

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY



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Divine Liturgy Guide

Sunday, February 18, 2018

First Sunday of Great Fast

SAT. FEBRUARY 17: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Parania Stasyszyn by Jean & David Pedley

SUN FEBRUARY 18: 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy First Sunday of Great Fast

MON. FEBRUARY 19: 9:00 a.m. Akafist to the Passion of Christ & Panahyda

TUE. FEBRUARY 20: Leo of Cantina Bishop READ Proverbs 5:1-15

WED. FEBRUARY 21: 6:30 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy

THU. FEBRUARY 22: Finding the Relics of the Martyrs of Eugenia READ Proverbs 6:3-20

FRI. FEBRUARY 23: 5:00 p.m. Typica with Great Canon and Panahyda

SAT. FEBRUARY 24: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Dominik J. Fiorenza by John & Jean Bendick

SUN FEBRUARY 25: 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy Second Sunday of Great Fast

Collection Basket 

February 10 & 11 \$2712.50

We thank last week counters:

Dave Pedley and Linda Gerrity

Next in Line

Mike Trusz & Olenka Chandoha-Knott

FEBRUARY 17-23

Happy Birthday!

Kay Knott - Feb. 17

Daniela Myronyuk - Feb. 17

Ann Stec - Feb. 17

Cole Knott - Feb. 20

WITH JOY WE KEEP THE HOLY FAST (PAGE 1008-ANTHOLOGY)

With joy we keep the holy Fast.
And gather on the Lord's own Day.
That through his word and Sacrament,
We may give thanks to Christ, the Way.

Now is the time acceptable!
Today the day, the day our Savior calls!
Let us cast off the weight of sin.
And rise again from evil's falls.

You took our flesh, O Christ our God.
That we be saved from death and sin.
In icons, we this faith express,
As we our Pascal fast begin.

Announcements

1. NEW TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR 2018

- MARCH 17 – PYROHY
- APRIL 1 - EASTER
- APRIL 15 – EASTER DINNER
- MAY 13 – FIRST SOLEMN COMMUNION
- MAY 19 – BUS TRIP TO NYC

2. MARK YOUR CALENDAR

LEAGUE OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS OF AMERICA Annual Lenten Retreat St. Mary's Villa Retreat Center, Sloatsburg, NY March 16, 17 and 18, 2018 Retreat Director - His Excellency Bishop John Bura Auxiliary Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy and Ambassador of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic church in Washington, DC Theme: "The Road to Repentance"

3. BEST LENT EVER

Looking for something to help you through Lent aka Great Fast? We are encouraging all our friends and parishioners to click on the link and sign up. BestLentEver.com

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4. Children's Sunday

Please have all children sitting in the front of the church February 25th before Divine Liturgy begins for Children's Sunday. Thank you

5. PORK DINNER RAISES OVER \$1,000!

Our Pre-Lenten Pork & Kapusta Dinner was not only Delicious, but was a great fundraiser for St. Vladimir's. Income from Dinner Tickets, 50/50, Bar Tips and extra Food Sales totaled \$1,555. Expenses were \$543, for a Profit of \$1,012. Thank You to everyone involved for making this event so successful.

6. WYOMING VALLEY STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

- Sundays during Lent: 4:00pm
 - Feb. 18 Wilkes-Barre, Ss. Peter & Paul, Fr. Wolensky
 - Feb. 25 Plymouth, Ss. Peter & Paul, Fr. Pasicznyk
 - Mar. 4 Glen Lyon, St. Nicholas, Fr. Petryshak
 - Mar. 11 Nanticoke, Holy Transfiguration, Fr. Pasicznyk
 - Mar. 18 Edwardsville, St. Vladimir's, Fr. Wolensky
- Confessions 3:30pm. Rosary 3:45pm.
- Reception and Fellowship to Follow. Everyone is Invited.

7. CANDLES FOR YOUR LOVED ONE

We have a many candles available weekly,. If you would like to sponsor a candle please contact: Helen Pagnotti. Her telephone numbers are: 570-457-4736, cellphone 570-430-3159, email: pagnottiha@gmail.com or after Divine Liturgy.

8. LENTEN MISSION COMING TO OUR AREA

You are cordially invited to a 6-day Lenten Mission being held at local Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parishes in the beginning of March. Please see the special flyer for all the details. The Missionary Preacher will be Fr. Protodeacon Michael Waak from the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Philadelphia. The spiritual purpose of the Mission will be that we all learn more together about God and our Faith. After each Lenten service and talk, there will be a reception, during which there will be a question and answer period between the people and the clergy. Bring any questions you may have about Jesus, our Faith, our church, and why we worship the way we do. Remember, there is no "dumb" question, except the one you have but didn't ask. Don't be shy! The more we know about our Jesus Christ and our Faith, the stronger our Faith will become. Hope to see you at our Mission!

Announcements

9. COLLECTION FOR WINTER HEATING FOR UKRAINIAN ORPHANS DURING LENT

St. Vladimir's will be collecting Donations for Ukrainian Orphans Heating Costs which have skyrocketed this season. Please help by depositing your donation into the special canister located on the Tetrapod in the front of the church. You can also mail your contribution to the Rectory. Sister and the Orphans would greatly appreciate your help. Thank You to Our Parishioners and friends.

Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit.

Without You, I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love.

God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus.

Lord, during this Lenten Season nourish me with Your word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer.

Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Divine Liturgy

Father, our source of life, I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand; let me walk more readily in Your ways. Guide me in Your gentle mercy, for left to myself I cannot do Your Will.

Father of love, source of all blessings, help me to pass from my old life of sin to the new life of grace. Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom.

I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, forever. Amen.



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Mary Wasyluniak

Linwood Nursing Home

Dolores Zapotochny

Mountain View

Sylvester Cybroski

Lackawanna Health Care Center

Antonietta Kohut

Allied

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Home

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John Monsul

Stella Patrick

Home

Ceil Harrison

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Walter Tucker, Jr.

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Ronald Kozak

Kathleen Izak

Sharon Selwocki

Ann Cosminski

Walter Skula

Doris Romancho

Mary Warholak

Dorothy Kowalchick

Irene Slagan

Michael McConnell

Olga Trusz

VIGIL CANDLE SPONSORS: week beginning February 17, 2018

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| 1 | Hanging Eternal Lamp
\$10 | By: Kay Knott and Family
For: I.M.O. +John Knott |
| 2 | 2 Altar Vigil Candles
\$10 | By: Ruane Family
For: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church |
| 3 | Proskomedia Candles
\$10 | By: Parish Family of St. Vladimir's Church
For: Health and God's Blessings for Adam Ruane |
| 4 | 2 Tetrapod Candles
\$10 | By: Helen, Jean & John, Angela & David
For: I.M.O. +Dominick J. Fiorenza |
| 5 | Jesus Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Anne Minta
For : Birthday Blessings for Kathy Locker |
| 6 | Mary Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Nadia Biloskirka
For: I.M.O. +Nicholas Biloskirka |
| 7 | St. Nicholas
\$5 | By: Sharmayne Tucker
For: Health & God's Blessings for Walter Tucker, Jr |
| 8 | St. Vladimir Vigil at Iconostas
\$5 | By: Marlene Laskowski
For: I.M.O. +Joseph E. Laskowski, Sr. |
| 9 | Jesus Entrance Vigil
\$5 | By: Stella Patrick
For: Health and God's Blessings for Stephen Patrick |
| 10 | Mary Entrance Vigil
\$5 | By: Walter Skula
For: I.M.O. +Dorothy Skula |
| 11 | Mother of God Statue
\$10 | By: Olenka Chandoha-Knott
For : Birthday Blessings for Daniella Myronyuk |
| 12 | Altar 7 branch Saturday
\$5 | By: Linda Pirritano
For : Health and God's Blessings for Adam Ruane |
| 13 | Altar 7 branch Sunday
\$5 | By: Regina Kozel
For : Health of Ihor Shablovsky |
| 14 | Blessed Mother (side altar)
\$5 | By: John and Olenka Knot
For : Birthday Blessings for Kay Knott |
| 15 | Jesus (side altar)
\$5 | By: Sophie Soniak
For : Birthday Blessings for Kathy Locker |

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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REVEREND MYRON MYRONYUK, PASTOR Email: myronyukm@yahoo.com

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

Divine Liturgies: Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday 10:30 a.m.,

Holy Days & Weekdays see bulletin

OUR MISSION PARISH: Saints Peter & Paul, 47 Rittenhouse Street, Simpson,
Pennsylvania

Sick calls / Communion calls / Home visits/ Emergencies: call parish office.

The Greater Mystery

Our first parents, shamed by guilt for their transgression, made aprons for themselves from fig leaves. The fig tree can fittingly designate the tendency toward sin, which is wrongfully filled with sweetness for the human race. Those placed under it can be His elect, those who do not yet recognize the grace of their election – just as the Lord saw Nathanael when he was situated under the fig tree though Nathanael did not see Him. “For the Lord knows who are his” [2 Tim 2:19], and the very name Nathanael is most suitably appropriate to their salvation. For Nathanael is interpreted “gift of God,” and unless one is called by the gift of God, one will never evade the guilt of the first transgression; he will never evade wrongfully enticing things under the shelter of his daily-increasing sins; he will never be worthy to come to Christ to be

saved. Hence the Apostle says, “For by grace you have been saved, through faith, and not of yourselves. It is a gift of God, not a result of your works, lest anyone glory” [Eph 2:8-9].

There follows: Jesus said to Nathanael, “Because I said to you that I saw you under the fig tree, you believe. You will see a greater thing than these.” He subsequently discloses what is the greater thing of which He speaks, by giving His pledge of a future opening of the kingdom of heaven to believers, and of a proclamation to the world of both His natures in one person. This in reality is a much more excellent hidden mystery than the fact that He foresaw us enlightened by Him while we were still placed in the shadow of sin.

St. Bede the Venerable

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