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Confessions: before every Divine Liturgy

Second Sunday of the Great Fast **March 13, 2022**

Друга Неділя св. Посту

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....



Dear Parishioners

Glory to Jesus Christ! Слава Ісусу Христу!

What are you willing to do when you're desperate or you when a "chance in a lifetime" presents itself and you sense that the window of opportunity will close soon? What would you be willing to do for a friend or a loved one? (It is usually easier for us to make great sacrifices or put our safety or reputation at risk if it is for the sake of someone else, not?). Well the men in today's Gospel would not take no for an answer and they were determined to find a way. They wanted to help a disabled man and they were willing to cause shock and incur ridicule. In the end they achieved what they wanted for the man, but the man and the crowd (and we all) got a lot more than what they imagined! What was the most shocking event in today's Gospel account? The men tearing open the roof? The miracle that Jesus performed? That Jesus read the thoughts of the Scribes? Or is it something that perhaps only the Scribes really understood at the moment and then had to make a life decision...?

THE FOCUS OF THE WORLD IS ON UKRAINE

Does a day go by when we don't hear even more horrific news from/about Ukraine? Does a day go by in which we don't join every person of good will around the world in praying our merciful Lord to end the war in Ukraine. We pray for the victims of war among the Ukrainian nation - the many civilians as well as the soldiers and volunteers that strive to defend the country against the wrath of the Russian military. We pray for a conversion of the hearts and souls of all those involved.... Yes of the people of Ukraine that they would draw even closer to God like never before.... But also of the Russian army and their leaders that they would stop this senseless and merciless killing and destruction... but We also pray for the Russian citizens that they would open their eyes and we pray for western leaders that they would fulfil promises of protection for Ukraine and that they would provide not only token, political aid, but the real protection and support that Ukraine needs now before it is too late.

I want to share with you a beautiful - albeit bitter-sweet - experience that I had just the other day on Friday. A former colleague at the Ukrainian Catholic University contacted me and asked if I would be able to celebrate a Divine Liturgy for a very worrying situation in Ukraine. A family of four - parents and two small children - that I also knew, was trying to escape a village in the Russian occupied area. They were stopped by Russian military. Their phones were confiscated and after a long hold up, they were allowed to go, but not before the soldiers painted the symbols of the Russian Military on the sides of their vehicle. The family feared that Ukrainian Army will presume it is a Russian vehicle and destroy it along the way. So, we prayed a worrisome, but beautiful Liturgy with **Sr. Michaila** leading the responses from here at BVM and about 5 refugee families, women and children, joining in the singing from Lviv and Peremyshyl. I received word today that the family got safely to... the city of Kyiv. Lord, have mercy.

- 1. TODAY we hold** a decisive **CENTENARY MEETING!** We have already had some good brainstorming sessions, but this is THE meeting to verify our committee(s), to **vote** upon the first plans, and put them into **action**. **Come downstairs right after the 10 AM Divine Liturgy.** (We'll try to have the coffee on for you!)
- 2. 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 should come!) so, watch for the email from our Office with the Zoom link. This Wednesday's theme: **“I acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.”**
- 3. This week's Lenten devotions:**
Wednesday: 5:30 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts **Friday: 7:00 PM** Way of the Cross
- 4. If you know a woman who temporarily needs a safe place to stay,** tell her to call Holy Names HOUSE OF PEACE at 204-942-5535. They have great resources, and can help.
- 5. Icons are meant to be gazed upon... prayed before... and meditated upon yet again.** 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 or <https://sites.google.com/view/iconographyasvisualtheology-co/home>
PLEASE DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE ICON COURSES offered by our **Ukrainian Catholic University!!**
<http://radruzh.org/news/iconography-as-visual-theology/>
- 6. Palliative Care and M.A.I.D. Lectures —** Three online Zoom lectures (free) can bring you up-to-date on palliative care and euthanasia issues. Two have already occurred; please register NOW for the last one, at 8 PM our time on Wed. March 16. Go to www.deveber.org.
- 7. More homework for everyone in our parish... we've been asked to participate in a petition effort in support of medical professionals that want to hold to their conscience... A card will be available next week at the back of the church to support Bill C-230.** Usually we are asked to help FIGHT (bad) bills that are introduced in Parliament. Good news... *this* bill is a good one! It protects doctors, nurses and others from losing their licenses, jobs, and worse, if they refuse to help someone commit suicide. “Nobody's forcing them!” is the argument of some. Unfortunately that's not the case! Technically, the law does not require medical professionals to participate, but it also does not protect them if a hospital or the College of Physicians and Surgeons *requires* them to participate. Bill C-230 protects medical professionals from being coerced, intimidated or forced to participate in euthanasia. However, you can send an online message of support here:
<https://www.epcc.ca/bill-c-230-mp-mailer-card/>



- 8. Next Sunday** is the “Veneration of the Holy Cross” during which we sing “Хресту Твоєму!” instead of “Святий Боже” etc. We all have at least one Cross in our homes. Some homes have them mounted in several places. During this week of the Veneration of the Cross, let's also decorate the Cross at home and venerate it in a special way by prayer and reflection. (If we don't have a Cross in our home, now's the perfect time to install one in a prominent place of honour and allow Christ to be at the heart of our home life.

All-DAY LENTEN EVENT ON ZOOM

Dynamic Women of Faith Conference

Saturday, March 19, 2022 - 9am-4pm

Speakers:

- 1. His Eminence Cardinal Thomas Collins**
- 2. Mother of Blessed Carlo Acutis:** speaks about her son
- 3. Donna-Marie Cooper O'Boyle:** “Divine Mercy in a Woman's Life”
- 4. Anna Nuzzo:** “Consecration to St. Joseph”
- 5. Rosanna De Zio Magnotta** (founder & CEO of Magnotta Wines): “Love, Loss and Faith”
- 6. Dorothy Pilarski:** “Start a Catholic Moms Group at Your Parish”

DON'T MISS THIS! \$35 (plus GST/HST). Register at

www.dynamicwomenfaith.com

- 9. As one of our first Centenary celebrations, we will have a LENTEN MARIAN MISSION:** Our 2-day mission will be given in the evenings of **March 24 and 25** by Fr. **Daniel Wach, OSBM.** Please **block off your schedule and plan to come** and participate! It is a time of prayer and reflection and personal renewal for our whole parish (and whoever we bring with us!). Father Daniel has offered to hear Confessions those two evenings! Do not miss the opportunity!



HIRE , SWAP, BARTER, and BUY CORNER

Hmmm... nothing here yet. Whom do you need to help you? “Come shovel my walks for an hour — I'll give you \$20.” And add a phone number. It's easy!

DONATIONS & Other Income -

Week of Sunday Feb. 27:

\$1820 (Sunday offerings) (Envelopes 55)

\$2000-- anonymous

\$ 500 – Bohdan Buyachok

Expenses: \$ 5,934.88 (This includes Hydro, Shaw, janitorial services)

Our Parish is always grateful for all donations – be they regular Sunday donations, *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!

Would you like to help Ukrainian Refugees get to Canada? Fill out the form here:

<https://forms.gle/RE7T2fiJ2q5Gyu2j7>

WAR in UKRAINE — Willing to open your home to some **refugees**? We will keep you posted about receiving refugees. In the meantime, **The Archeparchy of Winnipeg** is distributing **envelopes** to all the parishes by which you can make **donations** to the refugee effort and toward general aid to **Ukraine**. **Can't wait?** Make your donation **"For Ukraine"** submit your envelopes. Make cheques out to **"Archeparchy of Winnipeg"** memo **"Ukraine"** and it will be submitted

Another Quote about fasting this LENT:

(paraphrasing Abba Poemen here...)

A brother said to an old man: "There are two brothers. One of them stays in his cell quietly, fasting for six days at a time, and imposing on himself a good deal of discipline, and the other serves the sick. Which one of them is more acceptable to God?"

The old man replied: "Even if the brother who fasts six days were to hang himself up by the nose, he could not equal the one who serves the sick."

Here we learn that love is above fasting, that we must not presume to put our fasting above "the more excellent way," the "new commandment" to love one another.

Question of the day:

I keep mixing them up...what ARE the main "mountains" of the Bible?

SURE. Here you go:

MOUNT TABOR
where Jesus was transfigured

MOUNT of OLIVES where Jesus often prayed; plus where He was finally arrested. AND from where He ascended back into heaven

MOUNT SINAI where God gave Moses the 10 commandments

MOUNT NEBO where Moses gazed out onto the Promised Land

MOUNT MORIAH where Abraham almost sacrificed his son Isaac...AND where Solomon built God's temple

COULD IT BE TRUE?!

Early one morning the husband and wife were arguing over who should get out of the warm bed to make the coffee. Finally the wife folded her arms and said decidedly,

"You have to make the coffee. It's in the Bible!"

The husband was shocked. "It is not! ... Show me!"

Pulling out her Bible, the wife opened it to one of the New Testament books and declared, "It says right here:

HEBREWS!"

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Schedule of Services March 13 to March 20, 2022

Come! or at least join us online: [Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church - YouTube](#)
 Sun., March 13 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT — Друга Неділя Посту** (*Liturgy of St Basil the Great!)

8:00 am - Служба Божа – +Annie Zemliak by daughter Phyllis & Zemliak Family
 9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary
 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy... For all parishioners / в намірені всіх парафіян
 7:00 pm - Catechism.....

Mon., March 14
Venerable Benedict
 Ephesians 4:25-32
 Matthew 5:42-48
 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **Health and God's blessings for John, Robert, Jessica, Joshua Kutcher; John Tracz, Michael Rydzygowski** by Kutcher family

Tues., March 15
Martyr Agapius & companion martyrs
 Philippians 2:12-26
 Matthew 10:32-38; 19:27-30
 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **birthday blessings for Oksana (birthday March 13), Orest Bashutsky and family** by Kutcher family

Wed., March 16
Martyr Sabinus
 Ephesians 4:1-6
 Matthew 7:1-8
 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **+Anna, Mykhajlo Tracz; +Helen Sikora; Sr. Cherubima SSJ** by Kutcher family
5:30 pm - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
7:00 p.m. - "I Believe" Zoom gathering

Thurs., March 17
Venerable Alexis
 Colossians 3:4-11 ~ Matthew 7:24-8:4
 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy **+Yevhen Zarichynskyj (40 days)** by friends

Fri., March 18
St. Cyril
 Ephesians 5:1-8
 Matthew 6:22-34
 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy **+Stanislaw Tomaszewicz** by Zofia Rozybowski
7:00 PM WAY OF THE CROSS

Sat., March 19
All Souls Saturday
 Hebrews 10:32-38 ~ Mark 2:14-17
 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy **SOROKOUSTY for our deceased**
5:30 p.m. - Vespers

Sun., March 20 **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT — Друга Неділя Посту** (*Liturgy of St Basil the Great!)
 8:00 am - Служба Божа – For all parishioners / в намірені всіх парафіян
 9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary
 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy... **health of Msgr. Michael Buyachok** by Bohdan Buyachok
 7:00 pm - Catechism.....

SOME HELPFUL PARISH CONTACTS...

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Perogy Committee President - Myron Fedoruk 204-338-7243

Catechism Coordinator - Teresa Hryndzio 204-334-4298

Church Auditorium Rental - 204-582-7535

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

Sanctuary Lamp - Lord, watch over the countless Refugees, inspire us to help
Christ Icon – For **Peace** in Ukraine Господи, дай мир **Україні**
Mother of God Icon – For the Conversion of Russia

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.