



February 27, 2022

SUNDAY OF CHEESE-FARE



Parish Schedule

Feb. 26 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
+Susan Sabol req by family and friends

**Feb. 27 (Sun) SUNDAY OF CHEESE-FARE
Divine Liturgy 10:30am**
For our Parish Family

**Feb. 28 (Mon) FIRST DAY OF THE GREAT FAST
PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY 7:00pm**

Mar. 4 (Fri) PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY 7:00pm

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

**Mar. 6 (Sun) FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
Divine Liturgy 10:30am**
+Teresa Spudik req of family

~~~~~  
**Our Tithe to our Parish - February 20, 2022 - \$2,138.00**  
~~~~~

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 Feb. 27 thru Mar. 5 for the health and well-being of Fr. Petro.



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 19 9:30am - 1:15pm

Saturday Lenten Morning of Reflection in House Program

Conference, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Prayer Service, Light Lunch
With Fr. Joel Barstad

Registration Due: March 12 Offering: \$40. Space limited. Register early.
Proof of full vaccination and masks are required.

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.



What is the Great Fast (Lent)

Lent is a period of extra prayer, fasting and penance once a year in preparation for Pascha (Lent) the Feast of the Holy Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Lent is always 40 days long. Lent is one of the four periods of fasting in the Byzantine Liturgical year, and therefore, it is sometimes called Great Lent in the Church. Lent comes from the ancient English word which means “Lengthening of Days”, that is Spring. The other three traditional fast periods are a period of time before the Feast of Ss. Peter and Paul on June 29, two weeks before the Feast of the Dormition of the Mother of God on Aug 15, and 40 days before Christmas. The fast before Christmas is also called the Philipovka, which means “Philip’s Fast” because it begins on Nov. 15, which is the day after the Feast of St. Philip.

Why does the Byzantine Lent start on Monday and the Roman Lent start on Wednesday?

The Romans count their forty days backwards starting on the day before Easter, and excluding Sundays. This method ends up on Wednesday which they call Ash Wednesday. The Byzantines count their forty days backwards starting on the Friday before Lazarus Saturday and including Sundays. This method ends up on the Monday, two days before the Roman Ash Wednesday. Therefore, in the Byzantine tradition, the 40 days fast is really a preparation for Holy Week and Holy Week prepares us for Pascha.

CHEESE-FARE SUNDAY

The Sunday immediately preceding the Great Fast is known by a variety of names ... “*Cheese-Fare Sunday*” ... because according to the traditional norms of fasting, this is the last day to eat dairy products until Easter ... “*The Expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise*” ... since that is the major theme that runs through the texts and prayers for this day ... “*Forgiveness Sunday*” ... because this is the day on which people ask forgiveness of each other before beginning the Lenten season.

Each of these names calls to mind one of the major aspects of the Lenten season. We need to ask ourselves ... *What will be our Lenten style of life?*

The Gospel text that is read today proposes three areas for us to look at as we consider our Lenten discipline.



The Great Fast is first of all a time of intensified prayer. It is a good time to spend reading the Gospels, the Psalms or other parts of Scripture. We could also agree to spend some time in silent prayer and meditation each day.

Our parish schedule of prayer will follow a Lenten style also.

Friday evenings we will celebrate the special Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. We will also celebrate this Liturgy on Monday of this week, the first day of the Great Fast.

Thus the Services of our parish will have a definite Lenten flavor throughout this sacred season.

Please note: If you have a “Presanctified Liturgy” book from last year, please bring it with you.