

**SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES**

**Sunday, March 17**      **2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**  
**9:00 a.m.**            **+Joseph Comforti**  
**(Church)**            **Req. by Daughter, Cathy Phillips**

**Monday, March 18**    **Cyril of Jerusalem (Archbishop)**  
**8:00 a.m.**            **Matins**  
**6:00 p.m.**            **Vespers**  
**(Church)**

**Tuesday, March 19**    **Chrysanthu and Daria (Martyrs)**  
**8:00 a.m.**            **Matins**

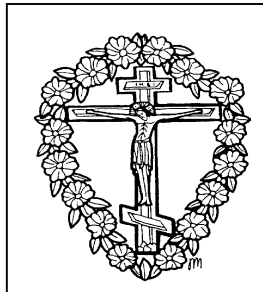
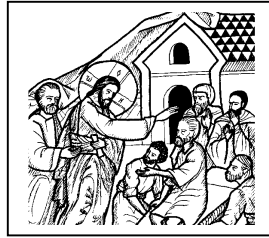
**Wednesday, March 20** **Venerable Fathers of the St. Sabbas Monastery**  
**6:00 p.m.**            **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**      **(Simple Abstinence)**  
**(Church)**

**Thursday, March 21**    **James of Catania (Bishop - Confessor)**  
**8:00 a.m.**            **Matins**  
**6:00 p.m.**            **Vespers**  
**(Church)**

**Friday, March 22**      **Basil of Ancyra (Priest - Martyr)**      **(Simple Abstinence)**  
**8:00 a.m.**            **Matins**  
**6:00 p.m.**            **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**  
**(Church)**

**Saturday, March 23**    **3<sup>RD</sup> All Souls Saturday**  
**8:00 a.m.**            **Divine Liturgy for All Souls**  
**5:30 p.m.**            **+MaryEllen Harden**  
**Req. by George and Family**

**Sunday, March 24**      **3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST**  
**9:00 a.m.**            **VENERATION OF THE CROSS**  
**(Church)**            **+Bernard J. Polkabila, Jr.**  
**Req. by Terry, Linda, Doug and Sarah Mattis**



**PRAYER LIST** – Marianne, Matthew, Grace, Christian, Jack, Benjamin, Lucy, Owen, Joe, Emily, Gabriel, Gina, Cil, Robert, Nadine, PJ, Monica, Jack, Theresa, Janet, Josephine, Frances, Grace, Tillie, Dolores, Barb, David, Mickie, Rita, Bernard, Patty, Ted, Sr. Joretta, Sr. Helen, Margaret, Jamie, Joe, Louis, Norma Jean, Mark, Trish, Janet, Margie, Lori, Mary, Michael, Georgia, Dorothy, Alice, Beatrice, Amelia, Butch, Clara, Sharlene, Kay, Bill, Arlene, Joan, Audrey, Cathy, Sharlene, Seth, Doris, Jeff, Will, Kris, Sharen, Debbie, Shirley, Patty, Jeremiah, Fred, Jillian, Marie, Carl, Trey, Traci, Trevor, Tanner, Frances, George, Marie, Carl, Janet, George Jr., Diana, Emil, Dave, Barb, Bill, Patty, Julie, Bob, Tom, Thomas, Joyce, Jamie, Rita, Karen, Denise, Bonnie, Paul, Karla, Nicolas, Irma, Wilma, Ambrose, Tanya, Ann, Gavin, Brian, Sofia, Olivia, Nadia, Danny, Kristen, Elaine, Kris, Micheal, David, Dewayne, Harvey, Wally, Charlene, Mason, Melvin, Jean, Melanie, JoAnn, John, Loretta, Mary, Linda, Chris, Ashley Nicole, Joseph, Mary, Nino, Bruno, Marco, Marisa, Eve, Mary, Tiffine, Jacob, Wico, Jerry, Christine, Lucia, Commillo, Jack, Amelia, Jackie, Leah, Sarah, Gino, Nickolas, Jamie, Chris, Mike, Donna, Dianna, Cindy, Helen, Tammy, Ashley, James, Patrick, Michelle, Olivia, Patty, Barbara, Rita, Helen, Vicki, Sam, Sam, Riley, Brian, Elaine, Adam, Max.

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR 3/10/19**

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>Candles</u>	<u>Holy Day</u>	<u>Pirohi</u>	<u>Easter Flowers</u>	<u>Seminary</u>	<u>Loose Cash</u>
\$1898.00	\$151.00	\$10.00	\$2843.05	\$20.00	\$400.00	\$96.00
<u>Pamphlets</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>				
\$5.00		\$5423.05				

‡ **PRO-LIFE PRAYER** – That those who have followed the false god of earthly possessions to work in the abortion industry may see the error of their choice and repent, we pray to the Lord.

**EASTER CANDY** - The Social Ministry is taking orders for Colebrook candy for Easter. Order forms are in the back of the church and in the handicapped side entrance. Orders are due by March 24, 2019 and pickup is scheduled for the weekend of April 12, 2019. Thank you for your support of this church fundraiser.

**BASKET RAFFLE ITEMS NEEDED** – for the upcoming EGGSTravaganza/Easter Craft and Bake Sale ( to be held on Sunday, April 7, 2019 from 12 NOON – 5PM in our St. John Social Hall.) Sign up sheets will be located in the back of the church and side handicapped entrance and centered on various themes (BAKING , SPORTS, etc.) Your generosity in donating is such a large part of making our fundraising events a success is so greatly appreciated. Items will be due in by March 22.

## ADDITIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS:

**THE SISTERS OF ST. BASIL** will be grateful for your holy prayers for the peaceful repose of Sister Martha Elizabeth Moyta, OSBM, who fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, March 11. May the Lord grant her repose among the Saints and may He console those whom she left behind.

**BAKED GOODS NEEDED** – Any one willing to donate baked goods for the 14<sup>th</sup> Egg EGGStravaganza/Easter Craft and Bake Sale (Sunday, April 7, 2019 from 12 NOON – 5 PM.) would be most welcome. Your delicious baked items are excellent as a fundraiser for our church events. The profits from this event will be used toward a matching funds project by GCU Lodge # 81 which will be used for church renovations. Baked items may dropped off at the church social hall during the week before the event Wed. April 3 between 8-11AM, Thurs. April 4, 8AM – 1PM, Fri. April 5, 9AM -1PM, and Sat. April 6, 10AM -3PM or before 5:30 Divine Liturgy (donated baked goods will be packaged and priced on this day) , or Sun. April 7 (the day of the event), before or after 9AM Divine Liturgy. Monetary donations will also be welcomed to help defray the cost of kitchen expenses. Thank you as always for your generosity.

**EASTER RAFFLE BASKET-** St. John Social Ministry has put together an Easter/Spring Themed Raffle Basket to be awarded on Sunday, April 14 which is Palm Sunday. This basket includes many food and decorative items for Easter and Spring. Tickets may be purchased at Thursday Pirohi making, Friday Pirohi lunch and sales, at the upcoming coffee social (Sunday April 14), at the 14th Egg EGGStravaganza (Sun., April 7), or by contacting a St. John Social Ministry member. Thank you for your continued support.

**AFTERNOON OF RECOLLECTION - NEXT SUNDAY** - Afternoon of Recollection on March 24, 2019, from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist in Uniontown. Father Steve Wahal will be the presenter. At 5:00 p.m., there will be a celebration of the Great Vespers for the Feast of the Annunciation.

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## THEY WILL BE CHANGED, BUT YOU ARE THE SAME

“Who will give us back this present time if we waste it?” says St. Abba Dorotheos of Gaza in his *Discourses*.

To appreciate properly the meaning of “this present time,” we must meditate first on its purpose. What characterizes the difference between life on

earth and the hereafter? We do not really know, but we can see what the Bible and the holy fathers tell us.

## WILL WE GO TO HEAVEN OR HELL?

We learn even as small children about going “to heaven” or “to hell.” There is a great difference between them in our minds. This distinction comes from the Scriptures. St. John and the other Evangelists speak in glowing terms of eternal life, and St Paul tells us ‘But it is written, eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for those who love him’ (I Cor. 2:9). So we know heaven is indescribably beautiful. St. Paul also speaks of having experienced a vision of paradise or heaven (cf. II Cor. 12). The other is a place of hopelessness and desolation. St. Basil the Great says (On the Holy Spirit, 40):

“Those who have grieved the Holy Spirit...will according to one of the Evangelists, be completely ‘cut asunder,’ (cf. Matt. 24:51) which means utter separation from the Spirit...the eternal alienation of the soul from the Spirit.... Thus ‘in hll there is no one who confesses, no one in death who remembers God’, because the help of the Spirit is no longer available.”

We know this also from the story of Lazarus and the Rich man (Luke 16:19-31). Lazarus begged crumbs from the rich man’s table and was refused. Both the poor and the rich man died, Lazarus went to heaven, to the arms of Abraham; the rich man to hell, pleading with Abraham to send Lazarus to the rescue. The holy fathers tell us:

“But what do we learn from this? That no man can protect us there, if we are betrayed by our works, not because he will not, but because he cannot. For these too take refuge in the impossibility, this the blessed Abraham also indicated, saying ‘between and you there is a great gulf,’ so that not even when will is it permitted them to pass it.... The end of each one is a the doors, whether he be old or ounge; and it is not possible for men after they have gone hence, either to buy oil anyu more, or to obtain pardon by prayers, though he who entreats be Abraham, or Noah, or Job, or Daniel.” (St. John Chrysostom. *Homilies LXXVIII on Matthew XXV and XX on Matthew VI*.)