# THIRD SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS



Icon of the Sunday of the Holy Cross

## The Cross, Our Victory

Have you seen the wonderful victory? Have you seen the splendid deeds of the Cross? ... Who can tell the Lord's mighty deeds? By death we were made immortal: these are the glorious deeds of the Cross.

Have you understood the victory? Have you grasped how it was wrought? Learn now, how this victory was gained without any sweat or toil of ours. No weapons of ours were stained with blood; our feet did not stand in the front line of battle; we suffered no wounds; witnessed no tumults; and yet we obtained the victory.

The battle was the Lord's, the crown is ours. Since then victory is ours, let us imitate the soldiers, and with joyful voices sing the songs of victory.

Let us praise the Lord and say, "Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting?"

The Cross did all these wonderful things for us: the Cross is a war memorial erected against the demons, a sword against sin, the sword with which Christ slew the serpent.

The Cross is the Father's will, the glory of the Only-begotten, the Spirit's exultation, the beauty of the angels, the guardian of the Church. Paul glories in the Cross; it is the rampart of the saints, it is the light of the whole world.

St. John Chrysostom

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Slava Isusu Khristoo!

March 6-7, 2021 Great Fast

THIS WEEKEND WE WILL streamline the Holy Liturgy on Sunday at 9 am on the YouTube platform. Be sure to alert all your relatives and friends about this great chance to sing and pray with us during this Holy season of the Great Fast. This service will be in Ukrainian with parts in English for the convenience of all our Faithful.

NEXT WEEKEND WE WILL celebrate the Holy Liturgy on Saturday, March 6 at 6 pm and streamline this service via YOUTUBE for our dear faithful. Do a Christian good deed by telling all your neighbors and elderly folks about this wonderful opportunity about this service next Saturday.

THE SPRING SEMESTER of our virtual Sunday School is now underway for all our youth. Classes are held from Preschool through highschool, including First Communion candidates. To enroll a child in our school, simply beam up our parish website and fill out the school registration form and submit it. We will contact you and enroll the child in the proper class.

DURING THIS LENTEN PERIOD we celebrate the Panachyda (Sorokousty) for all our parish deceased. On Saturday morning we will celebrate the Liturgy at 8 am and the Panachyda at 8:30 am. Please give Father Pastor a list of all your familial deceased, so that he can pray for them on Saturday.

WE ARE SO THANKFUL to all the good folks who sent in their donations to our Parish this week, either in person or by mail. In particular, we thank my sister Kathy out in Carnegie, PA for donating a "handsome" gift to the parish in memory of our parents Peter and Martha.

THE PARISH OFFICE is now preparing official donation forms for 2020 income tax purposes. Simply give the ushers your name(s) and Father will prepare a confidential form for you by the following week.

THE PARISH FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 2020 is now available in the church vestibule. We thank Dr. John Solar and (Chief) Zenny Martyniuk for preparing this "happy" report for distribution to all our faithful.

ON SATURDAY we sang the burial prayers for +Howard Lyboldt, 79, husband of Joanne nee Klus. And on Tuesday we will sing the burial Panachyda for +Michael Alexander Lucas, 63, Bridgeport, PA, husband of Nicole (nee) Hindo. We pray that the Lord Jesus will make their memories eternal.

### DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, March 6, 8 am Div. Liturgy +Maruszczak Fam, Panachyda Saturday, March 6, 6 pm +George, Anna Ferenz ) The Dudas Family) Sunday, March 7, 9 am +Maria Stanko (The Somits Family)

+Martha, Peter Popivchak, Panachyda Saturday, March 13, 8 am +Helen Popivchak (Veronica, Mike Heryla) Saturday, March 13, 6 pm +Mary T. Johnson (The Osciak Family) Sunday, March 14, 9 am

#### HOLY CROSS TROPAR:

O Lord, save Your People and bless Your Inheritance. Help the faithful rulers vanquish their enemies, protect Your Faithful with Your Holy Cross. GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON ...

HOLY CROSS KONTAK:

The gates of Eden are no more guarded by a blazing sword, for the Tree of the Cross has extinguished it, destroying the sting of death, O My Savior. You descended into Hades to call back all the people to return to Paradise.

HOLY CROSS PROKIMEN:

O My Lord, we bow to Your Cross and glorify Your Holy Resurrection.