



2nd Sunday of the Great Fast; Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas

Our Holy Father Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople (806) – Tarasius was one of the highest officials in the Byzantine Empire. He became the Emperor's Prime Minister and was elected to the Patriarchate of Constantinople in the year 784. At the 7th Ecumenical Council in 787, he accomplished the defeat of Iconoclasts and the reunion of Constantinople with other Patriarchates. He died in 806. *Great Fast Day 14.*

***** Sunday, February 25th, 2018 *****

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Parish Liturgical Services

Sunday, Feb. 25th * 9:30 a.m. Rosary (Eng.)**

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

Monday, Feb. 26 * 9:00 a.m. Stations of the**

Cross

Wednesday, Feb. 28 * 3:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified**

Gifts: +Petro Cisarskyj – Wasylanko family

Thursday, March 1 * 9:00 a.m. Akathist to Christ's Passion**

Friday, March 2 * 3:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross & 3rd Sorokouste (prayers for our beloved deceased ones)**

Sunday, March 4th * 9:30 a.m. Rosary (Eng.) *** 10:00 a.m. Div. Lit.: God's blessings for all parishioners. (Eng./Ukr.)**

The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated today.

Troparion, Tone 5: Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word, * co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,* and born of the Virgin for our salvation. * For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death* and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Troparion (Tone 8): Light of orthodoxy, teacher of the Church; its confirmation!* Ideal of monks and invincible champion of theologians.* Wonder-working Gregory, glory of Thessalonica and preacher of grace:* always intercede before the Lord that our souls may be saved!

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

Kontakion, Tone 4: The time for action is now revealed; * the Judge is at the door. * Let us rise and keep the fast,* offering tears of contrition with alms and crying aloud:* our sins are more numerous than the sands of the sea,* but forgive us, O Maker of all, that we may receive incorruptible crowns.

Prokeimenon, Tone 8 - You, O Lord, will guard us* and will keep us* from this generation* and forever.

verse: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man.



Epistle: Hebrews 1:10 - 2:3

“In the beginning, Lord, you founded the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands; they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like clothing; like a cloak you will roll them up, and like clothing they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will never end.” But to which of the angels has he ever said, “Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet”? Are not all angels spirits in the divine service, sent to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation? Therefore we must pay greater attention to what we have heard, so that we do not

drift away from it. For if the message declared through angels was valid, and every transgression or disobedience received a just penalty, how can we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? It was declared at first through the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him.

Alleluia, Tone 6 - He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of heaven.

verse: He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God, in Whom I hope.

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

At that time, Jesus entered Capernaum after some days, and it was reported that he was at home. So many gathered around, that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door; and he was speaking the word to them. Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him; and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, “Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves; and he said to them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and take your mat and walk’? But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins” —he said to the paralytic— “I say to you, stand up, take your mat and go to your home.” And he stood up, and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them; so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

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

**** ANNOUNCEMENTS ****

“II. THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH COMMUNITY

1. Preparation for the Divine Liturgy

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Before the beginning of the Divine Liturgy, the clergy recite the entrance prayers and put on the liturgical vestments. In the prayers before the iconostasis, they pray for the forgiveness of their faults. Aware of their human frailty, they beseech the Lord, by the prayers of the Mother of God, to strengthen them for this service.

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The meaning and symbolism of all the liturgical vestments are well illustrated by the prayer for putting on the sticharion: “He has placed on me, as a bridegroom, a crown; he has adorned me, as a bride, with jewels.” At the Liturgy, the priest represents Christ the Bridegroom before the community and also the Church as the Bride before God..... (p. 122)

Commemoration of the Deceased

For if he were not expecting that those who had fallen would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. (2 Mc 12:44)

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The Church also designates other days for commemoration of the deceased. Every Saturday is a day when we remember them together with all the saints. Then there is Meatfare Saturday, as well as the second, third, and fourth Saturdays of Great Lent, along with the Saturday before Pentecost, which are days of “universal, or general, commemoration of the deceased.” These commemorations occur on Saturdays because the Saviour of the world rested in the grave on Great and Holy Saturday, awaiting the Resurrection. Thus, Saturday

became for Christians the day for commemorating the deceased, who await the resurrection on the last day. There is also a custom of commemorating all the departed of a locality or a parish on the day following a church's patronal feast. This is an additional sign of the unity of the living and the deceased in a parish. During the days of Pascha and Pentecost, the parish community gathers at the cemetery to pray at the graves of the departed and to share with them the joy of Christ's Resurrection and new life. The cemetery is a hallowed place; and when it is ordered and cared for, it is evidence of a proper attitude of the living toward the deceased... (p. 174-5)"

Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church – “Christ Our Pascha” #346-347 & 521

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 ... Anne D., Joyce K., Gordon B., Rose K., 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.

“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 **today, Sunday, Feb. 25th** during our coffee time after the Divine Liturgy.

Mnohaya Lita! – very special God's blessings to anyone among our parishioners and their families who celebrated their birthday, name-day, wedding anniversary and any other special anniversary during **the month of February** (Feb. 27th - Timothy Wasylinko).

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!



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

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

Next Monthly Catholic Youth Meeting – will take place this coming Friday, March 2nd at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family RC parish.

All Souls Saturday (Задущні Суботу) – our prayers for our beloved deceased ones will continue on the third and fourth Saturdays of the Great Fast (March 3 & 10).



The Most Holy Trinity Parish Lenten Mission – will take place on Friday afternoon, 16th, 2018. Mission theme: “The Prayer of St. Ephreme the Syrian”.

Our Guest Priest: **Rev. Mykhailo Ozorovych**, Administrator of Holy Eucharist Cathedral in New Westminster.

“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>

Annual Eparchial Lenten Collection – will take place on Sunday, March 18th.

Next Monthly Fundraising Breakfast – will take place on Sunday, March 18th.

Easter Bake Sale – will take place on **Saturday, March 24th, 2018** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 a.m. (noon).

Let Us Pray Together - all faithful of the Ukrainian

Catholic Church are encouraged to pray every day at 9:00 p.m. (regardless of the time zone). We will pray for each others' needs, for the parish, the eparchy, the Ukrainian Catholic Church, for peace in Ukraine, and for vocations. At this time the faithful are encouraged to pray at least: the usual beginning of the ordinary (Начало обичне) including our Father and Hail Mary.

Lenten Penitential Services - on Friday, March 9th Fr. Andrzej will be assisting in the Sacrament of Confession at St. Anne's School from 10:00 a.m. to Noon and later in the evening at Sacred Heart Cathedral.



Secular Franciscan Gathering - Will be held on Monday Feb. 26th, 1-3 pm, at Holy Family Parish. If anyone is interested in the Franciscan Spirituality and would like to attend please contact Mary Fankhauser via email mary4jimfank@gmail.com or phone [250-573-4441](tel:250-573-4441).

Men's Retreat - The Average Joe's Guide to Family Priesthood March 16 and 17 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Shrine in Cache Creek. Cost is \$90. Register online at www.rcdk.org

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

The Most Holy Trinity Parish Stewardship: Sunday, Feb. 18 - \$578.00 ***** *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.



Lenten Scriptural Readings for this week

Monday: Genesis 6:9-22; Proverbs 8:1-22 & Isaiah 8:13-9:6

Tuesday: Genesis 7:1-5; Proverbs 8:32-9:10 & Isaiah 9:8-10:4

Wednesday: Genesis 7:6-9; Proverbs 9:12-18 & Isaiah 10:12-20

Thursday: Genesis 7:11-8:3; Prov. 10:1-22 & Isaiah 11:10-12:2

Friday: Genesis 8:4-21; Proverbs 10:31-11:12 & Isaiah 13:2-13



Chancery Office
Eparchy of New Westminster

To The Very Reverend and The Reverend Clergy,
Religious, and Lay-Faithful of the Eparchy of New Westminster
25 February 2018
Glory to Jesus Christ!

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Eparchial Lenten Collection

We have already begun our Lenten Journey towards the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, having completed the second week of the Great Fast.

Lent is a time of restoration and renewal primarily in three areas. First of all, we try to give greater attention to our prayer life. Then we might choose to “give-up” or abstain from certain types of foods or activities, either privately or together as a family. And finally, we pay greater attention to those in need, both near and far, through works of charity.

Each year our Eparchy takes a special collection for the needs of our sisters and brothers in Ukraine. These funds are collected at the parish level and then each parish forwards the collected amount to the Eparchy. In turn, we donate these funds to the Catholic Near East Welfare Association (CNEWA) which is a Papal aid agency that focuses primarily on the needs of the

Eastern Churches (our own Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak is on its board of directors). CNEWA then forwards the funds to the designated recipients, providing us with financial and activity reports on how the funds were distributed.

This year I would like to suggest for your consideration the following donation recipients:

1. **Andrew's Pence:** This is a special collection that we give to His Beatitude Sviatoslav, the head of our Church. He uses these funds to support the pastoral ministry of our clergy in areas of Eastern Ukraine and in other parts of the world where we have communities in need of assistance.
2. **Holy Resurrection Patriarchal Sobor** building fund in Kyiv: Funding is needed in order to complete interior decorations, including icons and mosaics.
3. **Operational expenses of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.** The work of the Synod is important for the life of the whole Church and of our eparchy in particular. It is where all our Bishops gather to decide on the things that truly matter in the life of our Church, exchanging ideas, developing programs, sharing resources in such areas as catechesis, liturgical texts, clergy formation, youth activities, pastoral care of migrants, etc. As each Eparchy is expected to contribute towards the Synod's operational expenses, your donations in this area will be most helpful.
4. **Caritas Ukraine:** Caritas Ukraine is the official charitable organization of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Ukraine. Each year at Christmas time through the sale of candles to our faithful, our Eparchy participates in a collection for special youth projects in Ukraine. However, there are still many other projects that need funding. Especially in this time

of occupation and military aggression, Caritas Ukraine continues to provide humanitarian aid to the many victims of war and their families.

Over the next few Sundays your parish will provide special envelopes with a place to indicate the amount you are donating to the various organizations I have listed above. You can certainly donate at any time, but I am asking that a special collection be made on March 18, the Fifth Sunday of Lent, and the total funds collected in the parish for our Lenten donation to Ukraine be sent to our Chancery Offices no later than 20 April. We would like to send to CNEWA the funds to be forwarded to Ukraine by the last week of April.

Thank you for your generosity and solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Ukraine.

With prayerful best wishes,

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