

**February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**Second Sunday of the Great Lent**

**SUNDAY, 2/25** 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners  
10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention  
**MONDAY, 2/26** No Typica Service  
**TUESDAY, 2/27** 5:00 pm Typika Service  
**WEDNESDAY, 2/28** 4:30 pm Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts  
**THURSDAY, 2/29** 5:00 pm Typika Service  
**FRIDAY, 3/1** 4:30 pm Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts and Sorokousty

**Night Time Prayers**

9:00pm Confession  
9:30pm Akaphist  
10:00pm Vigil Divine Liturgy and Healing Service  
**SATURDAY, 3/2** 4:00 pm Divine Liturgy for special intention  
**SUNDAY, 3/3** 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for special intention  
10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

**Announcements**

**1-Night Time Prayers**

**On March 1<sup>st</sup>**, we will have Night Time Prayers in our Church.

**2-Financial Report - 2023**

Financial Report-2023 is available in the church for anyone to look. At the same time, thank you all for supporting our parish. Without your prayers and generosity, we would be unable to have our parish here in Conyers. May God bless you all!

**Great Fast Pastoral Letter Of The Ukrainian Catholic Hierarchy Of The U.S.A. To Our Clergy, Hieromonks and Brothers, Religious Sisters, Seminarians And Beloved**

**Faithful**

“Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins and not judge my brothers and sisters for you are blessed for ever and ever. Amen.” Lenten prayer of Saint Ephrem of Syria  
As we enter this Lenten season, we all experience darkness around us. We all have been living in the shadows of two years of war in Ukraine, conflicts in the Middle East and other places throughout the world. We all struggle with extended time of darkness that has impacted each of us, our families, our communities, our church, our nation and the world.

At the same time, we are invited to embark on the Lenten pilgrimage. The doors of repentance are opening! The Great Lent is beginning! Every year Great Lent is repeated, and each time it brings us great benefit if we as individual, our families and church community entrust ourselves to start this journey. It is a preparation for the life to come and, more immediately, a preparation for the Bright Resurrection. Repentance for us as individuals is the conscious

*Upcoming Events  
in Parish & Eparchy*  
Mar. 24<sup>th</sup> –Palm Sunday  
Mar. 25<sup>th</sup> –Feast of Annunciation  
Mar. 29<sup>th</sup>–Good Friday  
Mar. 31<sup>st</sup> –Easter

transformation of our hearts, our minds, and the very essence of our lives. This is at the heart of the Great Lent. This experience gives us a deeper understanding of God’s love in living through the darkness of the death of Christ that reveals to us the saving death for our salvation – the life-giving death. But, Christ’s death is not the final event!

Only when we acknowledge our need to repent, when we enter the “wilderness of the desert of our hearts” and focus inward that we take the first step on the road to repentance. Then we start to understand why we are terrified, afraid, and uncertain.

During the Lenten days, we are offered the opportunity to seek release from those things we have allowed, often unconsciously, to hold us captive, yet which in and of themselves have no real power over us. Now, during the forty days, we are challenged to do away with our passions, our preoccupations, our pride, our jealousy and anger. Now, we are assured that the doors of repentance are opened to those who knock. Repentance stands at the very heart of our spiritual lives. Repentance is our ongoing, continuing and daily pursuit.

We enter this Lenten journey as individuals, but we are not alone, at the same time we enter this pilgrimage with our families and our church community. Together, we stand at the doors of repentance. Together, we knock and implore the Giver of Life to lead us from the desert of our lives into the joy of being with God. On this journey will be able to see in the new light people around us. We will be able to listen more attentively to those in need, those less fortunate than us in our community. We will be able to walk together through trials and tribulations, assist and help each other. We will be able to live our Christian vocation to preach the “Good News” of Christ in our lives. We and our communities will become welcoming and hospitable both for its faithful and for strangers. We will manifest this spirit of service toward those who are closest to us, to our brothers and sisters, mothers and fathers, to fellow parishioners, and even to total strangers, whom we meet for the first time. Let us also remember that in our midst there are many, who have left the Church for a variety of reasons, or they don’t attend simply because no one has ever said to them: “Come and see!” (John 1:46). Let us invite them to start this Lenten journey together. Great Lent is a perfect time to strive to live for our church community in unity. It is a time for our community to be resplendent with evangelical joy and godly life. Our spiritual life will be a sign of God’s presence in the world, through our prayer and our service to others. This Lenten journey allows us to touch all aspects of our inner life, our church community and in a broader sense encompasses the fullness of Christian life. Let us be not afraid and with joy enter this Lenten pilgrimage which will lead us from darkness to the joy and brightness of Christ’s Resurrection.

**THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY**

**Sunday collections for 2/18/24, including envelope offerings - \$846, donations - \$422, candles - \$95**

**Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$1363**

**Renewal of Liturgical vestments: budget - \$1000, currently donated - \$100**

**Protection of the Mother of God  
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**Confession before or after Divine Liturgy.**

Confession is recommended as a regular monthly practice. The graces received from confession are an excellent way to help us become closer to Jesus.

***THE CHURCH WAS A MOTHER TO YOU IN LIFE, PROVIDING FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS;  
PLEASE REMEMBE YOUR PARISH AND THE EPARCHY OF SAINT JOSAPHAT IN PARMA IN  
YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.***