

Pray for the Sick, Recovering, and Shut-Ins:



Theresa Glagola at Sundale

Keep all our ailing and healing parishioners in our prayers every day.

Please let Father Kyp know to include any family and parish members who are ill, hospitalized, or need a visit for blessing, anointing, confession, or request of prayers. Kindly call Father Kyp at (724) 953-6835 Thank You.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES go to:

Anyone celebrating theirs this week



May God bless you with Peace, Health, and Happiness!

For many happy and blessed years!



Sanctuary Candles Intention is for Health and Blessings of **Laura Ploucher**



In the Eastern Church, the various prayers for the departed have as their purpose: to pray for the repose of the departed; to comfort the living; and to remind those who remain behind of their own mortality, and the brevity of this earthly life.



Offertory Collection for Feb 8th, 2026

Envelope Offerings	Loose Offerings	Candles	Feast Days		Server Vest.	Total
\$250	\$35	\$23	\$5		\$2	\$313

Church Attendance for Sunday was: 22

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Holy Mystery of Reconciliation: After Liturgy or by appointment
Holy Mystery of Anointing: prior to surgery or whenever requested
Holy Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation: Arrange with Father Kyp
New Parishioners: Welcome! Please see Father for registration



DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR FEB 15th to FEB 25th, 2026

Sunday Feb 15th 11:00 a.m.	Sunday of Cheesefare – pgs 135, 218 Readings: Rom 13:11-14:4; Mt 6:14-21 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish	Sunday of Forgiveness
Monday Feb 16th	1st Day Of The Great Fast Readings: Gen 1:1-13 & Prov 1:1-20	
Wednesday Feb 18th 6:30 p.m.	Lenten Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts	
Sunday Feb 22nd 11:00 a.m.	First Sunday of the Great Fast – pgs 141, 220 Readings: Heb 11:24-26.32-12:2; Jn 1:43-51 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish	Sunday of Orthodoxy
Wednesday Feb 25th 6:30 p.m.	Lenten Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts	

Services at St. John the Baptist in Uniontown

Sunday February 15th

4:00 pm Church Forgiveness Vespers

Monday February 16th

6:00 pm Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts for the Beginning of Lent

Adult Catechesis

Wednesday, Feb 25th

Sunday of Cheesefare

Rom 13:11-14:4

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Mt 6:14-21

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. "And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Four new matching white altar server vestments have been purchased by the church. We are seeking donations to help offset the cost. Thank you for your continuing support.



Pysanky Classes are being offered at St. John's in Uniontown on Tuesday, February 17, and Monday evenings thereafter, starting February 23 and going through March 23. Class runs from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. For more information or to sign up, please call 724-438-1382.



Theophany House Blessings: Father Kyprian will continue to offer house blessings, an important Tradition in our Byzantine Tradition, which gives the priest an opportunity to connect with families and individuals. Father Kyprian will also bless the homes of the homebound during his February visits. Contact the rectory/parish office to schedule a convenient date and time.

The Sunday of Forgiveness, the last of the preparatory Sundays before Great Lent, has two themes: it commemorates Adam's expulsion from Paradise, and it accentuates our need for forgiveness. There are obvious reasons why these two things should be brought to our attention as we stand on the threshold of Great Lent. One of the primary images in the Triodion is that of the return to Paradise. Lent is a time when we weep with Adam and Eve before the closed gate of Eden, repenting with them for the sins that have deprived us of our free communion with God. But Lent is also a time when we are preparing to celebrate the saving event of Christ's death and rising, which has reopened Paradise to us once more (Luke 23:43). So sorrow for our exile in sin is tempered by hope of our re-entry into Paradise.

The second theme, that of forgiveness, is emphasized in the Gospel reading for this Sunday (Matthew 6:14-21) and in the special ceremony of mutual forgiveness at the end of the Vespers on Sunday evening. Before we enter the Lenten fast, we are reminded that there can be no true fast, no genuine repentance, no reconciliation with God, unless we are at the same time reconciled with one another. A fast without mutual love is the fast of demons. We do not travel the road of Lent as isolated individuals but as members of a family. Our asceticism and fasting should not separate us from others, but should link us to them with ever-stronger bonds.

Read More: <https://www.goarch.org/cheesefare-learn>



The fasting regulations for the Byzantine Church

ABSTINENCE

The law of abstinence forbids the use of meat, permitting the use of eggs and dairy products. All faithful of the Eparchy who receive Holy Communion are obliged to abstain.

Abstinence is to be observed on all **Wednesdays and Fridays** during the Holy Season of the Great Fast.

STRICT ABSTINENCE

The law of strict abstinence (fast) requires not eating any meat, eggs and dairy products on certain days. All adult faithful of the Eparchy who receive Holy Communion are obliged to observe Strict Abstinence.

Strict Abstinence is to be observed on the **First Day of the Great Fast, and on Great and Holy Friday.**

DISPENSATION

Pastors and Administrators may, for a just cause, grant to individual faithful and to individual families, dispensations or commutations of Abstinence and Strict Abstinence into other pious practices.

"THE GREAT FAST" *(courtesy of the Metropolitan Cantor Institute of the Archeparchy of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.)*