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Vol. 84 No. 1968 **Sunday, February 15th, 2026**





The Feast of the Presentation of Our Lord into the Temple
and
Sunday of the Last Judgement

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am
Sunday School - 10:20 am

+Michael Kesselak (8th Anniversary) offered by Robert and Pamula Price ***+Michael and Anastasia Pirich, and Bonnie Gall*** offered by Julia Messner; ***+Theresa Lazarak*** offered by Anna Lazarak; ***+John Zizan*** offered by wife, Donna
(Remembered in the Proskomedia and the Great Entrance)

Resurrection Tone 3
Tropar & Kondak: Pages 87, 175, 152-154

Epistle: Hebrews 7:7-17 Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40
Epistle: 1Corinthians 6:12-20 Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

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Services for the week of February 15th

Tues. 2/17 … +Metropolitan Orestes P. Chornak; +Mary Hotrovich offered by Deacon Joseph Hotrovich; and +John, George, Mary, Michael, and John Sikora (Perpetual)…….8:00 am

Thur. 2/19 … +Husband Nicholas, parents Stephen and Martha Matolyak, brother George and departed family members offered by Anna Polak……..…8:00 am

Sat. 2/21 …Great Vespers……4:00 pm

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Sunday, February 22nd, 2026

Forgiveness Sunday

Cheese-fare Sunday

Divine Liturgy/Choir Sunday – 9:00 am **Sunday School - 10:20 am**

Panachida for +***Metropolitan Nicholas and Bernie Buczak*** offered by Fr. Robert and Pani Buczak; ***+Greta Horbal*** offered by Mary Ann Savering; ***+Rudolf and Margaret Gregory*** offered by the family; +***John Muchesko and Erinn Cuneo*** offered by the Muchesko family; ***+Anna Burik-Shober*** offered by Eleanor Dussling; and ***+Douglas Gvozdich*** (40th Day) offered by Diana Smith

Resurrection Tone 4 – Tropar & Kondak: pages 90 &178

Epistle: Roman 13:11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21

Forgiveness Sunday Vespers after Divine Liturgy

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Clean Monday – February 23rd, 2026

first day of the Great Fast – a day of Strict Fasting

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Services for the week of February 22nd

Mon. 2/23… ***Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete-(Part 1) ……..……..6:00 pm***

Tue. 2/24 … ***Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete - (Part 2) ……....6:00 pm***

Wed. 2/25 … ***Pre-sanctified Liturgy…..……6:00 pm***

Thur. 2/26… ***Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete – (Part 4).……..6:00 pm***

Fri. 2/27 … ***Pre-sanctified Liturgy…..……6:00 pm***

Sat. 2/28 … Great Vespers…..…….……4:00 pm

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Sunday, March 1st, 2026

First Sunday of the Great Fast - Triumph of Orthodoxy

Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great – 9:00 am

Sunday School - 10:20 am

Panachida for ***+Helen Spanovich and Janet Dzura*** offered by Fr Robert and Pani Kathy; +***Menadora and Eustace Fredrick*** offered by Joseph Funer; ***+Stanley Kopitnik Sr***. offered by Stanley Kopitnik Jr; +***Margaret Lesko*** offered by the Family; ***+Mary Nemchuk*** offered by Nicholas Nemchuk; and +***Peter Hotrovich offered by Deacon Joseph Hotrovich***

Resurrection Tone 5 - Tropar & Kondak: pages 93 & 179-180

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-30; 12:1-2 Gospel: John 1:43-51

Procession with Icons -after Divine Liturgy

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Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers Service -Saints Peter and Paul, Windber, Pa. – 4 pm

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Services for the week of March 1st

Mon. 3/02 … +Rev. John Hotrovich offered by Deacon Joseph Hotrovich; and +Michael and Mary Danko (Perpetual) Parastas……..8:00 am

Wed. 3/04 … ***Pre-sanctified Liturgy……....6:00 pm***

Thur. 3/05 … +John Lucas offered by wife, Mary (Perpetual) Parastas……..……...8:00 am

Fri. 3/06 … ***Pre-sanctified Liturgy……....6:00 pm***

Sat. 3/07 … ***2nd All-Souls Saturday***……9:00 am

Great Vespers..……4:00 pm

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Sunday, March 8th, 2026

Second Sunday of the Great Fast

Saint Gregory Palamas

Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great / Choir Sunday– 9:00 am

Sunday School - 10:20 am

Panachida for ***+Metropolitan Nicholas*** (15th Anniversary); ***+Joseph & Helen Rogel; and +Joann Bodnar +Helen Spanovich, +Enzo Colantoni, and +Janet Dzura*** offered by Father Robert and Pani Kathy Buczak; ***+Joseph Hanak*** offered by Joyce Hanak-Rogina; ***+Peter and Mary Chappie, and +Joseph and Mary Hanak*** offered by Mary Hanak; ***+John Buchovecky*** offered by his wife, Agnes; and ***+Stephen Knaze III***

Resurrection Tone 6 - Tropar & Kondak: pages 96 & 181-182

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS – ***Ann Fishbach (2/15), Linda Buczak (2/16), Joshua Horner (2/17), Thomas Buczak II (2/17), Deacon Oleg Aminov (2/18), Symeon Kobal (2/19), Laura Buczak (2/19), and Pani Susan Rosco (2/22).*** You were remembered in Prokomedia!

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THE ALTAR SACRAMETAL TABLE – are beautified with flowers as a Birthday Remembrance of ***+Peter Dutko by daughter, Darice Tvarozna and children.***

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THE ALTAR CANDLES – are offered on February 15th in memory of ***+Greta Horbal by the Horbal Family.***

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THE ETERNAL LAMP - was offered the week of February 15th in memory of ***+Greta Horbal by her children.***

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ACRY "Lenten Soup/Food Sale"

The ACRY is having their annual Lenten Soup/Food Sale. The price is $8.00 a quart. The Lenten soups and foods are made by our members and will be sold on Sundays after Divine Liturgy in the church auditorium beginning Sunday, February 22nd thru Sunday, April 5th.

A sign -up sheet and plastic containers will be available for those who would like to make their favorite Lenten recipes to help with sales. Proceeds benefit our American Carpatho-Russian Youth Group.

Sixteen bags will be distributed in March to our shut-ins and those in assisted living homes for those who are interested in contributing items for the gift bags.

The next ACRY meeting will be held Thursday, March 5th, 2026, at 6:30 pm in the Cathedral Auditorium.

Volunteers are needed for the Cambria City Back-Pack Project at the Garfield Street School for Monday, March 23rd from 4:00-5:00 pm. Please contact Melanie Dudak if you are able to help.

Thank you for supporting our ACRY Chapter! – Rose Ann DeCoske

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QUOTES FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

The pretense of worldly politeness (political correctness) is very harmful, for it fools one and opens one's heart to the worldly person, and in the final analysis it wastes one's piety, for the worldly person doesn't know what piety is. It's like giving golden pounds to people that only know bronze pennies.

Elder Paisios the Athonite

Strive to enter the temple within yourself, and you will see the heavenly temple.

St. Isaac the Syrian

People become captives. Passion is like a snake that has poison within it. There are said to be snakes with poisonous breath that poisons any living thing in the area so that they can devour it. The same holds true for the snake of sin: it spreads poison – pleasure – from afar, and the nous (soul) is paralyzed. The person is captured by the passion and involuntarily is carried toward evil. When people are in this state of captivity, they protest and say "But I am unable to resist; at that time, I am unable to do anything. (The devil made me do it!)" The answer is: they must take the proper measures, so that the mind and heart will not reach the point of being captured and disarmed. By experience, as soon as the spiritual serpent spreads its poison, while it is still far off and before it reaches us and poisons our mind and soul, we must take measures to escape the danger. For once we are poisoned, we are no longer able to act at all.

Elder Ephraim of the Holy Mountain

Pray not to this end, that your own desires be fulfilled. You can be sure they do not fully accord with the will of God. Once you have learned to accept this point, pray instead that "Thy will be done" in me. In every matter ask Him in this way for what is good and for what confers profit on your soul, for you yourself do not seek this so completely as He does.

St. Evagrius of Pontus

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Saints Symeon and Anna are revered in the Orthodox Church for their profound roles in the life of Jesus Christ. They are commemorated on February 3rd, (16th) the day following the Meeting of our Lord in the Temple. Their feast day is dedicated to the principal figure, the righteous Elder Symeon, and by extension also to Anna the prophetess. The Church celebrates their memory to honor their prophetic role, their unwavering faith, and their recognition of the Messiah.

Saint Anna, the daughter of Phanuel, was a devout woman who lived in the Temple with fasting and prayer. She was eighty-four years old when she recognized the Messiah, the Virgin Mary, and the young Child Jesus, and she proclaimed Him to the people. Both saints exemplified the understanding of faith as confidence in what we hope for, as Apostle Paul wrote.

Their memory is celebrated in the Orthodox Church, where they are honored for their prophetic role, their unwavering faith, and their recognition of the Messiah. Their feast day continues the Feast of the Reception of the Lord, focusing on the presuppositions of the elder Symeon to become a participant in God's gift.

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You have never really lived
until you have done something for someone who cannot possibly pay you back