



# Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Ukrainian Catholic Parish

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Cheesefare Sunday

**February 27, 2022**

Неділя Сиропусна

*Welcome to our church! No need to preregister at this stage, but all standard Covid precautions and measures still apply. As always, we will remain safe and vigilant, but let us consider returning to in-person participation, perhaps finding a new spot (other than the usual) in our large church to feel comfortable in the presence of our Lord....*



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!!! Увага! Оголошена повітряна тривога! Негайно прямуйте до найближчого укриття!

Kyiv City Administration sends such warnings out via Twitter, Viber, etc... ! Warning citizens about an impending airstrike and telling them to find cover immediately

How would YOU like to have this buzz on your smart phone unexpectedly from time to time?

Terrifying. Please continue to pray daily for **UKRAINE**. A Prayer was distributed to

everyone last month. Say that, then... add a rosary? Hey, why not consider coming to church for the daily Divine Liturgy? There is so much we can do with prayer! **NOTE: Let us plan now to participate in the World-wide DAY OF FASTING this Wednesday March 2nd for Ukraine!!!**

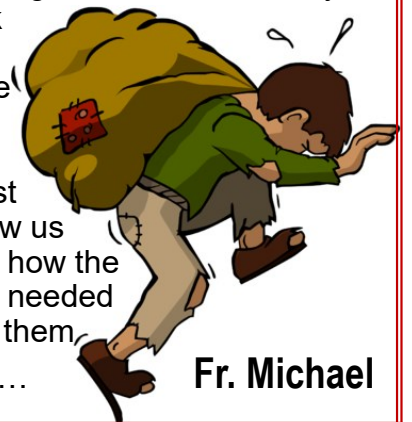
**Dear Parishioners**

**Glory to Jesus Christ! Слава Ісусу Христу!**

The world is focused on the surreal invasion of Ukraine by the Russia. The number of fatalities and wounded rises as you read this. The destruction of homes, neighbourhoods, local and national infrastructure that will burden society for years to come. The people of Ukraine and people of good will throughout the world - those that appreciate the threat that this means for global peace - have begun to pray earnestly and continuously. We do the same. The pandemic and all related dangers and restrictions put a cloud over our lives for a long period, and really complicate our practice of that most dear to us - our Faith. Now our brothers and sisters in Ukraine (many of our relatives and friends) are actually at war. We may be limited as to what we can do, but we certainly can and must pray.

Although our sights are set mostly on Ukraine, we need to continue our life of prayer and spiritual growth for our own salvation and to be of great help to those around us. We find ourselves on the very eve of the Great Fast (Lent) and we begin this life changing journey by putting our house in order as best we can. One of the most important and essential aspects of preparing for the 40+-day trip ahead is to forgive and be forgiven. The Lord designed, us body and soul, so He truly knows what makes us tick and what we need to be successful and to be happy. He made it very clear that we need a clear conscience and we need peace of mind and heart if we are to know peace and accomplish anything worthwhile in this life. **FORGIVENESS SUNDAY**

gives us the perfect opportunity to ponder our relationship with God and with each and every person in our life - past and present. Let us call to mind those we might have hurt, betrayed, neglected as well as those who we feel did such things to us. Let us ask God for the grace to forgive those who may have hurt us (and those dear to us) and for the courage to ask forgiveness of those we may have harmed. If we can do it right out the gate - fantastic! If it will take a bit of time, then let's work on it and deal with it as soon as possible! (like in the next little while, not in several years). We have a lot we can and must do with our Lord! The baggage of hurt and grudges and guilt will just slow us down and hinder us all together. Remember the movie The Mission and how the soldier who lived a terrible life (and even killed his brother) knew that he needed to do penance and obtain forgiveness. The time came when he allowed them, to cut the burden off of him and he cried with relief and joy. Let's do this...



**Fr. Michael**

1. Our **AGM** (Annual General Meeting) will be held **TODAY** at **2 PM**. The list of proposed officers is nearing completion! This is the *partial Slate of Proposed Officers for our Parish for the coming year*:

**Chairman:** Glen Henkewich **Vice Chairman:** *Open for nomination* **Secretary:** Kathy Kosowan  
**Treasurer:** Terry Krochak **Financial Secretary:** Sharon Johnson  
**Financial Officers:** Jimmy Sawchuk, Gerald Stolar  
**Members at Large (usually 3):** Ruslan Bobelyak, Anne Rusnak. Open for more nominations

We will have to elect/confirm officers and review our finances, but there are a lot of other things that we should touch upon.... **Our Centenary Celebrations, Our Future, and our Success in fulfilling our Gospel Mission**, or as Jesus put it, "Go rather to the lost sheep of Israel. Come with **ideas** and **enthusiasm** and a truckload of **good will!** but, especially - **COME!**  
Come in-person or attend online (a Zoom link will be send to parishioners with this bulletin)

2. **FORGIVENESS SUNDAY: TODAY.** We begin Lent / the Great Fast tonight with a forgiveness service to which everyone is warmly invited. It will involve a Repentance service and then an opportunity to ask for and express forgiveness to all the members of our parish community before we begin the journey of Lent together. **That's 6 PM tonight.**

3. **This Week's —"I BELIEVE! – BIPYIO!" — Zoom discussion - Wednesday evening at 7 PM!**  
The session begins with a starting lesson, then we discuss the theme or other topics of your interest. It is an excellent way to revisit the Faith, and to fill in the gaps we may have in our understanding of our relationship with our Lord and His Church. These are open to all parishioners (yes YOU too!) so, watch for the email from our Parish Office with the Zoom link. This Wednesday's theme: "**He has spoken through the Prophets**"

4. This week: **First Friday.** Please come for the Stations of the Cross at 7PM, followed by a Holy Hour during which Father Michael will be hearing confessions.

5. **Way of the Cross: every Friday during Lent at 7 PM. This Wednesday as well, at 5:30 PM, come for the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.**

6. **World Day of Prayer March 4, 2022 at 7PM,** in-person and via stream on The service will be at **Atlantic-Garden City United Church, 725 Atlantic Ave** (corner of Atlantic and Arlington). You will need to show proof of vaccination and wear a mask. There is also a social time after the worship service in the lower hall. To view the service online, the link is: <https://youtu.be/TLon3U7e KA>

7. A weekly (10 meetings) online course from the States titled Iconography as Visual Theology is offered : *March 7, 10, 14, 16, 18, 31 and April 4, 6, 8, 11* (4 PM – 6 PM EST) Cost: \$90 USD, with a certificate at the end (or 3 course credits for more \$). Info and registration: [tinyurl.com/IconCourse](http://tinyurl.com/IconCourse) or <https://sites.google.com/view/iconographyasvisualtheology-co/home>

8. **SAVE THE DATES.** Being Winnipeg's 'Marian Parish', we are planning a **Lenten Mini Mission** around the feast of the **Annunciation** in the 4th week of the Great Fast - 23-25 of March. Watch for details about this special event and other retreats and missions in the city this Lent.

9. Remember that **weekly** devotions continue at **Blessed Vasyil' Martyr's Shrine** (250 Jefferson Ave) right here in Winnipeg! During *Lent* they will take place on **Tuesday!** akafist or a moleben' and an inspirational talk/homily related to this bishop and martyr. **[www.bvmartyrshrine.com](http://www.bvmartyrshrine.com)**

10. Besides 2022 being the Year of the Tiger (*Chinese tradition*) and the "Year of Practical Thinking" (*Atlantic magazine*), it has also been proclaimed in Canada as the "**Year of the Garden.**" How's this for an idea: we look at our souls this Lent, and use the following weeks to make the best "garden" ever for God, weeding out the crabbiness... er... crabgrass and other "weeds", and planting those lovely seeds of patience...kindness...pure thinking and so on.  
What an amazing and joy-filled Easter would follow! Right, then. Come to confession this Friday and your parish priest will have the "shears" to start the pruning of all those "branches and twigs" that we call sin. Let's make this truly the BEST. LENT. EVER!

**The Marriage Box** - Every week, we will pull two new tips out of our box from different resources. Try to follow each tip throughout the week and see what comes of it. If you and your spouse have any successful extra tips, let us know and we'll add them!

20. **Don't stonewall your partner!** You know what I'm talking about...when during an argument you stop talking and maintain a very cool exterior, showing your partner that you don't care at all about what he/she is saying. This is very destructive. What to do instead? Ask for a break. Tell your partner that you're feeling emotionally overwhelmed and go for a walk or otherwise put your brain on ice until you've cooled your jets. Then, return to the discussion — sooner rather than later — and continue the discourse.



21. **Use a code word.** This word can be used for two things: a signal to your partner that (at a party, for instance) you are pleading: "Let's get out of here right now!". But it can also mean, when the two of you are arguing, that you need to leave the argument for a later time, and are asking your husband/wife to stop cold, with a promise to resume later that day. Can't hurt to try! (Ha... so what would *your* family code word be.... Minneapolis? ... helicopter?... kapusta?)

This is **Forgiveness Sunday**... as we begin Lent, maybe an attempt at mutual forgiveness - at least in some area(s) would provide a fresh start in the marriage.... (?)



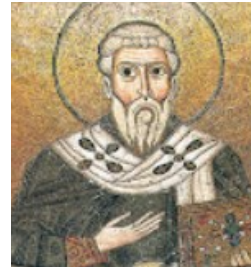
**DONATIONS & Other Income -**  
 Week of Sunday Feb. 20: **\$385.00**  
 (Envelopes 15)

**Expenses: \$ 3,682.84**  
*(This includes clergy salary, church supplies)*

Our Parish is always grateful for all donations – be they regular Sunday donations or in memoriam donations or special donations of any kind... this is what keeps our parish going and even able to plan for the future. God bless you for your generosity and thoughtfulness about the good of your parish!

**INCOME TAX RECEIPTS:** May be picked up at the back of the church. PLEASE take yours home... to mail them out is getting expensive. Many thanks!

**Quote about fasting this LENT:**



“Devils take great delight in fullness, and drunkenness and bodily comfort.

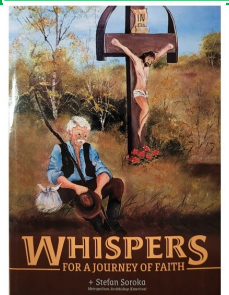
Fasting possesses great power and it works glorious things. To fast is to banquet with angels.”

**St. Athanasius**

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR UKRAINE**

**Wednesday March 2**

We have already scheduled our BASIC Lenten schedule of services. So we have daily prayer throughout the week. Please join in the prayer services of this day and maintain a spirit of fasting. If you have been watching the news (online especially) you will see that our people in Ukraine deserve our support and certainly our little sacrifices and efforts!



**Whispers for a Journey of Faith** - a unique little book of inspirational stories and life-insights written by Archbishop **Stefan Soroka**. You can pick up a copy of at Chancery office - 233 Scotia Street, 204.338.7801

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# Schedule of Services Feb. 27 to March 6, 2022

Come! or at least join us online: [Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church - YouTube](#)

## Sun., Feb. 27 SUNDAY OF CHEESE-FARE — Прощена Неділя Сиропусна

8:00 am - Служба Божа – +Thomas Bodie (4 years), by friends  
 9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary  
 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy...For all parishioners / в наміренні всіх парафіян  
 2:00 pm - Annual Parish Meeting / Річні Парафіяльні Збори  
 6:00 pm - Forgiveness Ceremony ..... for the whole parish  
 7:00 pm - Catechism..... Joint Session - **10 Commandments Part 3**

Mon., Feb. 28 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**First day of the Great Fast** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **+Helen Moroz**, by John Kutcher & family  
 1 Corinthians 3:18-23...Luke 21:8-36

Tues., March 1 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Venerable Martyr Eudoxia** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **+Mae Spryszak**  
 2 Corinthians 4:13-18...Mark 11:22-25 by Helen Mazur

Wed., March 2 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Priest Martyr Theodotus** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **+Irene Prokop**  
 2 Corinthians 4:13-18 by William Prokop  
 Mark 11:22-25  
 5:30 pm - **Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**  
 7:00 p.m. - "I Believe" Zoom gathering

**WORLD DAY OF  
 PRAYER &  
 FASTING FOR  
 UKRAINE**

Thurs., March 3 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Martyr Eutropius** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy ..... **+Stephanie Bilyj (4 years)**  
 Romans 15:30-33...Matthew 7:7-11 by daughters Diane & Adreienne; grandson Michael

Fri., March 4 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Venerable Gerasimus** 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy ..... **+Rev. Nestor Baraniuk**  
 1 Timothy 2:1-7...Luke 15:1-10 by Dr. Andrei Baranjouk & Family  
**7:00 PM FIRST FRIDAY WAY OF THE CROSS, THEN HOLY HOUR & CONFESSIONS**

Sat., March 5 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary  
**Great Martyr Theodore of Tyre** 8:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy ..... **SOROKOUSTY (ie. for all our deceased)**  
 Hebrews 1:1-12 /Mark 2:23-3:5  
 5:30 p.m. - **Vespers**

## Sun., March 6 FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT — Перша Неділя Посту

8:00 am - Служба Божа – **+Fr. Edward Kwiatkowski** (by Bogusia Rydzygowski)  
 9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary  
 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy..... For all parishioners / в наміренні всіх парафіян

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**Please pray for the sick and shut-in** members of our Blessed Virgin Mary parish family, and be in touch with them when you can.  
**"O God Our Father,** We ask You to restore to physical health those of our parishioners who are weakened with illness, give peace of mind to those troubled with worry and comfort to those discouraged with problems. Help them find in them the days of their strength, a faith and trust in You and a love for one another to guide them through any health challenges or troubles they may face. Amen."  
**Heritage Home:** Edward Holowich  
**Holy Family Home:** Stephania Demkiw, Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk  
**Maples Care Home:** Anna Paslawsky, Eleanor Harik



### VIGIL LAMPS

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**Christ Icon** – That our transition out of the pandemic be realized in the spirit of the Gospel

**Mother of God Icon** – For all women and children and families affected by the war in Ukraine

Please let us know your Vigil Lamp intention at least a week ahead of time. What a beautiful way of prayer, knowing that the candle burns for a week for your intention.