



February 24, 2019
Sunday of Meat Fare

Liturgical Schedule

- Feb. 23 (Sat) Divine Liturgy** **5:00pm**
+Barry F. Janov req by father Michael
- Feb. 24 (Sun) Sunday of Meat Fare**
Divine Liturgy **10:30am**
+Carl Magdic req by Mike & Ann Andrejczak
- Mar 2 (Sat) Divine Liturgy** **5:00pm**
For the Parishioners
- Mar 3 (Sun) Sunday of Cheese Fare**
Divine Liturgy **10:30am**
Forgiveness Sunday
+Thomas Wesdock req by Julee Lindberg & Family

Our Tithe to our parish

February 17, 2019: \$1,131.00

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, Marion Campbell, Steve Fekete, Kevin Ianni, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko Sr., Sue Sabol, Ruth Seech, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis, Margaret Weber, Debbie Vasko, John Voron Sr.



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 February 24 thru March 2 for +Brother Tom Somerfeld. *"Eternal Memory"*

PIROHY SCHEDULE

Starting at 9:00am

Monday - February 25 - Make pirohy

Tuesday - February 26 - Make pirohy

Friday - March 1 Pirohy Sale

Lenten Kitchen

Beginning on Friday, March 8, 2019, St. Elias Byzantine Catholic Church, 4200 Homestead-Duquesne Road, Munhall, will once again be holding their Lenten Kitchen and will be every Friday through April 12, 2019. Doors open at 11:00am and close at 6:00pm.



Patrons can eat in and /or take out . Available to purchase: fried or baked fish sandwich; fried or baked fish dinner, pirohi, haluski, macaroni and cheese, French fries, coleslaw, soda, bottled water, csoroge and our bake sale. Coffee and tea are free.

MOUNT SAINT MACRINA

HOUSE OF PRAYER

Program Schedule

724-438-7149

Spring Spiritual Reading Series

Sr. Barbara Jean Mihalchick, OSBM

“SACRED THRESHOLD: Crossing The Inner Barrier To A Deeper Love”

(By Paula D’Arcy)

March 18, 25, April 1, 8, 2019

Mondays, 10:00 - 11:30am

Free Will Offering - Registration Due: March 11

Stories of healing and love.

Read, Delve, Share!

MEATFARE

This last week before the Great Fast reminds us that it is time to prepare. Traditionally, Meatfare Sunday is the last day on which meat is to be eaten until the Resurrection. For us it is a reminder that whatever type of fasting we choose, it is time to gradually let go of whatever has a hold on us.



This week we should begin some part of our fasting. This is our Church’s way of gradually leading us into the Great Fast. We do not party up to the last minute (a la Mardi Gras) and then slam the door on eating and drinking. Rather, we adopt a gradual approach to the season of the Great Fast, a much more sensible and humane way of life.

We even see it liturgically this week. Similar to the weekdays of the Great Fast, this Wednesday and Friday are called “a-liturgical days,” that is, days on which the Divine Liturgy is not permitted to be celebrated. You will notice this marked with an asterisk (*) on your church calendar.

MEAT-FARE SUNDAY

When was the last time you heard a sermon on ... *Hell ... fire ... and brimstone!!!* I mean ... one that really scared the wits out of you!



At least in our collective memory, this seems to have been a large part of the standard fare of preaching far in the past. Most everyone has some memories of a pastor ... or a missionary ... or a retreat director ... really putting the fear of God into them.

From time to time, we hear comments that the “church has just become too lenient.” There is not enough stress on fear and judgment.

There is too much talk of love ... and peace ... and not enough about the wrath of God.

Well ... the Scriptures do speak about God’s wrath ... and judgment ... and they speak of his compassion and forgiveness and love also. In fact, it seems that much more of Jesus’ ministry is focused on showing us the compassionate face of God ... rather than a fear of God/

Yet, judgment is a reality. Today’s Gospel speaks about the Last Judgment ... and it gives us the rules according to which we shall all be judged.

We shall be judged by the way we treat each other ... especially those in need ... the hungry and thirsty ... those who are sick or in prison ... the lonely and needy.

You see, God chooses to be identified with the lowly and the needy in our midst. And the mark of a Christ-like person is the one who can see the face of God in the needy.

It is not so much a matter of preaching fear ... or love. It is more a matter of touching the hearts of people ... so that we may be emptied of our self-preoccupations ... the cares that blind us to those in need around us ... and be able to *see* the face of God in each other.