

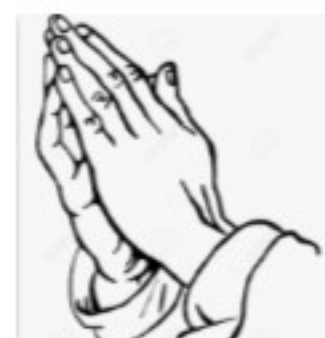


November 11, 2018

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost**

Liturgical Schedule

- Nov 10 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**
- Nov 11 (Sun) Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost  
Divine Liturgy 10:30am**
- Nov. 17 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm**  
*+Maria Rusinko req by Family*
- Nov. 18 (Sun) Twenty-Sixth Sunday After Pentecost  
Divine Liturgy 10:30am**



*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, Steven Fekete, Kevin Ianni, Carl Magdic, Fr. John Petro, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko Sr., Sue Sabol, Ruth Seech, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis, Margaret Weber, Debbie Vasko, John Voron Sr

MANY, MANY THANKS !!!

To all the wonderful folks who have been generous with their time and energy in helping with the recent Turkey Bingo and also the Pirohy Project this past week, we offer a hearty word of gratitude! It is wonderful to see our parishioners working together in such a spirit of joy and cooperation. It is a sign of a very healthy parish community, and, of course, it is a tremendous benefit to our parish. Hats off to all of you !

Our Tithe to our parish  
November 4, 2018 - - - NA  
Turkey Bingo - - - -\$2,103.00



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 November 11 thru November 17 for +Maria Rusinko. "Eternal Memory"

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**MOUNT SAINT MACRINA  
HOUSE OF PRAYER**

Program Schedule

724-438-7149



**Christmas Preparation Retreat**

Fr. Cyprian Constantine, OSB

*“The Time of Salvation is Near”*

Prepare by Prayer, Fasting, Repentance  
and Almsgiving”

Sunday, Dec. 16, 2018

1:15pm - 5:30pm Includes Dinner

Offering: \$35 Registration Due Dec. 12

*The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be  
offered along with a conference and  
a prayer service.*

**OPEN HOUSE**

Jan. 13, 2019

1:30pm - 3:30pm

Come and spend some time with the Staff  
in the warmth of the House of Prayer!



**ST PHILIP’S FAST**



When we look at the Liturgical Year of our Byzantine Tradition, we see that each of the great feasts is preceded by a period of preparation, and notable, a time of fasting as a major component of this preparation.

For example, there is the Great Fast of forty days that precedes Holy Week and the glorious Resurrection. In addition there are smaller fasts, even though these may be lesser known to Church members today. These are the shorter fast of two weeks before the feast of the Holy Dormition, and also the fast of the Apostles, preceding the feast of SS. Peter and Paul

Likewise, the feast of the Nativity of the Lord is also preceded by a time of preparation and fasting. This is a fast of forty days and is known by various names. It is commonly called *Fast of St. Philip (Filipovka)*, because it begins on November 15, the day after the feast of the holy apostle, Philip. Thus, from November 15 until Christmas, a period of forty days of preparation is observed. And so it is also called the *Pre-Nativity Fast*.

Even though many of us have not yet begun to think too seriously about the upcoming feast of the Nativity of our Lord, the secular world is already abuzz in preparation for Christmas.

Thus, it is still very commendable for us to keep a longer period of preparation, especially in light of all the other less-than-Christian forces all around us today. We have only to look at the stores and malls and shops - to see that the commercial preparation for the season has been going on for quite a long time already. So, perhaps, we do need the spiritual strength of a period of preparation and fasting to balance all the other forces in our lives.

As individuals and as families, we can each decide how we should keep the Philippian Fast.

*A few suggestions ...*

- ◆ time to read the Gospels, especially the stories of preparation for the birth of Christ ...
- ◆ the book of daily Meditations (prepared by the Office of Religious Education) which offers a guided reflection for this season (this book is available through the Byzantine Seminary Press) ...
- ◆ A family fast of certain foods or forms of entertainment until Christmas ... and the purpose is simply to heighten our sense of vigilance as we await the celebration of the Birth of the Savior..