

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
185 E. Main Street Uniontown, PA 15401

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, February 21 1ST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
9:00 a.m. +Kathryn and Stanley Truszkowski
(Church) Req. by Helen Ponzurick

Monday, February 22 Finding of the Relics of the Martyrs of Eugenia
8:30 a.m. Matins
(Church)

Tuesday, February 23 Polycar (Bishop – Martyr)
8:30 a.m. Matins
(Church)

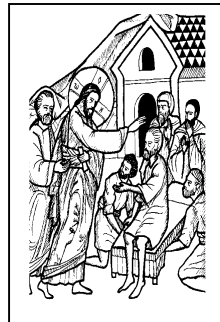
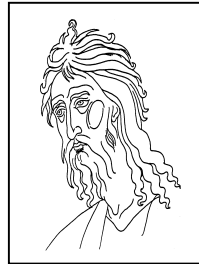
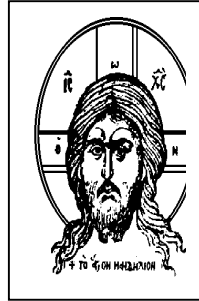
Wednesday, February 24 1st & 2nd Findings of the Head of John the Baptist
(SIMPLE ABSTINENCE OR EQUIVALENT)
6:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts
(Church)

Thursday, February 25 Tarasius (Patriarch)
5:00 p.m. Vespers
(Church)

Friday, February 26 Porphry of Gaza (Bishop)
(SIMPLE ABSTINENCE OR EQUIVALENT)
6:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts
(Church)

Saturday, February 27 2nd All Souls Saturday
8:30 a.m. All Souls
5:30 p.m. +Andrew Kushner, Jr.
(Church) Req. by Peggy L. Varto & Family

Sunday, February 28 2nd SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
9:00 a.m. For the Parish Family
(Church)



✠ **CHOOSE LIFE!** For all who face an unwanted pregnancy, that they may open their hearts in love for the unborn child, we pray to the Lord.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY 2-14-2021

Offering = \$1094.00 Candles = \$87.00 Holy Day=\$10.00 Pirohi = \$1755.00
 Loose Cash = \$15.00 Reimbursement = \$400.00 TOTAL = \$3361.00

PRAYER REQUESTS – Cathy, Anita, Thomas, Michael, Karen, Joan, Shirley, Rachel, Shirley, Shirley, Frank, Marsha, Cynthia, Linda, Annette, and Andrea, Connie, Chris, Melba, Shirley, Paul, Marcia, Cathy, Joan, Clancy, Chris, Dominic, Connie, Bob, Melba, Catherine, Robert, Ceil, Nadine, PJ, Jay, Margaret, George, Janet, Patty, Dolores, Ida, Barb, Janet, Carl, Butch, Theresa, Helen, Josephine, Mark, Bertie, Ruthann, Paulette, Daria, Bonnie, Kay, Arlene, Bill, Dan, Patty, Ted, Mickie, Gerry, Georgia, Betty, Kathleen, David, Connor, Louis, Raymond, Paul, Norma Jean, Louis, Janet, George, George Jr., MaryAnn, August, Sharlene, BA, Dianne. Rose, Charlotte, Charlene, Sherry, Conner, Nancy, Tim, Kris, Ron, Tom, Tim, Bob, Renee, Buzzy, Pete, Richard, Harvey, Troy, Traci, Trevor, Carolyn, Ray, Cherisse, Tanner, Bailee, Carter, Kylie, Cole, Cooper, Anita, Lucy, Tammy, James, Ashley, Chris, Jameson, Patrick, JA, Michelle, Olivia, Barbara, Susan, Mike, Bernie, Dennis, Michael, Herb, Carol, Mark, Paul, Rose, Charlotte, Paul, Margaret, Riley, Nan, Anita, Patty, Dorothy, George, Hannah, Michelle, Paul, Cindy, Dave, Bonnie, Kay, Barb, Dave, Edward, Susan, Josh, Alice, Amy, Mason, Melanie, Melvin, Jean, Joyce, Richard, Jean.

ADVISORY MEETING – Tuesday, March 9, at 6 p.m. in the school.

PLEASE CALL IN – Because of the increase in Covid cases, it is more important than ever that you please continue to call us on THURSDAYS only at 724-434-5355 to RSVP your attendance at Divine Liturgy on Saturday and Sunday.

CATHOLIC NON-NEGOTIABLES – INTRINSIC EVILS - As far as the Catholic Church is concerned, its principal focus in the public arena is the protection and promotion of the dignity of the person, and she is thereby consciously drawing particular attention to principles which are not negotiable. Among these the following emerge clearly today: (a) protection of life in all its stages, from the first moment of conception until natural death; (b) recognition and promotion of the natural structure of the family as a union between a man and a woman based on marriage, and its defense from attempts to make it juridically equivalent to radically different forms of union which in reality harm it and contribute to its destabilization, obscuring its particular character and its irreplaceable social role; (c) the protection of the right of parents to educate their children. (Pope Benedict XVI, Address to European Parliamentary Group, 30 March 2006)

From a letter to the Corinthians by Saint Clement, pope
(Cap. 7, 4-8, 3; 8, 5-9, 1; 13, 1-4; 19, 2: Funk 1, 71-73. 77-78. 87)

REPENT

Let us fix our attention on the blood of Christ and recognize how precious it is to God his Father, since it was shed for our salvation and brought the grace of repentance to all the world.

If we review the various ages of history, we will see that in every generation the Lord has *offered the opportunity of repentance* to any who were willing to turn to him. When Noah preached God's message of repentance, all who listened to him were saved. Jonah told the Ninevites they were going to be destroyed, but when they repented, their prayers gained God's forgiveness for their sins, and they were saved, even though they were not of God's people.

Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the ministers of God's grace have spoken of repentance; indeed, the Master of the whole universe himself spoke of repentance with an oath: *As I live, says the Lord, I do not wish the death of the sinner but his repentance.* He added this evidence of his goodness: *House of Israel, repent of your wickedness. Tell the sons of my people: If their sins should reach from earth to heaven, if they are brighter than scarlet and blacker than sackcloth, you need only turn to me with your whole heart and say, "Father," and I will listen to you as to a holy people.*

In other words, God wanted all his beloved one to have the opportunity to repent and he confirmed this desire by his own almighty will. That is why we should obey his sovereign and glorious will and prayerfully entreat his mercy and kindness. We should be suppliant before him and turn to his compassion, rejecting empty works and quarreling and jealousy which only lead to death.

Brothers, we should be humble in mind, putting aside all arrogance, pride, and foolish anger. Rather, we should act in accordance with the Scriptures, as the Holy Spirit says: *The wise man must not glory in his wisdom nor the strong man in his strength nor the rich man in his riches. Rather, let him who glories glory in the Lord by seeking him and doing what is right and just.* Recall especially what the Lord Jesus said when he taught gentleness and forbearance. *Be merciful, he said, so that you may have mercy shown to you. Forgive, so that you may be forgiven. As you treat*

others, so you will be treated. As you give, so you will receive. As you judge, so you will be judged. As you are kind to others, so you will be treated kindly. The measure of your good will be the measure of your receiving.

Let these commandments and precepts strengthen us to live in humble obedience to his sacred words. As Scripture asks: *Whom shall I look upon with favor except the humble, peaceful man who trembles at my words?*

Sharing then in the heritage of so many vast and glorious achievements, let us hasten toward the goal of peace, set before us from the beginning. Let us keep our eyes firmly fixed on the Father and Creator of the whole universe, and hold fast to his splendid and transcendent gifts of peace and all his blessings.