

St. Thomas the Apostle Byzantine Catholic Church

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 15TH, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Propers: 156, 223, 162 / 224, 225

Saturday, March 14th

5:30 PM Divine Liturgy

+Irene Jaros

By Diane Rabiej

6:30 PM FESTIVAL MEETING

Sunday, March 15th

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Intentions of our Parishioners

Monday, March 16th—No Services

Tuesday, March 17th—No Services

Wednesday, March 18th

6:00 PM KNITTERS and CROCHETERS

7:00 PM LENTEN SERVICE

Divine Liturgy of St. Gregory

Intention: +Gloria Ryan

By Altar Rosary Society

Thursday, March 19th—No Services

Friday, March 20th

7:00 PM LENTEN SERVICE (Typica)

Followed by LENTEN

LEARNING PRESENTATION

on book "Come and See"

(Book Provided) (Dn. Tom)

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 22ND, 2020

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Propers: 161, 226 / 162, 226

Saturday, March 21st

9:00 AM ALL SOULS LITURGY

5:30 PM Divine Liturgy

Intentions of our Parishioners

Sunday, March 22nd

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

+Gina Miltic

COVID-19 PREVENTION



Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.



Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash.



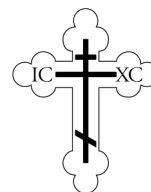
Avoid close contact with people who are sick.



Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces.



Stay home when you are sick.



In Blessed Repose... please remember the soul of +**GLORIA RYAN** who fell asleep in the Lord last Saturday. In keeping with Gloria's wishes, a memorial service will be celebrated for her eternal memory at a time convenient to her son, George, and her immediate family. Information will be posted when available. In the meantime, the Divine Liturgy of St. Gregory will be celebrated for her on Wednesday evening, March 18th at 7PM. To her son George, as well as to her sister and brother and family and friends—especially her Parish Family of St. Thomas where she was so active, we extend our heartfelt condolences! *May her memory be eternal!*

The ARS will lead Morning Prayers as a group as well as pray a portion of the Rosary on the **FIRST** Sunday of each month, beginning at 8:30 AM. **THANK YOU**, ARS members for the gift of prayer! Everyone is welcome to join in!



Paska Baking - We will be baking Paska's for Easter. The traditional bread with raisins are \$8.00 each and will be available for pick-up on Palm Sunday weekend. Please fill out the order form in this bulletin with your payment and return it to Patricia Dietz. Orders must be received by **Sunday, March 29, 2020.**

GCU Art Contest If you're age 13-23, enter your photo of "Invested in FUN"! Send photo to events@GCUusa.com. Please include a short description, name, age, address, phone number and email with your submission.

*photos that include identifiable people require a model release which you will find a link on the GCU website. Age divisions are: age 13-15, age 16-18 and age 19-23. Winners in each category will receive a gift card of their choice!

One entry per member. All contestants must be a GCU member for one year. Prior winners

are not eligible in the age group where they finished first. They become eligible again when they enter the next age division. Membership and age is determined as of March 31, 2020. A minimum number of 3 entrants is required in all age divisions. If the minimum number of required entrants is not reached in an age division, then the above stated prize will not be awarded. Instead, an alternate consolation prize for those entrants will be selected. **Deadline is Monday, April 6, 2020**



LENTEN FISH FRY AT ST MICHAEL'S CHAPEL — 415 Lackawanna Avenue, Woodland Park, Friday, April 3, with continuous service from 4:30 – 7pm. All home-made, including soups, sides and our batter-dipped cod. Tickets at the door, take out available, abundant free parking, handicap accessible. Adults: \$20.00; children under 12: \$7.00. Come and enjoy!

INCOME FOR LAST WEEKEND:

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1665.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	95.00
Candles	\$	201.00	ECL	\$	9.00
Flowers	\$	xxx.00	Holydays/Easter	\$	58.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	203.00	Missions	\$	20.00
Retired Religious	\$	xxx.00	Total	\$	\$ 2251.00

Additional Income (Bingo) \$1085.00 **GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT!**

Many Thanks for the following donations... a few kind parishioners have made some very generous donations for improvements around the parish! They wish to remain anonymous, but *we must acknowledge their kindness!* The first is a donation of approximately \$7,000.00 for the installation of new partitions and an ADA-compliant commode in the Parish Hall Ladies Room. The second donation is \$4,000.00 for the installation of new partitions (coming *very soon!*) for the Parish Hall Men's Room. Both donations were unexpected and were motivated by people who just want to do something nice for their parish and to help everyone! *May Our Lord bless them for their acts of kindness!*

We also gratefully acknowledge a donation of \$14,500.00 from our dedicated **BINGO VOLUNTEERS** (*and patrons!*) to offset the cost of some major electric work done around the parish (inside and outside) to maintain safety and security! This includes replacement of over 20 security lights, repair to outdoor parking lights, new outlets in the parish kitchen, emergency lighting in the new library, sacristy, brighter exterior lighting by the doorways, and more!