



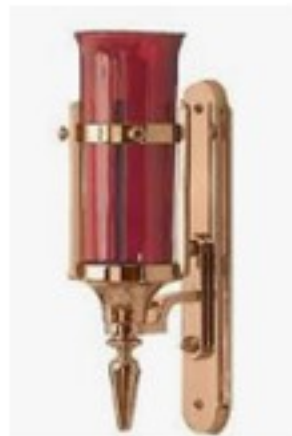
February 14, 2021
SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE

Parish Schedule

- Feb. 13 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
+Timothy Kappas req by Barry Smith
- Feb. 14 (Sun) SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE**
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Thomas, Catherine & Jack Wesdock req by Julee Lindberg Family
- Feb. 15 (Mon) FIRST DAY OF THE GREAT FAST**
(This is a day of strict fasting for all)
Presanctified Liturgy 7:00pm
+Mary Soltis req by Eleanor & Jerry Stewart
- Feb. 19 (Fri) FIRST FRIDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**
Presanctified Liturgy 7:00pm
+Carl Magdic req by Helen Magdic
- Feb. 20 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
+Susan Sabol req by Helen Magdic
- Feb. 21 (Sun) FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**
Sunday of Orthodoxy - Of the Holy Icons
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
+Charles Zeleznik req by Julee Lindberg Family

Our Tithe to our Parish - February 7, 2021 - \$2,749.00

To all those who have been so faithful in your donations, especially during these trying times, we offer a huge Thank You! Our parishioners have been very conscious in the support of our church that allows us to continue to meet our expenses and even the extra items that come up.



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 Feb. 14 thru Feb. 20 for good health and well-being of our parishioners.

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, Diana Abraham, Ron Bishop, George Bodnar ,
 Jude Bodnar, Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick,
 Eugene Heinack, Kevin Ianni, Ted Race, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi,
 Rose Marie Rupnik, Joseph Rusinko Sr.

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 2020-2021 House of Prayer Virtual Programs



February 16, 23 & March 2, 9, 2021, 6:30-8:30 p.m.  
 Tuesday Evening Reading Series  
 “Crossing the Desert: Learning to Let Go, See Clearly, and Live Simply”  
 With Sr. Barbara Jean, OSBM Register by February 11  
 Offering: \$5.00 per session or \$15.00 for all 4 sessions

February 25 & March 4, 11, 18, 25, 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
 Lenten Bible Study Thursdays  
 With Sr. Melita Marie, OSBM Register by February 18, 2021  
 Offering: \$5.00 per session or \$20.00 for all 5 sessions

CALL TO REGISTER: 724-438-7149.

PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL TO RECEIVE YOUR LINK AS THE PROGRAMS WILL BE CONDUCTED THROUGH ZOOM.

Please share this information with anyone who may be interested.

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**REMEMBRANCE OF THE DEPARTED**

Each year we remember the departed members of our families, loved ones and parish in a series of commemorations in and around the Great Fast season. These are called the Saturdays of the Departed.

As we have done in the past, we shall continue to remember our departed loved ones this year on the particular Friday evenings, following the Presanctified Liturgy.



## CHEESEFARE SUNDAY

Some of the highlights of our parish Lenten style of life will include:

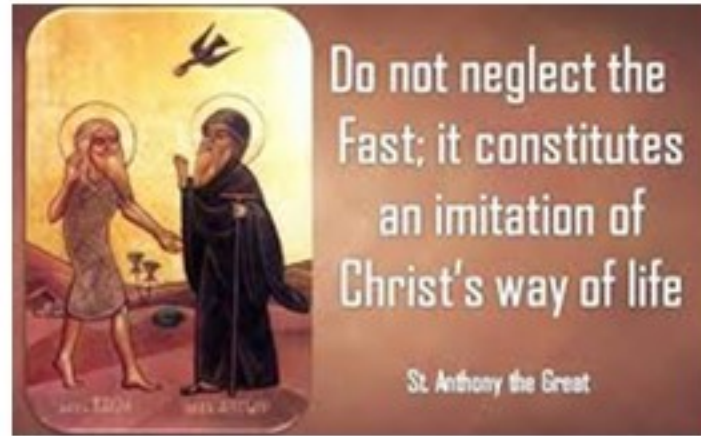
### *The Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts*



Each Friday evening at 7:00, we will celebrate the special Lenten Liturgy of our Church, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. This very moving service guides us weekly through the various themes of the Lenten season. Its readings, hymns and prayers provide us with much material for reflection. Its penitential melodies and character reach deep within us ... beyond the realms of our minds ... and touches something in the inner recesses of our hearts that stirs us to repentance and renewal.

*This Service will be live-streamed each week*

### *Fasting during the Lenten Season*



Monday, the first day of Lent, is a day of **strict fast and abstinence**, that is, no meat or dairy products are permitted. We will also celebrate the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on this first day of the Great Fast so that we may begin this holy season in prayer. *This Service will be live-streamed also.*

Each Wednesday and Friday is also a day of abstinence, that is, no meat is to be eaten.

This is the *minimum* that we are asked to do. Each of us needs to ask ourselves what we *can* do. Perhaps there are other forms of fasting ... from excessive television and electronic devices ... from idle gossip ... from snacking ... from anything that *distracts* us from listening to God.

"...Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening ..." (1 Samuel 3,9)

Lent is for listening.

You see, God is wherever you are. A frightening thought if you are fleeing from God; a shot of adrenaline if you're looking for God.



But you have to listen to God, let God talk. The Lord can talk to you in so many ways -- not only when the words of Scripture are read to you, but through Beethoven, through nuclear threat and chemical waste, through COVID-19 victims and bag ladies, through friends whose caring reflects the compassion of Christ.

But your ears must be open, attuned to God's whisper as well as God's thunder. Like the boy Samuel in the Old Testament, you have to say, ... *Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening* ... rather than, ... *Speak, Lord, and your servant will think it over.*

Lent is for listening ... I cannot promise it will be fun; I can promise it will be exciting. You may not live to be one hundred, but you will live each day "by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God." (Matthew 4,4)

Not a bad way to spend Lent; it sure beats giving up M&M's!

*(from: Lent is for Listening, by W.J. Burghardt)*

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The Lenten Fast is indeed our time for *listening* ... for listening for the voice of God whenever and wherever it may speak in our lives. The prayer services of our Church ... our Lenten style of life ... our fasting and self-denial ... our almsgiving and reaching out to others ... are all means to help us to listen better.