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Next Liturgy: Saturday, March 6, 2021 at 10:00am

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Confession will take place 20 minutes before or immediately after Divine Liturgy.

Date	Time	Service	Location	Intention
Sunday 2/7/2021	8:45am 9:00am	Matins Liturgy	Arbutus	For Living and Deceased Members of our Parish
Friday 2/12/2021	6:00pm	Slavonic Liturgy	Arbutus	For Living and Deceased Members of our Parish
Sunday 2/14/2021	11:00am 11:15am	Matins Liturgy	Arbutus	For Living and Deceased Members of our Parish
Sunday 2/14/2021	3:00pm	Liturgy	Abingdon	For Living and Deceased Members of our Parish
Friday 2/19/2021	6:00pm	Presanctified Liturgy	Arbutus	For Living and Deceased Members of our Parish

This is the ***Sunday of Meatfare***. Propers begin on page 135, then 217; Tone 3.

PRAYER INTENTIONS – PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Keiko Suseck, Arlene Duda, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Anna Martin, Marge Dulina, Paul Ruszin, Sr., and Georgianna Kostak

May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies,

grant them peace and good health for many blessed years!

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In spite of the pandemic, the maintenance of our church continues and bills still must be paid. Thanks to those who continue to support our church and for your dedication to our parish. If you would like to make a donation, using our online giving account, please visit our church's website for the Tithely link. ***“Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth” (Dt. 8:18).***

EASTERN CHRISTIAN FORMATION (ECF) PROGRAM: Due to last Sunday's snowstorm, the ECF religion lesson has been rescheduled for Sunday, 2/14/21, in the church hall, for parents and their children, immediately after Divine Liturgy.

BYZANTEEN VIRTUAL EVENING OUT: This is the second in a series of free events leading up to this year's ByzanTeen Youth Rally, entitled, ***1st Sunday of Lent, the Sunday of Orthodoxy - Icons: Windows unto heaven can become mirrors reflecting Christ within you***, scheduled for Sunday, 2/21/2021, from 6-7:30pm, for ages 13-18. You can send an email to frdeacontom@gmail.com, if you have any questions. We encourage all of our ByzanTeens to virtually attend this event! Please visit www.eparchyofpassaic.com, click on *Ministry*, then *ByzanTeens Youth Ministry*, to register.

GOD WITH US ONLINE: Resources for Meatfare Sunday can be found on www.godwithusonline.org and click on ***Catechetical Resources***, then ***Ruthenian*** for this week's Gospel summary and discussion questions that you can use in your catechesis. ***Let us therefore cast off every destructive madness so that we may gain the goods which have been promised to us in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and the Father and the Holy Spirit.*** St. John Chrysostom, On Fasting

YOUNG ADULT CONVOCATION IN EASTERN EUROPE, June 21st-July 5th, 2021: Open to all Eastern Catholic young adults 18-35. The young adults from the US, will meet with young adults from Eastern Europe for 2 weeks of events covering: faith, career, family, and heritage. Starting in Lviv, Ukraine traveling to Uzhhorod for the 375th Anniversary of the reunification, then across Slovakia and ending in the magical city of Vienna, Austria. The planning committee comprised of an international team is planning lectures, pilgrimages, mountain hikes, sightseeing, networking events, and more. Don't miss this once in a lifetime event. For additional information send an email to theosisinaction@gmail.com or follow them on Facebook.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: We welcome all new visitors, to our parish family, and are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and hope you will become an active part of our parish community. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send us an email at patronage.church@gmail.com. ***“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples” (Isaiah 56:7).***

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na viki! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

MOUNT SAINT MACRINA HOUSE OF PRAYER: A virtual online program, via zoom, entitled, “**Lenten Bible Study Thursdays,**” will be presented by **Sister Melita Marie, OSBM** on Feb. 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25, 2021. An offering of \$5 per session or \$20 for all five sessions is requested. For more information, or to register for this program, by February 18, 2021, call 724-438-7149 or email hpmsm@verizon.net.

WEEKLY CATECHETICAL RESOURCES: Join us weekly for insights from our bishops, reflections on the Biblical, literal, and historical context of the Gospel and prayer and study guides to prepare to enter more fully into the Sunday Liturgy as the foundation for spiritual and moral application. Please visit www.easterncatholic.org/catechetical-resources/ and sign up to receive resources by email each week, free of charge.

ASK THE DEACON: *Why do we fast on Wednesdays and Fridays, especially during Lent; why do we fast at all?*

ANSWER: We fast on Wednesday in remembrance of the betrayal of Christ and on Fridays in remembrance of His crucifixion and death. Fasting was passed on in the early Church from Jewish practice. In Matthew (6:16), Christ says, “When you fast do not be like the hypocrites,” indicating that the Jews fasted—it also indicates that Christ assumes that one fasts, for He says “when you fast” not “if you fast.” Fasting is not something that only developed alongside Christianity; rather, it is a practice that had been followed by the Jews, and even Scripture mentions that Christ fasted. [Excerpted from the OCA and modified.]