

ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES

Saturday, March 19 Third All Souls Saturday

Readings: Heb. 10:32-38; Mk. 2:14-17

9:00 A. M. Divine Liturgy/Sorokousty-Hramoty 6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, March 20 Third Sunday of the Great Fast/Veneration of The Cross

Readings: Heb. 4:14-5:6; Mk. 8:34-9:1

9:10 A.M. Third Hour; 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for + Rose Marie Drahusz, given by Luigi & Patty Della Regione

Supplications will be offered for + deceased Ukrainian soldiers and civilian

Thursday, Mar. 24 Pre- feast of Annunciation of the Theotokos

Readings: Heb. 2:11-18; Lk. 1:24-38

7:00 P. M. Vesperal Divine Liturgy (Pittsburgh)

Supplications will be offered for +Michael & Anna Krepitch, given by Anonymous.

Saturday, March 26 Fourth All Souls Saturday

Readings: Heb. 6:9-12; Mk: 7:31-37

9:00 A. M. Divine Liturgy/Sorokousty-Hramoty 6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, March 27 Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast/St. John Climacus, venerable

Readings: Heb. 6:13-20; Mk: 9:17-31

9:10 A.M. Third Hour; 9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for +Ivan Salo, given by Andy Salo.

Supplications will be offered for + deceased Ukrainian soldiers and civilian

Jesus taught His disciples about what would happen to Him in the future. They didn't like what they heard! What would Jesus do?

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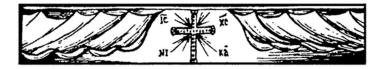
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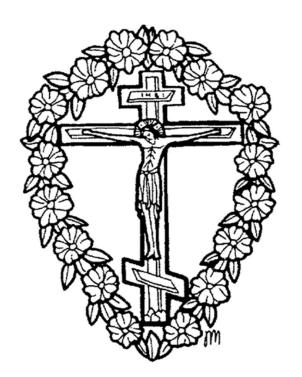


Today we have reached the midpoint of the Great Fast-Lent; we have travelled half of our path to the Holy Pascha of Our Lord. Having come to the center of Lent, we piously venerate the Life-giving Cross of Christ. In the Synaxarion for today we read that since the Cross is the Tree of Life, and this tree was planted in the center of the Garden of Eden, in the same way the holy fathers placed the Tree of the Cross in the middle of Great Lent, reminding us of Adam's fall. At the same time we are delivered from the fall through the tree, for partaking of it we no longer die, but inherit life. In the services for this day, the Cross of Christ is hailed as the "invincible weapon, door to Paradise, succor of the faithful," and the "rampart set about the Church" (verses for "Lord, I have cried..."). Why is this so? Why is the tool of a torturous death sentence hailed by the Church as a banner of victory? Why do Christians wear

that, which the world sees as a symbol of shameful death, with such piety?

The Cross of Christ is dear to us because without it there is no Resurrection. And only he, who is ready to be crucified with Christ, can become an heir in the resurrection in Christ. We glorify the Cross of Our Lord today because, having been watered with the Savior's Blood, the Cross is no longer a tool of death but the Tree of Life. Saint Theophan the Recluse writes "that where there is a Christian, there is the cross, and where there is no cross, there is no Christian." Today, at the half-point of the Great Fast-Lent, let us examine ourselves: do we crucify the sins of our flesh, do we carry the cross in our hearts, is there in our souls a denial of self and of worldly passions? If not - neither is there a Christian there.





March 20, 2022

Third Sunday of the Great Fast: Veneration of the Holy Cross. Octoechos Tone 2. Our Venerable Fathers Martyred by the Saracens at the Monastery of St. Sabbas (580-97)

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Announcements:

Today: Third Sunday of the Great Fast

On this Third Sunday of the Great Fast, we honor and venerate the Holy and Life-giving Cross of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In the beginning of the Divine Liturgy the Cross adorned with flowers will be brought out in procession and placed on the Tetrapod in the center of the Church. During the entire week, the Cross will remain in the center of our Church, not merely to remind us of Christ's redemption and for us to keep the goal of their Lenten efforts, but also as a reminder: "He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me" (Mt 10:38). Following the Divine Liturgy, please come forward to venerate the Cross of Our Lord as we continue our journey of the Great Fast.

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. You will have the opportunity to purchase Lenten soups: Borsch, Barley, veggie etc.

Easter Bread-Paska

On Saturday, April 9th, we will prepare Easter Bread (Paska) in our Church Hall. The price per loaf is \$12.00. In the Church vestibule, we have a sign-up sheet for placing your orders. I ask you to write down your name and amount of Paska Bread (plain or raisin) you wish to order. You may pick-up your order on Palm Sunday, April 10th, following the Divine Liturgy.

Collection- May God bless you...

The grand total for Sunday of March 13, 2022 was \$9,611.80 + \$3,091.00 (Regular collection: \$2025.00, Soup Sale and candy: \$181.80, Support of Ukraine: \$7,405.00)

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



Dear Ukrainians and our American Friends!



Thank you very much each and every one for your continued prayers and support towards our Beloved Ukraine during this tremendous crisis — WAR in Ukraine, which was started by Russian federation several days ago. These are really difficult times for our Nation, but we believe in God's protection and in our army and all who defend our peace-loving country from Russian aggression.

Many of our friends ask how they may help.

First, your continued **prayers.** This is the most powerful weapon that may be used against enemies, and IT WORKS.

Second, your **donations**. Our Eparchy invites you to make donations to the Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine. This can be done as follows:

A. You can donate through the St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church by making checks payable to "St. George Ukrainian Catholic" with memo "Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine", and sending to 3455 California Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 or through http://www.saintgeorgepittsburgh.org PAYPAL and make a memo "WAR VICTIMS AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE";

B. You can donate on the St. Josaphat Eparchy website https://stjosaphateparchy.com and click on Donate through PAYPAL and make a memo "WAR VICTIMS AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE";

- 3. Encourage local financial and other institutions to make contributions.
- 4. Additionally what can be done is sharing the news and contacting The White House/President, Congress, Senators, appealing to do more sanctions and military assistance to Ukraine.

May God bless our Heroes!

May God bless all of You!

Mat God Bless Ukraine!