

**ST. MARY'S
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT ...VENERATION OF HOLY CROSS **March 12, 2023**

SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners **Page 156, 223**

SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Patrick Jackanich by Mrs. Stella Camuso

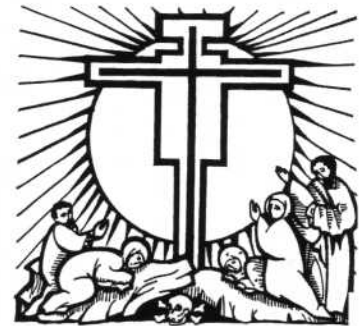
MON. 10:30 a.m. No Service

TUE. 10:30: a.m. No Service

**WED. 10:30 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
+Tom Hritz by Ken Giba**

THU. 10:30 a.m. No Service

**FRI. 10:30 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
4th All Souls Commemoration of Loved Ones**



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT.. ...ST. JOHN CLIMACUS **March 19, 2023**

SAT. 4:30 p.m. +Harold Turjanica by daughter, MaryAnn **Page 161, 227**

**SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners
BaptismCharles Nathan Lengyel**

Save your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Grant victory to Your church over evil, and protect your people by your cross!

CHURCH DONATIONS March 5 , 2023
Sisters of St. Basil \$90.00 Candles \$62.00
Monthly Dues \$65.00
Offertory \$ 940.00

SOCIAL GAMES

Games are played every Sunday in our Center....Doors open 5:00 p.m and Bingo begins at 6:30 p.m. We will ALSO have Bingo the second Wed. Of every month.

LENT FUND RAISER FOR SISTERS

We are asking for donations during Lent that will be sent to our Sisters at St. Mt. Macrina. Envelopes are at both entrances .

DAY LIGHT SAVINGS TIME

has arrived!!! Liturgy times remain the same, as we had previously mentioned in the Fall.

PASTA FAGIOLI SALE

Our Caterers will be making Pasta Fagioli. Please call 330 792-1578 to place your order by March 22nd. Pick up on March 24th....Drive-thru from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at front doors of the hall. \$9.00 qt.

SHUT-IN VISITS

Father will bring the Holy Eucharist to his regular shut-ins before Easter. If you are not on Father's list and would like him to visit with you please call the office 330 792-1578 and he will be happy to visit.

Having suffered the Passion for us, Jesus Christ, O Son of God, Have mercy on us!

Flood our hearts with the light-bearing rays of Your cross, Oh Lord, as we lovingly welcome with solemn honors that saving sign to which the whole world aspires. It has set us free from death's dominion and purified our lives of bitterness, filling us with joy that never ends. By this very cross, O Christ our God, show us the splendor of your comeliness, and bestow the seasons' rewards on all who seek your help and great mercy.

VENERATION OF HOLY CROSS



The season of the Great Fast is a special time for mortification and penance, both internal and external. Because this spiritual struggle lasts a longer time, it often happens that we begin the first days or weeks of fasting with great zeal and resolution, but then gradually we become physically and spiritually exhausted, weakened and discouraged. Holy Church knowing well the weakness and instability of our human nature, places before our eyes the holy Cross in the middle of the fast...an extraordinarily powerful

incentive to motivate us to persevere in our spiritual struggle.

On the third Sunday, or mid-Lent, holy Church encourages us to venerate the Cross of our Lord in a very special manner, so that we may be strengthened in spirit. This Sunday, therefore, is called the Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross.

The Holy Cross is designed to remind us of God's infinite love for us, Christ's suffering for our sake and our obligation to carry our daily cross courageously. Jesus Christ addressed these words to all of us, "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily, and follow me...He who does not carry his cross and follow me cannot be my disciple."

The Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross reminds us that Christians employ a powerful weapon in their battle with the enemies of his salvation...the Holy Cross. Particularly on this Sunday, the cross is raised before us as a sign of strength, salvation, victory and triumph.

The service of this Sunday almost make no mention of the Cross as being a symbol of suffering, penance, or humiliation, but rather extol the Holy Cross as a symbol of joy, victory and triumph, which are brought to fullness through the glorious Resurrection.

The dominant hymn for this Sunday is: "*We bow to Your Cross, Lord, and we glorify your holy Resurrection.*" This hymn is taken from the Matins service of Easter Sunday. To arouse ourselves to a greater veneration and love for the holy Cross, let us make the sign of this Life-Giving Cross. Let us not leave the cross even for one moment, and let us not do anything without it.

QUESTIONS FOR LENT

Jesus went off alone into the wilderness where He spent forty days asking himself what it meant to be Jesus. During Lent, Christians are to ask one way or another what it means to be by themselves.

When you look at your face in the mirror, what do you see in it that you would like, and what do you see in it what you most deplore?

If you had only one last message to leave to the handful of people who are most important to you, what would it be in twenty-six words or less?

Of all the things you have done in your life, which is the one you would most like to undo? Which is the one that makes you happiest to remember?

Is there any person in the world, or any cause, that, if circumstances called for it, you would be willing to die for?

If it were your very last day on earth, what would you do with it?

REPENTANCE

is the golden key that opens the palace of eternity.