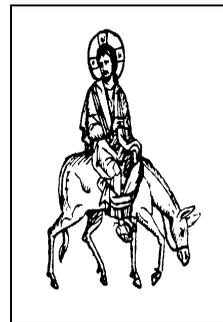
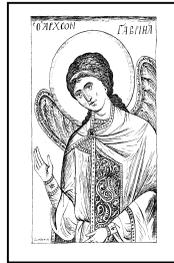
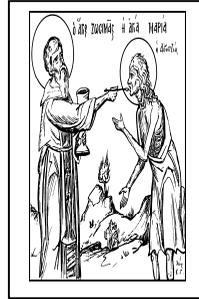


ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH
185 E. Main Street Uniontown, PA 15401

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY 3-14-2021

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, March 21	5TH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST St. Mary of Egypt +Joseph Comforti Req. by Daughter Cathy Phillips
9:00 a.m.	
Monday, March 22	Basil of Ancyra (Priest - Martyr) Matins
8:30 a.m. (Church)	
Tuesday, March 23	Nicon and Others (Venerable -Martyrs) Matins
8:30 a.m. (Church)	
Wednesday, March 24	Zachary (Venerable) (SIMPLE ABSTINENCE REQUIRED OF ALL) 6:00 p.m. Vespers with Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts (Church)
Thursday, March 25	ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS (SOLEMN) 6:00 p.m. Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Church)
Friday, March 26	Synaxis of the Archangel Gabriel (SIMPLE ABSTINENCE REQUIRED OF ALL) 6:00 p.m. Liturgy of the PreSanctified Gifts (Church)
Saturday, March 27	Saturday of Lazarus 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 5:30 p.m. +Josephine Kruczkiewicz Req. by Helen Piwowar (Church)
Sunday, March 28	PALM OR FLOWERY SUNDAY 9:00 a.m. For the Parish Family 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession



Offering = \$1254.00 Candles = \$132.50 Pirohi = \$2918.50 Palm Sunday = \$330.00
 Easter Flowers = \$520.00 Seminary = \$277.00 BCW = \$28.00 Loose Cash = \$23.00
TOTAL = \$5483.00

PRAYER REQUESTS – Cathy, Anita, Thomas, Michael, Karen, Joan, Shirley, Rachel, Shirley, Frank, Marsha, Cynthia, Linda, Annette, and Andrea, Connie, Chris, Melba, Joan, Shirley, Paul, Connie, Chris, Melba, Dominic, Bob, Clancy, Nadine, Robert, PJ, Ceil, Rose, Patty, Nadine, Ted, Josephine, Janet, Carol, Butch, Michael, Margaret, Betty, Theresa, Ann, Helen, Norma Jean, Louis, Janet, Sharlene, August, MaryAnn, Gerry, Raymond, David, Kathleen, Ida, Barb, Dolores, Patty, Bonnie, Kay, Dan, Janice, Bill, Arlene, John, JA, Charles, Larissa, JT, Wanda, Jay, Marie, Bertie, Kathleen, Daria, Larry, Sophia, Charlene, Connor, Cathy, BA, George Jr., Dianne, Heather, Elaine, Susan, Paulette, Georgia, Vince, Louis, Charlotte, Robin, Josh, Conner, Nancy, Janet, Tim, Bob, Tom, Rene, Pete, Buzzy, Richard, Harvey, Troy, Traci, Trevor, Carolyn, Ray, Cherisse, Tanner, Carter, Kyrie, Bailee, Cole, Cooper, Connie, Riley, Debbie, Dan, Lisa, Colleen, Mary Ann, Tammy, Riley, Elaine, Don, Jenn, Tammy, James, Ashley, Chris, Jameson, Patrick, Michelle, Olivia, Barbara, Mike, Bernie, Susan, Herb, Carol, Dennis, Michael, Debi, Paul, Paul, Paul, Carlotte, Harlie, Austin, Bobbie Jean, Edward, Susan, Alice, Mason, Melanie, Melvin, Jean, Joyce, Richard, Jenn.

SYMPATHY OF OUR PARISH FAMILY – Our parish Family extends condolences to Matthew Miner and Family on the death of his stepfather +Timothy Szepesi. May God grant to +Timothy a blessed repose and eternal memory.

COLEBROOK CANDY FOR EASTER - The Social Ministry is selling Colebrook Candy for Easter. Order forms are in the Narthex and sacristy of the Church. Orders and money are due by today, March 14, and Candy will be available on March 27. Thank you for your patronage.

LONG ROLLS - St. John the Baptist Byzantine Church will be selling long rolls for Easter. We will have Nut, Poppyseed, Apricot and Prune. The price will be \$11.50 per roll for Nut, Apricot, and Poppyseed and \$10 for Prune. To order call 724-434-5355 on Friday March 12 or March 19 or sign up in church Narthex. Please leave your name, phone number and number and kind you want. Pick up will be on Friday, March 26 between 9 am & 12 noon.

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.

‡**CHOOSE LIFE!** For those in the pro-life movement, that their faith and trust in the Lord may carry them through difficult times, we pray to the Lord.

THE VIRTUE OF CHARITY

(From Sermo 10 in Quadragesima, 3-5: PL 54, 299-301, by Saint Leo the Great, Pope)

In the gospel of John the Lord says: *In this will all men know that you are my disciples, if you have love for each other.* In a letter of the same apostle we read: *Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; he who does not love does not know God, for God is love.*

The faithful should therefore enter into themselves and make a true judgment on their attitudes of mind and heart. If they find some store of love's fruit in their hearts, they must not doubt God's presence within them. If they would increase their capacity to receive so great a guest, they should practice greater generosity in doing good, with persevering charity.

If God is love, charity should know no limit, for God cannot be confined.

Any time is the right time for works of charity, but these days of Lent provide a special encouragement. Those who want to be present at the Lord's Passover in holiness of mind and body should seek above all to win this grace, for charity contains all other virtues and covers a multitude of sins.

As we prepare to celebrate that greatest of all mysteries, by which the blood of Jesus Christ did away with our sins, let us first of all make ready the sacrificial offerings of works of mercy. In this way we shall give to those who have sinned against us what God in his goodness has already given to us.

Let us now extend to the poor and those afflicted in different ways a more open-handed generosity, so that God may be thanked through many voices and the relief of the needy supported by our fasting. No act of devotion on the part of the faithful gives God more pleasure than that which is lavished on his poor. Where he finds charity with its loving concern, there he recognizes the reflection of his own fatherly care.

In these acts of giving go no fear a lack of means. A generous spirit is itself great wealth. There can be no shortage of material for generosity where it is Christ who feeds and Christ who is fed. In all this activity there is present the hand of him who multiplies the bread by breaking it, and increases it by giving it away.

The giver of alms should be free from anxiety and full of joy. His gain will be greatest when he keeps back least for himself. The holy apostle Paul tells us: *He who provides seed for the sower will also provide bread for eating; he will provide you with more seed, and will increase the harvest of your goodness,* in Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.