



## ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

**Saturday, Feb. 19**

**1st All Souls Saturday**

Readings: 1 Cor. 10:23-28; Lk. 21:8-9.25-27.33-36

**9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy-Panahida (North Side)**

**6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy-Panahida (Mckees Rocks, PA)**

**Sunday, Feb. 20**

**Sunday of Meat Fear**

Readings: 1 Cor. 8:8-9:2; Mt. 25:31-46

**9:10 A.M. Third Hour;**

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy**

Supplications will be offered for+ **Michajlo Pyptyk**, given by family

Supplications will be offered for+ **Stafan Antoniv**, given by Oleh & Motria Hodowanets

**Saturday, Feb. 26**

**All Holy Ascetical Fathers and Mothers**

Readings: 1 Cor. 10:23-28; Lk. 21:8-9.25-27.33-36

**6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (Mckees Rocks, PA)**

**Sunday, Feb. 27**

**Sunday of Cheese Fare**

Readings: Rom. 13:11-14:4; Mt. 6:14-21

**9:10 A.M. Third Hour;**

**9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy/Right of Forgiveness**

Supplications will be offered for+**Susan Siweckyj & Willow Fuchs**, given by Mary S.

Supplications will be offered for+**Bohdan Hubar**, given by daughter Inna

**Monday, Feb. 28**

**First Day of the Great Fast**

Readings: Gen. 1:1-13; Prov. 1:1-20

**7:00 P. M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (North Side)**

First Day of the  
Great fast

To the people on the right, He spoke these words ...



Add or subtract letters to find them.

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D-3 P+2 B+3 C-1 I+3 A+4 Q+2 U-2 C+2 G-3

A+1 W+2 O-2 Z-1 B+4 E-4 Q+3 M-5 D+1 V-4';

V-2 B-1 N-3 G-2 V+3 Q-2 V-1 T-2

G+2 L+2 K-3 G-2 O+3 L-3 S+1 C-2 P-2 A+2 F-1'

V-2 F+2 B+3 L-1 N-5 P-2 F+1 C+1 P-1 J+3

T-4 T-2 H-3 L+4 B-1 Q+1 F-1 G-3 E+1 L+3 S-1

X+1 R-3 T+1 Q+2 F+3 M+1 B+1 F-1

V-2 E+3 D+1 D-1 S-1 B+3 C-2 V-2 H+1 Q-2 M+1

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## A BRIEF MEDITATION ON LENT

All of us lead lives so filled with the demands of work and family that little time is left to us to cultivate the garden of our soul. In our preoccupation with the ceaseless business of life, our spirit, if not completely forgotten, is often sadly neglected. When we do find the time to look at ourselves honestly, we soon discover that the spirit of the world has gradually and imperceptibly eaten away at our good intentions; we have become shopworn by the cares and self-centered spirit of the world.

Fortunately for us, the church recognized from its earliest days that we would need regular periods of reflection and renewed effort if we were to free ourselves from the relentless grip of worldly cares, to once again imitate the example of Christ and reflect it in our lives. It did so by developing the season of Lent, a season which invites us to renew our concentration on prayer, fasting, and almsgiving which lie at the very heart of Christian living.

Through the discipline of quiet prayer, we acknowledge and affirm the sovereignty of almighty God in our lives. In doing so, we surrender the notion of living according to the principle of power; we accept that we are not the measure of all things. In the practice of fasting, we seek to overcome the power that material things have gained over us; we strive to be servants of the sacred and not merely masters of the material and profane. Finally, we are called to almsgiving, through which we share the fruits of our labor with those in need, and thus surrender our natural tendency to be self-seeking. Prayer which unites us to God, fasting which curbs our ceaseless desires, almsgiving which allows us to actively love our neighbor as ourselves --- these are the transforming gifts of Lent.

If they are to convey their wonderful grace, however, we must make them the tools by which we deepen and enrich our faith and relationship to Jesus Christ. That, truly, is what it means to be a Christian. The wisdom of the ages invites us once again to this marvelous opportunity to find God in our lives; let us take care that we not waste it.

- Fr. Andrew J. Demotses



**February 20, 2022**

**Sunday of Meatfare - Sunday of the Fearful Judgement;  
Octoechos Tone 6; Our Venerable Father Leo, Bishop of Catania**

**Changeable Part: Pages 11-12**  
*In the Booklet of Changeable Part's (Small white book)*

## **Announcements:**

### **Soup Sale**

Again, this year we would like to sell a soup whole Lent. Every week we will have one kind of soup, next week another and so on. We need volunteers which will be able to cook soups. We will have soup sale on Thursdays and Fridays during Pyrohy hours and then on Sundays after Liturgy. The start of Soup Sale will be on Sunday, February 27th. You will have the opportunity to purchase Lenten soups: Borsch, Barley, veggie etc. All proceeds go towards the children of St. George's Church School. Make sure to support our children who are the future of our parish family. A sign-up sheet who would like to make a soup for this fundraiser is available in the Church vestibule.

### **Next Sunday: Forgiveness Sunday**

Next Sunday, February 27, in our Liturgical calendar is the last Sunday before the Great Fast called Cheesefare Sunday. This Sunday is also called "Forgiveness Sunday" from the pious Eastern Christian custom of asking each other's' forgiveness for discourtesy and disrespect before we begin together our journey through the Great Fast-Lent. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy we will have the Rite of Forgiveness during which we will ask each other for forgiveness.



**Mardi Gras Party**

Brighton Heights Lutheran Church (3830 California Avenue) invites us to their 23rd annual Mardi Gras, which will take place on Sunday, February 27 from 12:00-4 p.m. There is no admission fee but we do accept any good will offering to go towards our NALC mission churches. We also will be collecting non-perishable food items at the door for the local food bank. This year please also consider donation your gently worn or new shoes of any kind and size. These shoes will go to help people living in Third World Countries, through Funds2org. For more information contact the church at 412-761-4585

**The Ukrainian Technological Society (UTS)** will hold its annual general assembly on Sunday, February 27 at 3 PM at the Ukrainian-American Citizens’ Club in Carnegie. All members are urged to attend. New/potential members will be welcomed!

**Prayer List:**

Make a point of praying for everyone on the prayer list. If you don’t have one, contact the office and we’ll send you one. In a special way, at this time, remember the following members of our parish family: **Barbara Fedora, Patricia Della-Regione, Rose Shedno, Orysia Barshowski, Kathleen Shabla, Lillian Chlibun and Thomas Kunsak.**

**Pyrohy**

Our total income from last week’s sale was **\$969.00**. Thanks to all our dedicated women and men that come faithfully to be part of this parish activity.

**Collection- May God bless you...**

The grand total for Sunday of January 16, 2022 was **\$1,147.85**  
(Regular collection: \$1115.00, Loose & candles \$28.00, Refund: \$4.85)

***Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!***



***Sunday of the Last Judgment***

*“When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the holy angels with Him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory”* (Matt. 25:31).

Today, we celebrate in our Holy Church the Sunday of the Last Judgment. We are presented with the Gospel reading in which our merciful Lord has warned us, His followers about the day when He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

What is the reason for this warning? Why did Christ foretell all these things? Did He want to scare us, to draw our attention to Him? Of course not! The only reason for this warning is that He loves us so much that He does not want to loose us because as the Son of God He knows all the consequences of being out of His glorious Kingdom. If we lead our lives irresponsibly and make no progress in our perfection, then we will not be able to enter the Eternal Kingdom of God, because for this to happen we have to WANT to be with Him. However, wanting in it self is insufficient. Our entire life has to demonstrate good proof of this desire.

Today’s Gospel reading emphasizes the necessity of life with Jesus Christ and that this life should be expressed not just externally, but foremost with our true feelings towards God and to our neighbor. Observe the parable of Jesus when He speaks to both sides on the Last Judgment Day, after dividing them into “sheep” (the good ones) and “goats” (the bad ones). For both sides He uses the same requirements. For life, which was followed by the saved ones (on the right hand of Christ), He said: you fed the hungry, gave drink to thirsty, took in a stranger who needed a place to stay over night, gave clothes to the those who needed it, visited the sick in the hospitals, and visited those in prison. For the bad (on the left hand of Christ), He said you failed: to feed the hungry, to give drink to the thirsty, to take in a stranger who needed a place to stay over night, to give clothes to the those who needed them, to visit the sick in the hospitals, or to visit those in prison.

Why do you think these definitions will be used on the Last Judgment Day? Simply, because each of us is capable of achieving the above named things, but in order to do so we must demonstrate true love and compassion for our neighbor and the needy. If there is no true love in our relationship for others, we simply cannot fulfill these obligations. So, dear friends, the parable is quite clear about who will be called righteous and who will not. And remember that Our Lord expects nothing more than our sincere best efforts! Amen.

