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Sunday, March 9th, 2025

First Sunday of the Great Fast - Triumph of Orthodoxy



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

Panachida for ***+Metropolitan Nicholas*** (14th 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 Dave and Helen Klanchar; ***+Peter and Mary Chappie, Joseph Hanak*** offered by Mary Hanak; ***+Robert Brudnak*** offered by Evalyn, Karen, Lynn, Barry, and Michael; ***+George and Anna Gaydos*** offered by Nancy Gaydos; ***+Nicholas Laichak*** offered by wife, Dorothy ***+John Lucas*** offered by wife, Mary; and ***+John Buchovecky*** offered by his wife, Agnes; and ***Stephen Knaze III***

Resurrection Tone 4 - Tropar & Kondak: pages 90 & 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 Christ the Saviour Cathedral – 3pm

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Bible Study Resumes Tuesday, March 11th @ 6:30 pm
Join us here or Via Zoom

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Services for the week of March 9th

Wed. 3/12 … ***Pre-sanctified Liturgy……...6:00 pm***

Thur. 3/13 … +Martha and Anna Stafansk; +Michael and MaryB. Gido offered by Mary A. Gido; +Mary, Ivan, Shelly, and Marie Skrovan offered by Mary Skrovan; and +John and Susie Scheaffer (Perpetual)……...8:00 am

Fri. 3/14 … ***Pre-sanctified Liturgy……...6:00 pm***

Sat. 3/15 … ***2nd All-Souls Saturday***……9:00 am

Great Vespers..……4:00 pm

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Sunday, March 16th, 2025

Second Sunday of the Great Fast
Saint Gregory Palamas

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

Panachida for ***+Alfred Novak, +Elsie Gomilar and +Michael Dzura*** offered by Pani Kathy; and ***Margaret Blehi*** offered by Theresa Polochak

Resurrection Tone 5 - Tropar & Kondak: pages 93 & 181-182

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

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Services for the week of March 16th

Mon. 3/17 …+Mary Antonikas (Perpetual) – Parastas..……..……..…….……8:00 am

Wed. 3/19 … ***Presanctified Liturgy…..…….....…..……..……6:00 pm***

Thu. 3/20 … +Andrew and Helen Dluhos (Perpetual) – Parastas..…..……..8:00 am

Fri. 3/21 … ***Pre-sanctified Liturgy….……6:00 pm***

Sat. 3/22 … **3rd** ***All-Souls Saturday…….*****……9:00 am**

Great Vespers…..……..……4:00 pm

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Sunday, March 23rd, 2025

Third Sunday of the Great Fast
Sunday of the Holy Cross

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

Panachida for ***+John Chupka Sr., +Nicholas Don, John P. Chupko and Nicholas Don Chupko Jr.*** offered by Kathryn Oravec***;*** and ***+Cundy Dzvonik and Emma Jean Yazvac***

Resurrection Tone 6 - Tropar & Kondak: pages 96 & 185-186

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

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THE ALTAR CANDLES – are offered today in memory of ***+Charles and Mary Zizak by Roger Pavlik.***

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS – ***Anastasia Matchik (3/9), Stacie Smeal (3/10), Stephen Jenko (3/11), Susan Jenko (3/12), Joye Matolyak (3/12), Heather Sally (3/12), David Robel (3/14), Andrea Penatzer (3/14), Jon Billetdeaux (3/15), Halee Leader (3/15), Joy Love (3/15), and Aaron Szapka (3/15).*** You were remembered in Proskomedia!

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SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY

Our Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers Service will be held at our ***Christ the Saviour Cathedral Church*** at **3:00 pm**. Refreshments will be served in the Cathedral Auditorium following the service. ***Rehearsal for the choir on Sunday, March 9th before the service at 1:30 pm.***

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ACRY "Lenten Soup/Food Sale"

The ACRY is having a Lenten Soup/Food Fundraising Sale for $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, March 9th thru Sunday, April 13th. Anyone wishing to make and donate your Lenten recipes a sign -up sheet will be available in the church auditorium.

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O.C.F. REAL BREAK OPPORTUNITY
PLEASE HELP XENIA KOBAL

Through O.C.F. Xenia has been given the opportunity to travel to Romania this summer with a group of other fellow Orthodox Christians from around the world. She is humbly asking for donations and prayers to support this journey. OCF has already set up with a fundraising account for people to donate online. See the link below. ***Thank you so much, Xenia Kobal***

https://orthodoxchristianfellowship.givingfuel.com/crowd/real-break-romania-2025/fundraiser/21723

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CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2025
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Week 3: Sunday, August 3rd – Saturday, August 9th, 2025– Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown, and Chicago Deaneries.

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

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CENTRAL REGION DIOCESAN LENTEN RETREAT

All are invited and encouraged to attend the Diocesan Lenten Retreat held Saturday, ***April 5, 2025*** 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.

Please contact Kathy Pawlik at 412-461-2110 if you plan to attend!

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2025 YOUNG ADULT SPRING RETREAT - *March 14-16, 2025*

The American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox diocese, the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh Y2AM and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church USE presents the 2025 Young Adut Spring Retreat at Camp Nazareth open to ages 18-35 from all jurisdictions, March 14-16, 2023 with Keynote speaker Rev Timothy Paprosky.

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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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FOR CONSIDERATION

Peace of soul is precious to all men. With those who have acquired peace of soul, the body can be in constant motion, occupation or pain, but their souls, cleaving to God, remain always in unshakeable peace. St. Seraphim of Serov teaches: We must endeavor by every means to keep peace of soul. Do not be troubled by the insults of men. It is necessary at all costs to restrain oneself from anger; and by watchfulness over oneself to keep the mind and heart from vain movement…For the guarding of peace of soul, it is also necessary to flee from judging others. By non-judgment and silence, peace of soul is preserved. When a man attains such a state, he receives divine revelation. For a man to be able to keep himself from judging others, he must be vigilant over himself; he must not dare to receive vain thoughts from another, and must be as one dead before all that is of this world. We must tirelessly keep our hearts from vain thoughts and impressions (Proverbs 4:23). By constant watchfulness over the heart, a purity of heart is born in which God is seen, according to the words of eternal truth: "Blessed are the pure in heart; for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8).

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QUOTES FROM THE HOLY FATHERS

Since every good work is entwined with vainglory and self-opinion, one must oppose it and drive it away. Just as many creeping vines can choke a tree, so also vainglory destroys good works.

St. Macarius of Optina

Strive for peace with all men, and for the holiness without which one will not see the Lord. (Hebrews 12:14). Why did he say "strive"? Because it is not possible for us to become holy and to be saints in an hour! We must therefore progress from modest beginnings toward holiness and purity. Even were we to spend a thousand years in this life we should never perfectly attain it. Rather we must always struggle for it every day, as if mere beginners.

St. Symeon the New Theologian

Pray, my brethren, to the Mother of God when the storm of enmity and malice bursts forth in your house. She, who is all-merciful and all-powerful, can easily pacify the hearts of men. Peace and love proceed from the one God, as from their Source, and Our Lady – in God, and the Mother of Christ the Peace, is zealous, and prays for the peace of the whole world, and above all – of all Christians. - ***St. John of Kronstadt***

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PRAYER CHAIN

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

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

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