### Parish Offerings - The Sunday of St. John Climacus Fourth Sunday of The Great Fast — Mar. 26, 2017

"Everyone must give according to whatever he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor 9:7)

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Votive Candles	53.50

### Church Attendance Last Week

\$628.00

(MR) Sat., 4:00 pm (44);

Sun., (MR) 9:00 am (83); (NS) 11:00 am (42) V Presanctified Divine Liturgy — Wed. (MR) 7:00 pm (23); Fri. (NS) 6:00 pm (11)

Akathistos Saturday — (MR) 9:00 a.m. (3)



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# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

The Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt — April 2, 2017



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### SUNDAY RADIO (9:00 am WEDO 810 AM) & INTERNET DIVINE LITURGY All Liturgical Services LIVE on UStream: www.UStream.tv/channel/holy-ghost-church

Sunday Divine Liturgies Saturday (MR) 4:00 pm Sunday (MR) 9: 00 am Holy Ghost (NS) 11:00 a.m.

Holy Day Divine Liturgies w/Great Vespers (Oblig) (MR): 7:00 pm Holy Day (MR) 9:00 am; (NS) 6:00 pm

Daily Divine Liturgy M-F (MR) 8:00 am Sat. (NS) 9:00 am.

FASTING

Holy Mystery of Reconciliation: Sat (MR): 3:15 to 3:40 pm & Sun (MR) 8:15 to 8:40 am.; (NS) 10:30 am Holy Mysteries of Initiation: Contact Church Office for Baptism, Chrismation and Eucharist. Holy Mysteries of Anointing: Ask especially prior to surgery or any other time.

Holy Mystery of Matrimony: Contact pastor one year in advance; Pre-Cana Classes required. Sponsor of Christian Initiation: Godparents must be practicing Catholics.

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Carpatho-Rusyn Radio Broadcast: Every Sunday from 2:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. WPIT 730 AM. Social Hall Rental: (MR) Contact Church Office.

New & Returning Parishioners: Welcome! Please register by phoning the Church Office. Remember the Church in Your Will: Please be so kind as to remember the Church in your last will and testament. This helps to secure its future & a Byzantine Catholic witness to all!

## THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH

In you, O Mother Mary the Egyptian, the faithful image of God shone forth; \* for you carried your cross and followed Christ. You taught by your deeds how to spurn the body, for it passes away; and how to value the soul for it is immortal. Therefore, your soul is forever in happiness with the angels (Troparion of St. Mary the Egyptian).

**April 2, 2017** 

### **Christian Greeting**

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Glory to Jesus Christ! — Glory Forever! Slava Isusu Christu! — Slava Na Viki!



## **Liturgical Services for the Week**

Date

Intention

Requested By

## The Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

5th Sunday of The Great Fast — St. Basil Divine Liturgy

**SUN. Apr 2** (35) 9:00 a.m. (MR) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes 11:00 a.m. (NS) + Andrew Latta (4th ann of passing 4/3) Wife: Arlene & Family Lent 4:00 p.m. Deanery Penitential Vespers at SS. Peter & Paul, Duquesne

Mon, Apr 3, (36)

8:00 a.m. (MR) + Nicholas Moyta (40 day of passing)

Sister: Sr. Martha Moyta, OSBM

Tue, Apr 4 (37)

8:00 a.m. (MR) + Ted Demianczyk

Wife: Anna Pungras Demianczyk.

(18th ann of passing)

#### REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat)

MAKE THESE 40DAYS

HOLY



8:00 a.m. (MR) 1st & 3rd Penitential Greatfast Hours 6:30 p.m. (MR) Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary

7:00 p.m. (MR) Presanctified Divine Liturgy

The Passing of St. Methodius, Apostle of the Slavs

Thrs, Apr 6 (39)

8:00 a.m. (MR) + Andrew Muska (4th ann of passing 4/8)

Bonnie Mirth

#### FINAL DAY OF THE HOLY & GREAT 40 DAYS FAST — REQUIRED SIMPLE ABSTINENCE (no meat)

FRI, Apr 7(40)

8:00 a.m. (MR) 6<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> Penitential Greatfast Hours

6:00 p.m. (NS) Presanctified Divine Liturgy

6:30 p.m. (MR) Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary



### LAZARUS SATURDAY

We now walk vicariously with Our Lord throughout the next 8 days

Sat, Apr 8 \*9:00 a.m. (MR) + Anna Grazorchalk (50th ann of passing 4/9)Dgtr: Alice Slagle & Family

Sunday anticipated St. John Chrysostom Divine Liturgy of the Royal Entry Into Jerusalem — Palm (Flowery) Sunday \*3:45 p.m. (MR) + Nicholas Terrek (12th ann of passing 4/8) Wife: Mildred & Family

### ROYAL ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Palm (Flowery) Sunday — St. John Chrysostom Divine Liturgy

SUN., Apr 9

\*8:45 a.m. (MR) + Mary Fejka (21st ann of passing 4/6)

Dgtr: Susie

\*10:45 a.m. (NS) For the Parishioners of Both Parishes

\*2:00 p.m. (MR) Passion Week Vespers followed by Confessions w/ extra-Confessor

## General Announcements

All Birthdays will be published in SOT each week so that prayers may be offered on these special occasions. Please advise the Church office if your special day does not appear or if you wish your name and date not be published.

> Note: Capitalized Names designate North Side parishioners Birthdays: Apr 2 – Russell Sidun; Apr 3 – Beverly Harsh.

## Pray For the III, Infirm & Shut-ins of Our Parishes

**HOME:** Irene Bordas, MARY ANN CONTI, Mary Culan, Andrew Drukalsky, Ilona Goyda, Beverly Harsh, MARTHA LUCAS, OLGA MANFREDO, Elizabeth Petruna, MARLENE PFEIFFER, Agnes Rosko, MARY SAHAYDA, GERARD SLAGLE, Michael Spisak, ANNA TOTH, EVELYN VENTO, JOHN VEREB, Julia Wovchko.

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#### Public questions on Catholic spirituality, moral & spiritual problems

Q. How do I explain the faulty premise of the Rapture to a Protestant friend? A. Answer by Catholic Answers: Belief in the rapture is of recent vintage, dating to the 1800s. It is held by a good number of Protestants, particularly Evangelicals. The rapture's faulty, unbiblical premise is its premillennialism that Jesus will first take true Christian believers to heaven and then return to the earth to establish his kingdom for a 1,000-year reign, which will include winning over the Jewish people and reinstituting the Temple sacrifices. This doctrine fails to recognize that Jesus established his kingdom for everyone (see Matthew 28:20) in becoming man at the Incarnation and living out his earthly ministry that culminated in his passion, death, resurrection and ascension (the paschal mystery) and the establishment of his Catholic Church through which he reigns (see Matt. 16:18-19). Rapture enthusiasts also fail to recognize that Jesus would have no interest in reestablishing the Temple sacrifices, because he fulfilled them all in offering his one paschal sacrifice. Consequently, Jesus' Second Coming will end the world. There will be no need to establish his kingdom. The rapture is an example of Protestant tradition and a doctrinal development that was not an issue during The Rapture Reformation. For more on this topic, see "Dispensing with the Rapture," a Faith Fact by Catholics United for the Faith (CUF), and the Catholic Answers tract "The Rapture."



## This Week's Sanctuary Lamps

Continue to burn before the real presence of our Lord. God & Savior Jesus

April 2 — April 8, 2017

(MR): In memory of Mary Fejka (21st ann of passing 4/6) offered by Dgtr: Susie

In memory of Rose Babin (13th ann of passing 4/6)

(MR) NONE AVAILABLE 2017 offered by Dgtr: Janet Sendro & Family (NS) NONE AVAILABLE 2017



### McKees Rocks Announcements

CONGRATULATIONS SILVER JUBILIARIAN'S — Following last Sunday's Divine Liturgy a



special blessing from the couple's pastor, Fr. Firko, marked the 25th Wedding Anniversary of parishioners, Kathe & Bill Kress that took place at the solea of the Church. We are grateful to the couple for witnessing to the sanctity and fidelity of their loyal commitment to each other as husband and wife in the presence of our parochial community. The Seminary Rector, Fr. Robert Pipta (R) is also pictured. May God grant to his servants, Kathryn

& William, peace, health and happiness for many blessed years! Na Mnohaja I Blahaja L'ita!

LAST WEEK FOR LENTEN PIROHI SALES — This Friday, April 7 will be the final week for our Lenten Pirohi Project. Orders must be placed on the sheet at the Church entrances following the weekend Divine Liturgies, and/or by phone on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon @

(412) 331-5155. Eat-ins will still be available. Since there are no sales during Holy Week, you are asked to place your orders A.S.A.P. A special thanks is extends to our anonymous donors for purchasing the flour for this entire project! Every little bit helps!

### **Northside Announcements**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: HAM BINGO ON PALM SUNDAY — We are planning a HAM

BINGO on **Palm Sunday, April 9.** Early Birds: 2:00 p.m.; Regulars games: 3:00 p.m. Gift Baskets, 50/50 Raffle and Baked goods will also be available. We are asking for volunteers to make baked good, and also spend some time in helping at the bingo. We are in need of funds



to pay bills! Please help us advertise by taking a poster and have it placed so others can see it! We will, also, be applying for a Parish Expansion Grant from the G.C.U. Headquarters. If you can help with donations or prizes please call Lisa Plutto (412) 771-3915 or (412) 722-2746. Please help us to ready the Social Hall for the Ham Bingo on Sat., April 8 @ 10:00 am.

### **Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary:**

Wednesdays & Fridays during the Lenten Season (MR) @ 6:30 p.m. Join us in this Byzantine-Ruthenian Tradition to the Theotokos!

## St. Mary of Egypt Commemorated Today & April 1

St. Mary is commemorated on the Fifth Sunday of The Great Fast and on her Feast, April 1. The



Church holds her up as an example to the faithful during these fast days as an incentive for repentance. She died about the year 530 A.D. The biography of this wonderful saint was written by St. Sophronius, the Patriarch of Jerusalem. After living an immoral life, she was converted to the faith in n Jerusalem. Having venerated the Cross she entered the vestibule and, before the icon, gave thanks to the Mother of God. At that very moment she heard a voice saying: "If you cross over Jordan you will find real peace!" Immediately she purchased three loaves of bread and started out for the Jordan where she arrived that same evening. The next day she received Holy Communion in the Monastery of St. John and crossed over the

Jordan River. She remained in the wilderness for forty-eight years in great torment, fear and struggle with passionate thoughts as though with wild beasts. She received Holy Communion for the final time in the desert from a priest-monk named Zosimus. After her death, Zosimus buried the body of this wonderful saint. When he returned to the monastery Zosimus related the entire history of her life and the miracles which he had personally witnessed. Thus, the Lord knows how to glorify penitent sinners. God doesn't reject anyone who comes to Him with a humble and contrite heart!!!





## 8 Reasons to Stop Cussing

(The following article is printed with permission from the TFP Website, and can be an aid to rid oneself from this everyday vice affecting so many individuals, including those who are Christians, who live IN the world but should NOT be part of the world! www.tfpstudentaction.org/blog/8-reasons-to-stop-cussing}

### "Profanity is ignorance made audible." -- Irish proverb

Cussing is like a virus. It has spread virtually everywhere: TV, movies, music, books, and daily conversation. Like every bad habit, it's hard to stop. So here are eight compelling reasons to kick the bad habit and STOP cussing. 1. Real Men Don't Cuss: Real men know that vulgarity doesn't breed character and virtue. So they don't cuss. In fact, George Washington issued the following order in 1776: "The General is sorry to be informed that the foolish, and wicked practice of profane cursing and swearing (a vice heretofore little known in an American Army) is growing into fashion; he hopes the officers will, by example, as well as influence, endeavor to check it, and that both they, and the men will reflect, that we can have little hopes of the blessing of Heaven on our Arms, if we insult it by our impiety, and folly; added to this, it is a vice so mean and low, without any temptation, that every man of sense, and character, detests and despises it." 2. Cussing Degrades Us: Foul language, cussing, and cursing is vulgar, indecent and irreverent. The constant use of foul language drags us down and undermines mutual respect. For example, if a teacher uses foul language in the classroom, he shows an appalling lack of respect for his students, no self-control, and utter irreverence for his position as teacher. But someone might object: "A few foul words won't hurt anyone, right?" Wrong. As author Paul Bourget said: "One must live as one thinks, under pain of sooner or later ending up thinking as one has lived." In other words, if we use dirty language, we open the door to dirty thoughts and dirty behavior. 3. Cussing Harms Civilization: The art of conversation is one of the most important traits of civilization. Elevated conversation sets true civilization apart from barbarism. When each word is used in its proper context, human relations are cultivated and elevated. There's nothing more uplifting than good conversation. Cussing, however, wreaks havoc on good conversation. It drags human relations into the mud of banality and vulgarity. It's brutalizing and barbaric. St. Francis de Sales teaches us how to handle a foul-mouth: "Show that you are displeased by turning away, or by whatever other method your discretion may indicate." 4. Cussing Desensitizes Us: The more we hear foul words the more we become desensitized to them. When movies first introduced cuss words, most people didn't like it. But over a period of time, that resistance slowly diminished. Rejection for cussing was worn down and before long the sense of right and wrong was numbed. Whenever we fail to explicitly reject something that is wrong. we implicitly tend to accept it. Consequently, the unacceptable becomes acceptable. And the bar of decency falls lower and lower. 5. Cussing Broadcasts Bad Example: For good or for ill the example we give in our speech is noticed and imitated. The words we use cause an impact on our peers. Our example is educational. The words we use educate. We are constantly imitating or being imitated. That interplay of influence holds even more sway over children. Hollywood pop-stars produce a steady stream of verbal garbage that aims to glamorize and normalize foul language. If we want to lift American culture out of the mud, a good place to begin is to stop cussing. 6. Cussing Spreads Verbal and Mental Poverty: With upwards of 200,000 words, the English language is incredibly rich. All sorts of descriptive and interesting words are at our disposal to help us craft ideas full of meaning and purpose. But our vocabulary is degrading. Even in the halls of higher learning, college students frequently use the same cuss word to describe joy, rage, surprise, and approval and disapproval. As a result, speech is rendered meaningless. And the mind -- which is the most noble aspect of man -- is impoverished. As the Irish proverb goes: "Profanity is ignorance made audible." 7. Cussing is Connatural with Sin: Man's unruly passions welcome cussing. When ungodly men are confronted or challenged, they frequently resort to the same response: cussing and vulgar insults. TFP Student Action volunteers see this so often on college campuses. When pro-homosexual activists see our banners that proclaim "God's Marriage = 1 Man + 1 Woman," the response is invariably the same: They cuss. Cussing is the language of the movements that promote sin. (continuation of article inside).

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS INCLUDING HOLY WEEK & EASTER

April 2 Final Deanery Penitential Vespers at SS. Peter & Paul Church, Duquesne, PA @ 4:00 pm.
April 4 Evening of Repentance, St. John Cathedral @ 7:00 p.m. Ecumenical Service.
April 5 Week VI: WEDNESDAY: 8:00 a.m. (MR) 1st & 3rd Penitential Greatfast Hours.
April 7 The Final Day of The Holy & Great 40 Days Fast. & Final Day of Pirohi Sales.
Lenten Daily Prayer (MR) @ 8:00 a.m. — Presanctified Divine Liturgy (NS) @ 6:00 p.m.
Final Day of Pirohi Sales.
April 8 Lazarus Saturday (MR) 9:00 a.m.
April 9 Palm (Flowery) Sunday — All weekend Divine Liturgies commence 15 minutes earlier.
Passion Vespers inaugurating Holy Week @ 2:00 p.m. followed by Confessions by extra Confessor.

### HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE (April 10 through April 15)

Great & Holy Monday ........... (MR) Bridegroom Matins @ 8:00 a.m. & (MR) Presanctified Divine Liturgy @ 7:00 p.m. Great & Holy Tuesday ........... (MR) Bridegroom Matins @ 8:00 a.m. & (NS) Presanctified Divine Liturgy @ 6:00 p.m. ......(NS) Confessions @ 5:15 p.m.

Great & Holy Wednesday ...... (MR) Bridegroom Matins @ 8:00 a.m. & (MR) Presanctified Divine Liturgy @ 7:00 p.m. Great & Holy Thursday. ... (MR) Betrayal Matins @ 8:00 a.m. & (MR) Vespers & St. Basil Divine Liturgy @ 7:00 p.m. Great & Holy Friday (MR) Passion Matins w/12 Passion Gospels @ 8:00 a.m. — (MR) Royal Hours @ 12:00 noon

(MR) CHURCH WILL REMAIN OPEN FROM 12:00 NOON UNTIL 3:00 pm FOR PRIVATE DEVOTION (NS) Entombment Vespers w/Procession @ 5:00 p.m. & (MR) Entombment Vespers w/Procession @ 7:00 p.m.

#### ALL NIGHT VIGIL BEFORE THE TOMB (Please Signup)

Great & Holy Sat. ...... (MR) Sepulcher (Jerusalem) Matins w/Procession @ 8:00 a.m. — (MR) Great Vespers w/St. Basil Vigil Divine Liturgy @ 2:00 p.m. — (NS) Resurrectional Matins & Solemn Blessing of Paschal Foods @ 5:45 p.m. — (MR) Resurrectional Matins & Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom followed by Solemn Blessing of Paschal Foods @ 7:45 p.m.

#### APRIL 16 - EASTER SUNDAY — THE RADIANT RESURRECTION — THE GREAT DAY

(MR) 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom followed by Solemn Blessing of Paschal Foods — (NS) 11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.

# **Fifth Sunday of THE GREAT FAST**

### FINAL SUNDAY OF LENT: Centering our lives on Jesus (Mark 10: 32 - 45)

For the third time, Jesus spoke of his passion and death (see also Mark 8:31-33; 9:30-32).



His cross was to be the climax of his earthly mission. The Lord was clearly trying to impress upon his closest disciples that this would indeed occur. He was teaching them the doctrine of the cross. Certainly John and James had heard all that Jesus said about his mission for they were among his closest disciples, the only ones privileged—along with Peter—to witness his transfiguration (see Mark 9:2-13). Despite all they had seen and heard, they asked Jesus to promise that they would sit at his side in places of honor

when he came into his kingdom (Mark 10:37). They knew what Jesus was about, yet they still asked this question. What was going on in their minds at that moment that could make them disregard all they had learned? We often are like James and John when it comes to the things of God. Like these two sons of Zebedee, we have heard and seen much: we have heard the gospel proclaimed; we have pondered God's word in scripture; we understand the nature of our Lord's mission. Our minds can be so entrenched in the ways of this world, however, that what we've seen and heard drifts out of our minds when we must make decisions. The influence of the world is constantly pressing us, relentless in forcing upon us ways and standards which are opposed to what Christ taught. Each day we must center our lives on the truths we have learned in Christ so that they, not the world, can guide our lives. The author of the letter to the Hebrews warned: "We must pay the closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it" (Hebrews 2:1).

#### **Article Continued & General Announcements**

(Continued from page 2): 8. Cussing Is Not Pleasing to God: Sacred Scripture clearly addresses the profanity problem. "But I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall render an account for it in the day of judgment. For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned" (Matthew 12:36-37). In Proverbs, we read: "The mouth of the just shall bring forth wisdom: the tongue of the perverse shall perish. The lips of the just consider what is acceptable: and the mouth of the wicked uttereth perverse things" (Proverbs 10:31-32). Ecclesiasticus adds: "Many have fallen by the edge of the sword, but not so many as have perished by their own tongue" (Ecclus. 28:22). Do you want to help others kick the cussing habit? Then share this post. God bless you. Tips to Break the Cussing Habit:: 1. Do five pushups every time you cuss; 2. Put five dollars in a jar when you cuss; 3. Ask a friend to give up cussing with you.

FINAL DEANERY PENITENTIAL VESPERS TODAY —This afternoon will be the final liturgical service at SS. Peter & Paul Church, Duguesne -Homilist: Fr. Dennis Bogda. It was good to see so many from our parishes attending these services. If you haven't done so, please join us. Fellowship of meatless soups and bread will be served following the liturgical services.



AN EVENING OF REPENTANCE THIS WEEK —The "Evening of Repentance," at St. John



Cathedral, Munhall will be this Tuesday, April 4, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m. This is a Catholic-Lutheran prayer service praying for the wrongs which have transpired in the division of Churches 500 years ago. A Moleben to the Holy Cross will be offered. A fellowship will then take place at the Social Center comprising of a meatless soup and bread. Everyone is cordially invited.

VIGIL TOMB WATCH SIGNUP SHEET NOW READY —. A special poster is now available

for signatures. This vigil is open and encourages both Parishes to participate. If you select a time slot, and someone else has signed, you may also sign in the same slot. It would be nice if a few individuals and/or families would share the same slots for safety reasons. If there aren't enough to register throughout the night, the Church will discontinue this tradition. So, please sign early so that we may know if this activity will become a true reality.



#### MEN STILL NEEDED TO HOLD CANDLES DURING PASSION GOSPELS — On Holy &



Great Friday morning during the Passion Matins w/reading of the Twelve Gospels, the tradition of the Church always had 12 men holding candles as the Passion of the Lord Jesus was being proclaimed. We sure would like to keep this meaningful and sacred custom alive. It is open to all men of both parishes to participate. Please register your name on the special sheet in the MR side vestibule or phone the Church Office. Let us honor Our Lord for all that He endured for our salvation and mankind's redemption.

EXTRA CONFESSOR NEXT WEEK — Palm (Flowery) Sunday, April 9, 2017 following (MR) Passion Vespers @ 2:00 p.m. — Our pastor is conscripting an additional Confessor to aid in hearing Confessions. Please make every effort to make a good and worthy confession of sins as we prepare for the salutary events of Holy Week & Easter! Use this opportunity to fulfill your Easter Duty Precept! You may also make your confession at the ordinary times listed on the front page of the S.O.T. A Guide to Confession is available in the narthex and vestibule of the Church.