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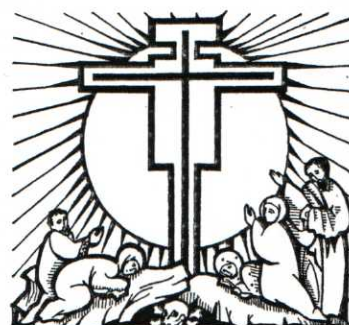
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## THIRD SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST...VENERATION OF HOLY CROSS March 4, 2018

SAT.	4:00 p.m.	Health & Blessings of Parishioners & GCU Members	Page 152 & 223
SUN.	10:30 a.m.	+William & Veronica Vicini by Dr. & Mrs. Tom Sopkovich	
MON.	11:00 a.m.	Lenten Hours	
TUE.	11:00 a.m.	Moleben to Jesus	
WED.	11:00 a.m.	Presanctified Liturgy	No Meat
THU.	11:00 a.m.	No Service	
FRI.	4:00 p.m.	Presanctified Liturgy & 4th All Souls Commemoration	No Meat
SAT.	4:30 p.m.	Sacrament of Reconciliation until 4:45 p.m.	



## FOURTH SUNDAY OF GREAT FAST

March 11, 2018

SAT.	5:00 p.m.	Health & Blessings of Charles Turjanica
SUN.	10:30 a.m.	Health & Blessings of Parishioners

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# St. George

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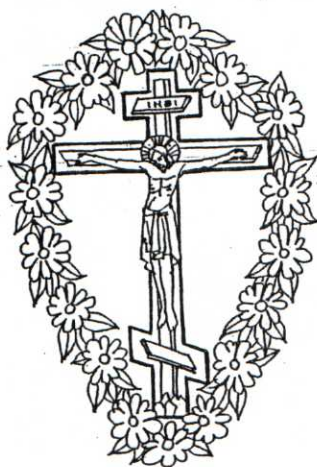
March 4 9:00 a.m. +Steve & Ann Ilko by Mrs. Martha Ilko

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March 11 9:00 a.m. + Steven Ilko by Mother, Martha



*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 makes no mention of the Cross as being a symbol of suffering, penance, or humiliation, but rather extols 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.

**St. Mary's...2/25/2018**  
**Offertory... \$924.00**  
**Cemetery...\$400.00**

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**St. George....2/25/2018**  
**Offertory.... \$1,376.00**

### **SOCIAL GAMES**

Played every Sunday and Wednesday at 6:45 p.m. We are also now **PLAYING THE NEWEST GAME IN TOWN "High Horse."** You do not want to miss out on all the Great Prize!

**ALSO...** If you have a little free time on Wed or Sun. evening please consider coming down and lend your fellow parishioners a hand.... Your help will be **GREATLY APPRECIATED!!**

### **SOUP & SANDWICH**

We are once again having soup/sandwich every Wednesday following Presanctified Liturgy. Donations are accepted and all proceeds go to Sisters of St. Basil and will be matched by GCU.

### **GCU JR. BOWLING TOURNAMENT**

**March 18, 2018**, Camelot Lanes, 1:00 p.m. ALL Children 5 yrs. of age to 18. Are invited to participate. **NO CHARGE..** there will be food, beverages, & awards. Applications are in the vestibule. Deadline March 13, 2018 Call 330-755-6243 for further info.

### **CHURCH HISTORY**

This week we are looking for anyone related to, or friends with **YENCOVCIK (aka JOHNSON) FAMILY...Michael, Anna, John Anna M. & Elsie Mae.** Please call Dave Ragan at 614-370-0221 or Linda 792-1578.

### **SPAGHETTI DINNER**

March 18<sup>th</sup> 11:00 a.m – 6:00 p.m. at St.Christine Church to benefit Mary Bugzavich battling cancer. Tickets sold at the door \$10.00 Adults \$5.00 age 3-10.

### **LITURGY SCHEDULE...**

#### **SPRING AHEAD**

Spring is upon us, therefore we will begin the Saturday evening Liturgy at **5:00 p.m on March 10<sup>th</sup>.** Mark your calendars

### **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS**

Begins **March 11<sup>th</sup>** ...spring ahead...remember to set your clocks **ONE HOUR AHEAD Sat. evening.**

### **SACRAMENT**

#### **RECONCILIATION**

Father will hear confessions beginning next Saturday at 4:30 p.m. until Holy Week in preparation for Easter.

### **PASTA FAGIOLI SALE**

**THIS Fri. March 9<sup>th</sup>** pick up 11:00 a.m – 2:00 p.m. in our Center. \$6.00 qt. **FIRST COME FIRST SERVE.**