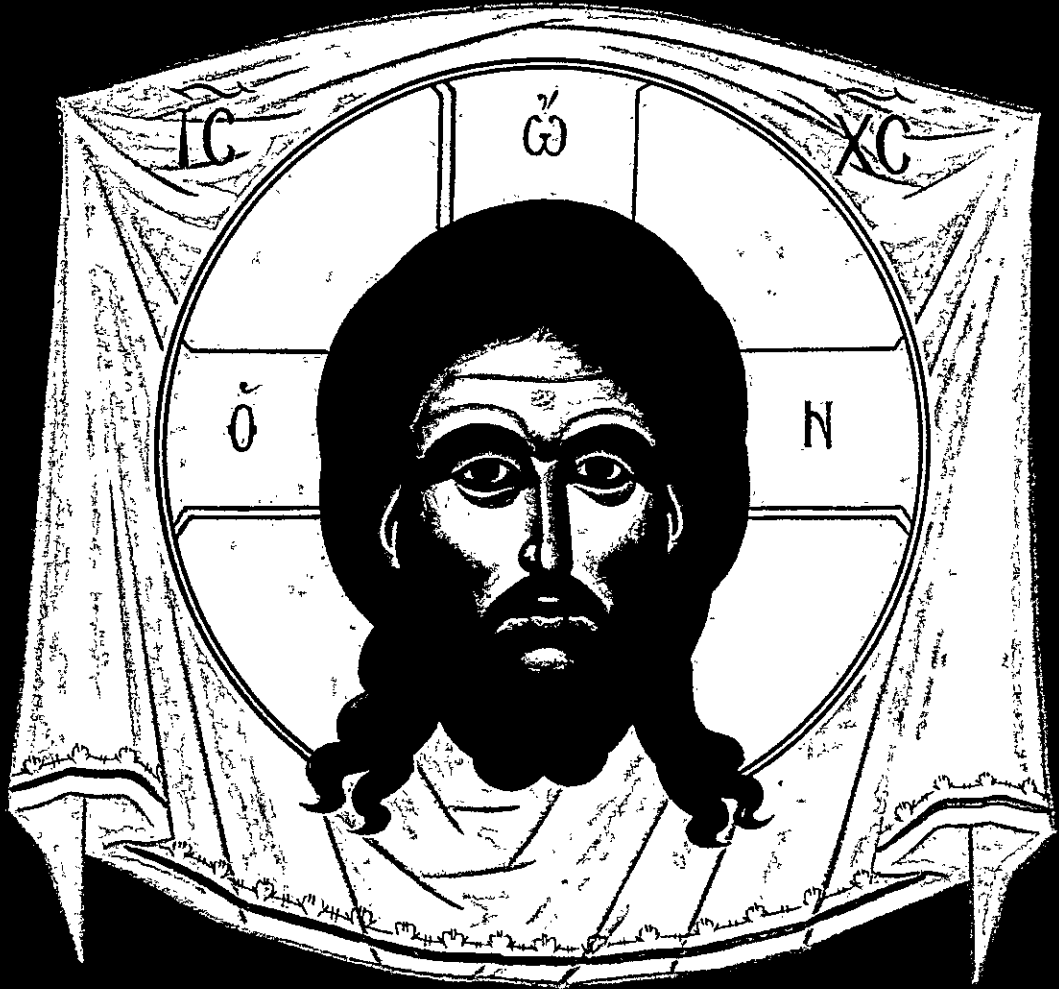


# CONFESSION



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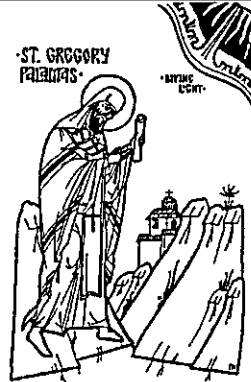
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### **HOLY MYSTERIES**

**VISITATIONS OF THE SICK AND INFIRM** – If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Father Stephen at the Rectory. Our hospitalization code for Christiana and Wilmington Hospitals is **UKR**.

**EMERGENCY CALLS** – Please call the Rectory anytime (day or night) in an Emergency!

**BAPTISMS** – Celebrated by appointment.

**CROWNING IN MARRIAGE** – Please discuss timing with Father prior to setting a date. At least six months notice is needed. There are three 2-hour courses that must be attended prior to the Wedding.

**BULLETIN DEADLINE** – The deadline for getting information printed in the Weekly Bulletin is Wednesday.

**SUNDAY COLLECTIONS** – For the Needs of the Parish; 2<sup>nd</sup> Youth Ministry

**March 8, 2026**  
**Volume 62: Number 10**  
**Schedule of Services and Activities**  
**Week of March 8 - 15, 2026**

Sunday, March 8 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Fast - Tone 6 - Scout Sunday

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:10 AM – Prayers Preparation for Holy Communion

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

During Liturgy – Remembering +Bob Chappell, Assistant Scout Master  
Coffee Hour

Panakhyda: +Basil Hlywiak, +Paul Hambiski and +Anthony Serednicki –  
Nancy Hlywiak

4:00 PM - Holy Ghost Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church 70 Holy Ghost Way,  
Phoenixville, PA

Monday, March 9

7:00 AM – Matins

Tuesday, March 10

6:30 PM – Parish Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 11

8:00 AM – Butter and Onions

6:00 PM – Lenten Service - Holy Rosary RC Church

Thursday, March 12

10:00 AM – Akafist - Holy Trinity Orthodox Church – Whaleyville, MD

5:30 PM – Presanctified Liturgy – St. Nicholas – Dover, DE

7:00 PM – Boy Scouts

Friday, March 13

7:00 AM – Matins

8:00 AM – Peeling potatoes

10:00 AM – Making Cheese Balls

3:00 Pm – Making potato Balls

6:00 PM – Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, March 14

8:000 AM – Making pyrohy

Sunday, March 15 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Fast - Tone 7 – Holy Cross

8:30 AM – Confessions

9:10 AM – Prayers Preparation for Holy Communion

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy for the Faithful

Coffee Hour

4:00 PM – ST. George Georgian Orthodox Church - 412 Philmont Ave., Feasterville, PA

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### SCRIPTURE READINGS

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Fast – Matins: Luke 24: 12-35; Liturgy: Hebrews 1:10–2:3; Mark 2:1-12 To St. Gregory: Hebrews 7:26 - 8:2; John 10:9-16

Monday - Sixth Hour: Isaiah 8:13-9:7; Vespers: Genesis 6:9-22; Proverbs 8:1-21.

Tuesday - Sixth Hour: Isaiah 9:9-10:4; Vespers: Genesis 7:1-5; Proverbs 8:32-9:11.

Wednesday - Sixth Hour: Isaiah 10:12-20; Vespers: Genesis 7:6-9; Proverbs 9:12-18.

Thursday - Sixth Hour: Isaiah 11:10-12:2; Vespers: Genesis 7:11-8:3; Proverbs 10:1-22.

Friday - Sixth Hour: Isaiah 13:2-13; Vespers: Genesis 8:4-21; Proverbs 10:31-11:12.

Saturday - Hebrews 10:32-38; Mark 2:14-17; for the Departed: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; John 5:24-30

**Third Sunday of the Fast** - Matins: John 20:1-10; Liturgy: Hebrews 4:14-5:6; Mark 8:34-9:1.

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### Second Sunday of the Great Fast

With the relief of modern medicines and the sophisticated techniques of surgery, we are finding it all the more difficult to realize and accept the fact that illness and disease in the world is a result of our sinful nature. If we don't think that there is a connection between sin and suffering, we can reflect on our own pattern of life and try to remember when was the last time we went to Confession and Communion before a scheduled hospital stay, or before we went out to face the tension of a job interview, or before we made an important decision in our life? We all desire as many graces as possible during final exams, but did we receive Confession and Communion before the semester started? Our Israelite ancestors clearly explained it to us with the creation account in the Book of Genesis which is handed down to us. God created us with the free will to love Him and He created the world and the Universe for us to respect and enjoy. However, people soon began to turn away from God. They began to lose their cautious respectfulness of the world and their enjoyment of Creation was taken over by misery, despair and tiredness.

Sinning is the act of turning away from God and His ways; trying to do things on our own. When we sin or turn away from God, we turn away from our source of strength and life. We become weak and paralysis takes over; not only physically and mentally, but worse yet, spiritually. However, this sinful character of mankind is something which we all share in common and so it takes a group effort to bring ourselves and one another back to the

Source of life. But we must remember that we each have to do our own fair share of the effort. And our fair share means using the full power which God has given us.

The men who carried the mat of their friend in the Gospel share the burden of his paralyzed life. They not only brought him to the building where Christ was present, but they also shared his faith and made every effort to bring him directly into the presence of Christ. Great things can be accomplished through faith and if we want to come closer to God and follow His ways bad enough, we can find ways to do so. Jesus saw that they had a sincere faith and desire to become well again and so the first thing he did was to get to the root of the problem and forgive his sins to heal that gap between the man and God. After his sins were forgiven and a new life was given to the paralytic. Christ told him to pick up his mat and go home; to return to his family and friends, show them what God had done for him, and live the new life which he had received.

Perhaps in our own lives we may have fallen into the bad habit of leaving the confessional feeling like we just left a car wash with our old car all cleaned and polished. This is wrong. Rather than leaving like an old car, cleaned and polished, we should leave as if we received a completely brand new car which has never been driven before.

Through the forgiveness of our sins we receive a completely brand new life. All past suffering and anguish should be forgotten and, through Communion, We receive the strength to face future burdens and Christian tests of courage and faith.



### REFLECTION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

In today's reading Jesus shows that there are parallels between sickness and sin, between healing and forgiveness.

By healing the man's paralysis with just a word (verses 11-12), Jesus demonstrates that he has God's power to cure, and thus God's authority to forgive. The visible healing of the man's body is evidence that an invisible healing of the man's relationship with God has taken place. The healing shows that forgiveness is not just words. When he forgives us, something really happens. This is good news for us. When we look at our stubborn patterns of sin, we know that we need more than nice words and positive thinking: we really need changing!

In the second incident Jesus speaks of himself as a doctor who has arrived to treat sinners (verse 17). Sin, then, must be a kind of sickness. Jesus is saying that he has come to heal the diseases of mind and heart that we contract through our sins.

Physical sicknesses are not only an evil in themselves; they also provide images of the effects of sin. Leprosy, for example (1:40-42), an incurable disease that cut the sufferer off from other people, gives us a picture of the living death that sin is. Paralysis gives us a picture of the proud heart that is unmoved by compassion, epilepsy of the sometimes wild instability of sin, blindness of the inability to see who Jesus is.

By the same token, Jesus' healings give us pictures of what he can do in our minds and hearts when we turn to him repentantly in faith.

For reflection: It is easy to be more concerned about physical complaints than about the pride and self-concern and resentment and other sicknesses in our hearts.

Prayer starter: Lord Jesus, you see to the depths of my being you diagnose all my ills. Heal me as you alone know I need to be healed. Free me to love you and serve you.

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### SERMON FOR THE SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST



When Leonardo da Vinci was painting his masterpiece, "The Last Supper", he selected as the person to sit for the character of Jesus a young man, Pietri Bandinelli by name. Pietri was a gentle and kind person who was connected with the Milan cathedral as a chorister. Years passed before the great picture was near completion. There was only one character left to finish - Judas Iscariot. Leonardo noticed a young man in the streets of Rome who would be perfect as a model. His shoulders were far bent toward the ground and he had a cold, hardened, evil expression on his face. He would be perfect for the painting of Judas.

When in the studio, the model began to look around as if recalling incidents of years gone by. Finally, he turned and with a sad look in his eyes at the realization of the change that had taken place, he said, "Maestro, I was in this studio twenty-five years ago. It was I who sat as the model for Christ."

Today's Gospel shows how much our lives change over time. Last Sunday we heard that all of us are called to be disciples of Christ and that through our example, we can bring others to believe because of the faith that we exhibit. Today, the message changes. We are shown that all of us as sinners need forgiveness. We see this through the example of the paralytic who is brought to Jesus to be healed. When the Lord saw the faith in this man as well as the faith of his friends, He said, "My child, your sins are forgiven" (Mark 2:6). With these words, those around Jesus began to murmur, "Who does he think he is forgiving sins? Only God can forgive sins!"

Isn't it strange that when we are ill we run to the doctor for advice and medicine - even when it is the smallest of problems! But we use every excuse in the book so that we do not have to face our own sinfulness. As soon as the word "sin" is mentioned, we become uncomfortable. We don't want to seek help, we don't want to get advice, we don't want to seek a cure. We decide that we will wait for another time.

And yet, we never think of the consequences. It is harder to treat a neglected physical disease, even for the best doctor. It often remains incurable. Therefore, to preserve life, when our bodies become pained and weak we seek help.

One thing that we do not realize is that the sickness of the spirit is worse and more dangerous than not attending to a sickness of the body. Sin is not something which is always painful or makes us weak. On the contrary, sin can be pleasant. Before sin can be wiped out by repentance, it often blinds us so that we do not consider the peril, but actually makes us feel quite happy. Sin without repentance first turns into a habit; and habit turns into second nature. Then, even if a person wants to get rid of it, he doesn't have the strength. While a tree is young, a single man can uproot it without much effort, but when it has grown man-size, it can no longer be uprooted by a single man, sometimes not even by several.

But we should not despair - we need repentance. To repent means to be aware of the guilt in our hearts and to recognize that we have insulted our Heavenly Father by opposing His will and not living up to His commandments.

The power of the Holy Mystery of Confession is great and there is no sin too big for its healing power. The mercy of God is boundless to a repentant sinner. Only in repentance will we receive the forgiveness of sins. But when we return to God in repentance, we too will hear the voice of Jesus saying, "My child, your sins are forgiven." Amen.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME TO OUR BOY SCOUT TROOP #70 THE PEACEMAKERS** – and their Scout Master Blair Helmick. We are very proud of you. During the Liturgy we will remember +Bob Chappell, Assistant Scout Master, who fell asleep in the Lord this past week. May his memory be eternal!

**A VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY** - is expressed to Mykhailo Udud; 3/8; Thomas Diehl, 3/9; Sophia Beaudean, 3/10; Helen Krasny, 3/10; Ella Claire Roch, 3/10; Oksana Iwaskiw, 3/12 & KiyShawna Lloyd, 3/13. May God grant them a very happy birthday and keep them for many, happy and blessed years!

**PYROHY & FOOD SCHEDULE FOR THE BAZAAR**  
Saturday, March 14; Making Holubtsi – Saturday, March 21

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

(Please find a substitute if you cannot make a given week)

March 8 – John Plachuta and Linda Hnayatow  
March 15 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin  
March 22 – Matthew Andreas and Victor Kaliakin  
March 29 – Sonya Patronik and John Plachuta  
April 5 – Sonya Patronik and John Plachuta  
April 12 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas  
April 19 – Linda Hnatow and Matthew Andreas

### CLEANING OF THE CHURCH MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Week of March 9 - Nancy Hlywiak, Jean Roeth, Zina Twardus  
Week of March 16 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson  
Week of March 23 - Michael Tilson & Linda Hnatow, Irene Maskaly  
Week of March 30 - Mark & Laura Andreas  
Week of April 6 - Earle and Jennifer Robinson  
Week of April 13 - Thomas and Lynn Sulpizi

**100th ANNIVRSARY** – will be held on Saturday, July 17th, 2027 with a 10:00 AM – Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with a Banquet at the Claymont Ballroom. Mark your calendars! Our first fund Raiser for the event is the sale of T-shirts (\$10) polo shirts (\$15 ) and sweat shirts (\$20) with the Anniversary Logo on them thanks to the art and stitching work of Michael Kapelus.

### MEETINGS

**Parish Board** – Tuesday, March 10 @ 6:30 PM

## **READERS MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

March 8 - Linda Hnatow  
March 15 - Jean Roeth  
March 22 - Thomas Scholz  
March 29 - Andrew Duncan  
April 5 - John Plachuta  
April 12 - Thomas Sulpizi  
April 19 - Pani Elizabeth Hutnick

## **CALENDER OF EVENTS - 2026**

Sunday, March 8 - Scout Sunday  
Saturday, March 28 - Spring Bazaar  
Sunday, April 5 - Palm Sunday - Easter Egg Hunt  
Sunday, April 12 - Resurrection of the Lord  
Sunday, April 19 - St. Thomas Sunday - Visiting Cemeteries  
Sunday May 10 - Mother's Day Dinner  
Sunday, May 31 - Pentecost  
Monday, June 8 - Apostle' Fast  
Sunday, June 21 - Father's Day Dinner  
Sunday, July 12 - Feast of Sts. Peter and Paul - Patronal Dinner  
Saturday, August 1 - UOL Flea Market  
Saturday, November 7 - Fall Bazaar  
Saturday, November 28 - St. Philip Fast  
Sunday, December 20 - UOL Cookie Sale

**BREADS FOR SALE** - All of our frozen breads are available for \$5. See Kathy Duncan if you are interested.

## **GREETER MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

March 8 - Sonya Patronik  
March 15 - Zina Twardus and Nancy Tur  
March 22 - David and Eve Lazaration  
March 29 - Sandy Cramer

## **COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES**

Wednesday, March 11 - Holy Rosary RC Church  
Wednesday, March 18 - Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church  
Wednesday, March 25 - Aldersgate Methodist Church

**BAZAAR NEWS**

**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR THE BAZAAR** – Some of the things needed are Diet Coke and Sprite products, cases of water, paper products and dishwashing detergent.

**CALLING ALL BAKERS** – we always rely on your tasty treats that you donate to the Bake Table. Again, we ask for your sweet donations. Any questions call Andrea. (302) 439-4899.

**ORTHODOX CLERGY BROTHERHOOD SERVICES (4:00 PM)**

**March 8** – Holy Ghost Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Church  
70 Holy Ghost Way, Phoenixville, PA

**March 15** – St. George Georgian Orthodox Church  
412 Philmont Ave., Feasterville, PA

**March 22** – St. John Chrysostom Albanian Orthodox Church  
237 N. 17th Street, Philadelphia, PA

**March 29** – Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church  
1406 Philadelphia Pike, Wilmington, DE

**NATIONAL UOL LENTEN RETREAT** - March 28, 2026 Retreat will focus Communion and the Communion prayers. Location: Basilian Spirituality Center, 710 Fox Chase Rd, Jenkintown, PA 19046 Retreat registration: \$45 for adults (early bird rate) - \$55 after 3/15/26 \$35 for adolescents (aged 13 to 18) -\$45 after 3/15/26 Free for children 7 to 12- \$25 after 3/15/26 Registration includes breakfast, lunch and snacks. For more information contact: Oleh or Natalie at nsufler@aol.com call – 610-892-7315

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**PASKA ORDER FORM – ORDER BY MARCH 29**

\_\_\_\_\_ Small Round (\$8) \_\_\_\_\_ Large Round (\$12) \_\_\_\_\_ Butter Lamb (\$5)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

( ) With Raisins ( ) Without Raisins

**Please give to Father Stephen or Kathy Duncan with payment March 29**  
**Paskas will be ready for pickup on Palm Sunday, April 5**

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**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL – Metropolitan**

Antony, Archbishop Daniel, Archimandrite Raphael, Father George Bazylevsky, Father Vasyl Dovhan, Father Oleh Hucul, Father Andrew Molewski, Father James Weremedic, Father Volodymyr Wronskyj, Matushka Andrejuk, Matushka Laura Odell, Matushka Lisa Weremedic, Pani Matka Oksanna Bazylevsky, Pani Matka Maryann Ozlanski, Jonathan Angelo, Colby Atkinson, Shannon Austin, Joyce Belles, Joyce Bendoakas, Ethel Bernhard, Irene Billon, James Bolton, Maria Borowenski, Betty Bosland, Becky Bosley, Angie Brengle, Paul Brengle, Patricia Bringle, Richard Bringle, John Brick, Fedir Bukacz, Christine Cain, Mark Cello, Erik Colazo, Alex Czernik, Sharon Dalaski, Stephen Dalecki, Nicholas Stepovij, David Dalldorf, Taylor Davis, Peter DiVirgilio, James Dudrick, Kathleen Dugan, Mary Eagleton, Maria Economou, Rose Eldridge, Archantula Fanjoy, Mary Farell, Kandi Fullerton, James Garrett, Lisa Gee, Peter Glenn, Ivan Golovniou, Kathleen Gortva, Staci Gray, Charles Gunther, David Hamilton, Richard Haslam, Rick Hastings, Victoria Herrschaft, Carla Hitchings, Greg Hitchings, Alicia Hlywak, John Hlywak, Daniel Holoviak, Jennifer Huertes, Serhii Ivashyna, Violet Jaskolka, Stephen Johnson, Bill Jones, Linda Josepinson, Michael Kapelus, Walter Katolik, Diane Keyser, Wendy Klinedinst, Tommy Knight, Judith Kocinski, Lorissa Kozakova, Francis Lano, Ed Lavender, Ron Lazaration, Joan Libera, Karen Livick, Sara Long, Charles Lontor, Alla Lysenko, Jeremy Madea, Andrew Makolynyk, Jean Marano, Frederick McCarthy, Fred McKirachan, Stephen McNulty, Ronald Michel, Mary Ann Michalcewicz, Michelle Michalcewiz, Lisa Miller, Matthew Miller, Mary Elizabeth Moran, Barry Morris, Elsie Moroz, Karen Needham, Julie Neff, Ann Nester, Rick Orner, Sienna Ozboya, Betty Painter, Anastasios Pantelopulos, Anthony Pantelopulos, Daphne Pantelopulos, George Pantelopulos, Linda Phillips, Joseph Pierson, Barry Pinkowicz, Janilyn Pinkowicz, Bernice Pinkowicz, Joseph Porini, Robert Powers, Joanne Procak, Joseph Ptak, Carol Purse, Chuck Redden, Patricia Redden, Sharon Reigh, Christopher Riehl, Sandy Roeder, Arlene Roginski, Wyatt Roland, Andrea Roman, Jeff Rozwadowski, Glenn Runyan, Carol Rusk, Richard Scharba, Isaac Schmidt, Clay Seman, John Serth, Larissa Sth, Dawn Sheets, Justin Sheets, Emily Smitheman, Georgie Smolyar, Alexandra Sparco, Natalia Stanford, Rich Steinman, Nicholas Stepovij, Joseph Stevens, Noel Strobino, Charles Joseph Sweeney, Evelyn Synczyszyn, Michael Synczyszyn, Pavlo Tabak, Nicholas Taylor, Sue Taylor, Elenora Thomas, Brysen Tomei, Dominic Tomei, Mark Tomei, Violet Tomei, Aria Tonner, Mariel Trimble, Martha Vignali, Jack Vognetz, Margaret Vognetz, Marilyn Wagner, Olena Wasylevska, James Watts, Chris Way, Leah Way, Barbara Weeks, Laura Worley, Jack Ziegler & James Zook

## OUR MEANS OF RECONCILING WITH GOD

**F**rom the time Adam and Eve exercised their free will to choose to disobey God, man has had the need for forgiveness. We all have fallen short of the high expectations that the Lord has for all of His children, allowing sin to overcome us again and again. Sin separates us from our Heavenly Father, but fortunately, He has provided us with a means of reconciling with Him through the Sacrament of Holy Confession. Since Confession is such an important part of the Lenten season, let us take a closer look at this Mystery of the Church.

Confession entails much more than merely listing and expressing some degree of sorrow for our sins. Before coming to Confession, it is necessary for us to examine our conscience - we must sincerely search our souls and determine where we have strayed from the path God has

charted for us. Our confession must be an honest attempt to admit the many ways we have transgressed God's Laws. Certainly, our All-Knowing God cannot be fooled! For the Grace of God to truly enter us through the Sacrament of Confession, however, we must experience a real feeling of REPENTANCE. Repentance literally means "to change." Confession must bring about a change in our lifestyle. Confessing our sinful ways is one thing . . . casting aside and walking away from our sinful deeds is another matter entirely!

During the Great Fast, may we all avail ourselves to the wonderful opportunity the Church gives us to "make things right" with the Lord, through the Sacrament of Holy Confession. Seek out the spiritual help this Sacrament provides.

*Icon by Austin Kachek - Manville, NJ*