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Vol. 84 No. 1970 **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; ***+Steve Martyak*** offered by Marilyn Galbraith; ***+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

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

Bible Study Tuesday, March 3rd @ 6:30 pm
Join us here or Via Zoom

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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Services for the week of March 8th

Mon. 3/09 …+Robert Brudnak offered by Evelyn, Karen, Lynn, Barry, and Michael;
+George and Anna Gaydos offered by Nancy Gaydos; and
+Nichoals Laichak Jr. offered by wife, Dorothy (Perpetual) Parastas.……8:00 am

Wed. 3/11 … ***Presanctified Liturgy…..……..…..……..……6:00 pm***

Fri. 3/13 … +Metropolitan Nicholas; and +Martha Stafansky (Perpetual) – Parastas..…8:00 am
Pre-sanctified Liturgy….……6:00 pm

Sat. 3/14 … +Patricia Pastermak (Birthday Remembrance) offered by Anna Marie Mlinarchik;
+Michael and Mary Gido offered by Mary Gido; and
3rd *All-Souls Saturday*……9:00 am

Great Vespers……..……..…..…….4:00 pm

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Sunday, March 15th, 2026

Third Sunday of the Great Fast
Sunday of the Holy Cross

Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great – 9:00 am
Sunday School - 10:20 am

Resurrection Tone 7 - Tropar & Kondak: pages 99 & 185-186

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS – ***Cole Satkovich (3/6), Nancy Kobal (3/6), Alexandra Miloro-Vatavuk (3/7).*** You were remembered in Proskomedia!

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THE ETERNAL LAMP AND ALTAR CANDLES - ***are offered this week in honor of the 1st Anniversary of the Baptism of Lauren, Timothy, Sienna and Lydia Pelesky.***

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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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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

Fr. Peter Sodini, Deacon Maximus Cannaverde, Fr. Alexander Hurtsellers, Bradley Shaffer, Nicholas Cizin, John Bonnewitz-Coffey, John Fedornock III, Spyridon Raburn, Clay Woods and Ignatios Leonardo.

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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

A child needs to be surrounded by people who pray and pray ardently. A mother should not be satisfied by giving her child a physical caress, but should coddle it with the caress of prayer. In the depths of its soul the child senses the spiritual caress that its mother conveys to it and is drawn to her. It feels security and certainty when its mother mystically embraces it with constant, intense and fervent prayer and releases it from whatever is oppressing it.

Elder Porphyrios the Kapsokalivite

Faster and faster time passes, and the hour of our entrance into eternity draws nigh. Make use of your days on earth to prepare for this. Such preparation dispels temporal sorrows and brings consolation, thereby indicating that this preparation is indeed a preparation for blessedness.

St. Ignatius Brianchaniov

If God suffers in the flesh when He is made man, should we not rejoice when we suffer, for we have God to share our sufferings? This shared suffering confers the Kingdom on us. For he spoke truly who said, "If we suffer with Him, then we shall also be glorified with Him," (Romans 8:17). ***St. Maximos the Confessor***

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PRAYER CHAIN

Thomas Buczak	Shirley Mazurak	Marcia Matthews	Michael Mehalacki	Zander Marshall
Veronica Buczak	Erin Demich	Jolene McClain	Matthew Hanak	Kara Dorsey
Michael Sakmar	Mary Ann Muchesko	Georgene Coulter	Mary Frances Dutko	Ronald Patrick
Joseph Muchesko	Michaela Miller	Tanya Britan	Clarabella Knight	Lisa Daugherty
Dave and Roberta Kovalik	Arianna Jade Miller	Frank and Daniel Porembka	Matushka Mary Margaret	Cindy LaBarr
Kira Pronin	Taylor Miller	Dr. Rose Ann Jordan	Remona Blunt-Wall	Amber
Alexxa Lowery	Jennifer Gardenhour	Demetra Mavrophilipos	Patti Sweeney	Diana Gvozdich-Smith
Romayne Laichak	Steve Prieber	Rose Conjelko	Samantha Salway	Jean Barnes
Zachary Rogina	Aberdeen Rudge	Cindy Birth	Joan and Ronald Bost	Jennifer Beas
Ron Kuzmyak	Pat Hanuska	Roger Zankey	Cheryl Reese	Ellen Kuzmyak
Paul Kalcik	Dwight Nugle	Jess Ambrose	Sheri Smay	Elaine Adams
Henry Laichak	Rose and Terry Fyock	Paul Kalinyak	Geroge Kuzmiak	Ronnie Horbal
Ronald Kmet	Rosalia Horner	John Rosiak	Lisa Luterman	Audrey Novak
Eva Zeleniak-Whitak	Beverly Mayo	Louis Pocchiari	Jeanne Norris	Lindsay Penatzer
Judith Rowlands	Al Kuzmyak	Ed and Christine Sakmar	Kristo Burkett	Carol Devine
Angeline Komara	Michael Paul Gost	Julie Locher	Amanda May	Dominic
Arianna Risso	Matushka Helen Jasiukowicz	Denise Stroud	Jean Romesburg	Florence Gost
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Rachael Costlow	Robert and Barbara Stokes	Elijah Groff	Spenser Kreger	

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