

# Holy Ghost Byzantine Catholic Church

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**GLORY TO JESUS THE CHRIST! SLAVA ISUSUS CHRISTU!**

## First Sunday of Great Fast

Tone 4    Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2;    John 1:43-51

<b>Sat 2/17</b>	3:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	<b>Mystery of Penance</b> (Confessions) + <b>Anna and +Anthony Stefursky</b> by granddaughter, MaryAnn Vladika
<b>Sun 2/18</b>	11:00 a.m. 3:00 p.m.    Lenten Vespers	+ <b>Mary Girman</b> by granddaughter, Mary Frame <b>At St. Mary's Church, Scranton</b>
<b>Wed 2/21</b>	7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	<b>At St. Michael's Church, Dunmore</b>
<b>Fri 2/23</b>	7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	<b>At St. Michael's Church, Dunmore</b>

## Second Sunday of the Great Fast

<b>Sat 2/24</b>	3:30 p.m. 4:00 p.m.	<b>Mystery of Penance</b> (Confessions) + <b>Julia Prebish</b> by daughter, Diane
<b>Sun 2/25</b>	11:00 a.m.	+ <b>Lyona Drutarovsky</b> by David Vagnarelli & Family <b>Followed by Panachida for the Second All Souls Saturday</b>

**SANCTUARY CANDLE** this week is given in loving memory of the late +Deceased Children of the Skeba Family by the Family members

\*\*\***SECOND ALL SOULS SATURDAY:** This observance is suppressed this year because the Feast of the First and Second Finding of the Head of Saint John the Baptist falls on Saturday, the 24<sup>th</sup>. However, as noted above, we will celebrate a Panachida after the Devine Liturgy next Sunday.

**LENTEN REGULATIONS:** All Wednesdays and Fridays of the Fast are days of Abstinence – no meat may be eaten. This regulation is to be observed by all members of our parish family who are able to receive Holy Communion. Any dispensations for medical or other reasons should be obtained from the Administrator of the Parish.

To the Parish Family of Holy Ghost Church,

As we observe the end of the first week of the Great Fast with our celebration of the Divine Liturgy, the first reading from the Letter to the Hebrews recalls the giants of the Old Testament, who endured suffering and misunderstanding with great faith, for they realized that things of this world were only fleeting and temporary. They trusted in God that by remaining faithful (putting aside sin and selfishness) they would inherit that which really mattered – eternal life with God.

As this Great Fast progresses, may we keep their examples in mind and “lay aside every encumbrance of sin” so that we might obtain the dame reward.....Fr. Robert

**SERVICES FOR THE GREAT FAST:** Due to the fact that Fr Robert had expected that a permanent pastor would be named before Lent began, the following measures have to be put in place:

-For the All Souls Saturday, the Panachida associated with these days will be celebrated on the following Sunday after the 11Am Divine Liturgy here in Jessup. However, the deceased will also be remembered at the All Souls liturgies celebrated in Dunmore on the proper Saturdays at 9AM. You are encouraged to attend these celebrations.

-It is not possible for Father to celebrate the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts in Jessup because all of these days have been scheduled with intentions at Saint Michael's in Dunmore. You will be warmly welcomed to celebrate these liturgies in Dunmore and the days and times will be published in the Holy Ghost bulletin.

**YOUR STEWARDSHIP: For Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday Offering: \$1538.00; Monthly \$130.00; Candles \$92.85; Snow Removal \$43.00; Holy Days \$59.00; Fuel \$50.00; Christmas \$25.00; School Loan \$5.00; Lottery profit \$10,195.25; Total \$12,138.10      Envelopes Adults – 74; Children – 5  
 Thank you for your sacrificial giving and generosity.

**10 MONTH LOTTERY:** Our 2018 lottery starts in March, be sure to buy your “winning” calendar soon.

We have sold over **860** tickets with about 90 outstanding. That leaves us less than 50 to be taken. Please do your best to take 5 or 10. If not for yourself, maybe you have a friend, neighbor, or relative who can buy or sell. Contact Gregory Dick (570) 489-8723 or Jean Cucura (570)489-3974.

Congratulations to all the winners of our 2017 Calendar lottery. We have recorded a profit of \$10,195.25 after expenses. Thank you to Gregory Dick for hand delivering many prizes and a thank you to all those people who donated their winnings back to the church.

**SOUPER BOWL OF CARING:** During the month of February, we will gratefully be accepting donations of cash, checks, or non-perishable food items which will go directly to the Bread Basket located across the street to feed the poor and hungry in our community. Please use the envelopes provided in the Vestibule for cash or checks (payable to Holy Ghost Church) and leave food items on the table or in the boxes provided. Thank you for your generosity.

**EASTER ORDERS:** The Carmelite Nuns in Sugarloaf have again sent us a list of their delicious baked goods & jellies for sale. Please check our church vestibule for their (yellow paper) ordering info and price list.

**GCU DISTRICT 5:** invites you to a Hockey Game on Saturday April 7<sup>th</sup>, at Mohegan Sun Arena, Wilkes Barre Twp. Penguins vs. Bingham Devils game will start at 7:05 PM. More info call Ed at (570)824-1264

**SANCTUARY CANDLES:** The calendar has several dates available starting this March. Please call the office or send us a note in the collection, with your candle date request.

**DATED DIVINE LITURGY REQUESTS:** Due to the delay in the arrival of a new pastor, dated intentions for 2018 will ONLY be taken for the SATURDAY (4pm) Divine Liturgy. You may call the parish office to make arrangements on a Monday or Tuesday between 9:30 a.m. and 12noon. It would also be appreciated if you would make your offering for the Liturgy at the same time.

**Please note: In case of emergency (only)** please contact Father Robert at St.Michael's Church at (570) 344-2521. All other calls should be directed to the office number (570) 489-2353.

These will be answered/returned as soon as possible. Thank you.

**REMEMBER HIS WILL IN YOURS** – You can express your commitment to our Parish by making a bequest to HOLY GHOST CHURCH. Simply have the following statement included in your will: “I LEAVE TO HOLY GHOST PARISH, JESSUP, PA, THE SUM OF \$\_\_\_\_\_.\_\_\_\_ (or \_\_\_\_\_% of the residue of my estate) for its religious, educational and charitable works.” May God abundantly bless you for considering to do this for us!

*WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING TO HELP THE PRO-LIFE CAUSE?*

*PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND IN OUR WORLD. PRAY FOR VOCATIONS.*