March 4, 2018
THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Liturgical Schedule

Mar 3 (Sat)	**Divine Liturgy**	**5:00pm**
	+Catherine Wesdock req by Julee Lindberg	
Mar 4 (Sun)	**Third Sunday of the Great Fast**	
	Veneration of the Holy Cross	
	ECF Classes	**9:00am**
	Divine Liturgy	**10:30am**
	+Teresa Spudik req by the Family	
Mar 6 (Tue)	**Enrichment Session**	**7:00pm**
Mar 7 (Wed)	**Presanctified Liturgy**	**7:00pm**
Mar 9 (Fri)	**Presanctified Liturgy**	**7:00pm**
	Hramoty—Remembrance of the Departed	
Mar 10 (Sat)	**Divine Liturgy**	**5:00pm**
	+Alfred and Mary Crocker req by Steve & Judi Muchoney	
Mar 11 (Sun)	**Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast**	
	ECF Classes	**9:00am**
	Divine Liturgy	**10:30am**
	Intention of our Parish Family	
	Total Parish ECF	**12:00noon**

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 March 4 thru March 10 for +Teresa Spudik.

February 25, 2018
Our Tithe to our Parish—$2,278.00
GCU Matching Funds —$ 586.00

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.

James Abraham, Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Ron Bishop, Rosella Busko, Marion Campbell, John Fekete, Carl Magdic, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Rose Marie Rupnik, Joseph Rusinko, Sue Sabol, Ed Suzina, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis, Margaret Weber, John Voron Sr.

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

LOOKING AHEAD

As you may recall, we have had a wonderful and prayerful experience the last several years on Good Friday for the Burial Service of our Lord, especially due to the moving singing of a small group who have added their voices to the Service. Once again they will be participating in the Service and will begin practicing on Sunday, 25 February after the morning Divine Liturgy.

They would like to add a few more voices to this group. If you are willing to join them it would be wonderful. Please be free to come to the Educational wing at noon on Sundays and add your voice to the singing group.

.LOOKING AHEAD … SOME MORE

Yes, it's time for the next Pirohy Project. Here is our schedule.

Mon-Wed	5-7 March	Making Pirohy
Friday	9 March	Pirohy sale

Please Note: Because of the Parish Pirohy Project, there will not be an Enrichment Session on Tuesday morning. However, the evening session will continue as usual.

KOLBASSI SALE

Once again the Men's' Club of SS Peter & Paul Church in Duquesne PA will be selling their popular Kolbassi before Pascha. The sign-up sheets are in the entrance of the church; so please place your order as soon as possible.

SAVE THE DAY — Ham Bingo
Sunday, March 18, 2018
1:00pm — 4:00pm

VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

…Through the Cross, joy has come to all the world …

In the popular imagination, the Byzantine Church is seen as the Tradition that dwells in the light of the Resurrection.

Every Sunday is seen as a renewal of the Resurrection. The icons which fill our churches are bathed with light. Feasts of light such as the Theophany and the Transfiguration are celebrated with great solemnity in our Church.

People who read about the Byzantine Tradition or who are studying it are always amazed at the great emphasis we place on the Resurrection. They are even surprised that we even dare to mention the term in the midst of Great Lent ... as we look forward to the goal of our Lenten Fast.

The spirituality of the Western Church traditionally has had a slightly different focus. Life in Medieval Europe was harsh and bleak. Suffering and disease such as the Black Plague wiped out a major portion of the population. Poverty was rampant.

All this influenced the spirituality of the Western Churches. A quick glance at the religious art from the Middle Ages shows a great emphasis on suffering and death; the wounds and the passion of Christ are common subjects for meditation and art. Even the devotional Services such as the Stations of the Cross focus on the suffering of Christ ... and end in the Tomb.

Yet, despite these differences, there is still a great emphasis on the Cross in the Byzantine Tradition. However, it is not only the suffering that is stressed; it is also the glorious and life-giving Cross. Thus, all our self-denial, fasting and penance are directed towards turning us away from sin and turning us towards Christ, just as we did in our baptism. This leads to authentic joy!
Through the Cross, joy has come to all the world!

ALL SOULS SATURDAY

The fourth of the All Souls' Saturdays will be commemorated this week on Friday evening at the Presanctified Liturgy. This is the final remembrance of the departed that will take place in the Lenten season. The fifth Saturday falls after the Resurrection, just before Pentecost.

Let us continue to come together in prayer remembrance of our loved ones who have fallen asleep in the Lord ... and pray that God, in his mercy, will grant them rest in the place of joy and peace and light!

Listening in on Pope Francis

A faith that does not trouble us is a troubled faith. A faith that does not make us grow is a faith that needs to grow.

Jesus is our mediator, who reconciles us not only with the Father but also with each other.

Goodness, together with love, justice and solidarity, are not achieved once and for all; they have to be realized each day.

Through prayer we can enter into a stable relationship with God, the source of true joy.

The most radical antidote to the virus of falsehood is purification by the truth.

TOTAL PARISH ECF

Dear Parish Family,

Due to seminarians' schedules and the upcoming Ham Bingo, the fourth installment of our monthly ***Parish Eastern Christian Formation Program will be on Sunday, March 11 after the 10:30 liturgy.*** There will NOT be a 9 a.m. class for kids on this Sunday. There will be a pot-luck lunch before the break-out sessions with side dishes needed, so please see sign-up sheets in the back of the church.

Following the meal, Seminarian Paul has an interesting talk for the adults/teens and will discuss prayer and inner stillness during the Great Fast. You don't want to miss his creative approach to this session. The kids' group will meet in the education wing for a fun lesson.

A huge note of thanks to parishioners who have been bringing items for our monthly pot-luck lunches. We always seem to have a wide variety of foods and plenty to go around. Keep up the good work!

Kristen Keleschenyi (Coordinator)

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Remember to change your clocks next weekend. Daylight Saving Time begins next Sunday, 11 March. So, move your clocks one hour ahead (and lose one hour of sleep!!!).