

Catholic Apologetics — Clergy Vestments (Week 5 of 7)
(D - deacon, P - priest, & B - bishop)

Belt (P, B)

The zone or belt is the liturgical vestment priests and bishops use to fasten the sticharion and epitrachelion to his body. This helps the priest move about during Liturgy without impediment from the other garments. The zone signifies that the priest wears the mortification of the body and chastity, having girded his loins with the power of truth. It also symbolizes the divine power that strengthens the priest during the course of his serving (Psalm 18:32). Further, it reminds us of the towel which the Savior was given for the washing of the disciples' feet at the Mystical Supper.

Pectoral Cross (P, B)

A pectoral cross *is a relatively large cross on a chain or cord that hangs from the priest's neck down to his chest. The pectoral is different from an ordinary cross worn on a necklace by most Christians. The cross depicts Christ crucified, either in icon form or in relief (no more than 3/4). It also bears the inscription INBI (the title that Pontius Pilate placed above the head of Jesus at the crucifixion) and the letters IC XC NIKA ("Jesus Christ Conquers") around the arms of the cross. Additionally, they often have an icon of Christ "Made Without Hands" at the top of the cross.*

Phelonion (P, B)

The phelonion is a liturgical vestment worn by priests over their other vestments. It is large and sleeveless, like a cape. The front portion of the cape reaches down to the priest's waist, while the back portion touches down to the ankles. The use of the phelonion is not limited to the Divine Liturgy, but is specified for any major liturgical function. A bishop who wishes to serve a Divine Liturgy as a priest (*i.e., without the special rites and prayers of the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy*) will sometimes vest in a phelonion instead of his sakkos, but with the small omophorion around his neck. The phelonion symbolizes the red tunic with which Pilate dressed our Lord before His Crucifixion. In other words, it reminds us of the torment and suffering a priest endures during his ministry in order to serve God's faithful. Additionally, the phelonion embodies the garment of righteousness with which priests must be vested as servants of Christ.



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Our Weekly Bulletin

100th Anniversary Celebration

Mark your calendars



October 4, 2026

Bishop Bohdan has confirmed the date that he will be with us to celebrate the 100 years of the founding of our parish.

581 days or 83 weeks

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!
 Christ is among us! He is and always will be!

Divine Liturgies and Services for the Week

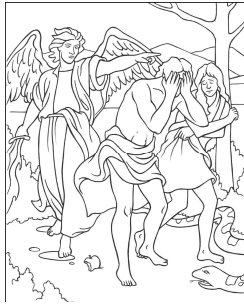
Sunday, Mar 2	Sunday of Cheesefare - Forgiveness Sunday	✠ Michael Lutak The Yahners
Mar 3	First Day of Lent - No meat or dairy today	
Mar 4	No Liturgy	
Mar 5	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts - Northern Cambria	5:00PM 
Mar 6	No Liturgy	
Mar 7	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts - Revloc	3:30PM 
Mar 8	No Liturgy	
Sunday, Mar 9	Sunday of Orthodoxy	✠ Anna & John Olexo

If you are looking for a closer relationship with Jesus Christ and are looking for a home, you are welcome to be part of our kid friendly family in Christ. You have found your way home.

Sunday of Cheese Fare - Forgiveness Sunday

Romans 13:11-14:4

Matthew 6:14-21



Troparion (Tone 8)

You came down from on high, O Merciful One, and accepted three days for burial to free us from our sufferings. O Lord, our life and our resurrection, glory be to You.

Kondakion (Tone 6)

Glory be ... O Master, Guide to Wisdom, Bestower of prudent counsel, Instructor of the foolish and Defender of the poor ones; make firm my heart and give it understanding. Give me a word, O Word of the Father: Behold, I shall not stop my lips from crying out to You: In Your mercy, have mercy on me who am fallen.

Prokeimen (Tone 8)

Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

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verse: In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

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Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse It is good to give praise to the Lord, and to sing to Your name, O Most High.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Verse To announce Your mercy in the morning and Your truth every night.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion Verse

Praise the Lord from the heaven; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia. (3)

Weekly Collection - February 23, 2025 - \$1,005.00. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday - \$870.00 Candles - \$15.00 Fuel - \$10.00

Diocesan - \$10.00 Misc. - \$100.00

PARISH NEWS

Saturdays with Jesus - March 8, 2025

Adult Catechism 10 to 12

Children's Catechism 1 to 2:30PM

March Events

March 22 & 29 - Our annual Pysanky Class from 9 to 12. Spread the word to your friends.

Pyrohi - Pyrohi are available for purchase.

Presanctified Gifts - Wednesdays at 5:00PM Northern Cambria Fridays at 3:30 PM Revloc

Easter Bake Sale - Our parish will be baking Paskas and nut roll, apricot roll, and poppyseed rolls. Please spread the word to everyone that you know. These fundraisers help with the budget.



Next Sunday is the Sunday of Orthodoxy. On this day, we celebrate the restoration of the Holy Icon and other sacramentals. A table will be setup so that you can place your items to be blessed and Father Andriy will bless them after the Divine Liturgy.

The children will process during the liturgy with their Icons.



Prayer List

Millie & Steve Deskevich, Connie Butkus, Kathy Ott, Sarah Kelt, Gary Maurer, Jeremiah Hunt, Margaret Reighard, Mary Catherine Hoover, The Fernandez family, Jennifer Maurer, Breanna Borlie, Tom and Kris, Joe Gomes, Thomas, Richard Shonk, Ryder McDermitt, Steve Helsel, Patricia Dragani, Eugene, Sonya Kohan Kevin Rogers, Darla Tishok, the Williams family, Patty Hunt, Pat Bodenski, Wendy Haggerty.

To add or remove a name, place your request in the collection basket.



Joke of the Day

Driving with my two young boys to a funeral, I tried to prepare them by talking about burial and what we believe happens after death. The boys behaved well during the service. But at the gravesite, I discovered my explanations weren't as thorough as I'd thought. In a loud voice, my four-year-old asked, "Mom?" "Yes," I whispered. "What's in the box?"