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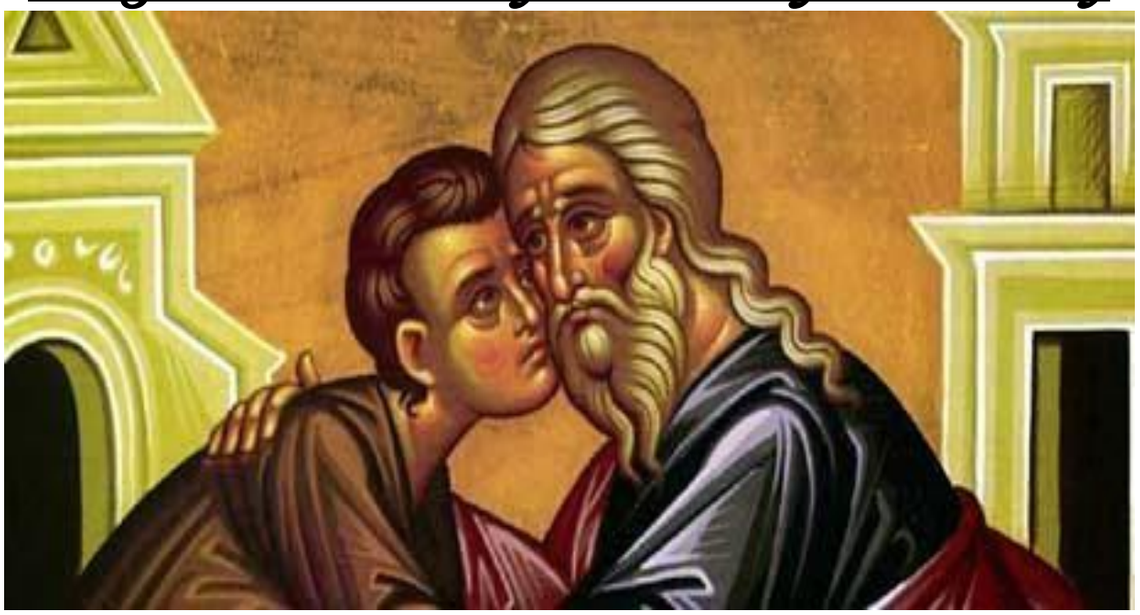
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Vol. 84 No. 1969 **Sunday, February 22nd, 2026**

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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Bible Study begins Tuesday, March 3rd, 2026 @ 6:30 pm

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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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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; +***Stephen Knaze III*** and +***Dr. Thomas Figura*** (40th Day) offered by Michael Haschak and Family

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 – ***Pani Susan Rosco (2/22), Pani Connie Miloro (2/27), Mark Petro (2/27), Patriarch Bartholomew (2/29).*** You were remembered in Prokomedia!

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THE ETERNAL LAMP AND ALTAR CANDLES - are offered this week in honor of the birthday of ***+Pani Connie Miloro by her family.***

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Sunday Of Orthodoxy

Saints Peter and Paul Church located at 141 Hoffman Farm Rd, Windber, will host the Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers service on Sunday March 1, 2026, beginning at 4pm. There will be a Lenten meal served following the service. A combined choir will sing for the service. The dates for rehearsals will be Sunday, February 22 at 3pm and Sunday March 1 at 2:30 pm prior the service.

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DINNER AND DISCUSSION EVENT

Join us for a Dinner and Discussion event, *The Great Fast: Through the Eyes of Iconography* on Tuesday, March 10th, 2026, at Christ the Saviour Orthodox Cathedral, Auditorium. Learn about the Sunday of the Lenten Triodion and the associated icons. Come for food, fellowship, and learning. All age groups and religious faith groups are invited to attend! Please bring a fast-friendly potluck dish to share. Dinner at 6:00 pm, Presentation at 6:30pm. Discussion to follow.

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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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FOR CONSIDERATION

Speaking on a human level, Christ raised Himself to primacy in the Church, the world and human history by obedience. No one can be a good superior who has not gone through the school of obedience. Adam lost his power and primacy over the animals and the natural elements in the hour when he showed himself disobedient to God. Obedience begets obedience; if a man listens to God, then God listens to him said Abba Moses. However, it is obvious that God listens to man more than man does to God, when one counts up how many times a day people sin against the commandments of God. The fact that the immortal God listens to us corruptible beings more than we do to Him should fill with shame anyone with any conscience remaining. When St. Eutropius was martyred with his two friends, he prayed to God: 'Come to our aid, as You came to the aid of Your servant Theodore!' At that the earth quaked and the obedient Lord said to the sufferers: 'During the time of your torture, I stood before your faces, witnessing your endurance. Your names will be written in the Book of Life.'

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QUOTES FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

Watch with all your strength that your mouth does not speak one thing and your heart contain something quite different. The crown of good works is love; the crown of the passions is the justifying of one's sins. - ***St. Isaac the Syrian***

Blessed is he who can love all men equally. - ***St. Maximos the Confessor***

Pray, and when you have to, speak to your children with love. Lots of prayer and few words for everyone. We mustn't become an annoyance, but rather pray secretly and then speak, and God will let us know in our hearts whether the others have accepted what we have said. If not, we won't speak. We will simply pray mystically. Because if we speak we become an annoyance and make others react or even infuriate them. That is why it is better to speak mystically to the heart of others through secret prayer rather than to their ears. - ***Elder Porphyrios the Kapsokalivite***

Habit is always hard to resist. It possesses an enormous power of attracting and seducing the soul and of producing a counterfeit image of the good that can lead people into a certain habit and inclination. Nothing is so vile that people can't consider it desirable and praiseworthy once it has become fashionable….For someone who has turned to the world, who feels its anxieties, and who engages his heart in pleasing people can't possibly fulfills the Master's first and greatest commandment. "You shall love God with all thy heart and with all thy strength." How can people fulfill that when they divide their heart between God and the world, when they exhaust the love they owe only to Him by using it for human affections? - ***St. Gregory of Nyssa***

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