



March 13, 2022

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Parish Schedule



Mar. 12 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
For our Parish Family

**Mar. 13 (Sun) SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
Divine Liturgy 10:30am**
+Charles Zeleznik req by Norman & Eileen

Mar. 18 (Fri) PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY 7:00pm
Hramoty

Mar. 19 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
*49th Wedding Anniversary - Ronald & Janice Bishop
req by their children*

**Mar. 20 (Sun) THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
VENERATION OF THE CROSS
Divine Liturgy 10:30am**
+George Lucas req by family

Our Tithe to our Parish - March 6, 2022 - \$1,599.00

The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of Mar. 13 thru Mar. 19 for +Helen Sabol req by family.



Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.



Tillie Abraham, Ron Bishop, George Bodnar ,
Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick,
Kevin Ianni, Fr. John Petro, Ted Race, Helen Rizzi,
Joseph Rusinko Sr.

**MOUNT SAINT MACRINA
HOUSE OF PRAYER**

March 29 6:30pm - 8:30pm



**Tuesday Evening Informational Presentation
In House Program**

"Human Trafficking: It's Closer Than You Think!"

With Patricia Mowen from the Crime Victims' Center
Program is especially good for parents, grandparents, babysitters,
guardians.

Registration Due: March 22 Offering: \$20. Includes printed material. Space limited. Register early.

Proof of full vaccination and masks are required.

PIROHY FOR LENT

We will be making Pirohy for Lent this month. The dates are Thursday, March 24 cooking cabbage, Saturday March 26 making potato balls, and Monday & Tuesday, March 28 & 29 preparing Pirohy.

There is a sign up sheet in the back of the church for orders.

The Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem

Lord and Master of my life,
spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair,
lust for power, and idle chatter. (Prostration)

Instead, bestow on me, your servant,
the Spirit of integrity, humility, patience, and love. (Prostration)

Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins
and not judge my brothers and sisters;
For you are blessed forever and ever. Amen (Prostration)



Pray for Peace in Ukraine

*Excerpts from Great Lenten Fast message
from Archbishop William Skurla*

The Great Fast is the season of praying, fasting and alms giving. We certainly will remember Ukraine in our praying and fasting during the Great Fast.

We pray for our members who have families living in Ukraine. Especially, we pray for the families of our ten priests from Ukraine serving in the Pittsburgh Archeparchy as well as for several other priests and religious serving other churches in the United States.

We will take a collection on the Third Sunday of the Fast (March 20) for the Church in Ukraine. We will transfer the offering to the Eparchy of Mukachevo.

NOTE:

MARCH 20

St. Stephen will be accepting the donations to be sent to our diocese and then forwarded to the Ukraine. If by check, please make it payable to St. Stephen Byzantine Catholic Church and also note on envelope or on memo “Donation for Ukraine”.

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*As we begin the third week of the Fast, O faithful,
let us praise the Holy Trinity,
and joyfully pass through the time that still remains.
May the evil desires of our flesh wither away,
and let us gather divine flowers,
weaving garlands for that Queen of days.
Wearing our crowns,
let us praise the victory of Christ.*

The Lenten Fast is given to us as a season of returning home. And the paths offered to us are those of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Each of these is a means to bring us back home to the Lord ... who dwells, not far away from us, but as close to us as our very own heart.

Yet, on a day-to-day basis, we often miss that which is most obvious to us. We look for the Lord all around us ... even going to strange and exotic places ... only to discover that He has already come to us

This is the meaning of the *Pantocrator* (the ion in the dome) in our churches. It is the icon of God’s abiding presence with us ... Emmanuel ... God With Us.

Sometimes ... even though Christ is right in our midst ... sometimes we still miss Him ... or we feel unable to find Him by ourselves. This is the time when *we need the help of others*.



By ourselves ... we are like the man in today’s Gospel ... paralyzed ... unable to go to Christ alone. He needs his friends who carry him to Christ and place him there before the face of Christ.

This is a part of almsgiving ... helping others ... reaching out to those in need ... and carrying them to Christ. We do not have to be the healers of others ... Christ is there to heal them. But at times, we are called to be the ones who carry each other to Christ.