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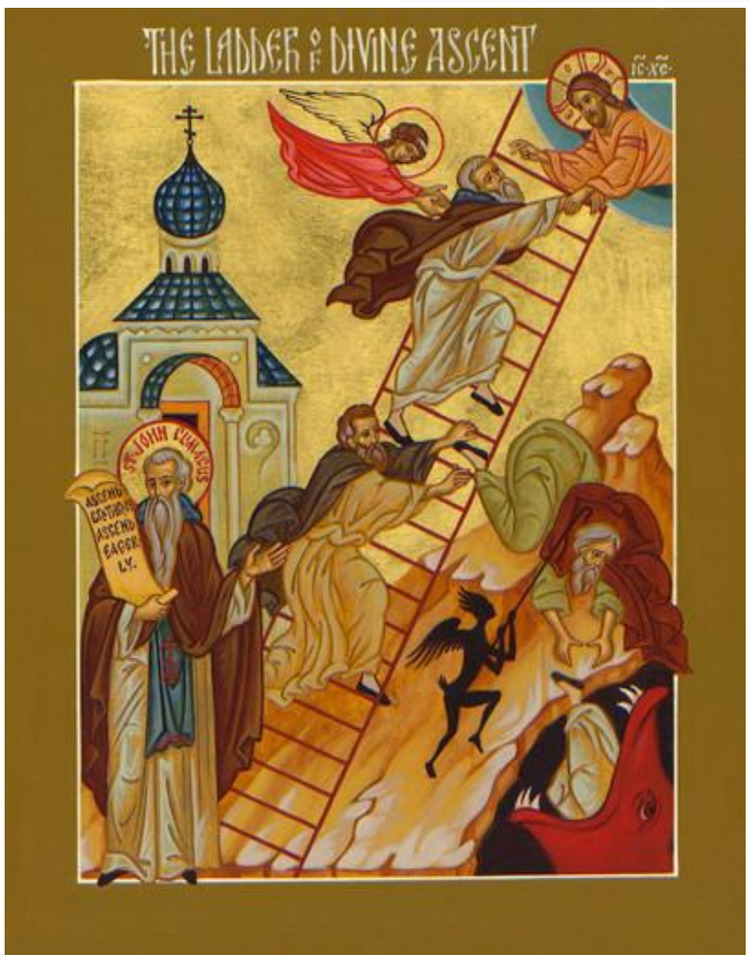
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Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast

Saint John Climacus



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

Sunday School – 10:20 am

Panachida for ***+Deacon Robert Conjelko*** offered by his daughter Susan Mesko; ***+John Chupka Sr., +Nicholas Don, John P. Chupko and Nicholas Don Chupko Jr., and Joseph M. Quinn*** offered by Kathryn Oravec***; +Alfred Novak, +Elsie Gomilar, +Michael Dzura, and +Cindy Dzvonik*** offered by Fr. Robert and Pani Kathy; ***+Mary and Edward Tavalsky*** offered by their children

Resurrection Tone 8
Tropar & Kondak:
pages 102 & 183-184

Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20
Gospel: Mark 9:17-31

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Bible Study Tuesday, March 24th and March 31st @ 6:30 pm
Join us here or Via Zoom

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Services for the week of March 22nd

Mon. 3/23 … +Mary and Edward Tavalsky offered by their children; and
+Mary & +Stephen Karnosky (Perpetual) - Parastas…….8:00 am

Tue. 3/24 … +George and +Mary Pakh Magdinec
offered by John and Mary Gido (Perpetual) – Parastas…….8:00 am

Wed. 3/25 … +Georga Paczolt and Joseph & Mary offered by Mary Kindya – Par..……8:00 am

Canon of Saint Andrew……..……6:00 pm

Thur. 3/26 … +Mary, Michael, and Mary Hritz; and
+Boyd Conrad (Perpetual) - Parastas……..……..…8:00 am

Fri. 3/27 … ***Pre-sanctified Liturgy……6:00 pm***

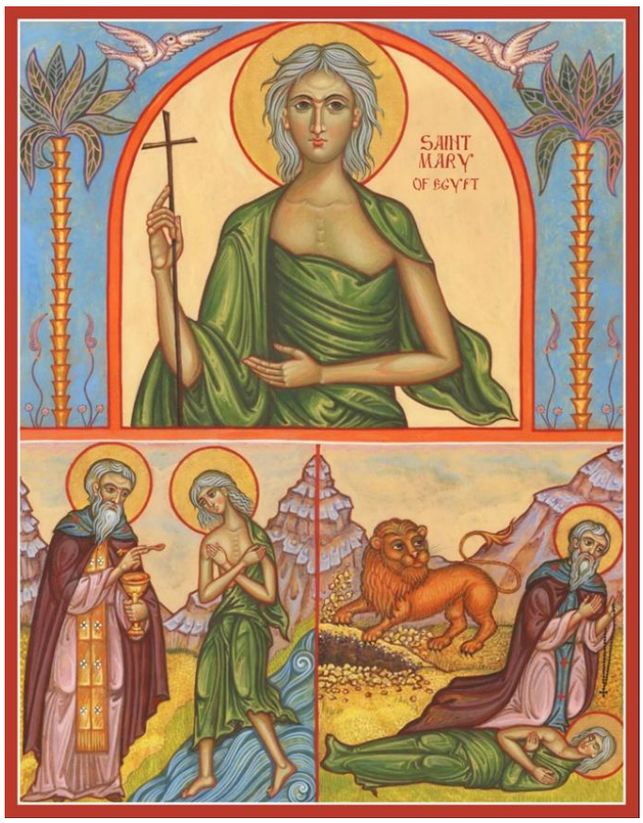
Covered-dish Lenten dinner to follow

Sat. 3/28 … Lenten Retreat at St. Nicholas in Homestead – no Vespers Scheduled

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Sunday, March 29th, 2026

Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast - St. Mary of Egypt



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

Panachida for ***+Margaret Herko*** offered by the family***;***

+Michael Savering
offered by wife, Mary Ann Savering;

+Boyd Conrad
+John Horner, Mary Ruth Horner, James Horner, Michael Horner, and Mark DeCoske offered by the Horner Family.

+Emma Jean Yazvak offered by Fr. Robert and Pani Kathy Buczak

Resurrection Tone 1
Tropar & Kondak: pages 81 &185-186

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

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Services for the week of March 29th

Mon. 3/30 ... +Pani Brenda Conrad; +Anna Gladish offered by Mr. and Mrs. Richard McCoy; +Mother Susan Korinko offered by Pani Emily Molchany; and Anna Gergel (Perpetual) – Parastas…….....8:00 am

Tue. 3/31 … + Pani Anna Yurcisin and Andrew and Anna (Homyak) Popovich; +Mary Nemchik; and Anna Patchen offered by John Patchen- Parastas……..8:00 am

Wed. 4/01 … +Orthodox Christians offered by Julia Hamilla; and
+Andrew Mikolaj offered by Phyllis Mikolaj and family (Perpetual)…8:00 am

Presanctified Liturgy…….……6:00 pm

Thur. 4/02 … +Michael and Justina, son John, parents Andrew and Mary, in-laws Paul and Anna, and brother Michael offered by Justina Slachta; +John and Elizabeth offered by Velma and Irene Wargo and +Stephen Kassander, and +Anna and Paul Csubar (Perpetual)…….……8:00 am

Fri. 4/03 … ***Presanctified Liturgy…….……6:00 pm***

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Saturday, April 4th, 2026

Lazarus Saturday

Divine Liturgy - 9:00 am

Tropar & Kondak: Pages 186-187

Epistle: Hebrews 12:28-29; 13:1-8 ***Gospel***: John 11:1-45

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Saturday, April 4th - Vespers for Palm Sunday…….4:00 pm

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Sunday, April 5th, 2026

Triumphal Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem - Palm Sunday

Divine Liturgy/ Choir Sunday: 9:00 am

Tropar & Kondak: pages 188-192

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12: 1-18

Bridegroom Matins – 4:00 pm

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS – ***Helen Gvozdich (3/22), Sienna Pelesky (3/22), Neil Vatavuk (3/25), Elijah Sakmar (3/28), John M. Barley (3/28), Michael A. Dzvonik (3/28), Emilie Sprintz (3/28), Amanda Love (3/29), Elizabeth Grace Seitz (3/29), and Romayne Laichak (4/4).***

You were remembered in Proskomedia!

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DEEPEST SYMPATHIES – are extended to the families ***of +Frank Rolley Jr. (3/13), +Olga Gryzbicki (3/11), and +Joseph Muchesko (3/16)*** who fell asleep in the Lord and were buried this past week May their Memory be Eternal!

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THE ETERNAL LAMP and ALTAR CANDLES – are offered the week of March 22nd in memory of ***+Michael Savering by wife Mary Ann Savering***

THE ETERNAL LAMP and ALTAR CANDLES – are offered the week of March 29th in memory of ***+Margaret Herko by Kris Bunda.***

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ACRY "Lenten Soup/Food Sale"

Our chapter will be having our Annual Stewardship "Lenten Soup/Food Sale" for $8.00 a quart continuing thru Sunday, April 5, 2026, held at the Cathedral Auditorium after Divine Liturgy. 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 will benefit our American Carpatho-Russian Youth. Volunteers are needed for the Cambria County Backpack Project at the Garfield school on Mondays, March 23, April 20 and May 18, 2026, from 4-5pm. Saturday's Kitchen's next volunteer date is Saturday May16, 2026. Please contact Melanie Dudak if you are able to help.

The next ACRY meeting will be Thursday, April 2, 2026, at 6:30pm in the Cathedral auditorium. Thank you for supporting our ACRY Chapter! – Rose Ann DeCoske

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CENTRAL REGION DIOCESAN LENTEN RETREAT

Saturday, March 28th

All are invited and encouraged to attend the Diocesan Lenten Retreat held Saturday, ***March 28th*** from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm at Saint Nicholas Orthodox Church; 903 Ann Street; Homestead, Pa. 15120. A free-will offering will be taken.

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2026 Saints Joachim and Anna Senior Retreat

Our Diocese is pleased to announce its seventh annual Saints Joachim and Anna Senior Retreat which will take place at Camp Nazareth Retreat and Conference Center in Mercer, PA from May 5-7, 2026. The Retreat will feature keynote addresses, church services, time for fellowship, and great evening events. His Eminence, Metropolitan Gregory, is inviting all our Diocesan Seniors, ages 55 and over, to join him for 2 days of fellowship, prayer, and learning. The Theme of the Retreat – **"Living and Dying Orthodox in the 21st Century".**

Online Registration is now open!! Visit 2026 Senior Retreat to register for the event. Visit campnazareth.org or acrod.org for more information. You may also call (607-329-2844) or email Fr. Stephen Loposky at fr.stephen.loposky@gmail.com for more information. For those staying at Camp, the Retreat cost is $160. For those who do not need lodging at Camp, the Retreat cost is $110. Register today! Registration closes April 28, 2026.

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CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Father Robert will hear confessions before and after every Lenten Service until Holy Friday and before and after the Divine Liturgies until Palm Sunday. If this does not suit your schedule, Father will be happy to hear your confession anytime by appointment. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST DAY!

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PANACHIDA OFFERINGS

We are reminded that Panchidas (Memorial Services for the Departed) **CANNOT** be served on the Major Feast Days of our Lord including Sunday, April 4th (Palm Sunday), Sunday, April 12th (Great and Holy Pascha) and Sunday, April 19th (St. Thomas Sunday). It is also not appropriate to serve them during Holy Week and Bright week.

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GRAVE GUARDING DUTY - There is a new sign-up sheet for Grave Guarding Duty. Please use the sign-up sheet found in the Cathedral Auditorium to place your name in the time slot desired. This is a new sign-up sheet with slots for two people per half-hour.

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CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2025 REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Week 1: Sunday, July 19th – Saturday, July 25th, 2026– Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown, and Chicago Deaneries. Camp workers are also needed! Register on-line! www.campnazareth.org.

Please contact Fr. Buczak for the code if you are planning on going to camp.

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QUOTES FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

If you have given alms, no one is able to take away this good work. Though an army, or kings, or myriads of calumniators and conspirators were to beset thee on all sides, they could not take away the possession, once deposited in heaven; but the joy thereof abides continually.

St. John Chrysostom

Enter into church as into the house of God. And stand in church as in the house of God – conscious of God's presence, refraining from every familiarity and lack of restraint.

St. Nikon of Optina

How is it possible to be a child of God? By being free from all passions and showing gentleness to those who offend and wrong us…There is nothing that brings us near to God and makes us so much like Him as doing these good things…For we need to do all good deeds, but above all we must love others and show gentleness. Since we sin many times each day, we need much of His love ourselves. Therefore, we also need to show much mercy. Much and little aren't measured by the quantity to things given, but by the givers' means…And if you don't have anything but have a compassionate soul, this will prepare a reward for you…so then, let us then be inclined to show mercy and all other blessings will follow.

St. John Chrysostom

Brethren and fathers, fasting is good if it possesses its own special characteristics, which are to be peaceable, meek, well established, obedient, humble, sympathetic and all the other forms of virtue. But the devil hurries to suggest the opposite to fasters and to make them insolent, angry, bad-tempered, puffed up, so as to produce hurt more than gain. But let us not be ignorant of his plans, but continue on our path peaceable, gently, meekly, and steadfastly bearing with one another in love, knowing that this is what is acceptable to God; for though you bend your neck double like a hoop and smother yourself with sackcloth and ashes, if these qualities are lacking to you, you would not be well-pleasing to Him. Because while fasting batters and wastes the body, it clears the soul and makes it flourish. ***St. Theodore the Studite***

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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SEMINARIANS

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

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PRAYER CHAIN

Thomas Buczak	Erin Demich	Jolene McClain	Matthew Hanak	Kara Dorsey
Veronica Buczak	Mary Ann Muchesko	Georgene Coulter	Mary Frances Dutko	Ronald Patrick
Michael Sakmar	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
Charlie Erisman	Joanne Democko	Brianna Thompson	MaryAnn Savering	Irene Lenzo
Rachael Costlow	Robert and Barbara Stokes	Elijah Groff	Spenser Kreger	Rite Cade
Shirley Mazurak	Marcia Matthews	Michael Mehalacki	Zander Marshall	

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CATHEDRAL ON-LINE

Did you know that you can make donations to Christ the Saviour Cathedral on-line? Many parishioners and non-parishioners save time and efforts by donating to the Cathedral at: **https://www.acrod.org/directories/cathedral/**

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

CROSS SHRINE REPAIRS NEEDED



Cathedral Parishioners:

Attached is a picture of the Cross Shrine in front of the Cathedral Three years ago, I started researching what could be done to either fix or replace the shrine. I contacted Albert Ghantos at Elias Painting first, but he could do nothing to help us. He did not do that kind of work. I searched and search but could find nothing. Then I came across Ecclesiastical Designs and asked for suggestions and a quote. They suggested a Mosaic, but the cost was approximately $100,000.00 which was much more than we wanted to spend as agreed upon by the cathedral officers. Last Fall, Albert Ghantos (Elias Painting) took another look at the shrine. This time Albert said that he hired a person that was able to do it. The picture sent with this email shows that the shrine is now falling apart. (Jesus has no ankle). A quote for the new shrine was given for $6,400.00. I am asking parishioners to contribute to raise funds for this repair. FR. Buczak

Donations so far:

Fr Robert and Pani Kathy Buczak - $200.00

Susan Kalcik and Nicho Bocher - $100.00

Michael and Jennifer Dzvonik - $100.00

Roger Pavlik - $100.00

Janice Middler - $100.00