

Schedule of Divine Liturgies

Sunday	Feb 07 th	Sunday of the Last Judgment Meat Fare Sunday	+Edward Kastriba (Donna Pandullo)
Sunday	Feb 14 th	Cheese-Fare Sunday Forgiveness Sunday (Beginning of Great Lent)	+Theresa Zeravica (Dolly Nicora)
Sunday	Feb 21 th	1 st Sunday in Lent Orthodoxy Sunday (Liturgy of St Basil)	+Ian Antal (Bernice Dumitru)
Sunday	Feb 28 th	2 nd Sunday of Lent Gregory Palamas (Liturgy of St Basil)	+John Nicora Jr (Dolly Nicora)
Sunday	March 07 th	3 rd Sunday of Lent Veneration of the Holy Cross (Liturgy of St Basil)	+Virginia Lupu (Andrea Vigue)

For the month of February

Our Eternal Candle burns for	+ Ed Kastriba (Donna and David Pandullo)
Our Garden Candle burns for	Parishioners of St Mary
Our Altar Candles burn for	Parishioners of St Mary

Parish Announcements:

Last Weeks Collection: \$ 220.00

The Church is cleaned and disinfected after each Liturgy to do our part in keeping our parishioners safe while at St. Mary.

Liturgy Intentions: If you have intentions to remember or honor a loved one, please contact Donna Pandullo at (412) 973-0151 or see Samantha. Open dates remaining for 2021 are: Oct 17, 24 & 31: Nov 07 : Dec 19 and 26.

Candle Intentions: We are offering intentions for the Eternal Candle, the Garden Candle and the Tall Altar Candles. Each will be \$20.00 per month. The intentions will be listed in the bulletin. Please see Donna if you would like to add an intention.

Parish Meeting:

A parish meeting will be held on February 14 at the end of Divine Liturgy. At that time, we will discuss the finances and the pastoral care and needs of our parish. This is a very important meeting that all parishioners should plan on attending. Information will be provided and there will be an opportunity for questions and answers.

Adult Education resumes today Feb 07, at 9 AM and every Sunday in the church. Our class focuses on the teachings of the Catholic Church and includes a focus on the Byzantine Tradition. Typically there is a lively discussion of important spiritual matters. Please join us.

PASTOR'S PULPIT OF THE GOSPEL

The Gospel of St. Matthew (Chapter 25:31-46) is a worthy introduction to Great Lent, which begins on February 14th. In it, Christ judges the nations. He separates all human beings into two groups. To those on His right He says, "Inherit the kingdom..." You helped those in need. To those on His left He says, "Depart from me, you accursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels..." You did not help the needy. The Lord is very direct here and the scene He describes is rather traumatic. We should take his message seriously. There is, however, more to this than neglect. Not only are Christians committing sins of omission when they fail to help the poor, they are also setting a terrible example. It is like the story of Zacchaeus, a tax collector for the Romans, the subject of our Gospel from several weeks ago. Zacchaeus not only took money from people unfairly; he also scandalized the Jewish community of Jericho by his actions. The same is true for the prodigal son, from last week's Gospel, who took his inheritance and squandered it on immoral behavior. Scandalous! St. Paul warns us (1 Corinthians 8:8-13, 9:1 and 2) that the improper use of food can be a stumbling block. He is referring to the consumption of food offered to pagan idols, which is not an issue in our age. However, by the improper use of food we can set a bad example. It can be pleasurable, but only so that we properly nourish our bodies, which are temples of the Holy Spirit. Too much wine and too much food can lead to bad example. St. Paul's warning applies here; to abuse food and drink is a sin against Christ. Food can be a stumbling block, as St. Paul mentions. The Eastern Fathers recommended that we leave the dinner table at least a little bit hungry. Food, however, is not the only area where caution is needed. We do not want to cause scandal to unbelievers or to those who are weak in the Faith by how we live any aspect of our lives. Charity should prevail over freedom in all that we do as Christians. Scandal involves an action that leads people into sin. Therefore, it is a great offense; it can have a very adverse impact on a person's conscience. Some believers, the newly converted and others, are weak and can have their faith destroyed by bad example. People watch us to see if we live what we preach as Christians. It is clear from both of our readings that the Lord wants us to work on our relationships. Sometimes a change of heart is called necessary. With some of us, having a model helps us to stay on the right path. Why not our patroness, St. Mary? She never gave bad example. She always did the right thing. When in doubt about our actions, we should always keep Our Lord in mind, but we should also ask ourselves this question, "What would Mary do?" Blessings, Father George

Next Sunday's Scripture: Romans 13:11-14, 14:1-4; Matthew 6:14-21

Your fervent and continuing prayers are requested for: Calvin Cramer, Rosemary Gerondites, Teresa Maglicco, Alan Medved, Laurie DuVal, Fr. Matthew Elanjileth, Helen Dragos, Kathleen Gibbs, Andrea Vigue, Joseph O'Gurkis, Jennifer Wolf and Children, Ron Willard, Sr. Caritas Wendt
All those serving in Armed Forces and Civil Authorities, along with All First Responders, and all those Affected by the Coronavirus.

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