



# Saint Basil the Great Ukrainian Catholic Parish Парафія Св. Василя Великого УГКЦ

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## Parish Bulletin—Парафіяльний Вісник

**February 22, 2026— 22 лютого, 2026**



### Glory be to Jesus Christ!

With God's help, we have arrived at the First Sunday of Great Lent. Our Sunday Divine Liturgy now carries a distinct Lenten character as we celebrate the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great — deeper, more contemplative, calling us to repentance and renewal.

Thank you for your faithfulness — for attending the Lenten services and participating in the spiritual life of our parish.

Your presence and prayer strengthen our community. I warmly encourage you to continue this journey with dedication: Come and offer prayers for your loved ones who have fallen asleep in the Lord during our Sorokousty services.

Bring your own cross and follow Jesus Christ on the Way of the Cross during the Stations of the Cross.

Participate in the beautiful Lenten Matins and the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. These profound and prayerful services lift our souls toward heaven and deepen our spirit during this sacred season.

This week we also mark a very sorrowful moment in the history of Ukraine — the fourth anniversary of the ongoing war and the Russian invasion of Ukraine. We remember all the soldiers, civilians, and every innocent person who laid down their lives for freedom and dignity. I encourage you to pray with us this Sunday during the Panakhyda and to come on February 24th, the anniversary day, to participate in the Divine Liturgy for peace and victory for Ukraine. Let us remember where our strength lies. Our strength is in our unity. When we stand together, evil will not overcome us.

When we remain united, darkness will not prevail.  
May God bless Canada & Ukraine. Glory to Ukraine!

Glory to the Heroes! ~Fr. M

### Слава Ісусу Христу!

З Божою допомогою ми дійшли до Першої неділі Великого посту. Наша недільна Божественна Літургія тепер має виразний великопосісний характер, адже ми звершуємо Літургію святого Василя Великого — глибокі молитви, більш зосереджену, яка закликає нас до покаяння та духовного оновлення. Щиро дякую вам за вашу вірність — за участь у великопосісних богослужіннях і в духовному житті нашої парафії. Ваша присутність і молитва зміцнюють нашу громаду.

Сердечно заохочую вас продовжувати цю духовну дорогу з ревністю: приходьте і підносьте молитви за ваших рідних, які відійшли до Господа, під час наших Сорокоустів. Беріть свій власний хрест і йдіть за Ісусом Христом дорогою Хресною під час Хресної дороги.

Беріть участь у прекрасних великопосісних Утрнях та Літургії Передосвячених Дарів. Ці глибокі та молитовні богослужіння підносять наші душі до неба і поглиблюють наш дух у цей святий час.

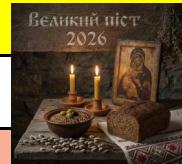
Цього тижня ми також відзначаємо дуже скорботний момент в історії України — четверту річницю триваючої війни, російського вторгнення в Україну. Ми згадуємо всіх воїнів, мирних жителів і кожну невинну людину, яка поклала своє життя за свободу і гідність. Заохочую вас молитися разом з нами цієї неділі під час Панахиди, а також прийти 24 лютого, у день річниці, щоб взяти участь у Божественній Літургії за мир і перемогу для України у нашому храмі.

Пам'ятаймо, де є наша сила. Наша сила — в єдності. Коли ми стоїмо разом, зло не переможе нас. Коли ми залишаємося єдиними, темрява не подолає.

Нехай Господь благословить Канаду та Україну.

Слава Україні! Героям слава!  
З молитвою і вдячністю. *o. M*

		<b>ST BASIL'S LITURGICAL SCHEDULE</b>
	<i>Time</i>	<i>Feast or Intention, requested by</i>
<b>22 February, 1st Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>  <b>2:30 PM</b> <b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>Children's Catechism</b> <b>Rosary</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b> <i>God's Blessings for son Vadym Kashytsyn and Iryna &amp; Vadym Kashytsyn by family</i> <b>PANAKHYDA for Ukrainian Heroes, Coffee House by K of C</b> <b>Morden—СОРОКОУСТИ та молитва за полеглих ГЕРОЇВ УКРАЇНИ з нагоди 4 річниці війни</b> <b>Rosary—Jesus Prayer — Live stream on Facebook</b>
<b>23 February, Monday</b>	<b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>NO Liturgy—Aliturgical Day</b>  Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook
<b>24 February, Tuesday</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b>  <b>6:30 PM</b>  <b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>PEROGY MAKING</b>  <b>4 YEARS OF WAR</b> <b>DIVINE LITURGY PEACE &amp; VICTORY OF UKRAINE</b> <u><b>PRACTICE FOR STATION OF THE CROSS IN A SHADOW</b></u> Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook
<b>25 February, Wednesday</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>6:00 PM</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>LITURGY OF PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS</b> <b>School of Catechism</b> <b>SOROKOUSTY</b> Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook
<b>26 February, Thursday</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>8:00 PM</b>	Lenten Mattins. <b>NO Liturgy</b> Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook
<b>27 February, Friday</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>4:00 PM-</b> <b>7:00 PM</b> <b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>LITURGY OF PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS</b> <b>Perogy Supper</b>  <i>Station of the Cross</i> Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook
<b>28 February, Saturday</b>	<b>10:00 AM</b>  <b>2:30 PM</b>  <b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>All Souls Saturday</b> Divine Liturgy <i>8th Birthday Blessings for Maria Khomitska by Family</i> <b>Morden— Недільна Літургія та Хресна Дорога</b> Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook
<b>March 1, 2nd Sunday of Lent</b>	<b>9:00 AM</b> <b>9:30 AM</b> <b>10:00 AM</b>  <b>8:00 PM</b>	<b>Children's Catechism</b> <b>Rosary</b> <b>Divine Liturgy AGM followed by K of C Pancake breakfast &amp; Parish Annual Meeting</b> <b>Rosary—Jesus Prayer — Live stream on Facebook</b>





**God's Blessings for your  
Happiest Birthday!!!  
Rose Olynyk (23),  
Elizabeth Setlack (23),  
Zlata Kushnir (23),  
Annie Setlack (26),  
Mariia Khomitska (28)  
МНОГАЯ ЛІТА !!!**

**Tatsa counters**

February- Gus and Pearl Groen and Gwen Dankewich  
March—Tony Sklar, Loraine Lysak and Robert Marquis  
April - Leona Solomon, Wanda Prychitko and Noelle Richardson



**Ushers and Greeters Welcome**

February 22—Donna Olynyk & Maryyka Hrynshyn

March 1-8—Harry & Nellie Fediuk

March 15-22—Andy & Linda Labay

March 29—Erin Zurbyk & Phyllis Kohanchuk

Knowing Jesus is the best gift you can receive. His power and love can fill you when you encounter Him.

Please join Father Mykhaylo for the Lectio Divina/ Catechism classes and the teachings of the church on Wednesdays at St. Basil's

**Church Custodians**

February—Ihor & Halyna Vitiuk

March—Tony Sklar & Florence Rebenchuk

Dear Parishioners, Please contact me, Diane Pinuta 204 -774-1350 to help clean the church for a month

**Invitation to Participate – Stations of the Cross in Shadow**

All children & Youth of the Parish are invited to participate. Practice will be after 6:30 PM Liturgy on Feb. 24th. Presentation on March 6 at 7:00 PM.

Усі діти та молодь парафії запрошуються до участі. Репетиція відбудеться після Літургії о 6:30 вечора 24 лютого. Виступ (презентація) — 6 березня о 7:00 вечора.



**EASTER CONFESSIONS with 3 priest will be on March 20 & 21 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.**  
Великодня сповідь з 3 священникамми буде 20 і 21 березня з 18 до 20 год

**EPISTLE READING** Читання Апостола: якщо ви бажаєте читати раз у місяць в укр. м—прошу повідомити до офісу чи священника. Це буде завжди 3-тя неділя місяця. Epistle readers:

February 22—Ivan Horodetskyy,

March 1—Andrii Dukas, March 8—Gerry Skochyles, March 15—Martin Nechwediuk,

**The Parish office is open according to this schedule:**

⇒ **Wednesday (February 25) from 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM  
and Thursday (February 26) from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.**

For any notices for the bulletin, please email to the parish office by Wednesday.

Parish Office Email: parish@saintbasilwpg.ca. Parish Office: 204-837-4180

**Today is the First Sunday of Great Lent — the Sunday of Orthodoxy, the Triumph of the Icons. If you have an icon, please bring it to the church to be blessed.**  
Сьогодні Перша неділя Великого посту — Неділя Православ'я, Торжество Ікон. Якщо у вас є ікона, просимо принести її до храму для благословення.



## PEROGIES FOR SALE

Please call Phyllis at 204-832-0175 to buy your perogies.  
\$8.00 per dozen for potato & cheese

**SANCTUARY LIGHT** burns eternally to indicate the presence of the Holy Eucharist. In the tabernacle.

**For the soul of Anna Labay by Andrew & Linda Labay & Family**

The Sanctuary light can be reserved, please contact the office at 204-837-4180.

## Choir Practicing

For lent & Easter 5 Sundays: February 15 & 22, March 1, 8 & 15 at 9:00 in boardroom. All interested people are welcome! **Choir leader—Cynthia Zimrose. Please contact at 204-888-7793**

**Next School of Catechism / Lectio Divina will be on WEDNESDAY February 25th at**

**6:00 PM— Let's grow in our faith together. Also we still keep on our online Zoom meeting**

**Meeting ID: 860 6773 0650 Passcode: Jesus**

**HAMPERS FOR WELCOME HOME!!!** Please consider to donate not perishable food to our parish Food bank which is going to the Welcome Home. The hamper is located at the back of the church. One of the suggestions is a Gift Card for groceries; the recommended value is \$20.00 So that is a great opportunity to help those less fortunate. +++Пожертва їжі для



потребуючих у WELCOME HOME!!!! Однією з пропозицій є придбати Подарункову картку у продуктового магазину; рекомендована вартість становить 20 доларів, тож це чудова можливість допомогти потребуючим. Або, якщо ви бажаєте, у нас є корзина позаду церкви, ви можете принести продукти, які можуть довго зберігатися. **THANK YOU FOR YOUR LOVING HEART!**

## Regulations for Great Lent at

### THE CANONS OF THE PARTICULAR LAW OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

- *A strict fast is observed on the first day of the Great Fast and Passion Friday, i.e. abstention from meat and dairy products and eggs, as well as foods that contain these ingredients.*
- Abstention from all meat and foods containing meat is to be observed during the **first week of the Great Fast and all days of Passion Week.**
- During the Great Fast, abstention from the consumption of meat and meat products is to be observed on all **Mondays, avoided Wednesdays and Fridays.** All other foods are permitted on Tuesdays and Thursdays.
- On all fast days and dispensed weeks the faithful are obliged to refrain from organizing and participating in loud parties, celebratory [e.g. wedding] receptions, dances, entertainment and other similar events.
- There is no fast on Saturdays, Sundays.
- **The following are dispensed from any obligation to fast:**
  1. *children up to 14 years of age;*
  2. *persons over 60 years of age;*
  3. *the gravely ill;*
  4. *pregnant women;*
  5. *postpartum mothers and those who are breast-feeding;*
  6. *those who are travelling (if the travel time exceeds eight hours);*
  7. *those engaged in heavy labour;*
  8. *those who eat from the table of others; the poor who live from charity;*

## GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR YOUR HAPPIEST BIRTHDAY!!!

### DEAR CHAIRPERSON OF THE PARISH OF ST BASIL'S CHURCH ROSE OLYNYK!!!



We warmly congratulate you on your Birthday and wish you an ocean of health, a sea of happiness and a wonderful lifetime filled with God's abundant blessings. Your dedication, wisdom, and unwavering faith have been a true blessing to our church family. Through your leadership, compassion, and servant heart, you continue to inspire unity and strengthen our parish community. Your commitment to serving God and His people reflects grace, humility, and love. On this special day, we thank God for the precious gift of your life, your guidance, and your tireless devotion to St Basil's Parish. May the Lord bless you abundantly with good



health, joy, peace, and many more fruitful years of faithful service.

*With heartfelt appreciation and warmest wishes,*

*Your Parishioners of St Basil's Parish!*

### БОЖИХ БЛАГОСЛОВЕНЬ НА ВАШ ДЕНЬ НАРОДЖЕННЯ!! ШАНОВНА ГОЛОВА ПАРАФІЇ ЦЕРКВИ СВ ВАСИЛІЯ РОУЗ ОЛИНИК!

Ми щиро вітаємо вас з днем народження та бажаємо вам океан здоров'я, море щастя та чудового життя, наповненого щедрими Божими Благословеннями. Ваша відданість, мудрість та непохитна віра стали справжнім благословенням для нашої церковної родини. Завдяки вашому лідерству, співчуттю та служінню ви продовжуєте надихати на єдність та зміцнювати нашу парафіяльну громаду. Ваша відданість служінню Богові та Його народу відображає благодать, смирення та любов. У цей особливий день ми дякуємо Богові за дорожчий дар вашого життя, ваше керівництво та вашу невпинну відданість церкві Святого Василя. Нехай Господь рясно благословить вас міцним здоров'ям, радістю, миром та ще багатьма плідними роками вірного служіння. *З щирою вдячністю та найтеплішими побажаннями, Ваші парафіяни церкви Святого Василя!*



**Sunday tropar, 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."

**Tropar, 1st Sunday of Lent, tone 2:** We pay homage to Your undefiled image, Good Lord,\* and beg pardon for our faults, Christ our God.\* By Your will You chose to mount the cross in Your flesh\* to free Your creatures from slavery to the enemy.\* For this we gratefully cry out to You:\* "By coming to save the world, our Saviour, You filled all things with joy."

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Kondak of the 1st Sunday of Lent, tone 8:** The uncircumscribed Word of the Father\* became circumscribed by being enfleshed from you, Godbearer.\* You brought back the stained image to its original state\* by infusing it with divine beauty.\* But recognizing our salvation we portray it by word and deed.

**Prokimen, tone 4:** Blessed are you, and praiseworthy, O Lord, the God of our fathers, and glorious forever is your name.

Verse: For you are just in all you have done.

**Epistle: A reading from the Epistle to the Hebrews. (11: 24 -26; 32 - 12: 2) Brothers and Sisters! By faith Moses, when he had grown up, refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter; he wished to be ill-treated along with God's people rather than enjoy the fleeting rewards of sin. Moses considered the reproach borne by God's Anointed greater riches than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. What more shall I recount? I have no time to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets, who by faith conquered kingdoms, did what was just, obtained the promises; they broke the jaws of lions, put out raging fires, escaped the devouring sword; though weak they were made powerful, became strong in battle, and turned back foreign invaders. Women received back their dead through resurrection. Others were tortured and would not receive deliverance, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Still others endured mockery, scourging, even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned, sawed in two, put to death at sword's point; they went about garbed in the skins of sheep or goats, needy, afflicted, tormented. The world was not worthy of them. They wandered about in deserts and on mountains, they dwelt in caves and in holes of the earth. Yet despite the fact that all of these were approved because of their faith, they did not obtain what had been promised. God had made a better plan, a plan which included us. Without us, they were not to be made perfect. Therefore, since we for our part are surrounded by this cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every encumbrance of sin which clings to us and persevere in running the race which lies ahead. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, who inspires and perfects our faith.**

Exult, you just, in the Lord; praise from the upright is fitting. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
**Alleluia Verses:** Moses and Aaron are among His priests and Samuel among those who call upon His name.

They called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

**Gospel: John 1: 43 - 51** At that time Jesus set out for Galilee, but first he came upon Philip. "Follow me," Jesus said to him. Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the same town as Andrew and Peter. Philip sought out Nathanael and told him, "We have found the one Moses spoke of in the law -- the prophets too -- Jesus, son of Joseph, from Nazareth." Nathanael's response to that was, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" and Philip replied, "Come, see for yourself." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he remarked: "This man is a true Israelite. There is no guile in him." "How do you know me?" Nathanael asked him. "Before Philip called you," Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree." "Rabbi," said Nathanael, "you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel." Jesus responded: "Do you believe just because I told you I saw you under the fig tree? You will see much greater things than that." He went on to tell them, "I solemnly assure you, you shall see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

Instead of 'It is truly right': In you,\* Lady full of grace,\* all creation rejoices,\* the world of angels\* and the human race.\* Sanctified temple, spiritual paradise,\* boast of virgins,\* God\* took flesh from you\* and became a child;\* He was God\* before\* the ages.\* He made your womb\* a throne\* and made it\* more encompassing\* than the heavens.\* In you,\* Lady full of grace,\* all creation rejoices,\* glory be to you.

**Communion Hymn:** Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest.

**Неділя 22 лютого**

**Перша Неділя Посту**

**Тропар воскресний, глас 4:** Світлу про воскресення розповідь від ангела почувши\* і від прадідного засуду звільнившись,\* Господні учениці, радіючи, казали апостолам:\* "Здолана смерть, воскрес Христос Бог,\* що дає світові велику милість."

**Тропар першої неділі посту, глас 2:** Пречистому образу твоєму поклоняємося, благий,\* просячи прощення прогрішень наших, Христе Боже,\* бо волею благоволив еси плоттю зійти на хрест,\* щоб ізбавити тих, що їх створив еси, від неволі ворожої.\* Тому благодарствено кличемо Тобі:\* Ти радістю сповнив усе, Спасе наш, прийшовши спасти світ.

**Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові, і нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.**

**Кондак першої неділі посту, глас 8:** Неописане Слово Отче\* із тебе, Богородице, воплощенням описалося\* і, осквернений образ\* у давнє зобразивши,\* з божественною добротю з'єднало,\* та ісповідуючи спасення,\* ділом і словом ми це являємо.

**Прокімен, глас 4:** Благословенний Ти, Господи, Боже батьків наших, і хвали достойний; ім'я Твоє преславне на всі віки.

**Стих:** Бо ти праведний у всьому, що вчинив еси нам.

**Апостол:** До Євреїв послання святого апостола Павла читання. (11: 24 - 26; 32 - 12:2)

**Браття і Сестри! Вірою Мойсей, коли був виріс, відрікся зватися сином дочки фараона; волів радше страждати разом з людом Божим, ніж зазнавати дочасної гріховної втіхи, бо, дивлячись на нагороду, вважав за більше багатство наругу вибраного народу від скарбів Єгипту. І що ще скажу? Часу не вистане мені, коли почну розповідати про Гедсона, про Варака, про Самсона, про Єфту, про Давида й Самуїла та пророків, що вірою підбили царства, чинили справедливість, обітниць осягнули, загородили пащі левам, силу вогню гасили, вістря меча уникали, ставали сильні, будши недолугі, на війні проявили мужність, наскоки чужинців відбивали. Жінки діставали своїх померлих, які воскресали. Інші загинули в муках, відкинувши визволення, щоб осягнути ліпше**

воскресіння. Інші наруг і бичів зазнали та ще й кайданів і в'язниці; їх каменовано, розрізувано пилою, брано на допити; вони вмирали, мечем забиті; тинялися в овечих та козячих шкурах, збідовані, гноблені, кривджені; вони, яких світ був невартий, блукали пустинями, горами, печерами та земними вертепами. І всі вони, дарма що мали добре засвідчення вірою, не одержали обіцяного, бо Бог зберіг нам щось краще, щоб вони не без нас осягли досконалість. Тому і ми, маючи навколо себе таку велику хмару свідків, відкиньмо всякий тягар і гріх, що так легко обмотує, і біжімо витривало до змагання, що призначене нам, вдивляючися пильно в Ісуса, засновника й завершителя віри.

**Стихи на Аलिлуя:** Мойсей і Арон між Його священниками, і Самуїл між тими, що Його ім'я прикликають.

Вони Господа прикликали, і Він відповів їм.

**Євангелія: Від Йоана 1: 43 - 51** В той час вирішив Ісус піти в Галилею. І найшовши Филипа, мовив до нього: "Іди за мною." А був Филип з Витсаїди, з міста Андрія та Петра. Зустрів Филип Натанаїла і сказав, до нього: "Ми найшли того, про якого писав Мойсей у законі і пророки -- Ісуса, сина Йосифа, з Назарету." Натанаїл сказав йому: "Що доброго може бути з Назарету?" Мовив до нього Филип: "Прийди і подивися." Ісус, побачивши, що до нього надходить Натанаїл, сказав про нього: "Ось справжній ізраїльтанин, в якому нема лукавства." Натанаїл сказав: "Звідкіль ти мене знаєш?" У відповідь Ісус сказав йому: "Перше, ніж Филип тебе покликав, я тебе бачив, як ти був під смоковницею." Натанаїл відповів йому: "Учителю, ти -- Син Божий, ти -- цар Ізраїля." Ісус у відповідь сказав йому: "Тому що я мовив до тебе: "Я бачив тебе під смоковницею" -- віруєш; побачиш більше, ніж те." І сказав до нього: "Істинно, істинно кажу вам: Побачите небеса відкриті і ангелів Божих, як вони возходять та сходять на Сина Чоловічого." Тобою радується, Благодатная, всяка твар, ангельський собор і чоловічеський рід, освяшений храм і раю словесний, дівственна похвало, що із неї Бог воплотився і младенцем став, перед віками сущий Бог наш. Лоно бо твоє престолом сотворив і утробу твою просторішою небес учинив. Тобою радується, Благодатная, всяка твар, слава тобі.

**Прочасний:** Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його на висотах. Радуйтеся, праведні, в Господі, правим належить похвала. Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

### **Молитва св. Єфрема**

Господи і Владико життя мого! Духа лінївства, недбайливости, властолюб'я і пустомовства віджені від мене. *(Доземний поклін)*

Духа чистоті, покори, терпелївости й любові даруй мені, слугі Твоєму. *(Доземний поклін)*

Так, Господи, Царю! Дай мені бачити гріхи мої і не осуджувати брата мого, бо Ти благословенний на віки віків. Амінь. *(Доземний поклін)*

Бже, будь милостївим до мене, грішного. Бже, очисти мої гріхи і помилуй мене. Без числа нагрїшив я, Господи, прости мені. *(12 малих поклонів)*

Господи і Владико життя мого! Духа лінївства, недбайливости, властолюб'я і пустомовства віджені від мене. Духа чистоті, покори, терпелївости й любові даруй мені, слугі Твоєму. Так, Господи, Царю! Дай мені бачити гріхи мої і не осуджувати брата мого, бо Ти благословенний на віки віків. Амінь. *(Доземний поклін)*

### **The Prayer:**

O Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power, and idle chatter. (prostration)

Instead, grant to me Your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble-mindedness, patience and love. (prostration)

O Lord and King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge my brothers and sisters; for You are blessed, now and forever and ever. Amen. (prostration)

Then pray the following:

God be merciful to me, a sinner. God cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me. I have sinned without number. Forgive me, O Lord. (4X)

Repeat the prayer of St. Ephrem without the prostrations. Do one prostration at the end.

For more information see: [What is](#)



# **Head of Ukrainian Catholic Church Meets With Pope Leo, Calls Ukraine 'Wounded but Alive'**

Pope Leo XIV, World (02/15/2026) Source: OSV News (<https://thegoodnewsroom.org/head-of-ukrainian-catholic-church-meets-with-pope-leo-calls-ukraine-wounded-but-alive/>)

***Major Archbishop Shevchuk discusses ongoing war, pastoral care, and humanitarian efforts with the pontiff***

The head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church met with **Pope Leo XIV**, briefing the pope on the situation in Ukraine as Russia's full-scale invasion reaches the four-year mark. **Major Archbishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk** spoke with Pope Leo at the Apostolic Palace *February 12*, the second personal audience the prelate has had since meeting with the pope days after his election, said the UGCC press office in an update released shortly after the meeting.

During his most recent papal meeting, Major Archbishop Shevchuk thanked Pope Leo for the “solidarity and support” he has shown to Ukraine. That support has included diplomatic efforts by the Vatican to end the conflict and to secure the return of prisoners of war. Major Archbishop Shevchuk provided Pope Leo with lists of prisoners and missing persons whose names he had received from families.

## **International response to deportations**

Major Archbishop Shevchuk thanked Pope Leo for the Vatican's “*important mission in saving human lives, in which the Holy See has been systematically involved since the beginning of the full-scale war in Ukraine,*” said the UGCC press office. Pope Leo and Major Archbishop Shevchuk also discussed the UGCC's pastoral ministry amid Russia's ongoing attacks, which continue assaults launched in 2014, and which have been declared a genocide in two joint reports from the New Lines Institute and the Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights.

Russia's most recent assaults have particularly targeted civilian infrastructure and energy systems amid winter. Speaking to Ukrainian Catholics in Rome during a February 8 Divine Liturgy, Major Archbishop Shevchuk — referencing the dire conditions faced by Ukrainians lacking heat — said, “*I have come to you today from frozen but indomitable Kyiv as a witness to the indomitability of our people.*”

## **'Healing the wounds of war'**

Major Archbishop Shevchuk said that Pope Leo “was impressed that our Church has developed and is actively implementing its pastoral plan ‘*Healing the Wounds of War.*’” The plan seeks to address the physical, emotional, and spiritual consequences of Russia's war on Ukraine. Pope Leo was also pleased that the UGCC “*is a space of solidarity and unity that unites Ukrainians in Ukraine with the global Ukrainian community,*” said Major Archbishop Shevchuk.

## **A symbolic gift of resilience**







At the conclusion of his audience, Major Archbishop Shevchuk extended once again an invitation to Pope Leo to visit Ukraine. He also presented the pope with “*The Dove of Peace in Time of War,*” a ceramic sculpture by Italian artist and cardiologist Luciano Capriotti. The work includes a metal fragment from a Russian missile levelled at the eastern Ukrainian city of Kharkiv. Reflecting on the piece, Major Archbishop Shevchuk said, “*This wound provokes great pain for the bird, but we see that it is not dead — it is alive.*” “This is a beautiful symbol of modern wounded but alive Ukraine,” he said.

Speaking to OSV News shortly after meeting with Pope Leo, Major Archbishop Shevchuk said he had obtained “*a special blessing of the Holy Father to me, for the people of Ukraine and for the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.*”

*Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be forever!*  
*Deacon John (Ivas) Babick*

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
<p><i>1 2nd Sunday of Lent</i>            9:00 am Children's Catechism            9:30 am <i>Rosary</i>            10:00 am <i>Divine Liturgy— AGM K of C Pancake breakfast</i>  <u>Parish Annual Meeting to follow</u></p>	<p><i>2 NO Liturgy Aliturgical Day</i></p> 	<p><i>3 9:00 AM Lenten Mattins</i>   <i>11:00 to 5:00 PM Prayer Vigil</i>   <i>6:30 pm Ukrainian Park Meeting</i></p>	<p><i>4 9:00 AM LITURGY PRESANCTIFIED</i>            +Walter Onofri &amp; Doreen Baird   <i>6:00 PM Lectio</i>  <i>7:00 pm SORC</i></p>
<p><i>8 Veneration of the Holy Cross</i>            9:00 am Children's Catechism            9:30 am <i>Rosary</i>            10:00 am <i>Divine Liturgy for Ft Mykhaylo &amp; family &amp; Deavon Ivas &amp; St Basil's parishioners by Janet &amp; Wayne Hemingway Coffee</i>  <i>House Youth</i>            2:30 PM <i>Morden</i></p>	<p><i>9 NO Liturgy Aliturgical Day</i></p> 	<p><i>10 9:00 AM Lenten Mattins</i>             10:00 AM <i>Pastoral/Renewal Committee Meeting</i></p>	<p><i>11 9:00 AM LITURGY PRESANCTIFIED</i>            +Steve Dankewicz +Eugene Gamey +Eugene Gwyn +Gwen Dankewicz +Khyda   <i>5:00 pm SORC</i>  <i>6:00 PM UCW</i></p>
<p><i>15 4th Sunday of Lent</i>            9:00 am Children's Catechism            9:30 am <i>Rosary</i>            10:00 am <i>Divine Liturgy Coffee House by K of C</i>            2:30 PM <i>Morden Birthday blessings for Bohdan Khomitskyy by Khomitski family</i></p>	<p><i>16 NO Liturgy Aliturgical Day</i></p> 	<p><i>17 9:00 AM Lenten Mattins Aliturgical Day</i></p> 	<p><i>18 9:00 AM LITURGY PRESANCTIFIED</i>   <i>6:00 PM Great Canon of St Andrew</i></p>
<p><b>22 Lenten reflection</b>            9:00 am Children's Catechism            9:30 AM – Meeting with children from Catechism class            10:00 AM – <i>Divine Liturgy Birthday Blessings for Nellie Fediuk by Prayer Partner</i>            11:15 AM – <i>Third and Final Reflection Presentation &amp; Coffee House 2:30 PM Morden</i></p>	<p><i>23 NO Liturgy Aliturgical Day</i></p> 	<p><i>24 9:00 AM Lenten Mattins NO Liturgy Aliturgical Day</i>             7:00 PM <i>Divine Liturgy for FEAST of ANNUNCIATION</i></p>	<p><i>25 Feast of the Благовіщення</i>            9:00 AM <i>Divine Liturgy for parishioners</i>   <i>6:00 PM School</i>  <i>7:00 pm SORC</i></p>
<p><b>29 Квітна Неділя Palm Sunday</b>            9:00 am <b>NO</b> Catechism            9:30 am <i>Rosary</i>            10:00 am <i>Divine Liturgy *Blessing of Pussy Willows,</i>            2:30 pm <i>Morden* - благословення лози</i></p>	<p><i>30 NO Liturgy Aliturgical Day</i></p> 	<p><i>31 9:00 AM Lenten Mattins NO Liturgy Aliturgical Day</i></p>	

# 026 Березень

Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>LITURGY OF PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS Tanchak by George n</p>  <p>10:00 AM Memorial Divine Liturgy <b>OKOUSTY</b></p>	<p>5 9:00 AM Lenten Mattins</p> <p>6:00 PM K of C Meeting</p>	<p>6 9:00 AM LITURGY OF PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS +Anne Tanchak by Alex and Marlene Zamrykut 7:00 pm Station of the Cross in a shadow (performed by Youth &amp; Children of the parish)</p> 	<p>7 ALL SOULS SATURDAY 10:00 am Memorial Divine Liturgy 11:00 AM Children's Easter Workshop: Writing Pysanky</p> 
<p>LITURGY OF PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS Tanchak, +Irene Dankewich by Tanchak with Pana-</p>  <p>10:00 AM Memorial Divine Liturgy <b>OKOUSTY</b> VLC meeting</p>	<p>12 9:00 AM Lenten Mattins NO Liturgy Aliturgical Day</p> <p>6:00-8:00 PM Confession at Sts. Peter &amp; Paul</p>	<p>13 9:00 AM LITURGY of PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS Birthday Blessings Florence Rebenchuk by prayer partner</p> <p>9 am—2 pm Bring your baking</p>  <p>7:00 pm Station of the Cross</p>	<p>14 ALL SOULS SATURDAY 9:00 am Memorial Divine Liturgy</p> <p>9:30 AM — 12:00 PM <b>EASTER BAKE SALE</b></p>
<p>LITURGY OF PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS</p> <p>10:00 AM Memorial Divine Liturgy Tanchak with Andrew</p>  <p>10:00 AM Memorial Divine Liturgy <b>OKOUSTY</b></p>	<p>19 9:00 AM Lenten Mattins NO Liturgy Aliturgical Day</p> 	<p>20 9:00 AM PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS +Anne Tanchak by Alex and Marlene Zamrykut</p> <p><b>Lenten reflection</b></p> <p>6:00 PM – Stations of the Cross (2 priests for Confession) 6:45 PM – First Reflection Followed by coffee and fellow- ship</p> 	<p>21 <b>Lenten reflection</b> 10:00 AM – Akathist 11:00 AM – Meeting with youth and young adults</p> <p>6:00 PM – Great Vespers (2 priests for Confession) 7:00 PM – Second Reflection Followed by coffee fellowship</p>
<p>25 Annunciation— Liturgy for all</p> <p>10:00 AM Memorial Divine Liturgy Tanchak with Andrew</p>  <p>10:00 AM Memorial Divine Liturgy <b>OKOUSTY</b></p>	<p>26 9:00 AM Lenten Mattins NO Liturgy Aliturgical Day</p> 	<p>27 9:00 AM PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS Grandmother +Galyna (March 30, 2013) by Khomitskyy family <b>Perogy Supper</b></p>  <p>5:00 pm Station of the Cross :</p> <p>6:00 pm-8:00 pm Confession at the Cathedral</p>	<p>28 Lazarus Saturday</p> <p>11:00 AM Children's Easter Workshop: Baking paska &amp; and making Butter Lamb</p> <p>BVM Confession</p> 

## Caritas Award Dinner – April 23, 2026

The Catholic Foundation of Manitoba warmly invites you to the annual **Caritas Award Dinner**. This year's theme is **Palliative Care**, and we are honoured to recognize **Jocelyn House Inc.** and **Claudette Peter** for their exceptional dedication to compassionate service.

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Date: April 23, 2026 Location: Holy Eucharist Parish Centre, [460 Munroe Ave, Winnipeg](#) Reception: 5:30 p.m. Dinner & Awards: 6:30 p.m.

Tickets are available

at [www.catholicfoundation.mb.ca/caritas](http://www.catholicfoundation.mb.ca/caritas)



## Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine Presanctified Liturgy with anointing for Healing

Wednesday March 4, 2026

7:00 p.m.

Confession available  
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Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine at  
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250 Jefferson Ave.—Winnipeg, MB  
Ph# 204-338-7321

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Mini Olympics	February 21 Saturday	Immaculate Heart of Mary School (650 Flora Avenue.)	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm <i>Sign in 2:30 pm</i>
Curling	March 15 Sunday	Elmwood Curling Club (300 Brazier Street)	3:00 pm - 5:00 pm <i>Sign in 2:30 pm</i>
Indoor Soccer	March 28 Saturday	Gateway Recreation Centre (1717 Gateway Rd)	10:00 am - 12:00 pm <i>Sign in 9:30 am</i>
Awards Banquet (All Participants)	April 18 Saturday	Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Hall (390 Marion Street)	6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

**"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO PLAY WITH A PURE HEART, FOR THEY WILL REFLECT THE GLORY OF GOD"**

Fr. Yaroslav, KUCA Chaplain



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**Tuesday, February 24, 2026**

**PRAYING FOR UKRAINE**

To mark 4 years since the beginning of  
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250 Jefferson Avenue—Winnipeg

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- 12 noon Rosary
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- 1:00 p.m. Chaplet to Blessed Vasyl



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# The First Sunday of Great Lent The Triumph of Icons

On the First Sunday of Great Lent, the Church celebrates the Sunday of Orthodoxy — the Triumph of Icons. At first glance, this may seem like a historical remembrance of the victory over iconoclasm in the 9th century. But it is much more than history. It is a proclamation of a profound truth of our faith.

The restoration of icons proclaims that God truly became man.

If Christ had not taken on real human flesh, He could not be depicted. But because “the Word became flesh and dwelt among us” (John 1:14), He can be seen, portrayed, and venerated. Icons defend the truth of the Incarnation. They proclaim that our faith is not abstract or imaginary — it is real, tangible, and visible.

Icons are not decorations. They are not religious art in the ordinary sense. They are windows into heaven.

When we stand before an icon of Christ, we do not worship wood and paint. We venerate the Person represented. As the Church teaches, the honor given to the icon passes to the prototype — to Christ, to the Mother of God, to the saints. Icons remind us that heaven is near.

**Why Are Icons Important?** They teach the Gospel visually.

Before many people could read, icons proclaimed the Good News. Even today, they teach us silently through color, posture, and symbolism. They call us to holiness. The saints depicted in icons are not distant figures. They are witnesses that holiness is possible. When we pray before their icons, we are reminded that we too are called to become living icons of Christ.

**They sanctify our homes.** An icon corner in our home transforms ordinary space into sacred space. It reminds us daily that our life belongs to God.

**Why Should We Pray Using Icons?** Because we are human. We pray not only with our minds but with our senses. When we look at an icon: Our eyes focus. Our hearts become attentive. Our distractions lessen. Our prayer becomes more personal.

The icon helps us encounter Christ face to face. In Great Lent especially, icons help us deepen repentance. When we look into the compassionate eyes of Christ Pantocrator, we do not see condemnation — we see mercy. When we stand before the icon of the Crucifixion, we remember the cost of our salvation.

Icons do not replace prayer. They lead us into prayer.

The Triumph of Icons stands at the very beginning of Lent to remind us: the goal of our fasting is not self-improvement. It is transformation. Through repentance, prayer, fasting, and charity, we are called to become icons — living reflections of Christ in the world.

The true triumph of Orthodoxy is not only that icons were restored to churches. The true triumph is when Christ is restored in our hearts.

*May this holy season help us cleanse the image of God within us, so that by Pascha we may shine more brightly with His light. Let us venerate the holy icons with reverence and faith. Let us pray before them with attention and humility. And let us strive to become living icons of Christ's love.*



**Family  
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**ST BASIL'S**

**PEROGY SUPPER**

**FRIDAY: 4 - 7 PM**

**202 HARCOURT**

**Last Friday of the month!**  
February 27, March 27,  
April 24, May 29, 2026

**Location: St Basil the Great Ukrainian Catholic Church**  
204.837.4180

**Prices:**  
**Eat in or Take out**  
\$12 - Large plate (9 Perogies)  
\$9 - Small plate (5 Perogies)  
Includes Pie with Ice Cream, Coffee, Tea, Drink  
(Orange or Grape)  
**\*Frozen perogies can also be purchased\***



**WE'RE BACK**  
St. Anne Church  
Knights of Columbus

**LENTEN FRIDAYS 2026**



**DINNERS STARTING AT \$15**

includes a Pickerel Fillet, Fries or Perogies  
Creamy Coleslaw

complimentary Beverages & Dessert

Also Available Take-Outs and UCWLC Bake Items for Sale

**St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church Hall**  
**35 Marcie Street (off Gilmore Avenue)**

**Lenten Fridays, Feb 20, 27 &**

**Mar 6, 13, 20, 27**

**from 3:30pm - 7pm, last orders 6:30pm**

• Proceeds from the Fish Fry go to support Winnipeg Charities, Ukrainian War Relief efforts and our church.  
• Please note that additional parking is available in the Douglas Menonite Church parking lot accessible from Rothsay St. at the north end of the Rothsay overpass. Proceed via a private walkway on the east side of the parking lot that will lead to Marcie St. and to St. Anne Church.

**6th ANNUAL CHILDREN'S BOOKMARK CONTEST**

*Celebrating the work of Taras Shevchenko and encouraging a new generation of visual artists*

Children are invited to enter an original bookmark interpreting an excerpt from Taras Shevchenko's poem "Son" (*The Dream*).

**Contest Details:**

**Deadline: Monday, April 13, 2026, at 5 PM CT**

**Eligibility:** Open to children up to 14 years old

**Prize:** One winner per province and territory will receive \$30

Winning entries will be posted on the TSF website and social media.



For details see reverse, scan the QR code or visit our website

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**2026**



Artwork by Dominika (Quebec)

**6-ий річний конкурс дитячих закладок**

*Вітаємо нашу творчість Тараса Шевченка і заохочуємо нове покоління образотворчих мистців*

Запрошуємо дітей створити оригінальну закладку на якій зображено зміст уривка поезії Тараса Шевченка «Сон».

**Деталі конкурсу:**

**Речення:** **понеділок, 13 квітня 2026 р.**

**Учасники:** Молоді художники віком до 14 р.

**Нагороди:** Один переможець у кожній провінції або території отримає \$30

Закладки переможців будуть висвітлені на комунікаційних мережах Фондації.

Всі деталі на стор. 2, або на веб-сторінці за посиланням. Можна також відсканувати код.



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**A REMINDER TO EVERY-ONE that help is required for peeling potatoes today (Sunday) before and after liturgy! Potato boiling and mashing will take place Monday starting at 8:30 AM and the making of potato balls, dough and pierogi's will begin at 8:30 AM., Tuesday. Peeling of onions at 10:30 AM Thursday and our perogy supper will start at 4:00 PM. Friday till 7:00 PM. Please come out and help on all days or for a few hours whenever you can - your help is always appreciated! Thank you.**

**GK. Gerald/Gerry Skochyles**

**EASTER CHILDREN'S WORKSHOP— writing pysanky:** March 7th at 11:00 am. All materials will be provided. Adults are invited as well. **Baking paska & and making Butter Lamb—** March 28th at 11:00 am.

**First Holy Confession & Solemn Holy Communion 2026: on Sunday, May 3rd, 2026 at 10 am**

**Parish Family Picnic:** June 14th, following the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

**St. Basil's Summer Camp 2026:** will be held in August



# Ukraine === KHOLODOMOR!!!!!!!

A genocide against Ukrainians is unfolding right now.

It already has a name: "Kholodomor" (exhaustion through cold)

This crime is being deliberately committed by Russia.

In legal terms, it has a clear definition - genocide.

Under Article II of the UN Convention on the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide, one of the defining acts of genocide is:

"Deliberately inflicting on a group of people conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part."

Many Ukrainian cities - Kyiv foremost among them - have been without electricity, heating, and water for the second week in a row, amid severe frosts.

What does this mean?

It means people are being condemned to death by Russia.

This is what is happening:

- Elderly people cannot leave their apartments to buy food or water because elevators do not work - or because they are physically unable to walk down the stairs;
- No communication: mobile phones are dead, there is no way to call for help or an ambulance;
- Sick people cannot use life-sustaining medical equipment because there is no electricity at home;
- Mothers of small kids carry their children and strollers up staircases in high-rise buildings - along with water and food;
- No hot meals and no possibility to cook food at home;
- Sewer system failures, creating critical and dangerous conditions;
- Illness caused by extreme cold and the inability to stay warm;
- Children cannot attend schools because there is no heating. Distance learning is also impossible without electricity;
- Kindergartens are closed, mothers cannot work, earn money to feed their children;
- Stray animals are freezing to death on the streets;
- Even pets are dying from the cold - parrots, aquarium fish, animals kept in terrariums;
- Animals in zoos are freezing;
- Collections of rare plants in Kyiv's botanical gardens have frozen and died;
- Small businesses are earning nothing, forced to spend money on generators and fuel - causing direct losses to the economy;
- Severe harm to the environment and public health due to the constant operation of massive numbers of generators;
- Public transport functions far worse due to power outages; electric transport does not operate at all, leaving people unable to reach work, doctors, or essential services;
- Burst pipes and freezing temperatures are destroying homes, making them uninhabitable;
- Hospitals are forced to cancel planned surgeries, operating in emergency mode and at full capacity;
- Rates of depression, anxiety disorders, and burnout are sharply increasing.

Russia wants to make large Ukrainian cities uninhabitable.

This is a humanitarian catastrophe deliberately caused by Russia.

*Source: Anton Gerashchenko*

# THEME: PATH TO RESURRECTION

## Lenten Reflection with Sister Sophia, Superior of Ukrainian Sisters of St. Joseph of Saskatoon.

### ◆ Friday, March 20

6:00 PM – Stations of the Cross (2 priests available for  
Sacrament of Confession)

6:45 PM – First Reflection with Sister Sophia  
Followed by coffee and fellowship



### ◆ Saturday, March 21

10:00 AM – Akathist

11:00 AM – Meeting with youth and young adults

6:00 PM – Great Vespers (2 priests available for Sacrament of  
Confession)

7:00 PM – Second Reflection (Second Session)  
Followed by coffee and fellowship

### ◆ Sunday, March 22

9:30 AM – Meeting with children (Catechism class)

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

11:15 AM – Third and Final Reflection

Followed by a special presentation from Ukraine by  
Sister Sophia in the church hall, with coffee and  
fellowship.

♥ Everyone is more than welcome to join.

## Перша неділя Великого посту — Торжество Ікон

У Першу неділю Великого посту Церква святкує Неділю Православ'я — Торжество Ікон. На перший погляд це може здаватися лише історичною згадкою про перемогу над іконоборством у IX столітті. Але це значно більше, ніж історія. Це проголошення глибокої істини нашої віри.

Відновлення ікон проголошує, що Бог справді став людиною. Якби Христос не прийняв справжню людську плоть, Його неможливо було б зобразити. Але тому що «Слово стало тілом і оселилося між нами» (Йо. 1:14), Його можна бачити, зображати й почитати. Ікони захищають правду Воплочення. Вони проголошують, що наша віра не є абстрактною чи уявною — вона реальна, відчутна і видима.

Ікони — це не прикраси. Це не просто релігійне мистецтво у звичайному розумінні. Вони — вікна до неба. Коли ми стоїмо перед іконою Христа, ми не поклоняємося дереву чи фарбі. Ми почитаємо Особу, яка зображена. Як навчає Церква, честь, видана іконі, переходить до Первообразу — до Христа, до Божої Матері, до святих. Ікони нагадують нам, що небо близько.

**Чому ікони важливі?** Вони навчають Євангелія візуально. Ще тоді, коли багато людей не вміли читати, ікони проголошували Добру Новину. І сьогодні вони мовчки навчають нас через колір, поставу та символіку. Вони закликають нас до святості. Святі, зображені на іконах, — не далекі постаті. Вони є свідками того, що святість можлива. Коли ми молимося перед їхніми іконами, ми пригадуємо, що й самі покликані стати живими іконами Христа.

Вони освячують наші домівки. Куточок з іконами у домі перетворює звичайний простір на священний. Він щодня нагадує нам, що наше життя належить Богові.

**Чому ми повинні молитися перед іконами?** Тому що ми — люди. Ми молимося не лише розумом, але й усіма своїми відчуттями. Коли ми дивимося на ікону: Наші очі зосереджуються. Наше серце стає уважнішим. Наші відволікання зменшуються. Наша молитва стає більш особистою.

Ікона допомагає нам зустріти Христа обличчям до обличчя. Особливо у Великий піст ікони допомагають нам поглибити покаяння. Коли ми дивимося в милосердні очі Христа Пантократора, ми бачимо не осуд, а милість. Коли стоїмо перед іконою Розп'яття, ми згадуємо ціну нашого спасіння.

Ікони не замінують молитви. Вони вводять нас у молитву.

Торжество Ікон на початку посту нагадує нам: мета нашого посту — не самовдосконалення, а преображення. Через покаяння, молитву, піст і милостиню ми покликані стати іконами — живими відображеннями Христа у світі.

Справжнє торжество Православ'я полягає не лише в тому, що ікони були повернуті до храмів. Справжнє торжество — це коли Христос відновлюється у наших серцях.

*Нехай цей святий час допоможе нам очистити образ Божий у собі, щоб до Пасхи ми засяяли яскравіше Його світлом. Почитаймо святі ікони з благоговінням і вірою. Молимося перед ними з увагою і покірою. І прагнімо стати живими іконами Христової любові.*



Thank you to Iryna, Maryana, Tanya, Ivanka and Halyna for preparing krutchenyky, meatloaves, and bakka for Bake Sale



## SUNDAY LITURGY

9:00 a.m. Children's Catechism

9:30 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. English/Ukrainian

Office Hours (Weds& Thurs.)

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

CONFESSIONS Before Liturgies

BAPTISM By appointment

FUNERALS By arrangement

MARRIAGES: By appointment at least six months in advance

All our Church services are live-streamed to Facebook page and YouTube channel regularly. Photographs from special Parish events will be submitted to our website & other social media sources. If you have any questions or disagreements, please contact our Parish Office. Thank you for understanding. Respectfully ~ Fr. Mykhaylo



### Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion

You are a member of the Catholic Church; You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently; You attend Divine Services regularly; Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church; You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast). You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel. To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace. ***If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing. For those who are divorced and living common-law the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist cannot be received. You are welcome to come for a blessing. (If you are divorced with a Church annulment, and remarried in the Church you are more than welcome to receive the Holy Sacraments.)***



**PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: Dobrodiyka Olga, Dobrodiyka Tillie Z., Ed T., Stanley S, ALL UKRAINIANS in time of WAR, John S., Fran C, David K., Ed & Sylvia P., Mary P., Luba H., Jack M., Alexander Z., Virginia M., Mary I.Z., Bryce G, Alex Z., Shane M., Ruthie P., Ed T, Wayne G., Rose O., Charlene G., Natalie B , Olga B, Adele H., Frances Y., Marilyn S. Morley, ...** and all members of our parish family and those who are not able to join actively in our community, your families, relatives, friends, neighbors, governments and armed forces, especially the shut-in or those in the hospitals, traveling, working or studying, nursing and senior homes, seeking God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer; your spiritual fathers, those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind; widows and widowers, orphans, homeless, those who love us and those who hate, use & hurt us; and all people who have asked us pray for them. Please, also in your kindness keep praying those daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Remember to ask for special blessings to all Christian families and yourselves! **REMINDER for families of individuals, who are admitted to hospital - If you or a family member is admitted to hospital and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call our parish rectory office to make this request. Your pastor may have no other way of knowing that you are in hospital, as per privacy legislation.**

