—a war that destroys, divides, and seeks to erase our identity—many of our brothers and sisters endure the pain of loss, displacement, and suffering. Cities are reduced to ruins, families are torn apart, and countless lives are lost. Yet, even in this darkness, we hold fast our hope that evil will not have the final word. May our hope in the risen Christ be a firm anchor (Heb. 6:19). In Christ, we are already victorious, for “nothing and no one can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord” (cf. Rom. 8:39). May prayer, fasting, and almsgiving help us receive the gift of hope that God is bestowing upon us. With this hope, let us make our confident pilgrimage toward the Resurrection. Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!

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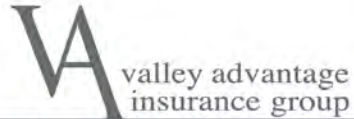
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**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

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.

**Mountain View**

Irene Slagan

**Clarks Summit Senior**

**Living**

Sophia Soniak

**Home**

Anastasia Korman

Shirley Nidoh

Andrea Geraghty

Stella Patrick

Stanley Krupinski

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