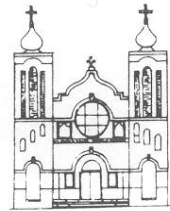




*The Holy Assumption of
Saint Mary*
Byzantine Catholic Church
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Confessions: Saturday 3:30 PM / Sunday 8:30 AM or Weekdays by request

10 February 2019
Schedule of Divine Services

SATURDAY 9 February	SUNDAY OF THE PUBLICAN AND THE PHARISEE THE HOLY HIEROMARTYR CHARALAMPAS / THE HOLY MARTYR PORPHYRIUS 4:00 PM Divine Liturgy: +Charlotte Linker by Dolores and Cindy
SUNDAY 10 February	8:30 AM Morning Prayers 9:00 AM Divine liturgy: For the <i>People of St. Mary Parish</i> 2:30 PM Blessing of the Susquehanna River
MONDAY 11 February	THE HOLY HIEROMARTYR BLAISE, BISHOP OF SEBASTE 12:00 PM Divine Liturgy: +Raymond Hendershot by Langdon Family
WEDNESDAY 13 February	VENERABLE FATHER MARTINIAN / HOLY FATHER EULOGIUS, ARCHBISHOP OF ALEXANDRIA 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy: +Ronald Linker by Karen Sepkoski
SATURDAY 16 February	SUNDAY OF THE PRODIGAL SON THE HOLY GREAT-MARTYR THEODORE OF TYRO (THE RECRUIT) 4:00 PM Divine Liturgy: For the <i>People of St. Mary Parish</i> 5:00 PM Moleben to the Holy Spirit
SUNDAY 17 February	8:30 AM Morning Prayers 9:00 AM Divine liturgy: For the Health and Blessings of <i>Carol Kovach</i> 10:00 AM Moleben to the Holy Spirit by Kelly Kushinsi

300 Club: Week #22 – 2/3/2019

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| 1. (\$25.00) #113 – Cathy Bogusky | 2. (\$25.00) #100 – Pat Arasin |
| 3. (\$10.00) #160 – Sylvia Shaffer | 4. (\$10.00) #31 – Sandie Castrignano |

Stewardship: 2/3/19

Offertory	\$1,838.00
Dues	375.00
Initial	25.00
Holydays	91.00
Building/Reno	39.00
Fuel	64.00
Candles	<u>158.00</u>
Total:	<u>\$2,590.00</u>

Propers
for
The Divine Liturgy

Resurrection Tone 5:
Divine Liturgy Book, page 146

Sunday of the Publican/Pharisee:
Divine Liturgy Book, page 215

Let us remember in prayer:

... Those who are ill or convalescing. May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years.

... All those who are in some special need of God's loving kindness and mercy at this time. Let us remember particularly the "Candle Prayer Requests" of all who have asked for the prayerful support of our Parish Family in their special intentions . . . Special Intention of Roz by Andy; Special Intention of Andy and Jonathon by Judy and Bud; Better Health for Fr. Michael; Better Health for Cindy Fernandez; Special Intention for Jack Selepak by Diana; Special Intention for William B. Evans by Mom; In Memory of +Ronnie and +Charlotte Linker by Karen.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: *Thank you* to all who have contributed to the Bishop's Appeal thus far. According to the latest update (1/15/19) from the Chancery Office total contributions from our Parish now amount to \$8,645.00 from 60 donors. The 2018 Bishop's Appeal ran through 31st December 2018 – however donations could still be made to the Appeal though not eligible as Charitable Contributions on your 2018 taxes.

Fast-Free Week: As a long standing tradition in the Byzantine Churches the week following the *Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee* is exempt from fasting/abstinence. According to this Tradition this respite from fasting gives us an opportunity to reflect on the our motivations for fasting so that our attitudes during Lent may reflect a spirit of humility like the Publican rather than the egocentric boasting of the Pharisee.

REMINDER: The blessing of the waters of the Susquehanna River will take place this Sunday (today), 10th February, at 2:30 PM at the Nesbitt Park Boat Launch in Kingston. Light refreshments will be served at St. Nicholas Church in Swoyersville afterwards.

FISH DINNER: St. Andre Bessette Parish will sponsor a Fish Dinner on Ash Wednesday, 6th March, at Father Zolcinski Hall from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM (including take-outs). The cost is \$10.00 and tickets must be purchased in advance. Please call Mary at 570-823-4988. Proceeds will benefit the parish Social Justice Ministry.

MEMORIAL OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED / ALL SOULS SATURDAYS:

- + The first of the *Five Memorial Saturdays* dedicated to prayer for the Faithful Departed occurs this year on February 23rd.
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- + **Important:** All names for the memorial intentions should be submitted by next Sunday, February 17th in order to be *printed* in this year's Hramoty booklet.

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