

THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST  
SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS



*Icon of the Sunday of the Holy Cross*

***The Cross, Our Victory***

Have you seen the wonderful victory? Have you seen the splendid deeds of the Cross? ... Who can tell the Lord's mighty deeds? By death we were made immortal: these are the glorious deeds of the Cross.

Have you understood the victory? Have you grasped how it was wrought? Learn now, how this victory was gained without any sweat or toil of ours. No weapons of ours were stained with blood; our feet did not stand in the front line of battle; we suffered no wounds; witnessed no tumults; and yet we obtained the victory.

The battle was the Lord's, the crown is ours. Since then victory is ours, let us imitate the soldiers, and with joyful voices sing the songs of victory.

Let us praise the Lord and say, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?"

The Cross did all these wonderful things for us: the Cross is a war memorial erected against the demons, a sword against sin, the sword with which Christ slew the serpent.

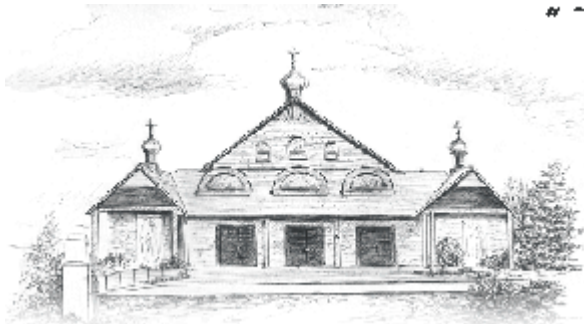
The Cross is the Father's will, the glory of the Only-begotten, the Spirit's exultation, the beauty of the angels, the guardian of the Church. Paul glories in the Cross; it is the rampart of the saints, it is the light of the whole world.

*St. John Chrysostom*

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## *Third Sunday of Lent : Veneration of the Holy Cross*

The Church wisely places the Sunday of the Cross at the midpoint of Lent. The cross is placed before us as a reminder of what awaits us at the end of Lent: We journey to the cross before the resurrection. But the cross also stands as a sign of hope and strength. We may be weary of the Lenten fast, as the Church Fathers and Mothers note, but the power of the victory of Christ by His death on the cross will support and strengthen us no matter how weary we are.

Archbishop Raya reflects that the cross "is planted in the midst of Lent like the Tree of Life in the midst of Paradise, like the Rod of Moses in the midst of the Camp, in order that anyone looking upon it may find health, strength and the courage to pursue his own course.



Come, O faithful, let us adore the life-giving Cross of Christ, the King of Glory, for when he extended his arms on it of his own free will, He restored us to the original bliss. Come, O faithful let us adore the Cross through which we have been made worthy to crush the devil's head.

March 7, 2021

# Glory to Jesus Christ!

## Liturgy Schedule

Monday	March 8	8:00 a.m.	Akathist Service to St. Joseph
Tuesday	March 9	8:00 a.m.	Lenten Devotion with Sermon
Wednesday	March 10	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts († <b>Joseph Klinkovsky</b> by Joseph Klinkovsky)
Thursday	March 11	8:00 a.m.	Lenten Devotion with Sermon
Friday	March 12	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Saturday	March 13	9:00 a.m.	4th All Souls (Requiem Liturgy, Panachida, Hramoty)
		<b>Vigil Liturgy</b>	
		4:00 p.m.	Intention of the Parishioners
Sunday	March 14	10:30 a.m.	† <b>Shirley Milas</b> by Joe Milas

## Altar Servers

March 13	4:00 p.m.	D. Kattler & J. Bremner
March 14	10:30 a.m.	M. Masters & L. Tinter

## Lectors

J. Pinchot
A. Pinchak

**Volunteer Altar Servers needed for All Souls Saturday.**

One advantage of traveling the straight and narrow road is that very few people are trying to pass you.



## From the Pastor's Desk

disciplines grow even more intense. The Church provides us the "cross" today as a symbol of strength for the remainder of the journey.

We've once again "provided" you the St. Joseph prayer that we take at the close of every weekend liturgy. Cut it out and bring it with you (or take a picture of it on your phone and pull it out at the appropriate time). We'd like everyone participating!

We are going to live stream the Akathist Prayer of St. Joseph on Monday. This really is a beautiful service. It will be archived, but you might consider making it part of your Lenten prayer routine (either by attending on Mondays or viewing the YouTube version).

Here's another shout out for next Sunday's Lenten Day of Recollection with Sr. Natalia of Christ the Bridegroom Monastery in Burton. She is a dynamic speaker and will certainly have material that will provide spiritual food for thought. (See the article on the next page.)

Deacon Robert's three month leave of absence ended on Monday. I am waiting to hear word from Bishop Milan on his status in the Byzantine Catholic Church. (He was discerning on where his future in ministry needs to be.)

Have a Blessed week!

St. Joseph, Pray for Us!



Don't forget to change your clocks on Saturday. (Spring ahead one hour to enjoy more daylight!)





## Carry Out Fish Frys

Take-out Fish Frys are ready to roll on **Friday**. We have our system perfected and have been handling good-sized crowds with very little difficulty. Serving is from **3:00-6:30**. Phone ahead orders are appreciated. (Call either number in the bulletin starting at 10:00 on Friday.) Last week someone brought an insulated warming bag because they drove a distance and wanted the food to remain hot. It's a fasting day. Help support our church and let us cook your supper!

## Day of Recollection

The **Ladies' Auxiliary** is sponsoring a "**Day of Recollection**" on **March 14**. **Sister Natalia** from Christ the Bridegroom Monastery in Burton will speak on "*Hope in the Desert*." There will be a pre-packaged lunch served after liturgy, then participants will return to church for the talk which will be live-streamed. (If you plan on attending please contact **Carrie Hotaling** at **440-836-2674**.) This is for all parishioners.

## Meetings This Week

- The **A-OK Club** will meet on **Monday** at **7:00** via conference call.
- The **Men's Club** will meet on **Tuesday** at **7:00**. Masks and social distancing will be required. (Let **John Foreman** know if you'll be attending so enough prepared/packaged food can be ordered for after the meeting or to take home.)

## Our Sympathy

Parish sympathies are offered to **Paul Secunde** and family. His mother, **Jeanne**, of Seven Hills, died recently at the age of 90.



We welcome to St. Joe's **Tom and Yolanda Sutyak** of Parma. We hope you feel at home in a hurry! (Don't forget, pictures of many of our new parishioners can be found in vestibule case.)

## ByzanTEENS Meet Tonight

ByzanTEENS from throughout the Cleveland area will be gathering **tonight** in the Activity Center with **Fr. Cyril Pinchak SJ** and **Fr. Lukas Mitro**. Come join the fun starting at **5:00**.

Someone you know may need this information:

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## Your Weekly Offering

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Sunday:	\$5,439.00
e-giving:	685.00
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Cash:	32.00
Candles:	126.00
Holy Days:	30.00
Initial Envelope Offering:	3.00
Flowers:	5.00
Fuel:	20.00
Building Fund:	95.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,443.00</b>

## Eastern European Church Aid

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the Chancery request for donations for the Church in Eastern Europe (in conjunction with the National Collection by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops). The amount sent to the Diocese was \$315.00.

## Stewardship Update

We are nearing our goal of \$23,000. Seventy Four donors have pledged \$20,004.



The wreath on the tetrapod cross was donated in memory of **Ron Tirpak**.

## Fourth All Souls Saturday

This week marks the fourth **All Souls' Saturday**. The **Requiem Liturgy** begins at **9:00**, followed by a **Panachida** (service for the deceased) and the reading of the **Hramoty** (names of our departed loved ones). The first All Souls' Saturday (February 6) was live-streamed and is archived on our website.



*St. Joseph  
"Worker" of the Week*

**"Spotted some salt pellets in various areas of the church proper. Took the initiative to find a vacuum and clean them up."**

(Yes, the "church" certainly can be part of any "work" that you spontaneously see needing to be done.)

The "Works of St. Joseph" holy cards are taped to the vestibule window. Take a moment to glance at them and be inspired to go forth in charitable toil. Drop-off boxes for your "work" can be found on the desk in the vestibule and at the alternate Communion station in the hall foyer. (Additional cards can be found at each location.)

**Saint Joseph, Foster Father of Jesus,  
spouse of the Ever Virgin Mary,  
intercede for me daily,  
and obtain for me all Spiritual Blessings  
through Jesus Christ Our Lord.  
Amen**



We are seeking six women and six men to hold candles for the Reading of the Twelve Gospels on Good Friday morning. (Matin Service at 9:00 a.m.) If you are interested, contact **Jack Pinchot** at **440-237-4587** as soon as possible.

### Weekly Lenten Reflection

Each week during Lent on our website **Father** will give a short reflection on “*Patris Corde*” (“With a Father’s Heart”) the Apostolic Letter written by **Pope Francis** in conjunction with “The Year of St. Joseph.” This week’s segment is entitled “*A Father who teaches the value, dignity and joy of work.*” (Each new segment will appear on Mondays.)

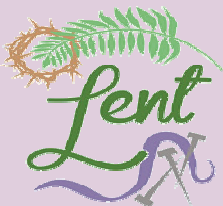
### Good Friday “All Night Vigil”

Next weekend the sign-up poster for the Good Friday “All-Night Vigil” will be placed in the vestibule. Time slots run from **9:00 p.m. on Friday night through 2:00 on Holy Saturday afternoon.**

### Weekday Lenten Services

Daily Lenten opportunities for the week include:

- Monday**—Akathist Prayer Service to St. Joseph
- Tuesday**—Lenten Devotions (sermon by Father)
- Wednesday**—Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
- Thursday**—Lenten Devotions (sermon by Deacon Bill)
- Friday**—Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts  
(Check times on the liturgical schedule)



#### Lenten Alms Banks

Lenten banks for almsgiving can be found in the vestibule and in the hall foyer (for those who use the alternate Communion station). Your donations will benefit the **St. Joseph Outreach**.

#### Liturgy of St. Basil

The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated on all Sundays of the Great Fast. You’ll notice a few different prayers taken aloud by the priest.

#### Wednesday/Friday Days of Abstinence

The liturgical calendars indicate that Wednesdays and Fridays are days that we abstain from meat during Lent.

**ACTIVITY CENTER & HALL RESERVATIONS:** 440-526-0016

**CONFESSIONS:** One half hour before liturgies for fifteen minutes and by request

**MEN’S CLUB:** 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**LADIES’ AUXILIARY:** 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**A-OK CLUB:** 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

**COFFEE SOCIAL:** Every Sunday after liturgy

**EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF) CLASSES:** Sundays 9:00 a.m.–10:20 a.m.

**BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINE:** Tuesday noon

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