

ST. ELIJAH SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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CHEESE-FARE WEEK

TODAY IS FORGIVNESS SUNDAY- This is a time to make peace with our friends, neighbors, relatives and others. As we move into Great Lent, we set our eyes on the Risen Christ whose Resurrection we will celebrate at the end of the journey. This is a time of repentance, reflection and redirection in life. Our efforts need to be against sinning and toward prayer. Participation in the Holy Sacraments should be part of our plans. This is time for spiritual joy and purification. Take time to help others, Take time to help those who need help the most. *The fall of our first parents, Adam and Eve, and their expulsion from Paradise are commemorated on this day.*

STRICHERA OF THE TRIODION: IT IS TRUE that the Lord, my Creator, took slime from the earth and, with his life-giving breath, gave me a soul and life, honoring me and setting me on the earth as the king of all visible things, enjoying the life of angels. But Satan the Deceiver, in the guise of a serpent, induced me to eat of the forbidden fruit, separating me from God's glory, delivering me to the earth, through death. But since You are my compassionate Lord, O God, call me back to You!

When tempted by the enemy I disobeyed your command, O Lord, I, alas, was stripped of my God-woven robe. Now must I wear a garment of skin, and fig-leaves; now am I condemned to eat the bread of hardship by the sweat of my brow. The earth being cursed has brought forth thorns and husks for me. But You who became incarnate of the Virgin in the last days, call me back and let me come into the Paradise of Bliss.

THE LITURGIES OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS- will be served on Friday, March 6, 2009 and on every Friday during Great Lent. The Service of Hours will begin at 9:00 a.m. Holy Confession will be heard at 9:30 a.m. and the Presanctified Liturgy will follow.

ST. THEODOR'S SATURDAY- On Saturday, March 7th, 2009 Holy Confession will be heard at 9: 00 a.m. followed by the Divine Liturgy at 9: 30 a.m. We urge all Church School Children along with their parents to prepare themselves for receiving Holy Communion this first Saturday of lent.

VISITS

Feb. 22nd Beaver Elder Care: Diane Crevar, Kay Gruber, Sara Musolin and Helen Peich

Schedule of Lenten Services and Our Presanctified Liturgy Schedule for 2009

TODAY the Lenten Service will be held at **ST. SAVA SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH, MC KEESPORT, PA.** at 5:30 p.m. Please attend. Homily by: Fr. Adam Yontich

Friday March 5 th	Presanctified Liturgy	St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church	Aliquippa	9:00 am	
March 8 th	1 st Sunday of Orthodoxy	Holy Cross Greek Orthodox Church Mt. Lebanon	Pittsburgh	5:00 pm	Doxology
Friday March 13 th	Presanctified Liturgy	St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church	Aliquippa	9:00 am	
March 15 th	2 nd Sunday of Great Lent	St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church	Aliquippa	5:30 pm	Fr. Milan Pajic
Friday March 20 th	Presanctified Liturgy	St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church	Aliquippa	9:00 am	
March 22 nd	3 rd Sunday of the Holy Cross	St. George Serbian Orthodox Church	Midland	5:30 pm	Fr. Rajko Kosic
Friday March 27 th	Presanctified Liturgy	St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church	Aliquippa	9:00 am	
March 29 th	4 th Sunday of St. John the Ladder	St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church	Monroeville	5:30 pm	Fr. Milovan Blagojevic
Friday April 3 rd	Presanctified Liturgy SECOND VIGIL SERVICE AKATIST	St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church	Aliquippa	9:00 am 6:00 PM	
April 5 th	5 th Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt	St. George Serbian Orthodox Church	Masontown	5:30 pm	Fr. Rade Merick
Friday April 10 th	Presanctified Liturgy	St. Elijah Serbian Orthodox Church	Aliquippa	9:00 am	
April 12 th	PALM SUNDAY	Holy Trinity Serbian Orthodox Cathedral	Pittsburgh	5:30 pm	Rev. Deacon Dragoslav Kosic

KCC- The sisters are taking orders for noodles. If you need them for Easter you may place your order by calling Melanie Komazec @ 724-375-1215. Orders may be picked up once you receive a call IMMEDIATELY following Divine Liturgy, Cheryl Robbins-Lufkin will be waiting for you downstairs in the Center. Nut Rolls and Poppy Seed rolls will be available for Easter also, you may place your order with Seya Mabee after Divine Liturgy or call 724-378-4154; next Sunday will be the last day to place an order.

SARRIS EASTER CANDY- today is the last day to place your orders, please see Melanie Bard following Liturgy.

ON THIS SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS, as we are ready to ask for forgiveness, to give forgiveness and to begin the Great Lent I beg you my dear parishioners, that you forgive me if I in any way have offended you, or disappointed you. If I didn't have enough time or patience for you or if I might have, through a spoken or written word (sometimes too strong) brought you to the feelings of anger, and for all else - **FORGIVE ME.** May God, who knows everything and sees everything, but Who also loves everyone, forgive us all. Fr. Stevan

