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*Holy Resurrection
Orthodox Church*

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Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

Sunday of the Expulsion of Adam from Paradise (Cheesefare Sunday)

Services	Mon., Mar. 3 rd	Compline & Canon of St. Andrew	7 pm
	Tues., Mar. 4 th	<u>CANCELED</u>: Compline & Canon of St. Andrew	
	Wed., Mar. 5 th	Compline & Canon of St. Andrew	7 pm
	Thurs., Mar. 6 th	Compline & Canon of St. Andrew	7 pm
	Fri., Mar. 7 th	Presanctified Divine Liturgy	7 pm
	Sat., Mar. 8 th	Great Vespers with Confession	6 pm
	Sun., Mar. 9 th	<i>Sunday of Orthodoxy</i>	
	Sunday School	9:15 am	
	Hours	9:45 am	
	Divine Liturgy (w/ icon procession)	10 am	
	Vespers	4:30 pm	
	<i>Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church, 123 Gilkeson Rd, Mt. Lebanon</i>		

Note: The church is open this week to pray between 6 am and 9 am

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind for Sunday Liturgy.

Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2

Gospel Reading: John 1:43-51

<p>Tone 3 Troparion (Resurrection)</p> <p>Let the heavens <u>rejoice!</u> Let the <u>earth</u> be glad! For the Lord has shown <u>strength</u> with His arm. He has trampled down <u>death</u> by death. He has become the <u>first</u> born of the dead. He has delivered us from the <u>depths</u> of hell, and has <u>granted</u> to the world <u>great</u> <u>mercy</u>.</p>	<p>Tone 6 Kontakion (Lenten Triodion)</p> <p>O Master, Teacher of <u>wisdom</u>, Bestower of <u>virtue</u>, Who teachest the thoughtless and <u>protectest</u> the poor, strengthen and <u>enlighten</u> my heart! O Word of the <u>Father</u>, let me not restrain my mouth from <u>crying</u> to Thee: “Have mercy on me, a <u>transgressor</u>, O <u>merciful</u> Lord!”</p>	<p>Tone 8 Prokeimenon (Lenten Triodion)</p> <p>Pray and make your vows before the Lord, our God! (Ps. 75:10a)</p> <p>V. In Judah God is known; His name is great in Israel. (Ps. 75:1)</p>
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Epistle

(Romans 13:11-14:4)

And *do* this, knowing the time, that now *it is* high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation *is* nearer than when we *first* believed.

The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore let us cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light.

Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy.

But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to *fulfill its* lusts.

Receive one who is weak in the faith, *but* not to disputes over doubtful things.

For one believes he may eat all things, but he who is weak eats *only* vegetables.

Let not him who eats despise him who does not eat, and let not him who does not eat judge him who eats; for God has received him.

Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Gospel

(Matthew 6:14-21)

“For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you.

“But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

“Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

“But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face,

“so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who *is* in the secret *place*; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal;

“but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Announcements:

Congratulations and God's Blessings – To the Handmaiden of God, ***Kiersten Laciak***, and the Servant of God, ***Clayton Harkins***, united in Holy Matrimony last Saturday. May they know the love and support of their family and friends as they begin their journey as one. God grant them Many Blessed Years! The blessing of the wedding of ***Kiersten and Clayton*** will be taking place through the Crowning Ceremony at a later date.

Matushka Sophie is home and appreciates all of your prayers. She will receive visitors for short visits. She asks if anyone wants to stop by to please schedule through her daughter Rebecca (724-910-5333). In the meantime she will be keeping us in her prayers.

Note from Fr. Stephan: Please include Mark Gresh in your prayers. Mark will be having surgery on Tuesday, February 4th and I will be taking Mark in for the surgery. The Church will still be open from 6:00 until 9:00 am, but I will not be able to be there for the Canon of Saint Andrew. I thank everyone for the prayers for my brothers Mark and Larry. Larry's surgery went very well. They were able to address his condition with two stents and he is doing well. Please keep us in your prayers.

HOT OFF THE PRESSES! The annual “**Lenten, Holy Week and Paschal 11 Week Calendar**” is available for home reference to keep you abreast of all Lenten services during this holy season. Pick yours up **TODAY** at the candlestand.

This year, the first of our major fundraising projects, Paska Baking, is being severely impacted by the Bird Flu. The Bird Flu has not only caused the price of eggs to sky rocket, but also their availability! According to last year's Paska baking records, we need **40 DOZEN OF JUMBO EGGS**. We are requesting help from all Parishioners to help us gather the needed 40 dozen of Jumbo eggs by purchasing a dozen or two. (We can reimburse you if you chose.) If you are able to help us with this endeavor, you can drop off the eggs on Sunday or during the week checking to make sure someone is at the rectory. **MANY MANY THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP ON THIS MATTER AND GOD BLESS!** It just would not be Pascha without Paska!

You can tell Spring is around the corner – next **Sunday, March 9th**, it's time to turn your clocks ahead one hour for DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME.

With the snow and fringed temperatures still lingering, show your love for your neighbor! Check in with our Home-Bound Parishioners to make sure they are okay and/or need anything. The cold snowy weather can land lock many.

‘I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to Me.’ ... ‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did *it* to one of the least of these My brethren, you did *it* to Me.’ Hardship is unexpected and can happen to anyone! Parish Council will be taking an ongoing special collection to assist any Parishioner in need. Holy Resurrection has been gracious in their generous gifts to multiple families in need. We will have a basket for donations to replace the funds that have been distributed so that we are able to continue to do this. Again, **THANKS** for your generosity!

SAVE THE DATE:

Spring Young Adult Retreat – March 14-16, 2025

Our Archdiocese is pleased to cosponsor the upcoming Spring Young Adult Retreat along with the Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh Y2AM, the Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese, and the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. This retreat will take place at beautiful Camp Nazareth, 339 Pew Road, Mercer, PA and is open to young adults ages 18-35.

Join Fr. Timothy Paproski for an enriching weekend exploring the theme “Living the Liturgy”—why the Divine Liturgy is central to Orthodox spiritual life and how we can live and share it beyond the church walls. We encourage all our young adults to take advantage of this unique opportunity for faith, fellowship, and spiritual renewal. Register now: <https://tinyurl.com/2z7kpyh>.