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IT'S THE MEAL OF CHOICE FOR FAITHFUL DURING THE GREAT FAST



No matter how you spell it — pirohi, pierogi or pyrohy - faithful of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh are always brought together by the Lenten staple. Clockwise from top left: St. Elias in Munhall, Pa.; SS. Peter and Paul in Punxsutawney, Pa.; and St. Michael in Hermitage, Pa.

"Synodal Synthesis"

EPARCHIAL ASSEMBLY SET FOR APRIL 29 IN MUNHALL, PA.

By The Archeparchial Office of Religious Education

An Eparchial Assembly, "Synodal Synthesis: A Mandate, Not an Option," will be held Saturday, April 29 at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall, Pa.

The purpose of the Assembly is to hear responses from all four eparchies of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh so those gathered can discern the common joys, hopes and wounds. The Archeparchial Office of Religious Education is sponsoring the event.

All four eparchies in the Metropolia participated in the National Synthesis of the People of God in the USA for

a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation & Mission.

Eparchies utilized a variety of opportunities for engaging people in the process, including local gatherings, listening sessions and surveys.

For more information on the Synod, see "Joy, gratitude, honest words continue in Synod's North American phase" at right.

Presenters include:

Father Ron Barusefski

A priest of the Eparchy of Passaic and Director of Human Formation at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary. He has a licentiate in canon law from Catholic

University in Washington and a doctorate in canon law from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

Amanda Singel

Amanda received a BA in Studio Arts from the University of Pittsburgh. Currently, she is the Assistant to the Director of the Office of Religious Education and the Business Manager for the Eastern Catholic Eparchial Directors of Religious Education (ECED).

Father Robert Jager

Pastor of two parishes and

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ETERNAL MEMORY

REVEREND FATHER JOSEPH J. BORODACH

By The Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh

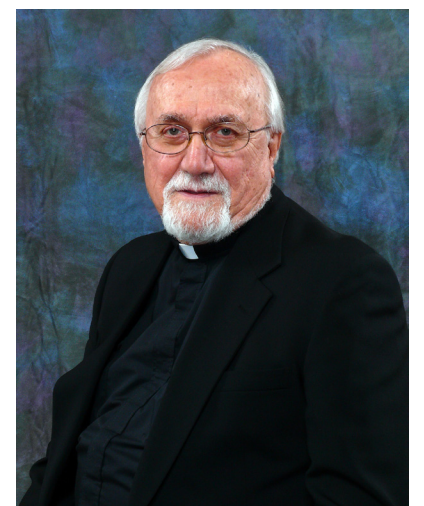
Reverend Father Joseph John Borodach, retired priest of the Archeparchy, fell asleep in the Lord on March 11. He was born in Plains, Pa. on Aug. 26, 1934, the youngest of the nine children of Michael and Mary Hrabcsak Borodach. He attended Maffet School in Plains for first and second grade, and the young Joseph was then taught by the Sisters of St. Basil as he completed his elementary education at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic parochial school in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

After graduating from Sacred Heart High School in Wilkes-Barre, he entered SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pa. in 1952. While there, he earned the Bachelor of Arts degree from Duquesne University, also in Pittsburgh.

At the completion of his Seminary studies and formation, Father Joseph was ordained a priest by Bishop Nicholas T. Elko at St. John Cathedral in Munhall, Pa. on April 23, 1960. His early pastoral assignments included Holy Ghost, Cleveland, Ohio and the Pennsylvania parishes of St. Mary, Herminie and St. Mary Ambridge, where he built the present church and parish complex.

In 1973, he was appointed to St. Mary Church in Bradenville,

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Reverend Joseph J. Borodach

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BULLETIN BOARD



Upcoming events at the House of Prayer

The following events will take place at Mount St. Macrina House of Prayer, 510 W. Main St., Uniontown, Pa. To register for programs or more information, call 724-438-7149 or email hpmsm@verizon.net.

■ 9:30 a.m.-noon Friday, April 28, **Personal Morning of Prayer**. Are you ready to let go of some of the business and pressures of your life to come apart and rest awhile? Spend time in silence, meditation and prayer. Free Will Offering.

■ 7 p.m. Friday, April 21 to after Brunch Sunday, April 23, **Women's Weekend Retreat**. Presenter: TBA. Offering: \$95. Registration due: April 14.

■ 7 p.m. Sunday, May 21 to after lunch Friday, May 26, **Directed Retreat**. Presenters: TBA. Offering: \$350. Registration due: May 15. ■

■ 7 p.m. Friday, June 23 to noon Sunday, June 25, **Young Adult Retreat**. Led by Sister Barbara Jean Milhalchick, OSBM and Young Adult Team. Offering: \$110. Registration due: June 16. ■

Iconography Workshop

Saint Andrew the Apostle, 235 Logan Road, Gibsonia, Pa. will sponsor an iconography workshop for adults of all levels of experience May 18 to 21.

You will write an icon of Christ the Teacher on a gesso covered board. Using a pre-prepared prototype, you will learn techniques for faces, garments, gilding and tooling.

The theology of iconography and specifically, Christ will also be presented.

The class will be Thursday and Friday 6-9:30 p.m., all day Saturday and Sunday, after liturgy until finishing.

You must be able to attend all days to have a completed icon. There will be the opportunity to attend Liturgy Sunday morning.

For further information, call Marylyn Barone at 412-678-9453 or email her at mwbarone@comcast.net. ■

ETERNAL MEMORY

REVEREND FATHER JOSEPH J. BORODACH

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Pa., a pastorate that was to extend for 49 years until his resignation from active ministry on Jan. 28 of this year. A faithful and devoted pastor, Father Joe was also responsible for the construction of a new rectory there.

He served the Archeparchy as a Protopresbyter, Consultor, and member of the Marriage Tribunal, Presbyteral Council and the Board of Directors of the Seminary. He also held the offices of President, Vice-president, and Treasurer of the Latrobe Ministerial Association.

As the last member of his immediate family, Father Joseph was preceded in death by his parents, brothers Michael Jr. and Very Reverend John, and Sisters Anna Ornowski, Mary Vitka, Margaret Borodach, Helen Wallace, Emily Machejeski and Celia Demyan. His nieces, nephews, their children and grandchildren, and extended family in Slovakia survive him.

The visitation was on the afternoon and evening of Friday, March 17 at St. Mary Church in Bradenville. The priestly Parastas

was celebrated at 3 p.m. on that day by Very Reverend Andrew J. Deskevich with Very Reverend Vasy Polyak and Reverend Fathers Athanasius Cherry, O.S.B., Paul-Alexander Shutt, O.S.B., Jerome Botsko and Brian Norrell concelebrating.

The funeral Divine Liturgy was celebrated by Most Reverend Archbishop William C. Skurla on Saturday, at 10:30 a.m. in the church. The concelebrants were Very Reverends Andrew Deskevich and James Spontak who was also the homilist; and Reverend Fathers Oleh Seremchuk, Roman Andriitso, Brian Norrell, and Aron Maghsoudi. Very Reverend Father Robert Pipta and Reverend Father Regis Dusecina were in attendance. Corrie Poklembo as cantor led the congregational singing for both services.

Interment followed in St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Cemetery in Dallas, Pa.

In blessed repose, grant eternal rest to your departed servant the priest Joseph, and remember him forever! ■

Carpathian Cookery cook book available

The Carpathian Cookery cookbook, now in its 21st printing and having sold nearly 20,000 copies, is available for sale.

The 330-page cookbook has a new look and features a protective plastic cover. The book includes sections on Christmas and Easter customs and recipes, traditional Rusyn and Slavic foods, other ethnic dishes, and many other tried-and-true recipes of St. John's parishioners.

The cost of the cookbook is \$14 plus \$5 postage and handling (\$19).

If ordering from Canada, please send a \$36 U.S. Postal money order payable in U.S. dollars (\$14 plus \$22 postage) to reflect the difference in the exchange rate and postage cost.

To order please send a check



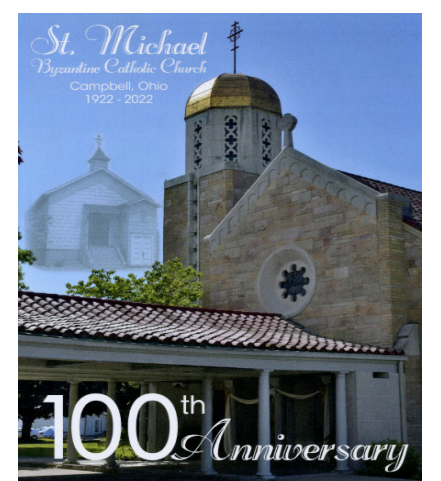
or money order to: Ethnic Craft Club, St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, 201 E. Main Street, Uniontown, PA. 15401, or call 724-438-1382 (M-F 9 a.m.-3 p.m. – leave message), for more information.

You may contact us at: carpathiancookery@gmail.com. ■

St. Michael 100th Anniversary

Commemorative Book

If anyone has ties to St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church in Campbell, Ohio and would like to receive the 100th Anniversary Commemorative Book, you may email: stmichaelcampbell100@gmail.com or call 330-755-4831. Cost of the book, including postage, is \$20. ■





LETTER FROM THE ARCHBISHOP



Assembly 2023 on the horizon

March 10, 2023

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Dear Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh:

With this letter I emphasize my call to each of you to attend the Assembly of our Byzantine (Ruthenian) Metropolitan Church 2023. You are encouraged to come and participate with representatives from each of our eparchies and our exarchate in Toronto, Canada at Saint Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, New Jersey this coming autumn.

The clergy will meet on Thursday, November 2 through Friday evening of November 3. Friday evening and Saturday and Sunday, November 4 and 5, will be especially for the laity.

The chosen themes have emerged from Archeparchial and Eparchial synod reports, and thus as a Church, we will remember our historical past, consider the reality of our present, and explore the vision and dreams of our going forward into the future. In addition, we will celebrate our cultural heritage of art and music as expressed through the lived experience of "Our People."

Whenever we gather like this our sharing of insights becomes not only an enriching personal experience, but it also gives and receives new approaches in how to spread the good news of the Gospel.

Your presence and participation are vital and welcome. Please consider attending and supporting this historic Assembly 2023. Watch for more information as it is disseminated.

Sincerely yours in Christ.

Most Reverend William C. Skurla, DD
Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh



“Sing the Hymn of Victory!”

ARCHEPARCHIAL CHOIR PRESENTS CAMPUS MINISTRY PROGRAM APRIL 16 AT HOLY SPIRIT IN PITTSBURGH, PA.

By The Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir

The Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir invites all to share the joy of the glorious Resurrection of our Lord as they present "Sing the Hymn of Victory!" on Sunday, April 16 at Holy Spirit Byzantine Catholic Church in Pittsburgh's Oakland neighborhood. The program begins at 2 p.m.

Sponsored by the Archeparchy's Campus Ministry program, the PBCAC's presentation at Holy Spirit Church — located at 4815 Fifth Ave. in the heart of Oakland's vibrant university scene — will include many beloved and some seldom-heard Byzantine Ruthenian variations of the Paschal greeting "Christ is Risen! Christos Voskresel!" in English and Church Slavonic.

Readings celebrating the joy of Pascha will include several from the pen of the choir's founder, +Metropolitan Judson M. Procyk of blessed memory. College students (and their families) especially are encouraged to come and enjoy the choir's presentation, just in time for a little extra inspiration before finals!

Immediately following the program, a hospitality reception with refreshments and treats will take place in the lower level of the church. Admission is free, and there is also plenty of parking available in the church vicinity.

Divine Liturgy also will be celebrated by the Campus Ministry team later that evening at 5 p.m. in the church, preceded by confessions at 4 p.m. All are



The Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir performs at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall Pa., in Dec. 2018.

welcome to attend.

Parishioners of Holy Spirit Church and their Administrator Father Michael Kunitz, Campus Ministry director Father David Abernethy, PBCAC director Darlene Fejka and the entire Archeparchial choir look forward to welcoming college students, family, faithful and friends to Oakland on Sunday, April 16 for this joyous Paschal program.

The 2023 "Sing the Hymn of Victory!" program is the 10th Paschal season presentation staged by the Archeparchial Choir, whose members celebrate their 25th anniversary this year. ■

PITTSBURGH BYZANTINE CATHOLIC ARCHEPARCHIAL CHOIR UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday March 31 at 6:30 p.m.

Hymns of the Great Fast

followed by Liturgy of the Presanctified gifts

Refreshments in church social hall after liturgy

St. John Chrysostom Church

506 Saline St.

Pittsburgh (Greenfield), Pa.

Sunday April 16 at 2 p.m.

"Sing the Hymn of Victory!" Paschal presentation

sponsored by Byzantine Catholic Campus Ministry

Refreshments in church social hall after the program

Holy Spirit Church

4815 Fifth Ave.

Pittsburgh (Oakland), Pa.

Sunday April 30 at 2 p.m.

"Sing the Hymn of Victory!" Paschal presentation

Refreshments in church social hall after the program

St. Nicholas Church

624 East Pittsburgh St.

Greensburg, Pa.

Sunday July 23 at 3 p.m.

25th Anniversary Celebration

Prayer service - Cathedral

Dinner - Cathedral Center

St. John Cathedral & Center

210 Greentree Road

Munhall, Pa.

Calling all former Choir members!

The Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir was formed in July 1998. If you attended a rehearsal, belonged to or sang with the PBCAC at any point during the near 25-year span between that first gathering and today, we would LOVE to have you participate in our 25th Anniversary Celebration on Sunday July 23 this summer! Send us your current email address, phone number and home address, and we'll send you all the details.

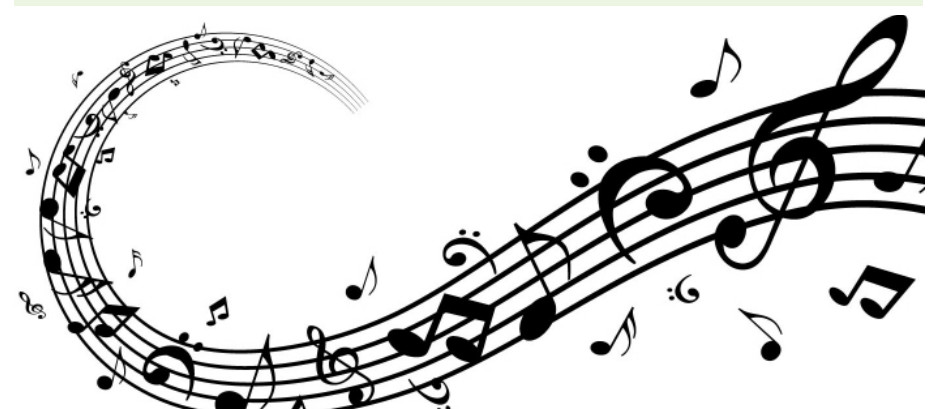
Email choir@archpitt.org or send via postal mail to:

PBCAC
66 Riverview Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15214
Attn: Darlene Fejka

Please respond to this "call-to-voice" by June 30, 2023. Let's celebrate!

Save the date! for 25th Anniversary Celebration

The Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir observes 25 years of song in 2023. A prayer service and dinner will be held on Sunday, July 23 at St. John the Baptist Cathedral and Center beginning at 3 p.m. in celebration of the choir's milestone anniversary. More details to follow!





“Synodal Synthesis”

EPARCHIAL ASSEMBLY SET FOR APRIL 29 IN MUNHALL, PA.

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Vocation Director for the Eparchy of Parma. Father Robert has studied at several theological institutions including the Pontifical Gregorian University in Rome. He contributed to his eparchial faith formation series “I Believe” and directed the Women’s Retreat for his eparchy.

Father Robert Pipta

Rector and Instructor of Liturgical Practicum at SS. Cyril and Methodius Seminary. A

priest of the Eparchy of Phoenix and served parishes there for 20 years. He was also Eparchial Director of Vocations for his eparchy and is a member of the Intereparchial Commission for Sacred Liturgy.

Dr. Joan Grossman

Dr. Joan Grossman, professor in the Science department at the University of Scranton and Eparchy of Passaic Project Coordinator for the synod. She is a member of St. Nicholas of Myra in Swoyersville, Pa. ■

Schedule of events

9 a.m. Registration & Coffee	Noon Lunch
9:45 a.m. Opening Prayer	12:45 p.m. Eparchy of Phoenix Father Robert Pipta
10 a.m. A Review of the Synodal Process	1:15 p.m. Eparchy of Passaic Dr. Joan Grossman
10:10 a.m. <i>Discipleship in Our Church: Past, Present & Future</i> Father Ron Barusefski	1:45 p.m. Break
10:50 a.m. Break	2 p.m. Group Process with Guided Questions
11 a.m. Archeparchy of Pittsburgh Amanda Singel	2:30 p.m. Feedback
11:30 a.m. Eparchy of Parma Father Robert Jager	3 p.m. Final Remarks/Departure

REGISTRATION FORM

Eparchial Assembly - Saturday, April 29, 2023
St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall, PA

PLEASE PRINT

Name(s) _____
Email _____
Parish _____ Pastor _____

Early Registration Fee before April 1, 2023: \$50 per person

Registration Fee after April 1, 2023: \$65 per person

DEADLINE: April 22, 2023 — NO REFUNDS

Please make checks payable to: Office of Religious Education
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“Making the City a Church”

SEMINARY’S 23RD ANNUAL LECTURE SET FOR MAY 10

By The Byzantine Catholic Seminary of SS. Cyril and Methodius

The Byzantine Catholic Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pa. is pleased to announce its 23rd annual academic lecture to be delivered by Father John Baldovin, S.J. at 7 p.m. May 10.

This livestreamed lecture, entitled “Making the City a Church: Liturgical Processions in Constantinople from the Sixth to the Tenth Centuries,” is to study the mobile character of ancient Constantinopolitan Christian worship and the processions of Byzantine stational liturgy. This will shed light on the liturgy itself, popular piety, and the relation of liturgy to the surrounding culture.

All are welcome to attend this lecture virtually on Wednesday, May 10 at 7 p.m. via the Seminary website (www.bcs.edu).

The lecture can also be accessed live or at a later time from archives on the B.C.S. YouTube channel.

Father John F. Baldovin is Professor of Historical and Liturgical Theology at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry. He is a priest of the USA-East Province of the Society of Jesus. He received his BA from the College of the Holy Cross, an MDiv from Weston School of Theology, and MA, MPhil, and PhD from Yale University.

Father Baldovin served on the advisory committee for the Bishops’ Committee on the Liturgy of the U.S.C.C.B. (1989-



Father John Baldovin, S.J.

1993). He is past president of the North American Academy of Liturgy as well as the international ecumenical Societas Liturgica. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the journal, Theological Studies, with his fields of expertise being history and theology of the liturgy, sacramental theology, and the theology of ministry. Among his numerous publications is The Urban Character of Christian Worship: The Origins, Development and Meaning of Stational Liturgy (Pontifical Institute of Oriental Studies, 1987).

Founded in 1950, the Byzantine Catholic Seminary is a free-standing, English speaking theological seminary. The Seminary is authorized to grant the Master of Arts in Theology and Master of Divinity degrees by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and is accredited by the Association of Theological Schools. ■

Mount St. Macrina in Uniontown, Pa. endures high winds

Posted March 9 on the Facebook page of the Sisters of St. Basil the great in Uniontown, Pa.:

Although there has been little snow this winter, Mount St. Macrina has been hit twice (January and March) with high winds that have resulted in downed trees and property

damage.

If you would like to contribute to the clean-up and repairs, please send your donation to: Sisters of St. Basil, 500 W. Main St., Uniontown, PA 15401.

Please write Trees in the memo line of your check.

Thanks in advance for your support. ■



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HOLY MONDAY

7 P.M. APRIL 3
■ Presanctified Liturgy

HOLY TUESDAY

7 P.M. APRIL 4
■ Presanctified Liturgy

HOLY WEDNESDAY

7 P.M. APRIL 5
■ Presanctified Liturgy
with Anointing of the Sick

HOLY THURSDAY

7 P.M. APRIL 6
■ Great Vespers with Divine Liturgy of
St. Basil the Great

GOOD FRIDAY

9 A.M. APRIL 7
■ Royal Hours

7 P.M. APRIL 7

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

HOLY SATURDAY

7 P.M. APRIL 8
■ Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy

THE RADIANT RESURRECTION

9 A.M. APRIL 9
■ Divine Liturgy

BRIGHT MONDAY

9 A.M. APRIL 10
■ Divine Liturgy

REFLECTION FROM MOUNT ST. MACRINA

“I am the vine and you are the branches”

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



This is a transcript
of her April 13,
2022 reflection. It
can be viewed on the
Facebook page of the
Sisters of St. Basil
the Great at [https://
www.facebook.com/
sistersofstbasil.uniontown](https://www.facebook.com/sistersofstbasil.uniontown).

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Sometimes we just don't have
words to go with an experience:
the first time you see your first
grandchild or you just got word
of something painful and difficult
in your family or the world. Some
things are beyond words, it seems
to us.

As we face these days of
commemorating the Passion,
Death and Resurrection of
Jesus, the Church gives us
many beautiful words to help
us connect to this experience as
well as images, as on a Procession
Cross we use in these holy days.
Let us in our heart strive to
connect to those images and
those words and to make them
our own.

We're invited even deeper into
the heart-to-heart sharing with
our Lord in these days, turning
over what's in our lives that He
has already taken into His. That
is, the experiences of pain and joy,
of glory; but also of our sinfulness,
also of our desires, our gratitude
for those fulfilled and those we
continue to seek and pray for.

We began with the image of
the Bridegroom and we continue
with the woman who anoints the
feet of Jesus. It continues with
the gift of the Holy Eucharist;
continues with Christ's total gift.
Come and be with Him.

One beautiful prayer from our
Lenten experience: “O Lord, you
initiated your disciples into the
Mysteries with these words: ‘O
friend, let no fear separate you
from Me. If I suffer, it is for the
salvation of the world. Do not be
troubled over Me. For I have not
come to be served but to serve and
to give my life as a ransom for all.
If you are My friends then follow
My example. The one who wishes
to be first must become the last of
all; let the master become as the
servant. Live in Me and you shall
bear much fruit for I am the vine
and you are the branches.”

God bless you. ■

40 Days of Life

FAITHFUL PARTICIPATE IN PRAYER VIGIL IN DOWNTOWN PITTSBURGH, PA.

Deacon Paul Boboige, Pro-Life Office Coordinator for the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, and a group of faithful participated in the 40 Days of Life vigil March 16 outside Planned Parenthood in downtown Pittsburgh, Pa.

Posted on the 40 Days of Life web page:

“We had a nice group of prayer warriors today, including the Byzantine group which comes and leads a lovely prayer service each campaign... Seemed like a semi-busy day at PP, unfortunately. On a positive note, Reyers and I were approached by a lovely woman, Lee Ann, who shared much of her story and her witness with us. She gave a donation to 40 Days for Life, and one to Birthright—and she prayed with us. Thanks be to God for good people who want to know the truth and who want to share their love.”

“When we arrived, the large

Byzantine Catholic group was in the middle of their beautiful prayer. So we joined in. I was thankful to see my dear friend, Karen, with them. She came despite some health issues. Fr. James stayed a while longer and prayed with Fr. Jim, Patti and SM

Carolyn.”

“At 12:30 we prayed the Moleben for the Sacredness of Life, to protect the persons whose lives are threatened and for the conversion of those inside,” said Deacon Paul. ■



Lisa, Ryers Russo, Father Jim Ragan, Deacon Paul Boboige, Gerry O'Connor, Betty Warhola, Karen Matichko and Beth Ann.



TEXT MESSAGES

In your Easter basket...

By David Mayernik Jr.
Editor



A few years ago, I wrote an Easter column highlighting when my grandma was featured in a 1982 story in the *The Valley Independent* newspaper written by Emma Jene Lelik.

This year, I decided to re-work the story describing the religious significance behind the foodstuffs my grandparents — Helen and Michael Mayernik of Monessen, Pa. — put in their own Easter basket when it was blessed by Monsignor Andrew Parvensky at St. Mary.

My mom has safely secured the yellowed newspaper clipping entitled "Paschal food blessing" ever since in a 1980s copy of

"Ukrainian Easter: Traditions, Folk Customs and Recipes," a gift from her Aunt Mimi.

As best as I can deduce, the story was published before Easter 1982, when I was 13 years old.

It describes my grandma and pap-pap preparing their "big brown wicker basket" for the 45th time in its history.

"We bought our basket the first Easter that we were married," my grandma is quoted as saying.

"And we have used it every year since then."

I'm still thrilled my grandma's wisdom continues to be a source of inspiration all these years later.

Maybe it will help you put together your own Easter basket..

Have a blessed Easter. ■

Each of the quotes below are courtesy of my grandma, Helen Mayernik, from an article written by Emma Jene Lelik.

The sweet **Paska** bread is symbolic of "Christ Himself, who is our true bread."



Children at Church of the Resurrection in Monroeville, Pa. made Easter treats — including Paska — on Palm Sunday 2022.



Kolbassi is "indicative of God's favor and generosity."

Cheese
Cheese, or Hrudka in Slavic, is shaped into a ball having a bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things.



Eggs and decorated hard-boiled eggs, or pysanky, are "indicative of new life and resurrection."



Andrea Harhai offered a Pysanky class at St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall, Pa. in April 2022.



Jeff Rusinko led ECF students at St. Gregory in Upper St. Clair, Pa. in a hands-on class making traditional Paska-Easter bread in March 2022.

Horseradish mixed with grated red beets — is "symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection."

Butter formed in the mold of a lamb "reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward everyone."

Ham is a basket staple "because of its richness and symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter."



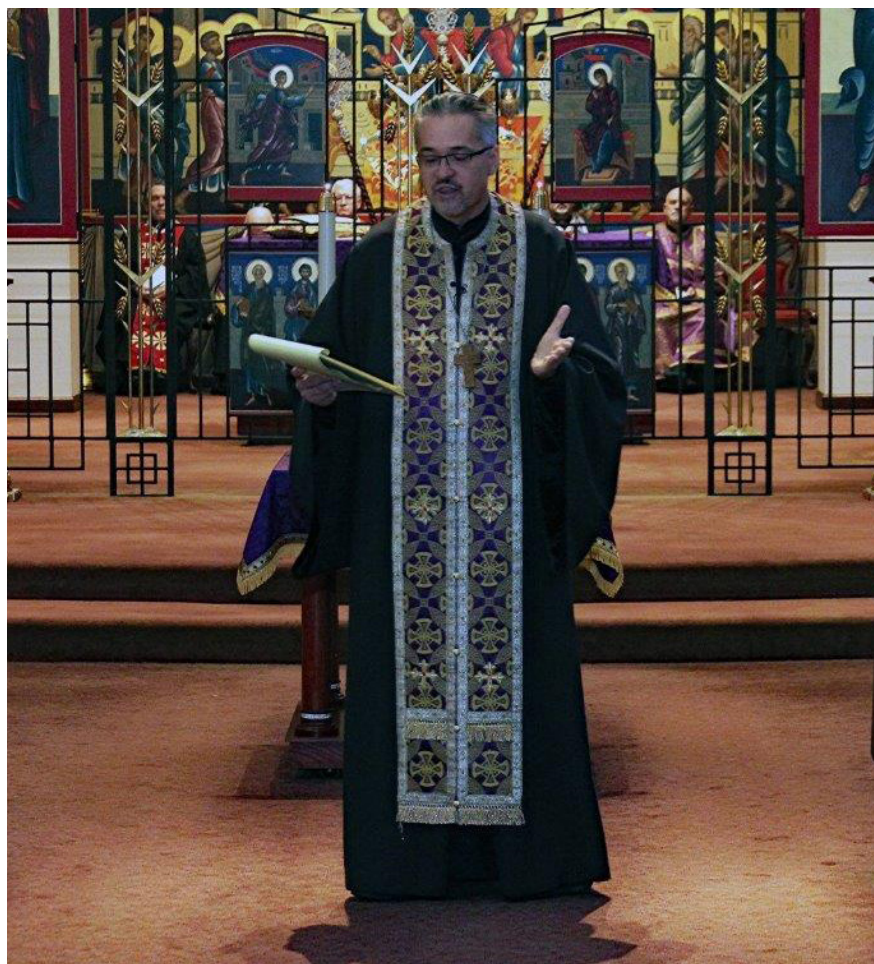
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHEDRAL IN MUNHALL, PA.

Pittsburgh Protopresbyteral Vespers

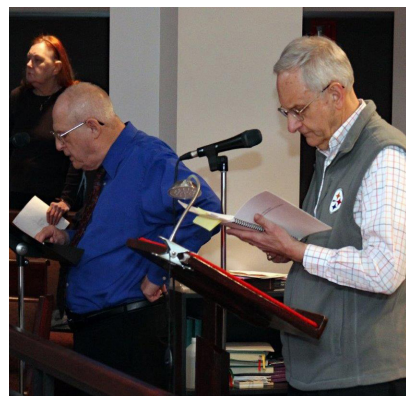
Very Rev. Andrew Deskevich and the faithful volunteers of St. John the Baptist Cathedral in Munhall, Pa. hosted the Pittsburgh Protopresbyteral Penitential Vespers service on Sunday, March 5.

The homilist was Father Valerian Michlik, pastor of St. Gregory in Upper St. Clair, Pa.

Following Vespers, a gathering was held in the church with Lenten soups, bread and beverages. ■



Father Valerian Michlik



Photos by Nick Havrilla Sr.

“We Bow To Your Cross”

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN UNIONTOWN, PA.

By Bonnie Balas and Julia Pillar
St. John the Baptist, Uniontown, Pa.

On the Sunday of the Veneration of the Cross, Father Vasyly Symyon blessed crosses which were prepared by the ECF students of St. John the Baptist in Uniontown, Pa.

The children were enlightened

by the meaning of the Most Precious Cross and enjoyed decorating their crosses in their own special way. The cross on the tetrapod was adorned with a floral wreath which was prepared by parishioners Kay Breakiron and Julia Pillar. ■



ST. GREGORY IN UPPER ST. CLAIR, PA.

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

On the Third Sunday of the Great Fast, St. Gregory's faithful honored and venerated the Holy and Life giving Cross of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

At the conclusion of the Divine

Liturgy, we all came forward to venerate the Cross as we arrived at Mid-Lent.

Following the Divine Liturgy, members of our Bethany Ministry gathered in our parish library to plan visitations to the homebound during the Lenten season. ■





ST. GREGORY IN UPPER ST. CLAIR, PA.

First Sunday of the Great Fast

*By Father Valerian Michlik
St. Gregory, Upper St. Clair, Pa.*

The First Sunday of the Great Fast on Sunday, Feb. 26, was celebrated in a special way at St. Gregory.

Since the year 843 the dominant theme of this Sunday has been in our Holy Church the Triumph of the Holy Icons.

At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, our ECF students witnessed the Blessing of Icons that they prepared in preparation for this day. Following that, they

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 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. ■



Blankets of love

*By Father Valerian Michlik
St. Gregory, Upper St. Clair, Pa.*

Following the Sunday Divine Liturgy on March 5, members of our Prayer Blanket Ministry began working on their blankets.

These blankets will be delivered on Palm Sunday to the Young

Women's Breast Cancer Awareness Foundation to bring comfort to those in need.

Blessings upon all who are part of this ministry of love and compassion that Christ has called us to show to one another. ■

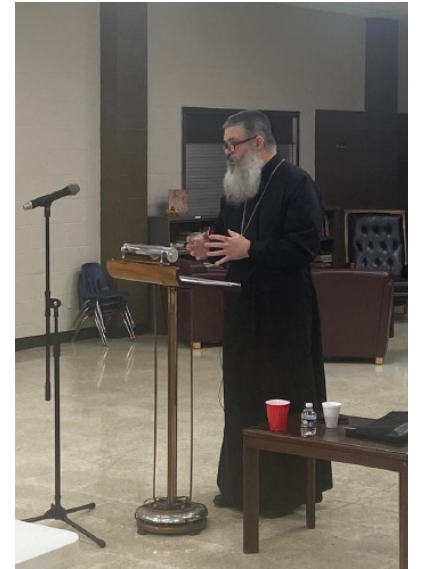


“City a Desert”

*By Father Valerian Michlik
St. Gregory, Upper St. Clair, Pa.*

On Tuesday evening, March 7, our Lenten Series with Father David Abernethy began in our Church Hall. This year our focus is on “City a Desert: The Spirituality of Desert Monasticism for All Christians.”

In his first talk Father David emphasized the fact that each of us is called by Jesus to live an “interiorized monasticism” of the heart, wherever we are, even in the “city,” love, and life in Christ. ■



Father David Abernethy



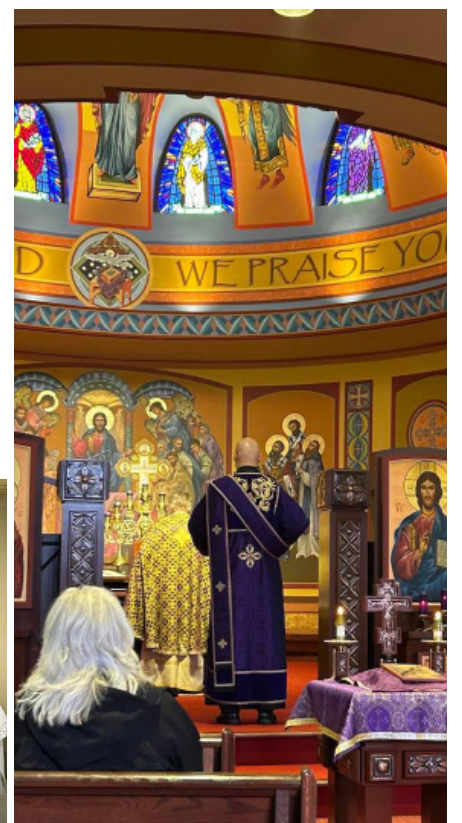
Third Sunday of the Great Fast

*By Father Valerian Michlik
St. Gregory, Upper St. Clair, Pa.*

Following the Divine Liturgy on the Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast, our St. Gregory's Women of Faith were busy baking cookies for the upcoming Easter season.

These cookies will be decorated and delivered to our parish homebound.

Sincere thanks to all who are participating in this parish project. ■



ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM IN PITTSBURGH, PA.

Welcome, Stephen David!

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

On Sunday, Feb. 19, Stephen David Patrizio received the Mysteries of Initiation during Divine Liturgy at St. John Chrysostom Church in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Stephen is the infant son of Jeff and Erin Patrizio. His godparents are Matthew and Courtney Miner.

Stephen's brothers Joseph,

John Paul and Michael and sister Sophia looked on as their baby brother joined them and their parents as members of St. John Chrysostom parish.

Following Divine Liturgy parishioners and guests enjoyed a Cheesefare Soup Luncheon and a special cake for Stephen in the parish hall.

It was truly a beautiful Sunday and a beautiful community witness of a brand-new Byzantine Catholic. ■



Sunday of Orthodoxy

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

On the First Sunday of the Great Fast, the Sunday of Orthodoxy, Father Miron Kerul'-Kmec blessed icons brought to church by parishioners.

His homily for that Sunday focused on the importance of icons in the Byzantine faith. More importantly, Father Miron talked about the vital role parents have in serving as role models for their children.

By teaching children to pray at home; creating an icon corner in the home and praying in front of

the icons daily; bringing children to Divine Liturgy, Presanctified Liturgy, and Holy Day Liturgies, parents demonstrate to their children that our Lord comes first in their lives.

With so many young families with children in attendance each week, this homily was very timely.

After all, "Children are great imitators, so give them something great to imitate."

To listen to Father Miron's homily in its entirety, visit <https://lifegivingspringspodcast.podbean.com/e/first-great-fast-sunday-2023/>. ■



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN SCOTTDALE, PA.

Pirohi for the Lenten season

In February, parishioners at St. John the Baptist in Scottsdale, Pa. began making pirohi for the Lenten season. ■



Cindy Hribal, Gloria Copeland, Betty Sapola, Julie Bohna, Jane Bricker, Dolly Liman, Barb Zaksek, Kathy Onusko and Marge Ondus peel potatoes.



Barb Zaksek, Catherine Catalina, Steve Matsey, Betty Sapola, Kathy Onusko, Mike Lashinsky, Terry Frederick Jane Bricker and Dolly Litman make pirohi.

HOLY TRINITY IN SYKESVILLE, PA.

Red letter day

By Matthew Kosko
Holy Trinity, Sykesville, Pa.

Ceramic tile and a new red Carpet Runner at the altar was installed at Holy Trinity Parish in Sykesville Pa.

Ceramic tile was also installed in front of the Church Iconostas and around the Tetrapod. Vinyl flooring was installed under pews.

The new flooring replaced carpet that was installed in 1991.

We thank our Parish family who continue to make these projects possible. Father Vasyl Banyk is pastor. ■





ST. ELIAS IN MUNHALL, PA.

Wearing of the green

St. Elias in Munhall, Pa. held a very successful fish fry on Fridays during the Great Fast.

Many thanks to our dedicated parishioners and helpers for

working every Friday. And a special thank you to our customers for supporting us every year at this important fundraising event. ■



ASCENSION OF OUR LORD IN CLAIRTON, PA.

Building blocks

By Trish Roberts
Ascension of Our Lord, Clairton, Pa.

The children in the ECF program at Ascension of Our Lord Byzantine Church in Clairton had the opportunity to learn about the church's interior.

Afterward, their class project was to use Lego blocks to build a replica of the church interior as they see it.

Some of the details they included are the baptismal font, the cry room (complete with children), the cantor's podium, the altar and the doors and arches on the altar.

They worked together making suggestions and changes and the completed project is on display in the church vestibule. ■



ST. ELIAS IN MUNHALL, PA.

In the kitchen

Parishioners at St. Elias in Munhall, Pa. gathered together March 19 to make csorge for their upcoming Friday fish fry. ■



HOLY GHOST IN MCKEES ROCKS, PA.

Sweet fund raising effort

By Maria Iyengar
Holy Ghost, McKees Rocks, Pa.

The Holy Ghost Youth Group in McKees Rocks, Pa. is busy raising money for the 2024 ByzanTEEN Rally in San Diego, Calif.

On Sunday, March 5, they held a bake sale along with selling Sarris Candy bars and Sarris

Easter Candy online.

Easter candy can be ordered online by going to www.sarriscandies.com, clicking on the Fundraising link, using the group code 10-3617, organization Holy Ghost Youth Group.

Future plans are a halushki sale and more bake sales. ■



SS. PETER AND PAUL IN PUNXSUTAWNEY, PA.

Pierogie prepping

Parishioners at SS. Peter and Paul in Punxsutawney, Pa. worked together making pierogies on March 14. ■



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN UNIONTOWN, PA.

Fashenge dinner

By Bonnie Balas and Julia Pillar
St. John the Baptist, Uniontown, Pa.

Following Forgiveness Vespers on Sunday, Feb. 19, parishioners of St. John the Baptist church celebrated a Fashenge dinner and recognized February birthdays.

The Social Ministry Committee provided the main course, while parishioners brought in their favorite covered dish items. Games were also enjoyed by those who attended. ■



Afternoon of Reflection

By Bonnie Balas and Julia Pillar
St. John the Baptist, Uniontown, Pa.

An Afternoon of reflection was held March 12 at St. John the Baptist Church.

A Moleben of the Most Precious Cross was celebrated by Father Vasyl Symyon and a

homily was given by Father Oleh Seremchuk.

His inspirational talk focused on the Beatitudes and ways to prepare for the Resurrection. Following the event, refreshments were served by the Social Ministry Committee. ■



ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN UNIONTOWN, PA.

Pysanky classes

*By Bonnie Balas and Julia Pillar
St. John the Baptist, Uniontown, Pa.*

Pysanky classes at St. John the Baptist began on Feb. 20 and continued through March 27 at St. John the Baptist in Uniontown, Pa.

Bonnie Balas shared her

“eggspertise” with the nearly 30 people who attended this course.

People of various cultural backgrounds, faiths, and age groups were exposed to the art of pysanky and were proud of their “eggcellent” creations. ■



Bonnie Balas (left) taught the pysanky class at St. John the Baptist in Uniontown, Pa.



ECF Bowling Party

*By Bonnie Balas and Julia Pillar
St. John the Baptist, Uniontown, Pa.*

Prior to the week of Lent, ECF teachers, students, and parents engaged in a bowling party at

Fairbank Bowling Lanes on Feb. 18.

All were treated to pizza and snacks. It was a great way to enter into the Great Fast. ■

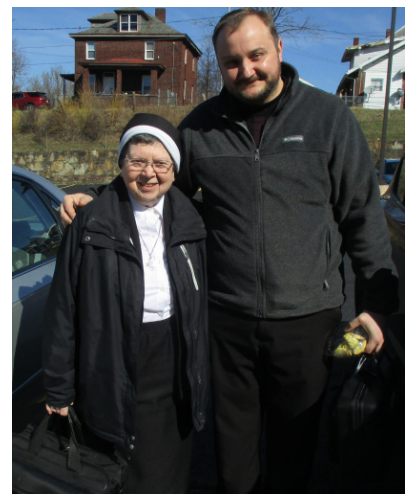


Safe Environment training

*By Bonnie Balas and Julia Pillar
St. John the Baptist, Uniontown, Pa.*

Sister Joanne Lickvar, OSBM presented information and provided registration for those who needed background checks, which are required for volunteers by the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, Feb. 18 at St. John the Baptist in Uniontown, Pa.

Assistance was given to those who needed help completing these forms. Coffee and donuts were provided for the 40 attendees. ■



THOUGHTS FOR OUR DAY

By Archpriest David M. Petras



THE RITES OF INITIATION: A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD



The First Letter of St. Peter, which is about baptism, tells all the baptized, "You are a royal priesthood" (2:9). This is recognized in certain liturgical cases, for example, lay persons have the right to baptize and to distribute Communion in extra-ordinary cases. The Church as the People of God forms a common and universal priesthood. On a deeper level, all the liturgical mysteries are celebrated by the Church, which is the body of Christ. John Chrysostom said, "The eucharistic prayer is common; the priest does not give thanks alone, but the people with him" (Homily 18 on 2 Cor.). Christ is the true High Priest, and he certainly did not die just for the bishops and presbyters, but for the faithful, who all share in the priesthood of Christ. This share makes us a "royal priesthood," for stewardship over the created world has been given to human beings (the aspect of royal, or kingship), not in order for domination and enslavement, but to sanctify the world, making it holy, that is, in communion with God. In this way we act as priest every time we pray to God, "Thy Kingdom come."

The Vatican II Council recognized the common priesthood of the faithful, while making an essential distinction between it and the ministerial priesthood: "Though they differ from one another in essence and not only in degree, the common priesthood of the faithful and the ministerial or hierarchical

priesthood are nonetheless interrelated: each of them in its own special way is a participation in the one priesthood of Christ" (Lumen Gentium, Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, § 10). The imposition of hands for the priesthood is a separate sacramental mystery which confers a committed ministry, in which someone devotes their



The common priesthood is exercised in the call of every human person to sanctity.

whole life to service of God and the Church. The universal tradition is that only the bishop or priest may preside at the eucharist, which means to say the prayers publicly. This is because this prayer is a "divine liturgy," it cannot be performed by merely human powers. Therefore, those who say the prayers must receive the gift of the Holy Spirit in ordination to enable them. This does not mean that the Liturgy is only the priest's sacrifice, because the faithful are an essential part of the prayer by their "Amen," the seal of every prayer.

The common priesthood is exercised in the call of every human person to sanctity ("the witness of a holy life, and by self-denial and active charity" Lumen Gentium 10). This is especially

true of martyrdom, of the ultimate witness to faith in Christ, which can be given by any faithful. Secondly, the faithful seal all of the prayers of the priest with "Amen." To say "Amen," was a privilege of being Christian. Dionysius of Alexandria said that he dare not re-baptize "one who had heard the giving of thanks and joined in repeating the Amen." Amen" was obviously special in the early Christian community, because it was left in Hebrew and became a ritual word.

The faithful say the Lord's prayer together in the Liturgy, since this prayer was taught by Jesus to all the faithful. In the fourth century, Theodoret was to write: "We teach this prayer to none of the uninitiated, only to the faithful. No uninitiated person would dare say, 'Our Father who art in heaven'...before receiving the grace of adoption" (Compendium of the Falsehood of Heresies 5). The faithful likewise receive Communion in the Holy Body and Blood of our Lord. The Cherubic Hymn proclaims that we represent the angels when receiving Holy Communion: "Let us who mystically represent the Cherubim and sing the thrice-holy hymn ... that we may receive (in Communion) the King of all." John Chrysostom observed that in Communion, all the faithful, ordained or not, become equal: "All things are equal between us and you, even to the very chief of our blessings. I (as bishop) do not partake of the holy Table with greater abundance and you with less, but both equally participate of the same We are all alike brethren of Christ, we have all things in common" (Homily 4 on 2 Thessalonians). Just as

orders is a gift of the Spirit, so is Communion, "We have seen the true light, we have received the heavenly Spirit ..."

It is a recognized principle that lay people can baptize in the absence of an ordained priest, but only in his absence. It is the consistent principle of the Church, however, that only a bishop, or someone delegated by him, only of the rank of presbyter, can preside at the eucharist, there are some anomalies, which did not become the norm of the Church. These reveal a consciousness of a common priesthood. For example, the early theologian Tertullian notes: "Where there is no body of ordained ministers in residence, you celebrate the Eucharist, layman, you baptize and you are yourself your own priest, for where two or three are gathered, there is the Church, even if these three are laymen." However, this is not the understanding of the Church today — a layman saying the eucharistic prayer would simply be invalid. It is though the principle that the priest and the people pray together, the priest saying the words by virtue of his ordination and the people hearing the prayer and sealing it with "Amen." An Eastern theologian, Bulgakov noted that "The priest accomplishes the sacrament with the people, and the laity are his co-liturgists." Father Alexander Schmemmann attests, therefore, "As to the early Church, she firmly held and affirmed both the institutional priesthood in the Church and the 'royal priesthood' of the Church as the two essential and complementary dimensions of her very life." This is our life from baptism. ■

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.

St. John the Baptist Cathedral
Munhall, Pa.
www.stjohnsbyzantinecathedral.com

Holy Ghost
McKees Rocks, Pa.
www.holyghost-byzantinecatholic.org
www.youtube.com, then type Holy Ghost Church Live Stream

St. John Chrysostom
Pittsburgh, Pa.
www.sjcbcc.com

St. Gregory
Upper St. Clair, Pa.
www.facebook.com/stgregoryusc

St. Michael
Campbell, Ohio
www.facebook.com/st.michaelbyz.campbell

St. Elias
Munhall, Pa.
www.facebook.com/StEliasByzantineCatholicChurch/

SS. Peter and Paul
Braddock, Pa.
<https://www.facebook.com/SSPeterPaulBraddock/>

St. Michael
Hermitage, Pa.
<https://www.facebook.com/stmichaelbyz.hermitage>

St. Stephen
North Huntingdon, Pa.
www.facebook.com/ststephenbyzantinecatholicchurch

St. Mary
Windber, Pa.
<https://www.facebook.com/StMaryDormition>



Pope Says Lent Is The Time To Put Aside The Frivolous, To Choose Truth, Love



Pope Francis places ashes on the head of Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, during an Ash Wednesday Mass Feb. 22, 2023, at Rome's Basilica of Santa Sabina.

By Carol Glatz
Catholic News Service

ROME — What matters is the truth and love God sees, not what is superficial, ostentatious and self-centered, Pope Francis said during a Mass to mark the beginning of Lent.

Lent is the time, he said, "to proclaim that God alone is Lord; to strip us of the pretension of being sufficient for ourselves and the desire to put ourselves at the center, to be the first in the class, to think that only with our abilities can we be protagonists of life and transform the world around us".

"How many distractions and superficialities take us away from what is important. How many times do we focus on our desires or what we lack, moving away from the center of the heart, forgetting to embrace the meaning of our being in the world," Pope Francis said.

"Lent is a time of truth, a time to take off the masks we wear every day appearing to be perfect in the eyes of the world," he said, and to "fight, as Jesus told us in

the Gospel, against falsehood and hypocrisy. Not those of others, but ours."

Pope Francis, dressed in the purple vestments of the Lenten season, celebrated an Ash Wednesday Mass Feb. 22 at the Basilica of Santa Sabina in Rome. The liturgy began with a procession from the nearby Church of St. Anselm on the Aventine Hill. However, Pope Francis did not do the traditional walk because a sore knee has limited his mobility.

In the Basilica of Santa Sabina, the Pope received the ashes on the head from Cardinal Mauro Piacenza, who was also the main celebrant at the altar. Cardinal Piacenza, who is the head of the Apostolic Penitentiary, distributed ashes to several cardinals, bishops and others attending the Mass.

In his homily, the pope said the Lenten period is "the favorable time" to return to the essential and true, and to be reconciled with God and with each other.

The rite of the imposition of ashes reminds people to "return to what we really are," which is that

"only the Lord is God and we are the work of his hands."

God, tender and merciful Father, always expects his children to be reconciled with him and "always encourages us not to despair, even when we fall into the dust of our frailty and our sin."

The ashes also invite the faithful to rebuild their relationships with others, he said.

Lent, the pope said, is a time to "break the chains of our individualism" and rediscover "who it is who walks beside us every day" through encounter and listening, and "to relearn to love him as brother or sister."

The three great paths to undertake this path of truth and reconciliation, he said, are the paths of almsgiving, prayer and fasting.

However, they must be done with a truly renewed and sincere heart, he said.

"Many times, however, our gestures and rites do not touch life, they are not authentic, perhaps we do them only so that others admire us, to receive applause, to attribute credit to us,"

the pope said.

However, the Pope warned, "what counts is not the exterior, human judgments and appreciation of the world; but only the gaze of God, who reads love and truth."

He asked the faithful to take advantage of the 40 days of Lent to: "not in the things that accumulate, but in the care of those who are in need and affliction"; to put God at the center of one's life and to pray and dialogue with Him from the heart; and to free oneself "to stop the dictatorship of agendas always full of things to do; of the pretensions of an increasingly superficial and cumbersome ego; and to choose what really matters."

"Thus, the ashes we receive in our heads today tell us that every presumption of self-sufficiency is false and that idolizing the self is destructive and locks us in the cage of loneliness," Pope Francis said. "Our life, however, is above all a relationship; we have received it from God and from our parents, and we can always renew and regenerate it thanks to the Lord and to those He has placed with us." ■



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. Seminary, go to www.bcs.edu.

Schedule of Services for April

SAT	1	8 a.m. Festal Matins with Divine Liturgy (R) 5 p.m. All-Night Vigil (R)
MON	17	8 a.m. Divine Liturgy (R)
TUE	18	7 a.m. Divine Liturgy (R)
WED	19	7 a.m. Divine Liturgy (R)
THU	20	7 a.m. Akathist for Holy Communion (R) [LS]
SAT	22	9 a.m. Divine Liturgy with Panchida (R) 5 p.m. Great Vespers (R)
SUN	23	8 a.m. Festal Matins with Divine Liturgy (R)
MON	24	8 a.m. Divine Liturgy (M)
TUE	25	7 a.m. Divine Liturgy (R)
WED	26	7 a.m. Divine Liturgy (R)
THU	27	7 a.m. Moleben for Those in Illness (R)

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

AROUND THE
ARCHEPARCHY

ADULT EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION — Formation in our faith does not stop after we've graduated from High School. Education in the faith is a process which continues throughout our whole lifetime and does not even stop on the day we die. Spiritual, intellectual, and practical growth in our faith is formed as much in our public as is in our private prayer lives and is likewise formed as much in our public endeavors for educational enrichment as it is in our private endeavors for educational enrichment. To that end, each month Father Michael Kunitz will be hosting these Adult Eastern Christian Formation opportunities at Holy Spirit, 4815 Fifth Ave., Pittsburgh (Oakland), Pa. and St. Pius X, 2336 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh (Carrick), Pa. for anyone interested in attending. **Celebrating the Resurrection:** 12:30 p.m. April 16, Holy Spirit; 1 p.m. April 15, St. Pius X. **Living the Sacrament of Crowning:** 12:30 p.m. May 14, Holy Spirit; 1 p.m. May 13, St. Pius X. **Burning Questions: Open Q&A:** 11:30 a.m. June 18, Holy Spirit; 6:45 p.m. June 17, St. Pius X. **A Citizen of Heaven Living on Earth:** 11:30 a.m. July 16, Holy Spirit; 6:45 p.m. July 15, St. Pius X. **The Dormition of the Theotokos:** 11:30 a.m. Aug. 13, Holy Spirit; 6:45 p.m. Aug. 12, St. Pius X.

4th ANNUAL CASH BASH — 6-9 p.m. Saturday, April 1, Holy Trinity, 217 Fourth St., Conemaugh, Pa. Tickets are \$10 and available at the door. Each ticket has a chance to win cash prizes given away every 15 minutes throughout the event and includes a spaghetti dinner and refreshments. For more information, contact Georgia Lehman at gjlehman56@gmail.com or 814-242-2083.

SPRING EVENTS AT ST. PIUS X — St. Pius X Church, 2336 Brownsville Road, Pittsburgh (Carrick), Pa. has two upcoming Spring Events. A Flea Market will be held 10 a.m.- 3 p.m. Saturday, April 15. Ethnic Food will be served and there will be a Bake Sale. A Spring Craft Show and Vendor Show will be held 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, May 6. Ethnic Food and Bake Sale will be held at this event, also. Tables are still available for vendors to rent for both of these events. Call 412-881-8344 to inquire.

ANNUAL CRAFT/VENDOR SHOW AND FOOD FESTIVAL — 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Saturday, April 22, St. John the Baptist Cathedral, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall, Pa. Dozens of tables of crafters and vendors, crafter showcase auction, raffles, Ethnic Platter and other food, St. John's baked goods and more. For information, call 412-461-0944.

THE RESURRECTION OF A NATION: CARPATHO-RUSYN TRADITIONS LIVED TODAY — Following the 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (approximately 11:45 a.m.), Sunday, May 7, St. John Chrysostom, 506 Saline St., Pittsburgh, Pa. Please join us for a special screening of the documentary "The Resurrection of a Nation" followed by a discussion with the co-producers John Righetti and Maria Silvestri. The documentary "The Resurrection of a Nation" explores the assertion and reclamation of Carpatho-Rusyn ethnic identity after the fall of communism in Central and Eastern Europe in 1989 and examines how it has affected Carpatho-Rusyn communities both in Europe and the United States. As we work hard to maintain our Carpatho-Rusyn cultural traditions and pass them down to younger generations, this documentary film highlights the ways in which Carpatho-Rusyn culture has been maintained and celebrated. St. John Chrysostom parish has a long history of serving the Carpatho-Rusyn community in Pittsburgh, and we welcome other Pittsburgh-area parishes to join us. No charge. The film is about 1 hour and 20 minutes, and a light lunch will be served. Please RSVP by leaving a message at 412-525-7050 to ensure that we have enough seating and refreshments for all attendees.

CALENDAR PARTY — 1-4 p.m. Sunday, May 21, Holy Trinity, 217 Fourth St., Conemaugh, Pa. Sponsored by the St. Ann's Guild of Holy Trinity. Tickets are \$15 and seats are limited to 96. Anyone interested should contact Georgia Lehman at gjlehman56@gmail.com or 814-242-2083.

BREADED CHICKEN DINNER — 3-6 p.m. Saturday, May 20; 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, May 21; St. John the Baptist Cathedral, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall, Pa. Take-out only breaded chicken dinner Price is \$12 per dinner, which includes: breaded chicken breast, 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 2
Palm Sunday — Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem

APRIL 3 to 8
Holy Week
Chancery closed April 6 and 7

APRIL 7
Great and Holy Friday

APRIL 9
Pascha —The Glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord

APRIL 10
Bright Monday
Chancery closed

APRIL 16
"Sing the Hymn of Victory!"
Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir
Holy Spirit in Pittsburgh (Oakland), Pa.

APRIL 18
Eleventh anniversary of Archbishop William's Enthronement

APRIL 21 to 23
Deacons Retreat

APRIL 24
Audit of the Safe Environment of the Archeparchy Office

APRIL 29
Archeparchial Assembly
St. John the Baptist Cathedral, Munhall, Pa.

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