

Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

March 3, 2019
(Meatfare Sunday)

Epistle Reading: 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 25:31-46

Next Week: Romans 13:11-14:4 **Gospel Reading:** Matthew 6:14-21

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

Services: Sat., Mar. 9th "The Triumph of Iconography" **9:30 am**
V. Rev. Fr. Mark Meholick **Registration**

Great Vespers **Directly after**
(Holy Sacrament of Confession to follow) **Retreat**

Sun., Mar. 10th **Cheesefare Sunday (Forgiveness Sunday)**
Church School **9:15 am**
Hours **9:45 am**
Divine Liturgy **10 am**

Rite of Forgiveness at the end of Liturgy
***** **Lent Begins at Sundown** *****

Announcements:

TODAY: Don't forget to drop off your completed 2019 Pledge form at the candlestand. Return to God the first fruits of the blessings/gifts he has bestowed upon you. Pledge to support our Parish, our diocese and national church! Also, pledging is not just financial support. Support your Parish through your talents/gifts. Extra pledge forms are available at the candlestand.

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 Parish and Deanery services for the coming Holy season. Pick yours up **TODAY** at the candlestand.

Don't Forget to Sign Up for the Pre-Lenten Retreat: On Saturday, March 9th, we will be welcoming our Retreat speaker V. Rev. Fr. Mark Meholick who will present "The Triumph of Iconography" covering a historical perspective and the theology of icons. Fr. Mark apprenticed in Iconography with Archbishop Job of Chicago from 1978-1988. He is currently the rector of St. Nicholas Orthodox Church in DuBois and SS Peter & Paul Orthodox Church in Urey, PA and in addition is the Dean of the Eastern Deanery of the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh. Registration begins at 9:30 am. Cost of retreat is \$15 which covers lunch and refreshments. To register, contact Leo Wiker at lwiker@comcast.net or call 724-322-3334. See you there!

****P.S. to our College Students:** Father Stephan is willing to cover the head charge for any college students who plan to attend the pre-Lenten retreat.

Design your own Pysanky in time for your Paschal Basket! St. Nicholas in Donora is offering Pysanky Decorating classes starting Thursday, March 7th at 6 pm for the following six Thursdays in the church social hall. **However, pre-registration ends TODAY.** Please contact Sandy Carroll (412/855-1380) if interested. The class is \$30 for 6 weeks, includes supplies. See the flyer on the vestibule bulletin board for more details.

Looking ahead: Please note these events on your calendars which will occur in the ensuing month or so:

❖ **Annual Lenten BAKED Fish Dinners: What's For Lunch or Dinner?** On Fridays, March 8th, March 22nd, April 5th and April 19th from 12 Noon to 6 pm, Chef Tim will be serving up more of his delicious fish with a side of our homemade Perohi, a vegetable, side of coleslaw and a dessert. Or, if you prefer to change it up, get the Perohi Dinner with a vegetable, side of coleslaw and a dessert. Invite your family, friends and neighbors for some homemade goodness! As with any of HROC's activities, none of them would be a success without your help! **THE HOMEMADE DESSERTS WERE A BIG HIT! COULD YOU HELP OUT AGAIN WITH YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT?** If you'd like to help out, please see either Beth, Marie or Mary. A big **THANK YOU** in advance for everyone's help on this fundraising project! To help this endeavor run as smoothly as possible, your help and cooperation is always needed and very much appreciated!

❖ **Paska Baking:** Friday, April 12th and Saturday, April 13th. (Order forms are at the candlestand. Order cutoff is March 24th)

Collection: February 24th: \$1,791

Holy Martyrs Eutropius, Cleonicus, and Basiliscus

By Fr. Lawrence Farley

In the reign of Maximian and Maximin, a persecution raged against the Church. In Amasea many were arrested, including St. Theodore the Recruit. Theodore's relative Basiliscus was among those arrested and imprisoned, along with two of Basiliscus's close friends, Eutropius and Cleonicus, who were brothers. They were the closest of friends and said they would stand firm together for Christ. The three declared themselves as inseparable in faith and love as the Holy Trinity were inseparable one from another.

When Eutropius and Cleonicus were martyred, Basiliscus feared he would not have the courage to go it alone, and he prayed, "O Lord Jesus Christ, remember me, even to the end, that I may not be separated from these holy men who have been taken from me and who now are crowned!" The time came for Basiliscus to appear before the governor. He too refused to offer sacrifice to the gods and, after suffering terribly, was also martyred by beheading and so joined his friends in the heavenly Kingdom. This happened in 308.