



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

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

9:30 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

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

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

Thursday, Mar. 3

St. Eutropius & Others, Martyrs

Readings: Gen. 2:4-19; Prov. 3:1-18

7:00 P.M. Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts (Rocks)

Saturday, Mar. 5

St. Theodore of Tyre, the Great Martyr

Readings: Heb 11:24-26.32-12:2; Jn: 1:43-51

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, Mar. 6

First Sunday of Great Fast/Sunday of Orthodoxy

Readings: Heb 11:24-26.32-12:2; Jn: 1:43-51

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **+ Gregory Waslo III**, given by family.

Supplications will be offered for **+ Maria Perkun**,
given by Luba & Irene Pyptyk.

Forgiveness Sunday - Cheesefare Sunday



Read Matthew 6:14-21, which is the Gospel reading for Cheesefare Sunday: The Lord said...

14: For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:

15: But if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

16: And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces, so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you they have received their reward.

17: But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your

face,

18: so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

19: Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal.

20: But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal.

21: For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Questions for us to meditate upon before we begin our Lenten Journey:

What must we do in order for God to forgive us (vs. 14)? How should we fast? (vs. 17)
What should we do about riches (vs. 19-20)? What is a good way to tell where our riches are (vs. 21)?

1. Jesus talks about God's forgiveness of us and about our forgiveness of one another. Is it sometimes hard for you to forgive others? What has forgiveness meant in your life?

2. Why does Jesus tell us that we should fast in private?

3. What do Jesus' words about riches have to do with Lent? What kind of riches can we store up in heaven?



As we begin our journey of the Great Fast...

Every year in our parishes during this Holy Season of the Great Fast we are faced with the same dilemma... “What is the good of keeping a Fast for forty days without considering the meaning of it?” The answer is that there is no good in it at all. It is better not to keep the Fast than to do it

thoughtlessly. And what is the meaning of the Fast? It is to nurture the good that is in us and put to death that which is not, to increase in ourselves the likeness to God.

“I aspire,” writes St. Gregory Nazianzen, “to be purified as gold in the fire.” If that is our desire, then we must begin somewhere and there is no better place than with forgiveness. Do we wish to be purified? First we must lay aside all malice towards others. The connection in today’s Gospel reading (Mt 6:14-21) between forgiveness and fasting is clear. Remember what we read today? The movement between the admonition to forgive so that we might be forgiven and the words, “When you fast...” is seamless and intentional. Immediately after the Lord teaches His disciples to pray, He teaches them how to fast. If we are going to pray we must be ready also to fast. That is why the Church call us all on this eve of the Great Fast to attend Great Vespers that centers not only on beautiful hymns about repentance and forgiveness, but on an action in which we can all take part. “Faith without works is dead,” writes the holy apostle James. Forgiveness without action is not forgiveness.

On this Forgiveness Sunday as we stand before the journey of the Great Fast we are to remind ourselves that we have all sinned against one another whether by what we have done and even more by what we have left undone. The life of our parish family depends upon our willingness to obey the Lord and to lay down our lives for one another. So, we are invited to embrace forgiveness by giving and receiving it as we embark together on a great journey to the Cross and the Empty Tomb. This cannot be done in the privacy of our homes. If it is to be real, then we must embrace one another as brothers and sisters. We must look one another in the face and say, “Forgive me.”



February 27, 2022

**Sunday of Cheesefare
- Forgiveness Sunday;
Octoechos Tone 7;
Our Venerable Father
Procopius the
Decapolitan**

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*In the Booklet of Changeable
Part's (Small white book)*



Announcements:

Today: Sunday of Forgiveness

Today we celebrate 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 others' forgiveness for discourtesy and disrespect before we begin our journey together 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. Please make sure that you have the special booklets for this Service, which are available in the Church vestibule.

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 this 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.

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!

Easter Candy Order forms are available. They are due March 12, 2022. Delivery on April 9, 2022

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, Kasia Wyko, Rose Shedno, Orysia Barshowski, Kathleen Shabla, Lillian Chlibun and Thomas Kunsak.**

Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was **\$1,102.00**. 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 **\$1,000.00**
(Regular collection: \$940.00, Loose & candles \$60.00)

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



2022 Lenten Regulations

Although our Church traditionally prescribed abstention from meat and dairy products in days gone by for the entire duration of Lent, the following minimal Lenten regulations are in force in our Eparchy of St. Josaphat.



- 1. Abstinance from meat and all dairy products on the First Day of Lent (February 28, 2022) and on Good Friday (April 15, 2022).**
- 2. Abstinance from meat only on all Fridays of Lent as well as Holy Saturday (April 16, 2022). We also recommend voluntary abstinance from meat on all Wednesdays of Lent.**
- 3. Reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist during the Paschal Season (from the onset of Lent, February 28, 2022 to the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday, May 25, 2022)**

Fasting and Abstinance regulations are not binding on persons 60 or older, the very poor, sick, nursing or pregnant women, children below the age of 14, and those who engage in very hard physical labor. Prayer and almsgiving oblige all!

In the authentic tradition of the Church, we also fast from the glorious celebration of the Divine Liturgy on the weekdays of the Great Fast. Only the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts is to be celebrated in all our Churches on the Wednesdays and Fridays of Lent, and on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Great and Holy Week.

Let us set out with joy upon the season of the Fast, and prepare ourselves for spiritual combat. Let us purify our soul and cleanse our flesh; and as we fast from food, let us abstain also from every passion. Rejoicing in the virtues of the Spirit may we persevere with love, and so be counted worthy to see the solemn Passion of Christ Our God, and with great spiritual gladness to behold His Holy Passover.

(Forgiveness Vespers)