



Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

St. Anne Byzantine Catholic Church

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Liturgy Schedule:

Sunday, February 4 (Divine Liturgy) – 10:00 am

Sunday of Meat Fare - Pg: 217 and Tone 3 Pg 135

Liturgy Intention: *Health & Birthday Blessings of Robert Byers*

Eternal Light Candle: *Health & Blessings of the parishioners of St Anne*

Sunday, February 11 (Divine Liturgy) – 10:00 am

Sunday of Cheese Fare - Pg: 218 and Tone 4 Pg 141

Liturgy Intention: *Health & Birthday Blessings of Christopher Byers*

Eternal Light Candle: *Health & Blessings of the parishioners of St Anne*

Wednesday, February 14 (Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts) – 6:00 pm

Sunday, February 18 (Divine Liturgy) – 10:00 am

Sunday of First Sunday of the Great Fast - Pg: 220 and Tone 5 Pg 146

Liturgy Intention: *Blessed Memory of +Wiley Byers*

Eternal Light Candle: *Health & Blessings of Byers Family*

Mystery of Repentance

Offered before and after each Divine Liturgy, as well as by appointment. Please contact Father if you would like to partake in this great Mystery!

Praying For Those We Love

Honor a family member or friend with an Eternal Light Candle (\$10) or by having a Liturgy (\$20) celebrated for them. Simply drop your request and stipend into the collection basket.

This makes for a great birthday or anniversary gift! We have many weeks available.

Cheese Fare Sunday Social Time

Sunday, February 11th, please bring a cheese dish to the social hall to share as we celebrate the kick-off of our Lenten Great Fast

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Lenten practices differ for Byzantine Catholics than Roman Catholics – Part 1

All Churches in full communion with the Holy See observe Lent, but not all observe it in the same way. For example, did you know that in the Byzantine Church we often bless not only palms on Palm Sunday but also pussy willows?

That is because in many territories in Europe under the Byzantine Church we could not get palms. The pussy willow was substituted because it was the first blossoming plant of spring.

Although it has similarities in ritual to Orthodox Christian services, the Byzantine rite uses the same Gregorian calendar as the Roman Catholic rite, celebrating Easter on the same date but with variations. For Byzantines, Lent ends the Friday before Palm Sunday.

On Palm Sunday, in addition to receiving blessed palm and pussy willows, worshipers are anointed on their forehead with oil. They do not receive blessed ashes on Ash Wednesday because in the Byzantine Church, Lent begins two days earlier, on Monday, and ashes are not part of our ancient tradition.

Stations of the Cross were sometimes observed in their churches during Lent in the second half of the 1900's, mostly due to Vatican II reforms. Eastern Catholic Churches returned to our own traditions in

such matters and the ceremony was eliminated.

There are other differences. In the Roman tradition, penitents observe fasting and abstinence during Lent; fasting having to do with the quantity of food and abstinence with the type of food – no meat or meat products.

The Byzantine fast does not specify any amount of food, but it eliminates meat and all dairy products, and the fast is only mandated for the first Monday of Lent and Good Friday but encouraged to be practiced throughout Lent on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Some people adhere to a traditional fast all through Holy Week.

Next time we will learn more about the liturgical aspect of the Byzantine traditions during Lent.

Prayer to St Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil; May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; And do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

The Jesus Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the Living God,
Have mercy on me,
a sinner.

Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Heavenly King, Comforter, Spirit
of Truth, everywhere present and
filling all things, Treasury of
blessings, and Giver of life, come
and dwell within us, cleanse us of
all stain, and save our souls, O
Gracious One.

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