

Cheese-fare Sunday



Sunday of Cheese-fare; Sunday of Forgiveness

Priest-Martyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebastia – he was born in the Province of Cappadocia. From his early childhood, he was God-fearing and meek. Because of his great virtues, he was chosen as bishop of the city of Sebastea [in Armenia]. By his holiness, many miracles and steadfastness in the Faith of Christ, Blaise converted many pagans to the Faith. He suffered for Christ in the year 316 AD. People pray to St. Blaise for the wellbeing of their domestic livestock and for protection against wild beasts. In the Roman Catholic Church St. Blaise is also invoked for diseases of the throat.

***** Sunday, February 11th, 2018 *****

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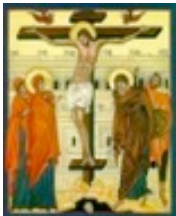
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Daily Liturgical Services

Sunday, Feb. 11th * 9:30 a.m. Rosary (Eng.)**

***** 10:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings for all parishioners. (Eng./Ukr.)**

Monday, Feb. 12 * 9:00 a.m. Lenten Service**

Wednesday, Feb. 14 * 3:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts**

Thursday, Feb. 15 * 9:00 a.m. Lenten Service**

Friday, March 16 * 3:30 p.m. Lit. of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts**

Sunday, Feb. 18th * 9:30 a.m. Rosary (Eng.) *** 10:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings for all parishioners. (Eng./Ukr.)**

Troparion, Tone 3: Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, * for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. * He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead; * He saved us from the abyss of Hades* and granted great mercy to the world.

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

Kontakion, Tone 6: 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.

Prokeimenon, Tone 8 - Pray and give praise to the Lord our God. * Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

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

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4

Brothers and Sisters, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Alleluia, Tone 6 - It is good to give praise to the Lord, and to sing to Your name, O Most High.

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

Gospel: *Matthew 6:14-21*



The Lord said, “If you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you; but if you do not forgive others, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and steal; but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”

Communion Hymn - Praise the Lord from the heavens; * praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 148:1)



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“In many and various ways” (Heb 1:1) the unseen God revealed himself to humankind through the words of divinely chosen persons – and through creation. “In these last days he has spoken to us by a Son” (Heb 1:2), who is his incarnate Word. As for creation, the world was created good (see Gn 1:1), and therefore is a means of our

communication with God. However, this world needs the human person as it eagerly awaits the revelation of the children of God (see Rom 8:19, 22), through whom all creation is able to fulfill completely its purpose.

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Christ himself shows that the created world is a means through which God acts: he cures the man born blind by applying a mud paste to his eyes; he heals the hemorrhaging woman who touched the fringe of his cloak, and in the Transfiguration his clothes shine with divine light (see Mt 17:2). All that Christ did during his lifetime he continues to do through the Divine Services of his Church and through the Holy Mysteries. Therefore, the Church, through her Divine Services during the Mysteries and on holy days, blesses and sanctifies various material objects through which she witnesses to Christ's presence and salvific action."

Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church – “Christ Our Pascha” #341-342

A warm welcome - to all parishioners, your families, visitors and guests. Thank you for joining us in this Divine Liturgy. Have a blessed week!



Please Pray for health of ... Edward H., Bishop Severian, Maria S., John H., Maria & Ihor Z., Joe S., Clay B., Theresa L., Ann W., Fr. Jeffery S., Lawrence & Ping B., all the sick brothers and sisters in our families and our parish community.

Please let Fr. Andrzej know if you would like to add names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

Eternal Memory! Вічна Пам'ять! – on behalf of the Most Holy Trinity parish, we express our sincerest condolences to the Zazulak family who mourn the untimely death of **Mr. Stephen Matthew Zazulak**. May Stephen's soul rest in peace.

Congratulations to our 2018 Parish Council Members & UCWLC Executive!

Thank you to all our Volunteers – Дякуємо – Many thanks to everyone for your support of our parish community and all other work done at the church property this past week. God bless you all!



Serving the Poor – a special presentation on St. Vincent de Paul Society's ministry to the poor will take place **today, Sunday, Feb. 11th** during our coffee time. **Our Guest Speaker:** Mrs. Theresa Lidster – President of Kamloops' St. Vincent de Paul branch.

26th World Day of the Sick - February 11 is World Day of the Sick, an observation started by St. Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses.

Great Fast (Lent) 2018 – will begin tomorrow, **Monday, February 12th**. Please note that both the **First day of Lent** as well as **Good Friday** are the strictest fasting days. That means we refrain from consuming meat, eggs & dairy products on these days.



Perogy Work-Bees – will take place on certain Tuesdays of February & March (**Feb. 13 & 27; March 6 & 13**). We will begin at 8:00 a.m. Please come and join us in this fundraising project.

“Christ Our Pascha” - Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church – is available at an electronic form at the following web-sites <http://www.royaldoors.net> & <http://catechism.royaldoors.net>



Knights of Columbus the 4th Degree Council – will hold their monthly meeting this coming Thursday, Feb. 15th, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at Le Jeune Manor.

Monthly Fundraising Breakfast – will take place next Sunday, February 18th.

Friday, Feb. 23rd - Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace - Pope Francis has launched a special Day of Prayer and Fasting for Peace for war-torn nations, in particular for the Democratic Republic of Congo and for South Sudan that are suffering protracted conflict, and he has invited all men and women, regardless of their religious denomination, to join in.

Monthly Parish Council Meeting – will take place on **Tuesday, Feb. 27th, 2018** at 7:00 p.m. at the parish hall.

“Christ Our Pascha” - Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church – Part two of the presentation on this great spiritual resource of our Church will take place on Sunday, Feb. 25th during our coffee time after the Divine Liturgy.

Diocesan Youth Retreat: Friday April 27 – Sunday April 29 at St. John Vianney in Kamloops. Registration available online at www.rcdk.org

All Souls Saturday (Задущні Суботу) – our prayers for our beloved deceased ones will continue on the second, third, and fourth Saturdays of the Great Fast.

The Most Holy Trinity Parish Stewardship: Sunday, Feb. 4 - \$378.00 **** *May God bless and reward you for your generosity & support.*



Special Petition for Divine Liturgy:

- We also pray for the people of Ukraine, that with the help of the Holy Spirit, they may obtain social peace, political harmony and economic stability: Lord, hear us and have mercy.

Pastoral Ministry and Sacraments:

Reconciliation: on Sundays and Holy Days: before Divine Liturgies and other days, by appointment.

Holy Communion: for the sick, by appointment, any time.

Baptisms: by appointment.

Marriages: six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made.

Funerals and Memorials: by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick (Holy Unction): Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing or to meet with parish priest, please call or email Fr. Andrzej in advance to arrange a time and a day.

Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:

1. You are a member of the Catholic Church (Orthodox faithful are welcome to receive Holy Communion); 2) You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently; 3) You attend Divine Services regularly; 4) Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church; 5) 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). 6) You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel. 7) 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 very welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.

**** COMMUNAL RIGHT OF MUTUAL FORGIVENESS ****

When the disciples of the Lord asked him to teach them how to pray (Luke 11:1-13), He left us with what we refer to as the Lord's Prayer, the "Our Father". In this prayer, we ask God to forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Before beginning our Great Fast (Lenten) Journey together, as a parish family community, it is important for us to express to each other our desire to forgive each other for anything that we may have done that may have hurt or offended someone over the past year, or indeed during our life time so that we can be free without these heavy burdens to walk together as a united family as true daughters and sons of God! This Communal Right of Mutual Forgiveness is not the Mystery/ Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) and does not replace that Mystery/Sacrament, but rather is a tangible sign to each other of our forgiveness and also the experience of being forgiven. Hence there is no need to name our offenses, but rather with total sincerity in our hearts let us say to each other: "Forgive me sister/ brother" and answer with sincerity and love, "May God have mercy on you and know that I forgive you."

Priest: Bless me, my Sisters and Brothers, and forgive me, a sinner, whatever offenses I may have committed this day and all the days of my life by word, deed and thought as well as by all my senses (bows to all the faithful).

Faithful: May God forgive you, Reverend Father. Bless us also and forgive our offences voluntary and involuntary (also bow).

Priest: May the Lord God by His grace forgive you all your sins and have mercy on you.

Let us pray for our Most Holy Universal Pontiff, Francis Pope of Rome, for His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav, for our Most Reverend Metropolitan Lawrence, for our God-loving Bishop Ken and the God-loving Bishop Severian.

Faithful: May God save and have mercy.

Priest: For the noble benefactors and founders of this holy church, for those who serve and who have served in it.

Faithful: May God save and have mercy.

Priest: For those who are absent and for those who are travelling.

Faithful: May God protect and have mercy.

Priest: For our benefactors and those who are kind to us.

Faithful: May God reward and have mercy.

Priest: For those who hate us and for those who love us.

Faithful: May God forgive and have mercy.

Priest: For the sick and suffering.

Faithful: May God heal and have mercy.

Priest: For our departed relatives and faithful of our parish and Eparchy.

Faithful: May God grant them remembrance and rest and everlasting be their memory.

Priest: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us.

Faithful: Amen.

Lenten Scriptural Readings for this week

Monday: Genesis 1:1-13; Proverbs 1:1-20 & Isaiah 1:1-20

Tuesday: Genesis 1:14-23; Proverbs 1:20-33 & Isaiah 1:19-2:3

Wednesday: Genesis 1:24-2:3; Proverbs 2:1-22 & Isaiah 2:3-11

Thursday: Genesis 2:4-19; Proverbs 3:1-18 & Isaiah 2:11-21

Friday: Genesis 2:20-3:20; Proverbs 3:19-34 & Isaiah 3:1-14



Pastoral Letter
Of the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada
Announcing

**THE RELOCATION OF HOLY SPIRIT
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC SEMINARY**

To the Very Reverend Clergy, Monastics and Religious Sisters,
Seminarians and Laity of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in
Canada:

(The Lord said to Joshua)
I command you: be firm and steadfast!
Do not fear nor be dismayed,
for the Lord, your God, is with you wherever you go!

[Book of Joshua 1:1,9]

Dearly Beloved in Christ!

With the above words of Sacred Scripture in our minds we address you concerning a change in location of *Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Seminary*, which, since its creation in 1980, has been located in Ottawa ON.

When the *Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky Institute of Eastern Christian Studies* announced several years ago its plan to relocate to the *University of Saint Michael College in the University of Toronto*, the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada, who constitute the Seminary Board of Directors, began a process of discernment, together with the Seminary Rector, regarding the implications for the Seminary.

The first question centered on the academic formation of our seminarians which until recently had been ensured through the theology programs at Ottawa's *Saint Paul University* and the Eastern theological programs provided by the *Sheptytsky Institute* affiliated with *St. Paul University*. Enquiries were made regarding the *Sheptytsky Institute's* new academic arrangements

with *St. Michael's College* in Toronto. Information was also received regarding programs offered at Ottawa's *St. Paul University*, now without the participation of the *Sheptytsky Institute*. Discussions were also held with other academic centers, including those available at several institutions in Edmonton AB.

The second question centered on a physical home for the Seminary. The present building in Ottawa could still be used if the Seminary remained in Ottawa, but as an older building it has been subject to ever increasing repairs over the years. Much time was spent visiting possible locations in the Toronto area. There the difficulty was finding a building suitable for the Seminary needs, within a reasonable travel distance to *St. Michael's College* and at a feasible price. The cost was clearly of concern even when considering the sale of the Ottawa location.

A third option arose when the Basilian Fathers vacated their *House of Studies* in Edmonton, with the possibility of a lease or purchase agreement with the Seminary.

Invoking the divine help of the Holy Spirit, the patron of the Seminary, the bishops conducted much prayer and reflection in order to come to a decision, fully aware of the stages of formation of the present seminarians and the good will of many organizations and individuals desirous for the best outcome for the Seminary. The bishops have also been sensitive to the concerns of the faithful of each eparchy who provide the funding essential to the running and maintenance of the Seminary, notwithstanding the decline in parish memberships and slow depletion of available finances.

With all this in mind, the bishops, as the Seminary Board of Directors, have decided to enter into a lease agreement with the Basilian Fathers (Order of St. Basil the Great) for their *House of Studies* in Edmonton AB, which will provide space suitable for the Seminary, including chapel, kitchen and dining room, library and study rooms, and rooms for the seminarians and staff. Seminarians will pursue a Master of Divinity program at *Newman Theological College*.

In addition, internet and online educational opportunities are also available to our seminarians, in particular with the *Sheptytsky Institute*, providing ever increasing dimensions to seminary formation.

In Sacred Scripture, we find various examples of journeys undertaken by the people of God in response to the call of the Lord, be it Abraham and Moses in the Old Testament, or the Holy Family in the New Testament. So too, *Holy Spirit Seminary* will now undertake a new direction in its pilgrim journey as a sacred institution, which we discern to be the call of the Lord not only to the staff and seminarians, but also to the clergy and faithful of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada. And so, with the prayer from the Divine Liturgy we pray: ***“Let us go forth in peace. In the name of the Lord!”***

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+ Lawrence Huculak, OSBM, Metropolitan Archbishop of Winnipeg

+ David Motiuk, Eparchial Bishop of Edmonton

+ Stephen Chmilar, Eparchial Bishop of Toronto

+ Ken Nowakowski, Eparchial Bishop of New Westminster

+ Bryan Bayda, C.Ss.R., Eparchial Bishop of Saskatoon

2/14 February, Feast of the Presentation of the Lord



2017 Lenten Message of His Holiness Pope Francis

“Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold” (Mt 24:12)

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again, the Pasch of the Lord draws near! In our preparation for Easter, God in his providence offers us each year the season of Lent as a “sacramental sign of our conversion”. Lent summons us, and enables us, to come back to the Lord wholeheartedly and in every aspect of our life.

With this message, I would like again this year to help the entire Church experience this time of grace anew, with joy and in truth. I will take my cue from the words of Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew: “Because of the increase of iniquity, the love of many will grow cold” (24:12).

These words appear in Christ’s preaching about the end of time. They were spoken in Jerusalem, on the Mount of Olives, where the Lord’s passion would begin. In reply to a question of the disciples, Jesus foretells a great tribulation and describes a situation in which the community of believers might well find itself: amid great trials, false prophets would lead people astray and the love that is the core of the Gospel would grow cold in the hearts of many.

False prophets

Let us listen to the Gospel passage and try to understand the guise such false prophets can assume.

They can appear as “snake charmers”, who manipulate human emotions in order to enslave others and lead them where they would have them go. How many of God’s children are mesmerized by momentary pleasures, mistaking them for true happiness! How many men and women live entranced by the dream of wealth, which only makes them slaves to profit and petty interests! How many go through life believing that they are

sufficient unto themselves, and end up entrapped by loneliness!

False prophets can also be “charlatans”, who offer easy and immediate solutions to suffering that soon prove utterly useless. How many young people are taken in by the panacea of drugs, of disposable relationships, of easy but dishonest gains! How many more are ensnared in a thoroughly “virtual” existence, in which relationships appear quick and straightforward, only to prove meaningless! These swindlers, in peddling things that have no real value, rob people of all that is most precious: dignity, freedom and the ability to love. They appeal to our vanity, our trust in appearances, but in the end they only make fools of us. Nor should we be surprised. In order to confound the human heart, the devil, who is “a liar and the father of lies” (Jn 8:44), has always presented evil as good, falsehood as truth. That is why each of us is called to peer into our heart to see if we are falling prey to the lies of these false prophets. We must learn to look closely, beneath the surface, and to recognize what leaves a good and lasting mark on our hearts, because it comes from God and is truly for our benefit.

A cold heart

In his description of hell, Dante Alighieri pictures the devil seated on a throne of ice,² in frozen and loveless isolation. We might well ask ourselves how it happens that charity can turn cold within us. What are the signs that indicate that our love is beginning to cool?

More than anything else, what destroys charity is greed for money, “the root of all evil” (1 Tim 6:10). The rejection of God and his peace soon follows; we prefer our own desolation rather than the comfort found in his word and the sacraments.³ All this

leads to violence against anyone we think is a threat to our own “certainties”: the unborn child, the elderly and infirm, the migrant, the alien among us, or our neighbour who does not live up to our expectations.

Creation itself becomes a silent witness to this cooling of charity. The earth is poisoned by refuse, discarded out of carelessness or for self-interest. The seas, themselves polluted, engulf the remains of countless shipwrecked victims of forced migration. The heavens, which in God’s plan, were created to sing his praises, are rent by engines raining down implements of death.

Love can also grow cold in our own communities. In the Apostolic Exhortation *Evangelii Gaudium*, I sought to describe the most evident signs of this lack of love: selfishness and spiritual sloth, sterile pessimism, the temptation to self-absorption, constant warring among ourselves, and the worldly mentality that makes us concerned only for appearances, and thus lessens our missionary zeal.

What are we to do?

Perhaps we see, deep within ourselves and all about us, the signs I have just described. But the Church, our Mother and Teacher, along with the often bitter medicine of the truth, offers us in the Lenten season the soothing remedy of prayer, almsgiving and fasting. By devoting more time to prayer, we enable our hearts to root out our secret lies and forms of self-deception, and then to find the consolation God offers. He is our Father and he wants us to live life well.

Almsgiving sets us free from greed and helps us to regard our neighbour as a brother or sister. What I possess is never mine alone. How I would like almsgiving to become a genuine style of

life for each of us! How I would like us, as Christians, to follow the example of the Apostles and see in the sharing of our possessions a tangible witness of the communion that is ours in the Church! For this reason, I echo Saint Paul's exhortation to the Corinthians to take up a collection for the community of Jerusalem as something from which they themselves would benefit (cf. 2 Cor 8:10). This is all the more fitting during the Lenten season, when many groups take up collections to assist Churches and peoples in need. Yet I would also hope that, even in our daily encounters with those who beg for our assistance, we would see such requests as coming from God himself. When we give alms, we share in God's providential care for each of his children. If through me God helps someone today, will he not tomorrow provide for my own needs? For no one is more generous than God.

Fasting weakens our tendency to violence; it disarms us and becomes an important opportunity for growth. On the one hand, it allows us to experience what the destitute and the starving have to endure. On the other hand, it expresses our own spiritual hunger and thirst for life in God. Fasting wakes us up. It makes us more attentive to God and our neighbour. It revives our desire to obey God, who alone is capable of satisfying our hunger.

I would also like my invitation to extend beyond the bounds of the Catholic Church, and to reach all of you, men and women of good will, who are open to hearing God's voice. Perhaps, like ourselves, you are disturbed by the spread of iniquity in the world, you are concerned about the chill that paralyzes hearts and actions, and you see a weakening in our sense of being members of the one human family. Join us, then, in raising our plea to God, in fasting, and in offering whatever you can to our brothers and sisters in need!

The fire of Easter Above all, I urge the members of the Church to take up the Lenten journey with enthusiasm, sustained by almsgiving, fasting and prayer. If, at times, the flame of charity seems to die in our own hearts, know that this is never the case in the heart of God! He constantly gives us a chance to begin loving anew.

One such moment of grace will be, again this year, the “24 Hours for the Lord” initiative, which invites the entire Church community to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Eucharistic adoration. In 2018, inspired by the words of Psalm 130:4, “With you is forgiveness”, this will take place from Friday, 9 March to Saturday, 10 March. In each diocese, at least one church will remain open for twenty-four consecutive hours, offering an opportunity for both Eucharistic adoration and sacramental confession.

During the Easter Vigil, we will celebrate once more the moving rite of the lighting of the Easter candle. Drawn from the “new fire”, this light will slowly overcome the darkness and illuminate the liturgical assembly. “May the light of Christ rising in glory dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds”, and enable all of us to relive the experience of the disciples on the way to Emmaus. By listening to God’s word and drawing nourishment from the table of the Eucharist, may our hearts be ever more ardent in faith, hope and love.

With affection and the promise of my prayers for all of you, I send you my blessing. Please do not forget to pray for me.

From the Vatican, 1 November 2017 Solemnity of All Saints

Francesco