



### The Sunday of Orthodoxy

Today, we commemorate the restoration of the veneration of Holy Icons. Icons come from prayer to be used in prayer and worship. Icons remind us and make us aware of the presence of Christ and the Saints and Angels. They teach, they challenge, they witness, they sanctify and they unite us to the Divine Kingdom.

Weekend		Week Day	
Saturday	4:00PM Northern Cambria	Monday	8:30AM Northern Cambria
Sunday	9:00AM Northern Cambria	Tuesday	6:30PM Revloc
	11:00AM Revloc	Wednesday	8:30AM Northern Cambria
	5:00PM Northern Cambria	Thursday	8:30AM Northern Cambria
Liturgy schedule may change due to Holy Days throughout the year.			

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# Our Weekly Bulletin

Week of February 18 to 25, 2018

## Welcome to our Parish

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!  
Christ is Among Us! He Is and Always Will Be!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week		
<b>Sunday, Feb. 18</b>	First Sunday of the Great Fast Sunday of Orthodoxy	✠ George Manculich
<b>Feb. 19</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Feb. 20</b>	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30PM	
<b>Feb. 21</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Feb. 22</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Feb. 23</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Feb. 24</b>	No Liturgy	
<b>Sunday, Feb. 25</b>	2nd Sunday of the Great Fast Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas	The Chuff Family

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## First Sunday of the Great Fast - Sunday of Orthodoxy

Hebrews 11:24-26,32-40;12:1-2

John 1:43-51

*Troparion of the Resurrection (Tone 4)*

When the disciples of the Lord learned from the angel the glorious news of the resurrection and cast off the ancestral condemnation, they proudly told the apostles: "Death has been plundered! Christ our God is risen, granting to the world great mercy."

*Troparion of Lent (Tone 2)*

We bow before Your most pure image, O kind Lord, and beg pardon for our sins, O Christ our God. Of Your own will You consented to ascend the Cross in the flesh to free Your handiwork from enslavement to the enemy. In thanksgiving we cry aloud to You: by coming to save the world, our Savior, You filled all things with joy.

*Kondakion of Lent (Tone 8)*

Glory be... The uncircumscribed Word of the Father became circumscribed when He took flesh of You, O Mother of God; and when He restored the divine image to its ancient glory, He suffered it with the beauty of God. Therefore, confessing our salvation in deed and word, we portray it in images.

*Prokeimen of Lent (Tone 4)*

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever.

*verse:* For You are righteous in everything You have done to us.

Blessed are You, Lord God of our fathers, and praised and glorified is Your name forever.

*Alleluia*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Verse* Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Verse* They call on the Lord, and He heard them.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

*Communion Verse*

Praise the Lord from the heaven; praise Him in the highest.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous, Alleluia. (3)

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## PARISH NEWS

**Catechism** - Sundays at 10:00AM

**Weekday Services** - Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts on Tuesdays at 6:30PM

**Weekly Exercise** - Thursday evenings at 6:30PM

**Weekly Collection** - February 11, 2018 - \$609.00. Thank you for your generosity.

**Confessions** - Father will hear confessions following Sunday Liturgies.

**Birthday Sunday** - Birthday Sunday will be today

### Upcoming Events

February 27 - PAC Meeting following Presanctified Liturgy, weather permitting. If the weather is bad, the meeting will be March 6.

March 3rd and 10th - Pysanky Classes 9:00AM to 12:00PM

March 10 - Painting class at Northern Cambria beginning at 5:00PM

March 25 - Paska Sale pick-up.

### Prayer List

#### Parishioners:

Francis and Rose Charney, Peter Datsko, Michael Lutak, Jessica Mizera, Phyllis Weimer, Michael Yendzik, Kevin Rogers

**Friends of the Parish:** Troy, Bernie Kordish, Jennifer Maurer, George Datsko, Brian Smith, Breanna Borlie, Lindsey Lamer, Robin Wagner, Dan Ott  
*To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.*

### Jokes of the Day

Our pastor was teaching Proverbs 16:24: "Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones." The minister then added, "You can catch more flies with honey than with vinegar."

My wife leaned over, put her head on my shoulder, and whispered in my ear, "I just love to watch your muscles ripple when you take out the garbage."

We accompanied our son and his fiancée when they met with her priest to sign some pre-wedding ceremony papers. While filling out the form, our son read aloud a few questions. When he got to the last one, which read "Are you entering this marriage at your own will?" he looked over at his fiancée. "Put down 'yes,' " she said.

## Frequently Asked Questions

### Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Q: *When do we bless ourselves and bow (make a prostration) during the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy?*

A: As during all of our services we *cross ourselves* a) when we hear or sing praises mentioning the Holy Trinity, b) when the priest blesses us with a sign of the cross, e.g. “Peace be with all,” c) when we come in and come out of the church, d) when we venerate holy icons.

We make prostrations to a) represent our repentance, as we humble ourselves before the Lord and ask for forgiveness; b) we prostrate ourselves also to show reverence for the Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. In the prayer book, times when we make a *profound bow* are indicated.

Q: *What is the meaning of Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts?*

A: Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts, aka Liturgy of St. Gregory the Great, is a liturgy celebrated during the Great Fast, in which we do not celebrate the Divine Liturgy on weekdays, because each Divine Liturgy is the celebration of Resurrection, of joy and victory of Jesus Christ. This is something we celebrate every Sunday. However, Great Fast is a time of repentance and calling to mind of Christ’s passion and death for our sins. Therefore, it is not appropriate to celebrate the Liturgy of Resurrection (Divine Liturgy) during the Great Fast. However, we need God’s nourishment to feed our hungry souls. For this reason, the celebrating of the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts was established to accomplish this task. This service does not have Consecration of the Body and Blood. Priest preserves the Holy Communion from the previous Sunday on the altar to be distributed on Wednesday and Friday during the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts. Hence the name, the Gifts we pre-sanctified for the faithful to receive to be sanctified by them.

Q: *What does the closing and opening of doors represent?*

A: During the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts one may notice a peculiar liturgical gesture in priest opening and closing of the doors. Liturgy in the Byzantine Rite has a plethora of symbolism that tries to help

discover and better understand the mystery of God, Creation and Redemption. Shutting doors represents God shutting the doors on us when we sin and separate ourselves from His grace. The best image of the closed doors is the image of Adam and Eve standing in front of the closed doors to the Paradise after they rebelled against God and His Commandment. God hates sin and anything to do with it. On the other hand, opening the doors symbolizes God opening the doors of mercy for us, giving His grace and forgiveness to those who truly seek it. For this reason, the only time we open the doors during the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts is when we sing “Tranquil Light,” when the priest blesses the faithful with lit candle, representing Christ coming into the world to illumine our hearts and minds with His all powerful Word, as well as when we process with the Body and Blood of Jesus and for Holy Communion, which of course represents God opening the doors of His life saving grace to everyone who partakes of them.

Q: *What is represented by the church being dark and then light during the service?*

A: Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts actually starts as a vespers service up to the Hymn of the “Tranquil Light.” Up until this particular hymn, the church is darkened symbolizing the darkness of ignorance of people before coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For example, in the beginning of vespers we sing Psalm 103, which sings praises of God’s creation, how He created everything and how everything works together in harmony. God did reveal Himself in the Old Testament. However, the full revelation came in the person of Jesus Christ, which is why we light all the lights in the church when we sing “Tranquil Light.” Priest is with only cassock and stall in the beginning of the service, then he changes into full vestments. What does it represent? Just like the lighting of the church changes before and after the coming of Christ, sung in the hymn “Tranquil Light,” in the same way priest humble vesting represents the poor knowledge of God before Jesus Christ revealed Father to us and His love. Priest wears full vestments only during something grandiose and majestic. And coming of Christ certainly fits that line of thought.