

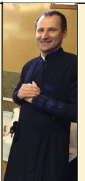


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## A prayer for peace

METROPOLITAN ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM SKURLA JOINS RELIGIOUS LEADERS AT ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL IN PITTSBURGH TO OFFER PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE



Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla was among the religious leaders who spoke at “A Prayer Gathering for Peace,” a March 6 service at St. Paul Cathedral in Oakland (Pittsburgh), Pa. to show solidarity with the area Ukrainian community. Photo courtesy of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh-Communications Department.

By David Mayernik Jr.  
Editor

Father Ihor Hohosha, a priest of the Ukrainian Catholic Church, describes the colors on Ukraine’s flag as representing a “peaceful sky” (blue) and “fields of wheat” (yellow).

It is a flag in need of continued prayers.

Father Ihor was among the many religious leaders — including Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla — who attended “A Prayer Gathering for Peace,” in solidarity with the Pittsburgh-area Ukrainian community — Sunday, March 6 at Saint Paul Cathedral in Oakland (Pittsburgh), Pa.

The service was sponsored by more than 30 religious organizations in the Pittsburgh area, including the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of

Pittsburgh, Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh, Episcopal Diocese of Pittsburgh, Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Jewish Federation of Greater Pittsburgh, the Salvation Army, Western Pennsylvania Division; and Ukrainian Catholic Church.

Bishop David Zubik of the Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh welcomed the hundreds of people to St. Paul Cathedral.

“The doors of this cathedral are open wide to welcome you all here. And I certainly hope you feel very much at home,” he said.

“May our time here today, as we especially pray for our sisters and brothers in Ukraine and all of their relatives and friends who are in our own community, we pray for their consolation. We pray for the courage of leaders and we pray

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### “Pray for Ukraine”

FATHER OLEH SEREMCHUK DISCUSSES WAR AT SAINT VINCENT COLLEGE

By Diane Zelenak  
Saint Vincent Basilica, Latrobe, Pa.

Father Oleh Seremchuk, pastor of St. Nicholas Byzantine Catholic Church in Perryopolis, Pa. and Administrator of St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church in Scottdale, Pa. gave a presentation to about 250 people at Saint Vincent Archabbey Basilica in Latrobe, Pa. March 15.

Following an introduction by the pastor of Saint Vincent Basilica Parish, Father Richard

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## Monsignor Russell A. Duker retires

by Peggy Duker Chabala

Following an illustrious ecclesiastical career in the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, Monsignor Russell Andrew Duker has retired.

One of seven children born to Stephen Daniel Duker and Mary Agnes Varhola from West Aliquippa, Pa., Monsignor Duker is the only priestly vocation born and raised at Saint George Byzantine Catholic Church in Aliquippa, Pa., where he served as an altar boy and where his father, Stephen D. Duker, was the cantor for many years.

In pursuing his vocation, Monsignor Duker completed studies at our SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary, Duquesne University, and The North American College in Rome, Italy, culminating in his receiving a Doctoral Degree in Ecclesiastical History in the summer of 1982 from The Pontifical Gregorian University, Rome, Italy.

On Sept. 21, 1984, the papal document conferring upon Father Duker, the office of Prelate of Honor of His Holiness, Saint John Paul II, with the title of Monsignor was assigned at the Vatican by the Papal Secretary of State, Augustine Cardinal Casaroli.

In 1990, because of Monsignor Duker’s personal agency, he was appointed by Metropolitan Archbishop Stephen J. Kocisko to be the Rector of SS. Cyril

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Monsignor Russell A. Duker



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# HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA SCHEDULE

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■ Presanctified Liturgy

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■ Presanctified Liturgy

## HOLY WEDNESDAY

7 P.M. APRIL 13  
■ Presanctified Liturgy  
with Anointing of the Sick

## HOLY THURSDAY

7 P.M. APRIL 14  
■ Great Vespers with Divine Liturgy of  
St. Basil the Great

## GOOD FRIDAY

9 A.M. APRIL 15  
■ Royal Hours

## 7 P.M. APRIL 15

■ Entombment Vespers for Good Friday  
and Procession with the Holy Shroud

## HOLY SATURDAY

7 P.M. APRIL 16

■ Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy

## THE RADIANT RESURRECTION

9 A.M. APRIL 17

■ Divine Liturgy

## BRIGHT MONDAY

9 A.M. APRIL 18

■ Divine Liturgy

Soar As On Eagle's Wings

Though youths grow weary and tired,  
And vigorous young men stumble badly,  
Yet those who wait for the LORD  
Will gain new strength;  
They will mount up with wings like eagles,  
They will run and not get tired,  
They will walk and not become weary.

ISAIAH 40

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Note: Those teens who were 18 last year and planned to attend the cancelled 2020 San Diego Rally and the 2021 Rally will be allowed to attend the Rally in 2022. Guidelines will be provided for these attendees on the Rally Website.

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Chancery will be closed  
Thursday, April 14 and Friday,  
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The Chancery will resume regular hours  
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# A prayer for peace



Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurła was among the religious leaders present at “A Prayer Gathering for Peace,” a March 6 interfaith prayer service at St. Paul Cathedral in Oakland (Pittsburgh), Pa. to show solidarity with the area Ukrainian community. Photo courtesy of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh-Communications Department.

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that our own intentions for peace might in fact become ever more energized by being here today.”

Archbishop William called for prayers for Ukraine.

“Today, we pray for the end of the violent invasion. We pray for consolation for those who have families living in Ukraine and those recently displaced. Especially, we pray for the families of our 10 priests from Ukraine serving in the Byzantine Catholic Pittsburgh Archeparchy who are praying with us today as well as are several other people, priests, and religious serving other churches in the United States,” he said.

“For Christians, Lent is the season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We certainly will remember Ukraine in our prayer and fasting during the Great Fast.”

Father Ihor — “100 percent Ukrainian born and raised” — spoke from his heart and implored those assembled to “pray as you never have before.”

“I can’t pray as I did before because I am bleeding and I am crying,” he said.

He called the Russian invasion



From right: Father Valerian Michlik, Father Vasyl Polyak and Father Will Rupp. Photo courtesy of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Pittsburgh-Communications Department.



Sisters of St. Basil the Great traveled from Uniontown, Pa. to the prayer service. Joining them were their Sisters from Ambridge and Pittsburgh.

of Ukraine “total madness.”

“I couldn’t believe that this could happen in the 21st Century in the middle of Europe,” he said.

“This is even genocide of the Ukrainian nation.”

Father Ihor said he has family in Ukraine, including a brother who is “ready to fight.”

“I can’t go to sleep before I know it is sunrise in Ukraine. Because I know if the night is over there will be no bombing.”

He asked those assembled in St. Paul Cathedral and watching via livestream to please continue to pray and “continue to stand with Ukraine.”

Bishop Zubik said a similar service was held in fall 2009 to pray for world leaders who gathered in Pittsburgh for the G20 Summit.

“Today we come together as a people, who in a more critical time, pray for world peace in the face of madness that seeks to annihilate a nation. To pray for world leaders; that they may have the courage to reverse the weapons of war, and we pray for each other; that our deep desire for peace may be evident not only in our prayer here today but in that spirit we take with us when we leave this place.” ■

# “Pray for Ukraine”

Story continued from page 1

Ulam, O.S.B., Father Oleh led the congregation in prayer.

Afterward, he took to the podium to talk about the war in Ukraine.

Father Oleh confirmed that most of the infrastructure in Ukraine has been destroyed along with hospitals, schools, and apartment buildings.

He talked about the refugee crisis with nearly 3 million people having fled to neighboring countries.

He said his mother, who lives in Uzhhorod — which borders Slovakia — accepted two refugees into her home, a mother and

daughter from Kyiv.

“Everyone is scared,” he said.

He also talked about his life as a married priest. He said that most of the students in his seminary class were married. His wife, Maryna, and his 2-year-old son, Mark, were introduced.

Archabbot Martin Bartel, O.S.B., was in attendance and spent some time talking with Father Oleh and his family.

Maryna baked and decorated beautiful cookies in the shape of Ukraine to share with those present.

At the end of the talk, Father Richard asked Father Oleh if he had any last comments.

“Pray for Ukraine,” he said. ■



LEFT: Father Oleh Seremchuk, his wife, Maryna, and 2-year-old son, Mark. Photos by Brother Placid Sellers, OSB.

## ARCHBISHOP WILLIAM SKURLA’S REMARKS AT THE MARCH 6 “A PRAYER GATHERING FOR PEACE,” ST. PAUL CATHEDRAL, OAKLAND (PITTSBURGH, PA.)



Good Afternoon!  
Glory to Jesus Christ!  
Slava Isusu Christu!

The people of Pittsburgh have gathered today at the Roman Catholic Cathedral of Saint Paul. We pray for the people living in Ukraine who are being invaded by forces following the command of Vladimir Putin. It has resulted in death, hunger, and an emigration of over one and half million people from Ukraine as of today.

I am Metropolitan Archbishop William Skurla of the Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Church of Pittsburgh. I was chosen to speak today because my father’s family and our Byzantine Catholic Church is from the western Transcarpathian area of the current nation of Ukraine. All my life, I heard of stories of Ukraine from my family and those displaced after the Second World War who resettled in Minnesota where I was born and baptized. I have listened to their stories, and I have visited Ukraine as a bishop or archbishop several times.

The Slavic peoples have been living in Eastern and Central Europe since prehistoric times. They have endured several invasions and occupations. The domination of Soviet Union lead by Joseph Stalin is merely the last of many which the Slavic peoples have endured. During the last Soviet occupation, millions died to persevere their faith and national freedom.

From 1991 to 2014, the people living in Ukraine enjoyed political and religious freedom. Unfortunately, the 2014 occupation of Crimea, parts of Lugansk, and Donetsk Provinces has cost 14,000 lives. Since the invasion, several thousands more have died and millions have fled in one week. With the threat of a second communist suppression of the entire nation, the darkness and gloom could return for my Ruthenian Church, the Ukrainian Catholic Church, and the other religious groups living in the nation of Ukraine.

Today, we pray for the end of the violent invasion. We pray for consolation for those who have families living in Ukraine and those recently displaced. Especially, we pray for the families of our ten priests from Ukraine serving in the Byzantine Catholic Pittsburgh Archeparchy who are praying with us today as well as are several other people, priests, and religious serving other churches in the United States.

For Christians, Lent is the season of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. We certainly will remember Ukraine in our prayer and fasting during the Great Fast. The Churches of our Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy are collecting money for support of Ukraine. If your church, religious, or civil organizations are making collections to send aid to Ukraine, please give to help save lives.

We take for granted our religious and political freedom. Although our political system is far from perfect, we are allowed to worship without interference from the government. When we are persecuted for our faith, we can draw courage from the Books of the Old Testament which are filled with stories of the suffering of the people of Israel who are praying with us today. Even though the people of Israel suffered, they remained faithful to the Lord. Their enduring faith was eventually rewarded with restoration of their people.

We pray to the Lord that the invasion forces will withdraw. But, if they do not withdraw, we pray that the Lord will give our people the spiritual strength to endure yet another persecution. It will likely be a time of suffering. We hope and pray that this oppression will be mild and short. And we pray that the Lord will restore their nation and our Church. ■



# “We never would have imagined”

POPE FRANCIS THANKS CATHOLICS ACROSS THE CONTINENT FOR THEIR QUICK RESPONSE IN AIDING UKRAINIANS

## Text of prayer for peace in Ukraine recited by pope

by Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — Here is the Catholic News Service translation of the prayer for peace Pope Francis recited at his weekly general audience March 16. The prayer was composed by Archbishop Domenico Battaglia of Naples.

Forgive us for the war, Lord.

Lord Jesus, son of God, have mercy on us sinners.

Lord Jesus, born under the bombs of Kyiv, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, dead in the arms of a mother in Kharkiv, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, in the 20-year-olds sent to the frontline, have mercy on us.

Lord Jesus, who continues to see hands armed with weapons under the shadow of the cross, forgive us, Lord.

Forgive us if, not content with the nails with which we pierced your hand, we continue to drink from the blood of the dead torn apart by weapons.

Forgive us if these hands that you had created to protect have been turned into instruments of death.

Forgive us, Lord, if we continue to kill our brother. Forgive us, Lord, if we continue to kill our brother, if we continue like Cain to take the stones from our field to kill Abel.

Forgive us if we go out of our way to justify cruelty, if, in our pain, we legitimize the cruelty of our actions. Forgive us the war, Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ, son of God, we implore you to stop the hand of Cain, enlighten our conscience, let not our will be done, do not abandon us to our own doing. Stop us, Lord, stop us, and when you have stopped the hand of Cain, take care of him also. He is our brother.

O Lord, stop the violence. Stop us, Lord. Amen. ■

by Cindy Wooden  
Catholic News Service

VATICAN CITY — Russia’s war on Ukraine, and especially its brutality, “leaves us dumbfounded,” Pope Francis said; “we never would have imagined we would again see such scenes, which are reminiscent of the great wars of the last century.”

“The heartrending cry for help of our Ukrainian brothers and sisters urges us as a community of believers not only to reflect seriously, but to weep with them and to do something for them; to share the anguish of a people whose identity, history and tradition have been wounded,” he said in a message March 18 to participants at a European conference on Catholic social teaching and social action.

“The blood and tears of children, the suffering of women and men who are defending their land or fleeing from bombs shake our conscience,” he said in the message read at the conference in Bratislava, Slovakia, sponsored by the Council of European Bishops’ Conferences.

With the war in Ukraine, he said, “once again humanity is threatened by a perverse abuse of power and vested interests, which condemns defenseless people to suffer all forms of brutal violence.”

Pope Francis thanked Catholics across the continent for their quick response in coming to the aid of Ukrainians, offering them material aid, welcome and hospitality.

“Let us not grow weary in this



The rising moon is seen above a cross on top of a church in downtown Lviv, Ukraine, March 14. Catholic News Service photo/Kai Pfaffenbach, Reuters.

and let us not cease to invoke peace from God and from human beings,” he said.

According to the U.N. Refugee Agency, almost 3.3 million people had fled from Ukraine since the Russian invasion began Feb. 24; millions more are displaced within Ukraine.

Pope Francis asked European bishops “to continue to pray that those who hold the fate of nations in their hands will leave no stone unturned to stop the war and open a constructive dialogue to put an end to the immense humanitarian tragedy that it is causing.”

But he also said that the war is a sign that of the urgent need “to review the style and effectiveness of the ‘art of politics,’” an art that is supposed to promote working together for the common good and for friendly relations among nations.

War, he said, always “leaves

the world worse off” and is “a failure of politics and humanity, a shameful surrender to the forces of evil.”

But Pope Francis said he hoped the war in Ukraine would provoke a renewed commitment to international cooperation in peacemaking, with Europe leading the way.

“Europe and the nations that compose it are not opposed to each other, and building the future does not mean uniformity, but uniting even more in respect for diversity,” he said.

For Christians, the pope said, that means starting “from the very heart of the Gospel: Jesus Christ and his saving love. This is the ever-new proclamation to be brought to the world, first of all through the witness of lives that show the beauty of an encounter with God and love for one’s neighbor.” ■

## PARISHES IN THE ARCHDIOCESE OF PITTSBURGH OFFER AID, PRAYERS FOR UKRAINE



by William Dzuricko  
St. Michael, Hermitage, Pa.

Following the the 9 a.m. March 20 Veneration of the Cross Divine Liturgy at St. Michael in Hermitage, Pa., GCU Lodge No. 258 presented a \$500 check to Father Kevin Marks for aid to Ukraine.

The check will be added to all of the donations given to St. Michael and will be sent to the Eparchy of Mukachevo in Ukraine.

From left to right are: Lucy Mallick, Joan Walker, Father Kevin Marks, and Bill Dzuricko.

We pray for peace in Ukraine+ ■

■ Posted March 20 to Facebook:

Paisley Pisarcik of Brockway, Pa. donated \$210 to our Holy Trinity in Skyesville, Pa. for Ukrainian relief. Paisley recently make 60 bracelets with the colors of the Ukrainian flag. She sold them online to raise money. She is a student at DuBois Central Catholic school and a member of Saint Tobias Church in Brockway. We appreciate her donation!



■ Posted March 20 to Facebook:

Holy Trinity Parish in Skyesville, Pa. along with our community raised \$9,610 for Ukrainian relief efforts.

We are very thankful for the generosity of our Parishioners, Central Catholic School, Farmers National Bank and many residents in and around Skyesville. The money will be sent to the Eparchy of Mukachevo Ukraine for Humanitarian relief.

TEXT MESSAGES

# “One room for mother, child”

by David Mayernik Jr.  
Editor



Ukrainian refugees arriving by train at stations in adjacent countries such as Poland, Slovakia and Hungary are being greeted by hundreds of people offering them refuge from the war in their homeland.

Polish natives hold signs high in the air, hand-scribbled with words such as “one room for mother and child” and “two rooms for Ukrainians.”

According to one news report, at Berlin’s Hauptbahnhof train station refugees are greeted by a “makeshift welcome centre with volunteers serving up hot food, handing out warm clothes and shoes and toys for children.”

A video clip that went viral shows two young Ukrainian children entering an Italian school for the first time.

As they tentatively make their way through the double front doors, they are greeted by a mass of students and teachers, cheering triumphantly and giving the two refugees a standing ovation.

The scenes would be heart-warming if the surrounding circumstances weren’t so full of despair.

As of March 21, 3.5 million refugees have fled Ukraine since the Russian invasion.

Watching these scenes unfold, I can’t imagine a more vibrant re-telling of The Parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37), which offers an answer to the question “Who is my neighbor?”

Of course, everyone knows the story: A man traveling from Jerusalem to Jericho was attacked by robbers.

He was stripped, beaten and left for dead.

A Samaritan traveling along the same way found him, bandaged his wounds and brought him to an inn and took care of him.

Many people all over the world are doing what they can to live up to the story of the Good Samaritan and treating the Ukrainian refugees with compassion and love.

*“Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?”*

*The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.”*

*Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”* ■

SISTERS OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT IN UNIONTOWN, PA.

# Aid for Ukraine



A message from Sister Susan Sisko, Provincial, Sisters of St. Basil the Great in Uniontown, Pa.

Dear Friends,

As the world continues to monitor the horrific war raging in Ukraine, our hearts are with our Sisters in Ukraine and other parts of Europe who are working tirelessly to offer humanitarian aid to the refugees of this crisis.

We hope that you will join us

in offering financial assistance to our Sisters, who are providing food, clothing, shelter, medicines, and other supplies to the refugees.

If you wish to donate, please follow this link (<https://sistersofstbasil.org/>) and donate via Paypal, or send a check to Sisters of St. Basil the Great, 500 W. Main St., Uniontown, PA 15401.

Please make your check payable to Sisters of St. Basil the Great and add “Ukraine” on the memo line.

Thank you, God bless you, and God bless the people of Ukraine.



## Appeal of M. Marcela Runcan, General Superior

*He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the LORD, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.” (Ps 91:1)*

Dear Basilian Sisters in Ukraine,

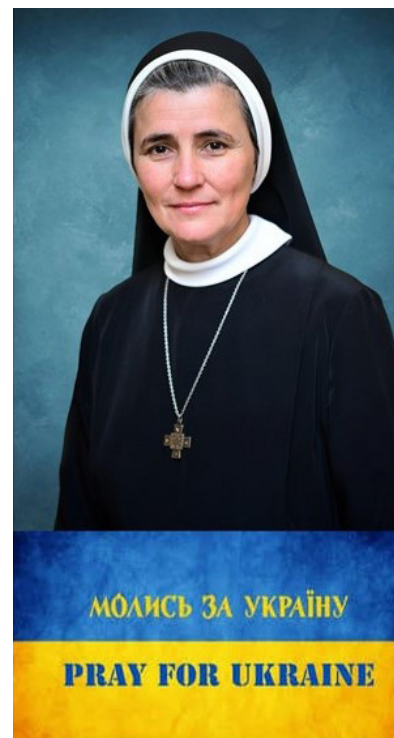
Dear Ukrainian Nation,

I am sending you this letter on the sixth day of shocking and unjustified aggression of Russian Federation military forces against Ukraine and Ukrainians. You are facing this trial with great dignity.

On February 12 the entire Order prayed for peace in Ukraine and as we lifted our eyes to the hills we testified together that our “help comes from the Lord” (Ps 121, 2). The Basilian Sisters from around the world continuously turn their eyes to the one who is our refuge and shelter. Every day and every night together with many other men and women of prayer we are creating a prayer shield for those in danger.

Dear Basilian Sisters in Ukraine, I am so grateful that you continue to be prayerful, healing and life-giving presence of God in your country, in all the cities and villages where you live, pray and serve. Thank you for bringing hope, trust in God’s providence, mercy and love to those who need it.

War, hatred and murder are obvious and bold-faced expressions of evil. Evil is a devastating force that destroys life, relationships and the soul. Dear Sisters, let us continue our prayers for peace. This is a time full of terror, blood, tears and cruelty but it is already clear how courage, love, mercy, truth, mutual aid and kindness are manifested as bright lights in the



darkness....

Spiritual giants are born in the greatest of trials. Even at this time, the night of Gethsemane, and perhaps Golgotha, the Lord leads us to the resurrection. Therefore, dear Sisters, I entrust you with the care of the physical and spiritual life of all those who ask for help. Let us not allow fear, bitterness, hatred, which will try to block this light to win and destroy you.

In the time when we are about to begin the Great Lent I am finishing my letter by the lines that show what is our destination, the destination where Ukraine is headed. “Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered, and let those who hate him flee from before his face. Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling death, and to those in the tombs granting life!”

United in prayer,  
**M. Marcela Runcan, OSBM**  
General Superior

REFLECTION FROM MOUNT ST. MACRINA

# Bring your sufferings to the cross

by Sister Barbara Jean Mibalchick, OSBM  
Sisters of St. Basil the Great  
Mount St. Macrina, Uniontown, Pa.



Sister Barbara Jean Mibalchick posts videos of her reflections each week on the Facebook page of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great at <https://www.facebook.com/sistersofstbasil.uniontown>.

*This is a transcript of her April 2, 2021 reflection.*

Glory to Jesus Christ!

And so we come to the time of commemorating the Passion and the Death of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

We are so much a part of that experience, although it takes some meditation for us to appreciate this. This Great Fast has been an invitation to appreciate what the gift of Christ’s Passion and Death has meant for our lives as well as the Resurrection.

So much of it is symbolized in the Cross. It’s everything. And it leads to the Resurrection that resolves everything.

This cross I’m holding was used at one of our retreat days; bandages were placed on it by each participant because we can — must — and are honored to bring our sufferings to the cross. That’s what they symbolize.

We’re invited to bring our sufferings.

Secondly, we’re invited to bring our sins, our repentance, our sorrow for sin so to be forgiven and to be renewed. Here it is. The Resolution; the Power; the Grace.

And thirdly, we’re invited to bring our love, our trust, our gratitude. It all belongs here. We belong here.

Jesus said to the thief who repented in his presence – cross to cross - “This day you will be with Me in Paradise.”

The word “with” that was used in this particular Scripture was a word that meant “participation,” not “nearness” but “participation.” That’s for you and for me, as well. Our lives, brought to the Cross, are a participation in the victory, the glory, won in that time.

My friend: come, be with the Lord in this special time and receive healing, grace and rebirth.

God bless you! ■



## BULLETIN BOARD

# “The Church as a Family”

22ND ANNUAL SEMINARY LECTURE SET FOR MAY 12

By *The Byzantine Catholic Seminary of SS. Cyril and Methodius*

The Rev. Dr. Radu Bordeianu will deliver both in person and through livestream the 22nd annual SS. Cyril and Methodius Lecture of the Byzantine Catholic Seminary entitled “The Church as a Family.”

Saint John Chrysostom wrote that “the house is a little Church.” Indeed, Christian upbringing begins in the family, where the spouses are priests for each other, and they dedicate their children to God. As any other family, the Church has many types of members. Some are active in their parishes, some hold different beliefs (mixed marriages), some are only culturally Christian (they are no longer active, but identify with a certain church), while others are “nones” because they do not belong to any church. In a deeper sense, however, all are members of the diverse family that is the Church.

The public is welcome to register for and attend this lecture on Thursday, May 12 at 7 p.m. at the Saint John Cathedral Center in Munhall, Pa. The lecture will be livestreamed via our website ([www.bcs.edu](http://www.bcs.edu)) and recorded for

future access by the public on our YouTube archive. The Seminary website also has registration information for those who plan to attend in-person.

Father Radu Bordeianu is an Associate Professor of Theology at Duquesne University and assistant priest at Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Pittsburgh, Pa. His research focuses on ecumenical dialogues and various teachings on the Church. He is the author of “Dumitru Staniloae: An Ecumenical Ecclesiology” (2011, Romanian translation 2022), and the editor of “It is the Spirit Who Gives Life: New Directions in Pneumatology” (2022). He served as President of the Orthodox Theological Society of America and is currently a member of the North American Orthodox-Catholic Theological Consultation — the official dialogue between the two churches. He is a co-convenor of the Christian-Jewish Dialogue in Pittsburgh and is involved in local ecumenical dialogues.

The annual lecture series is sponsored by the Byzantine Catholic Seminary of SS. Cyril and Methodius in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a community



Rev. Dr. Radu Bordeianu

of mentors, teachers, and students living and working in an ecumenical environment of Christian unity, integrity, and missionary spirit.

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## Monsignor Russell A. Duker retires

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and Methodius Seminary, North Side, Pittsburgh, Pa. At that time, Monsignor also served as the Professor of Dogmatic Theology and Homiletics. Subsequently, he completed his five-year term of office as rector of the Seminary in 1995.

During his priestly vocation, Monsignor served as the Chancellor and Vicar General of the Archeparchy under several Archbishops. These appointments afforded him the opportunity to serve in various executive ecumenical positions, not only in our Archeparchy, but on other pastoral committees affecting all Christians.

Monsignor Duker is the author of numerous copywritten publications and articles that deal with the history, liturgy, and theological tradition of the Ruthenian Byzantine Catholic Church. He has traveled and lectured extensively on these topics at many academic and ecclesiastical institutions, not only in the United States but abroad.

In Sept. 2020, Monsignor Duker celebrated his 50th year of spiritual leadership in the Vineyard of Christ. Throughout his ecclesiastic years, Monsignor Duker has served in several parishes culminating in the last 26 years as the pastor of Holy Spirit Church in the Oakland section of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Saint Pius X Church in Carrick, Pittsburgh, Pa.

During his retirement, we wish Monsignor Russell God's blessings and prayers. He is definitely revered by so many of his brother priests, parishioners, and friends, whom he has touched throughout his many years as a dedicated priest, and for being such a special example of living a life of faith.

Na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita! ■

## “A New Perspective on Compassion-Courage-Confidence”

17TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION SET FOR MAY 7 IN MUNHALL, PA.

The 17th annual Women's Day of Reflection will be held 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 7 at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall, Pa.

This year's theme is “A New Perspective on: Compassion-Courage-Confidence.” Presenters include:

■ Dr. Regina Poletunow Boerio, Ph. D, a Professor of Psychology & Dean of Humanities and Social Studies at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio.

■ Andrea Wedner, who was seriously wounded Oct. 27, 2018 in a vicious attack on the Jewish community during a morning worship service at Tree of Life Synagogue in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh, Pa.

■ Alissa West, who provides Music Therapy services for individuals of all ages with physical and developmental disabilities.

Dr. Poletunow Boerio will discuss “Compassion in Times of Uncertainty,” Andrea will discuss “Courage in Adversity” and Alissa will discuss “Confidence in the Healing Power of Music.”

The event, which benefits local women's shelters, is sponsored by the Byzantine Catholic

Archeparchial Office of Religious Education.

Contact Sister Marion Dobos at 412-322-8773 or [mdobos1@gmail.com](mailto:mdobos1@gmail.com) for more information. Cost of \$40 includes lunch. No refunds. Pre-registration is required. Deadline is April 25. ■

*A New Perspective on: Compassion-Courage-Confidence*  
St. John the Baptist Cathedral, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall, Pa 15120)  
Saturday, May 7, 2022 (Registration Deadline: April 25, 2022)

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## Preparing for the Great Fast

### ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM IN PITTSBURGH, PA.

by Elizabeth Harbist  
St. John Chrysostom, Pittsburgh, Pa.

On Sunday, Feb. 27 with a (nearly) post-pandemic record attendance at St. John Chrysostom Church in Pittsburgh, Pa., Father Miron Kerul'-Kmec celebrated Divine Liturgy.

Parishioners then convened in the parish hall for a delicious assortment of meatless soups,

stews, lasagnas and salads.

With full bellies, the faithful climbed the steps to the sanctuary for Forgiveness Vespers.

Asking and receiving forgiveness is a profound experience often accompanied with tears, joy and a lighter heart.

Father Miron's message focused on the importance of the Mystery of Confession during our journey in the Great Fast. ■



Father Miron Kerul'-Kmec and John P. Harbist



Mary Banyas and Judy Gula



Melanie and JD Basl

### ST. MARY IN WINDBER, PA.

Father Ivan Rusyn and parishioners at St. Mary Church of the Dormition in Windber, Pa. celebrated the Blessing of Icons on the Sunday of Orthodoxy. ■



### ST. GREGORY IN UPPER ST. CLAIR, PA.

by Father Valerian Michlik  
St. Gregory, Upper St. Clair, Pa.

In preparation for the First Sunday of the Great Fast, ECF students at St. Gregory's were busy preparing Icons for this special day. This Sunday which is dedicated to the Restoration of the Holy Icons commemorates the ending of the Iconoclast (icon-smashers) heresy which had troubled the Church for about 120 years.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, our ECF students

witnessed the Blessing of Icons and participated in the procession around the Church holding Holy Icons depicting Christ, the Theotokos, and all of those saints who have walked the Christian life before us.

This Sunday of Orthodoxy is also a reminder for all of us that we are called during this Lenten season to recover-restore within us the image of what it means to be an authentic human being, a genuine person created in the image and likeness of God. ■



### ST. MICHAEL IN CAMPBELL, OHIO

by Father Kevin Marks  
St. Michael, Campbell, Ohio

At the conclusion of today's Sunday Divine Liturgy, our ECF students participated in a procession in the Church holding Holy Icons that they made last Tuesday at ECF class, and had them blessed.

This First Sunday of the

Great Fast is dedicated to the Restoration of the Holy Icons in churches. It is also a reminder for all of us that we are called during this Lenten season to recover-restore within us the image of what it means to be an authentic human being, a genuine person created in the image and likeness of God. ■





ST. ELIAS IN MUNHALL, PA.

# Presanctified Liturgy

by Mary Caryl Planiczki  
St. Elias, Munhall, Pa.

From feasting after liturgy on Sunday with coffee and donuts to fasting on Monday...

Presanctified Liturgy for the first Monday of the Great Fast was celebrated at St. Elias in Munhall, Pa. ■



# Fish fry

by Mary Caryl Planiczki  
St. Elias, Munhall, Pa.

A wonderful Friday Fish Fry at St. Elias on March 18. Great food, baked goods, csoroge, and basket raffles! And many smiling faces!

Plus cupcakes sold to support Ukraine.

Thanks to our volunteers and customers for making this event such a success! ■



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN SCOTTDALE, PA.

# Pirohi time

Parishioners at St. John the Baptist in Scottsdale, Pa. began the task of making pirohi for the Great Fast.

At right are: Betty Sapola, Catherine Catalina, Mary Beth Weaver and Mike Lashinsky. ■



Preparing the potatoes for the pirohi are John Onusko, Marge Ondus, Betty Sapola and Catherine Catalina.



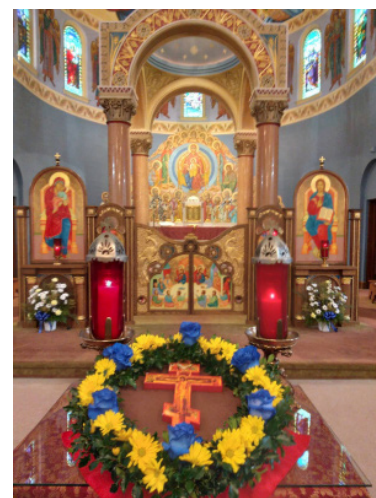
Cutting the dough are: Mike Lashinsky, Filling the pirohi are: Mary Beth Weaver, Terry Frederick, Floyd Marshal, Maryna Seremchuk, Catherine Catalina, Seremchuk, Catherine Catalina and Pat Betty Sapola, Pat Marshal, Barb Zaksek and Gloria Copeland.

ST. MARY IN WINDBER, PA.

# A cross for Ukraine

Posted on Facebook March 19:

The family of Father Ivan Rusyn decorated the Holy Cross in honor of all those who laid their lives and are suffering because of unfair and cruel war against the people of Ukraine. As Jesus Christ conquered sin and death by His death on the cross so we hope all the hardships, struggles and pain we might have are not vain and are bearable if we bring them to the feet of Christ. Although evil exists it is the Lord who is victorious and the Truth will win. ■



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN NORTHERN CAMBRIA, PA.

# Welcome/Thank You party

by Sandy Ferrance  
St. John the Baptist, Northern Cambria, Pa.

St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church in Northern Cambria, Pa, sponsored a welcome and thank you pizza party after Divine Liturgy on Saturday, Feb. 26

Many parishioners attended to

greet Father Roman Andriitso, our new administrator, and his family — Olesya, Anastasia, Sofia and Theodore — to our parish.

There were many thanks to Father Edward Pyo for being our spiritual leader during the transition period. Everyone had a good time socializing together. ■



Father Ed Pyo, Father Roman Andriitso

NATIVITY OF THE MOTHER OF GOD IN DUBOIS, PA.

# Helping Ukraine

by Grace Marshall  
Nativity of the Mother of God, DuBois,

Nativity of the Mother of God parish in DuBois, Pa. held a special Bingo, Chinese Auction, bake sale and concessions to raise money for Ukrainian relief Sunday, March 13.

This was a project completed through the efforts of the Ladies Auxiliary and Bingo workers.

Over 50 baskets were collected throughout the community for the Chinese Auction. The project raised over \$6,000 for Ukraine. ■



ST. MICHAEL IN CAMPBELL, OHIO

# Icon installation

by Father Kevin Marks  
St. Michael, Campbell, Ohio

Icon installation has begun at St Michael in Campbell, Ohio. What a historic day for our St. Michael Church as we glorify

God's house with our beautiful Byzantine Catholic heritage and tradition.

Phase I of our parish icon project is currently being installed by Iconographer Michael Kapeluck. ■



SS. PETER & PAUL IN WARREN, OHIO

# All about Mardi Gras

by Lisa Mosko  
SS. Peter & Paul, Warren, Ohio

The season of Mardi Gras begins with the Theophany on Jan. 6 and ends on Fat Tuesday as we begin the season of Lent. It represents the biblical story of The Three Kings who brought gifts to the Baby Jesus.

The King Cake evolved from this event. This cake is baked with a miniature plastic baby inside representing the Baby Jesus. It is decorated in the colors of Mardi Gras: purple for Justice, green for Faith, and gold for Power. Tradition has it that the person who gets the piece of cake with the baby will have Luck and Prosperity the upcoming year.

On Feb. 26 and 27 after each Liturgy, parishioners were treated with a piece of King Cake and



anyone who found a baby in their piece of cake was awarded with an Instant Lottery Scratch-off Ticket. The cake was delicious and socializing was enjoyed by all. ■





ST. GREGORY IN UPPER ST. CLAIR, PA.

# Veneration of the Cross

by Father Valerian Michlik  
St. Gregory, Upper St. Clair, Pa.

On the Third Sunday of Great Fast, Veneration of the Cross on Sunday, March 20, the Cross procession took place in our parish family.

We were blessed to welcome Bishop Mark A. Eckman, Auxiliary Bishop of the Roman Catholic Diocese, who led us in

our prayerful supplications for our suffering brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

Due to the weather conditions this prayerful event took place in the Church as we witnessed our ECF students leading the procession.

We are grateful to all who participated as we together prayed beneath the Cross of Our Savior. ■



# New lectors

by Father Valerian Michlik  
St. Gregory, Upper St. Clair, Pa.

As a parish family we are blessed to have new Lectors/Readers who have embraced this important ministry in our Holy Church.

We offer our prayers and best wishes to our parishioners Frank Chiprich and Andrew Hrycko as they begin this new ministry in our parish family! Mnohaja lita! ■



# Making Paska Bread

by Father Valerian Michlik  
St. Gregory, Upper St. Clair, Pa.

Bread occupies a special place in our lives. It symbolizes all food as well as the labor necessary to obtain it.

In bread there is powerful religious symbolism. The Lord Jesus Christ called Himself the "bread of life" (John 6:51).

Bread, composed of many grains, also personifies the Church.

Besides the Bread of the Eucharist, our Holy Church has several forms of sanctified bread. One of them is the Paska Bread.

Following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, March 13, our parishioner Jeff Rusinko led our ECF students, and parishioners in a hands-on class making our traditional Paska-Easter bread.

The children learned about this sweet yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc., which is symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread.

We are grateful to our parishioner Jeff for leading this class and for teaching the future generations the beautiful tradition of making Paska-Easter Bread. ■



ST. MICHAEL IN HERMITAGE, PA.

# Founder's Day

*by William Dzuricko  
St. Michael, Hermitage, Pa.*

Following the Saturday, Feb. 12 and Sunday, Feb. 13 Divine Liturgies, GCU Lodge 258 celebrated Founder's Day by treating the parishioners of St. Michael in Hermitage, Pa. to

"grab and go" heart shaped cookies, as well as GCU ice scrapers, informational pamphlets, and calendars.

Happy 130th Birthday and Happy Valentine's Day! Father Kevin Marks is the pastor of St. Michael. ■



# Great balls of fire!

*by William Dzuricko  
St. Michael, Hermitage, Pa.*

On Nov. 4, 2021, GCU Lodge 258 of St. Michael in Hermitage, Pa. wrapped up two year's worth of Helping Hands work by lighting a bonfire! For two years, GCU members and parish volunteers trimmed trees, shrubs, and bushes and picked up fallen branches caused by storms and created a large burn pile. Finally the weather cooperated and the

"Grounds Crew" was able to light the bonfire and burn down all of the clippings and branches, just four days before our Patron Feast Day! Special thanks to Rich Will, Randy Tomko, Norbert Vasil, Bill Dzuricko, Alyssa Vasil, and Mike Vasil (proudly sporting his pink GCU Helping Hands T-Shirt!) for all of their help in beautifying the church grounds. For our "Grounds Crew" Helping Hands is a year round effort! ■



# Lenten Ethnic Food Sale

*by William Dzuricko  
St. Michael, Hermitage, Pa.*

On Wednesday, March 9, St. Michael in Hermitage, Pa. held its Lenten Ethnic Food Sale.

In addition to fresh Halushki, parishioners made many dozens

of frozen Cheese and Potato, and Sauerkraut Pirohi, as well as a variety of baked goods for the bake sale. Special thanks to all of the parishioners who put in a lot of time and effort to help raise funds for the Church! ■



On Sunday, March 6, parishioners and members of SMART (St. Michael Activities and Recreation Team) gathered in the kitchen of the St. Michael Social Center to prepare cabbage, onions, and noodles for our Halushki for its March 9 Lenten Ethnic Food Sale.



For months small groups of dedicated volunteers met and prepared many dozens of Potato and Cheese as well as Sauerkraut Pirohi to get ready for the annual Lenten Ethnic Food Sale.



ST. MICHAEL IN HERMITAGE, PA.

# New altar server

by Father Kevin Marks  
St. Michael, Hermitage, Pa.

Saturday, March 12.

May the Lord God grant to His servant Jimmy, peace, health and happiness for many years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita! ■

Our St. Michael Church extends congratulations to Jimmy Stemock, who was installed as an altar server for our parish on



# Happy birthday, Lucy!

by William Dzuricko  
St. Michael, Hermitage, Pa.

On Sunday, March 13, after the 9 a.m. Divine Liturgy, Father Kevin Marks offered a special blessing and a beautiful floral arrangement to longtime parishioner Lucy Mallick, who celebrated her 90th birthday on March 15!

Lucy has served the parish as an Assistant Cantor, SMART (Saint Michael Activities and

Recreation Team) team helper, and as a Collection Counter.

With GCU Lodge #258, Lucy and Joan Walker organize and mail out the weekly Sign-A-Card Ministry cards.

Lucy is still very active at St. Michael Church and Father Kevin thanked her for all of her dedicated years of service, and told her that she is our "Betty White" and that we want to see her make it to 100! ■



Lucy Mallick with Father Kevin Marks and fellow Cantors and GCU Lodge # 258 members, Bill Dzuricko and Joan Walker. Special thank you to Alyssa Vasil and her father, Michael J Vasil, for taking and sharing the pictures of the event.



ST. MARY IN BRADENVILLE, PA.

# “How to Write an Icon”

by Nikki McDonald  
St. Mary, Bradenville, Pa.

On Sunday, Feb. 27 at St. Mary in Bradenville, Pa. we gathered to hear a wonderful presentation on "How to Write an Icon."

Valerie Lucas, a newly practicing Iconographer, shared her knowledge on this craft with 25 of our parishioners, including students from our ECF program.

Ms. Lucas taught us that there are special prayers to say before starting an icon (The iconographer's Prayer), during, and when completing the icon.

Choosing an existing icon that means something to you is also important, as it is based on Scripture.

She shared some completed icons that she has written and the colors and detail were spectacular.

We all learned so much in the one hour that Ms. Lucas spent with us and she sparked interest for others to write icons themselves.

We were truly blessed to have her at our church to learn about this important work. ■



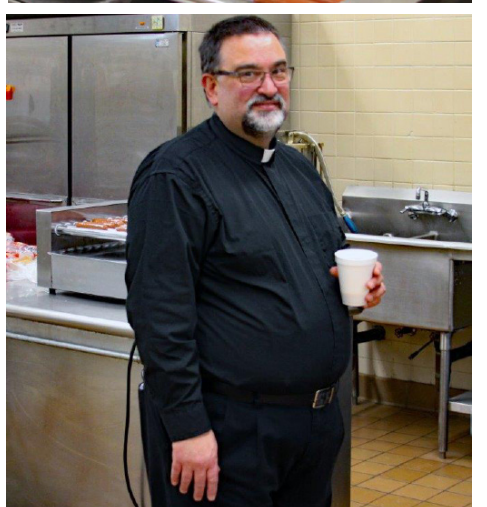
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHEDRAL IN MUNHALL, PA.

# Toying around at the Cathedral

A sizable early Spring snowstorm didn't hinder a successful Too Groovy Toy Show event March 12 inside the Cathedral Center at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall, Pa.

The Toy Show is a community-based project which benefits the Cathedral parish patronizing our facility and Cathedral Kitchen.

The warm and tasty goodies from the Cathedral Kitchen were most welcome. ■



Photos by Nick Havrilla Sr.



## THOUGHTS FOR OUR DAY

by Archpriest David M. Petras

### COMMITTING OURSELVES TO CHRIST



As the candidate approaches the sacramental mystery of baptism they, after facing West, the direction of sunset and therefore darkness and renouncing Satan and his works, turns back toward the East, the direction of sunrise and light. For the fathers, this was a sign of conversion, of moving from evil works, from slavery to freedom and from darkness to the light of Christ. They sometimes cited the example of Lot's wife, who looked back and was turned into a pillar of salt. We, however, turn our back on Satan and never look back. We proclaim, "Yes, I commit myself to [Christ]." For a baby, this is done by the sponsors, so that they can receive the grace of God to make their own free choice to follow Christ when they are able.

Chrysostom compares this action to the breaking of a contract with evil and the acceptance of a contract with Christ, which later became a part of the patriarch's admonition in Constantinople. The idea here is that when we are born, because of the ancestral sin, we have a contract with Satan that can only be broken by the power of God. The renunciation of Satan is a battle between two invisible powers, the bad seeking our enslavement to evil, and the good seeking our freedom. As a weapon in this battle, we receive a state of new awareness, our enlightenment. For Chrysostom, we are freed because Christ took on our human nature, taking the form of a slave and breaking evil's power over us. He quotes 1 Corinthians 7:23, "You were

bought at a great price, do not become slaves of men." We also all become equal with one another, Chrysostom's favorite theme, citing Galatians 3:28: "All of you were united with Christ in baptism. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

Commitment means imitation. The actual act of baptism is to

### The imitation of Christ, however, is the center of the Christian gospel.

imitate Christ, to go down into the water as Jesus did when he was baptized by John in the Jordan. For our Lord, this was a sign of his victory over evil, and for us, it is a sign of our death to sin to live in Christ. The imitation of Christ is the center of the life of the Christian faithful. St. Luke reports our Lord's words, "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." St. Paul wrote, "Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ" (1 Corinthians 11:1). St. Matthew wrote, quoting Isaiah, "He will not contend or cry out nor will anyone hear his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, a smoldering wick he will not quench, until he brings justice to victory" (12:19-20). We cannot be good Christians unless we foster peace, gentleness, compliance and mercy, and especially that we must be ready to forgive one another. In their statement on Baptism, the Orthodox-Catholic Theological Consultation of

North America wrote, "[Baptism] calls each of us to spiritual warfare as Christ's soldiers (Eph 6:10-17), and anoints us each with the oil of the Holy Spirit as priests who, in imitation of Christ, are to offer up ourselves as "a living sacrifice pleasing to God" (Rom 12:1; cf. Phil 4:18), and as prophets who are to call down upon ourselves and upon our world the fire from heaven which transforms (cf. I Kg 18:36-39; Mt 3:11; Lk 12:49).

We live in polarized times, in which charity to those who disagree or are different from us has been eclipsed by fear, anger and hatred. The imitation of Christ, however, is the center of the Christian gospel. What Christ did was "to suffer for us" in meekness and humility. He is the Son of God, and only in him can we find deification. This comes through love, never returning insult for insult, not threatening others, because in us and in them there is only the image of God. Instead, Jesus teaches, "Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil against you falsely because of me. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven" (Matthew 5:11-12). Truly, only by imitating Christ can we become the human being God has created us to be. No human gospel can make that promise.

When we imitate Christ, we become a brother or sister to our Lord Jesus the Messiah. By our relationship with him, then, we enter into the life of the Holy Trinity. Our Lord told the disciples "to baptize in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." In this way, our act of faith becomes three-fold. We must profess our belief in the Trinity, but what kind of

Trinity? The various heresies of ancient times required that the being of each person be spelled out. Thus the Father became the "Creator of all things visible and invisible," and the Son, to counter the Arian heresy, became "one in essence with the Father, Light from Light, true God from true God," and the Spirit became the "the Lord and Creator of Life, who proceeds from the Father." The statements of belief at baptism became elaborate, so they were separated out from the act of commitment and put into a Creed that was recited by the candidate after they made their commitment to Christ. All of our Creeds have their origin in baptismal creeds.

After the Creed, there is one further step. There is an act of worship, and the candidate proclaims, "I worship the Father, and the Son and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity one in essence and undivided." St. Simeon of Thessalonica describes this as a sign of servitude and true obedience that is immediately blessed by the priest, who says, "Blessed is God, who wishes all to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth." The fact that there is an act of worship is another sign that our baptismal commitment is not simply an intellectual act of assent, but a change in morals (the turn from the evil one to Christ) and a change in prayer to worship of the one true God. It brings about communion with God. Immediately after one makes a commitment to Christ, professes faith in the Trinity, and does an act of worship and blessing, then they are ready to go to the baptismal font, the water of life. ■

## PARISH LITURGIES BROADCAST VIA INTERNET

Here is the most current list of parishes broadcasting Sunday Divine Liturgies and other services to the Faithful via their websites and social media sites such as Facebook.

For changes or to be listed, send information to [bcw@archpitt.org](mailto:bcw@archpitt.org).

**St. John the Baptist Cathedral**  
Munhall, Pa.  
[www.stjohnsbyzantinecathedral.com](http://www.stjohnsbyzantinecathedral.com)

**Holy Ghost**  
McKees Rocks, Pa.  
[www.holyghost-byzantinecatholic.org](http://www.holyghost-byzantinecatholic.org)  
[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com), then type Holy Ghost Church Live Stream

**St. John Chrysostom**  
Pittsburgh, Pa.  
[www.sjcbcc.com](http://www.sjcbcc.com)

**St. Gregory**  
Upper St. Clair, Pa.  
[www.facebook.com/stgregoriusc](https://www.facebook.com/stgregoriusc)

**St. Michael**  
Campbell, Ohio  
[www.facebook.com/st.michaelbyz.campbell](https://www.facebook.com/st.michaelbyz.campbell)

**St. Elias**  
Munhall, Pa.  
[www.facebook.com/StEliasByzantineCatholicChurch/](https://www.facebook.com/StEliasByzantineCatholicChurch/)

**SS. Peter and Paul**  
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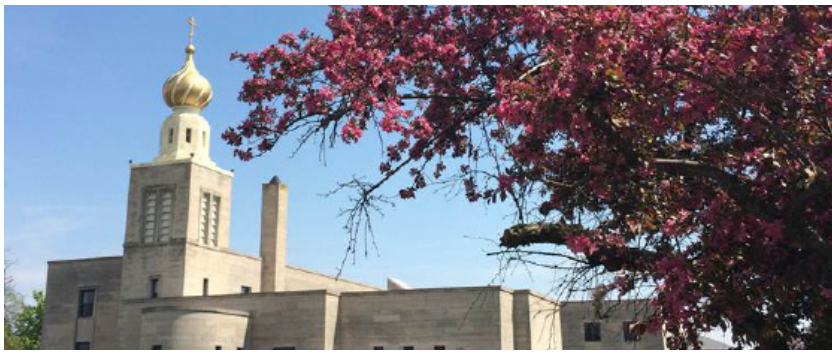
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Winder, Pa.  
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## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE AT THE SEMINARY

“COME, LET US SING  
JOYFULLY TO THE LORD”



Join the Seminarians of Byzantine Catholic Seminary at 3605 Perrysville Ave., Pittsburgh, Pa., for Liturgical Prayer. Visitors are welcome at the Seminary chapel. Enter through the chapel door that faces Perrysville Avenue. It's recommended visitors call 412-321-8383 in advance. For more information about the Seminary go to [www.bcs.edu](http://www.bcs.edu).

## Schedule of Services for April

<b>MON 4</b>	9 a.m. Midday Office (R)
<b>TUE 5</b>	7 a.m. Moleben for Those in Illness (R)
<b>WED 6</b>	7 a.m. Festal Matins (R) [LS] 5 p.m. Presanctified Divine Liturgy (R)
<b>THU 7</b>	8 a.m. Midday Office (R)
<b>FRI 8</b>	5 p.m. Presanctified Divine Liturgy (M)
<b>SAT 9</b>	5 p.m. All-Night Vigil (R)
<b>MON 11</b>	8 a.m. Bridegroom Matins (R) [LS] 5 p.m. Presanctified Divine Liturgy (R)
<b>TUE 12</b>	8 a.m. Bridegroom Orthros (M) 5 p.m. Presanctified Divine Liturgy (M) [LS]
<b>WED 13</b>	5 p.m. Presanctified Divine Liturgy (R)
<b>FRI 15</b>	8 a.m. Matins with 12 Gospels (R) Noon Office of Readings (R) 5 p.m. Entombment Vespers (R)
<b>SAT 16</b>	8 a.m. Orthros of Great Saturday (M) 5 p.m. Vespers and Divine Liturgy of Pascha (M)
<b>SUN 17</b>	8 a.m. Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy (R) 4 p.m. Agape Vespers (R)
<b>MON 18</b>	8 a.m. Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy (R)
<b>MON 25</b>	8 a.m. Divine Liturgy (R)
<b>WED 27</b>	7 a.m. Divine Liturgy (M)
<b>FRI 29</b>	5 p.m. Vespers (M) [LS]
<b>SAT 30</b>	9 a.m. Divine Liturgy (R) 5 p.m. Great Vespers (R)

(M) Melkite tradition      (R) Ruthenian tradition      [LS] Livestream

AROUND THE  
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**ST. MICHAEL 100TH ANNIVERSARY** — St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church in Campbell, Ohio will be celebrating their 100th Parish Anniversary on Sunday, July 31. If anyone has ties to the Parish and has moved away and would like to receive an invitation to the celebration, you may email: [stmichaelcampbell100@gmail.com](mailto:stmichaelcampbell100@gmail.com) or call 330-755-4831.

**FAMOUS FISH FRY** — St. Elias, 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road, Munhall, Pa. will hold its Famous Fish Fries on Fridays starting 11:30 a.m.-6 p.m. March 4. They will continue throughout the Great Fast on March 11, 18, 25, and April 1 and 8. Available for takeout only are delicious fried fish sandwiches and dinners, haluska, pirohi, and csoroge for dessert! Call the church hall at 412-461-9271 if you wish to place an order in advance.

**PYROHYSALE** — Noon-4 p.m. starting Friday, March 4 and every Friday during Lent excluding Good Friday; St. Pius X, 2336 Brownsville Road, Carrick, Pa. Haluski will also be sold. Pyrohy choices: potato, sauerkraut, and cottage cheese. Pyrohy is sold frozen only and haluski sold for take-out only. Questions, or advance orders, call the church at 412-881-8344.

**ANNUAL CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW AND FOOD FESTIVAL** — 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 23, St. John the Baptist Cathedral, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall, Pa. Dozens of tables of crafters and vendors, crafter showcase auction, raffles, stuffed cabbage/lasagna dinners, haluski, St. John's baked goods and more. For information, call 412-461-0944.

**SUPER SATURDAY SALE** — 9 a.m.-3 p.m. April 30, St Pius X, 2336 Brownsville Road. A craft and vendor show. Bake sale and ethnic food will also be sold. We are recruiting vendors and crafters. Any questions, call the church at 412-881-8344.

**ETHNIC DINNER** — 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 7, St. Mary, Route 981, Trauger, Pa. Take-out only. No dine-in meals. Dinner includes: Halupki, pirohi, Haluski, kolbasi and cake. No substitutions/No à la carte. Drive around and pick-up in back of Social Hall. Tickets: \$15; must be purchased in advance. To purchase tickets call or text Marlene at 412-526-0285 or Marge at 724-787-5631 or call the Parish Rectory at 724-423-3673. Last day to purchase tickets: is April 30.

**BREADED PORKCHOP DINNER** — 4-7 p.m. Saturday, May 14; 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, May 15; St. John the Baptist Cathedral, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall, Pa. Take-out only breaded porkchop dinner Price is \$12 per dinner, which includes: breaded porkchop, stuffing, veggie, roll and butter. Pre-orders will be guaranteed. To pre-order, call 412-461-0944. In addition we will be selling quarts of haluski, quarts of soup, our kolache, and various baked goods.

DATES TO  
REMEMBER

**APRIL 10**  
Palm Sunday — Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem

**APRIL 11 to 16**  
Holy Week  
*Chancery closed April 14 to 15*

**APRIL 18**  
Tenth anniversary of Archbishop William's Enthronement

**APRIL 15**  
Great and Holy Friday

**APRIL 17**  
Pascha — The Glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord

**APRIL 18**  
Bright Monday  
*Chancery closed*

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