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**FIRST SUNDAY
of the Great Fast**

Welcome to our Parish!
Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії
February 18, 2024

**ПЕРША НЕДІЛЯ
Великого Посту**

Слава Ісусу Христу! GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

Дорогі Парафіяни:

Час Великого Посту, це час всепрощення та любові, миру й добра. Як же нам слід провести цей час? Що нам необхідно робити для цього посту? В яку одіж потрібно одягнути нашу душу, щоби гідно зустріти Воскресіння Христове? Які саме наряди мають у нас бути?

“Someone can fast for a whole week without consuming either water or food, and this fast is given to him so easily and joyfully, while someone cannot spend a single day in fasting. That is why it is so important not to judge anyone and not to brag about your great achievements during fasting, because it is so easy to fall into pride and judgment.”

Marko Podvyzhnyk

Найперше, – це піст, молитва, чистота думок та помислів, послух, відкинення гордості, стримання свого язика, відсічення усього лихого й гріховного. А вже потім смирення, довготерпіння, любов до всіх людей, до кожного свого ближнього. Ось такими прекрасними є наряди для нашої душі.

Святий Василій Великий говорить такі славні слова: «Очищуй себе, смирай себе, споглядай на древність посту, адже він давній, як світ». Заповідь посту була дана людині ще в раю, ще до того, як людина згрішила, бо сказав Бог Адаму: «З усякого дерева в саду їстимеш; з дерева ж пізнання добра й зла не їстимеш, бо того самого дня, коли з нього скуштуєш, напевно вмреш» (Бут. 2:16-17).

Піст встановлений в Христовій Церкві не випадково. Він приписаний Самим Спасителем, святими апостолами, Вселенськими Соборами, всіма святими отцями. І, за словами святителя Василія Великого, всім нам слід його дотримуватися, але в міру своїх тілесних сил. Бо не всі можуть постити однаково. Як влучно підкреслює Марко Подвижник: «Як мідь відрізняється від заліза, а залізо від хмизу, так відрізняється одне тіло від іншого». Тому постити слід у міру тілесних сил кожної людини. Хтось може постити цілий тиждень, не споживаючи ані води, ані їжі, і цей піст йому дається так легко й радісно, а хтось не може й одного дня провести у пості. Тому так важливо нікого не осуджувати й не вихвалитися своїми великими досягненнями під час посту, бо так легко можна впасти в гордість й осудження.

Богослужіння початку св. Чотиридесятниці не перестають наголошувати, що піст – це не просто «моя особиста справа», мій вибір, моя духовна практика чи вправа. Християнський піст – це спільна справа, спільнотна дійсність, яка передбачає взаємодопомогу. Тому святі отці, а враз і автори літургійних текстів, які найчастіше посилаються на їхні твори, будуть наголошувати, що піст не має сенсу без милостині. Саме це слово вказує нам на найсуттєвіше – милість, милосердя. Помилково звужувати милостиню лише до грошової пожертви незнайомій людині на вулиці. Це лише один із багатьох видів цієї чесноти. Важливий, але далеко не єдиний. Милостиня передбачає знову ж таки правильний стосунок з ближніми. Як з незнайомими, так і з близькими. Милостиня – це передовсім відкритість до ближнього і його потреб, вміння побачити, почути, відчувати і милосердно відгукнутися.

Однак, було б необдуманим спрощенням зводити стосунки з ближніми до милостині. Посні літургійні тексти закликають нас до більш рішучих, а можливо навіть радикальних кроків:

«Постячи, браття, тілесно, постімо і духоовно: розв'яжімо всякі узи неправди, розірвімо пута насильницьких угод, усякий до́говір несправедливий роздерімо...» (стихира вечірні першого тижня Посту).




о. Василь

Parish News & Events:

1. We extend heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of **+Helen Naherny**, who died last week at Beacon Hill Lodge, and was buried from our church on Friday. May God grant her eternal rest! **Вічна її пам'ять!**
2. We extend heartfelt condolences as well to Debbie Dolski and her family, who not only recently lost their mother Helen Dolski, but also an aunt and uncle: Please pray for the repose of the souls of **+Thomas Sharby** and **+Nettie Dolski**. May God grant them eternal rest! **Вічна їм пам'ять!**
3. The next Parish Council meeting will be held this **Wednesday, February 21 at 5pm**.
4. Notice that we go to **Fred Douglas for Divine Liturgy this Wednesday** as well. Come pray with us! **10:30 a.m.**
5. Come downstairs for coffee NEXT WEEK after the (short) 10:30 Divine Liturgy for our **monthly Coffee & Fellowship**.

Events Elsewhere in our Archeparchy

6. Calling all ladies: **UCWLC Lenten reflection**, with confessions & Divine Liturgy, at St. Nicholas Parish: Saturday, Feb. 24, from 8:30-noon. Led by: Fr. Gabriel Haber, OSBM. Cost: \$5. Theme: If God is the source, you never run out of any good things!
7. Black Tie Bingo at Holy Family -- if you snoozed, you "loozed", because it's sold out. BUT there is a great **50/50 raffle** that you can still tap into. The pot grows daily, and there are three chances to win! Two early bird draws occur on February 15 and 22, and the grand prize draw will happen at Black Tie Bingo on **February 29** at 9 p.m. By buying a ticket, you'll bring the joy of entertainment to Holy Family Home so that singers, musicians, dancers, magicians, storytellers, and artists can come to the Home and perform for loved ones who live there. **Tickets price: 1 for \$5; 3 for \$10; 10 for \$20; 50 for \$50 (best value – each for \$1 only!)** Purchase tickets at: <https://www.fundingchange.ca/lubov>. You can also stop by 1085 Main Street or give us a call at 204 942 0443. Manitoba only. LGCA 8836-RF-42983.




February 24, 2024
the Bishop Velychkovsky
National Martyr's Shrine
PRAYING FOR UKRAINE

To mark the 2nd anniversary since the beginning of the full-scale Russian war against Ukraine, you are invite to spend time in prayer before

the Holy Relics of Blessed Vasyl
in the Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine &
St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church
at 250 Jefferson Avenue in Winnipeg

There will be community prayer at the beginning of each hour in both English and Ukrainian followed by private prayer time.

9 a.m.	Divine Liturgy & Sorokousty
11 a.m.	Jesus Prayer
12 noon	Moleben to the Mother of God
1 p.m.	Chaplet to Blessed Vasyl
2 p.m.	Rosary
3 p.m.	Divine Mercy Chaplet



"O Blessed Vasyl, you lived through the danger of war, protect your people from all enemies. Blessed Bishop and Martyr Vasyl, pray to God for us."

WE STAND WITH UKRAINE!

Events in Winnipeg Marking the **SECOND ANNIVERSARY of FULL-SCALE WAR**

- Feb. 23** -- FILM "20 Days in Mariupol"
6:30 PM at Centre Culturel Franco-Manitobain
- Feb. 24** -- Prayer & Memorial Services
11 AM -- **Moleben** at St. Mary the Protectress Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral on Main St.
11:30 AM - then **procession** towards:
12:30 PM -- **Panakhida** at Sts. Volodymyr & Olga Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral on McGregor St.
- Feb. 25** -- **Solidarity Rally**
2 PM at Canadian Museum for Human Rights

8. The Ukrainian Canadian Congress Manitoba Provincial Council in partnership with the local **Gerdan Winnipeg Concert Committee** is pleased to announce a very special **concert** in Winnipeg at the St. John's Anglican Church (135 Anderson Avenue) on **Saturday March 2, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.** Proceeds from the concert featuring authentic Ukrainian Folk Music will support those affected by the war including families and UAF in Ukraine.
9. Please support **Immaculate Heart of Mary School** -- and enjoy yourself thoroughly at "**GAME ON**" -- a **great evening** of vintage board games, classic TV game shows, delicious hors d'oeuvres, cocktails and a spectacular meal catered by Bergmann's on Lombard. Plus... prizes... a raffle room... come! **March 9 at Holy Eucharist Centre** (Watt & Munroe). Buy tickets in our parish office by **Feb. 28!** only \$150.

Разом, стіймо з
УКРАЇНОЮ

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ВІДЗНАЧЕННЯ ДРУГОЇ РІЧНИЦІ ПОВНОМАСШТАБНОЇ ВІЙНИ

23 ЛЮТ	 20 ДНІВ В МАРІУПОЛІ	Показ фільму, номінованого на "Оскар" 18:30 Франко-Манитобський культурний центр
24 ЛЮТ	 МОЛЕБЕНЬ І ПАНАХИДА	11:00 Мольбен в Українському Православному Соборі Святої Покрови 11:30 Хресний хід від Мольбену до Панахида 12:30 Панахида в Українській Католицькій Митрополічній Катедри св. Володимира й Ольги
25 ЛЮТ	 2 РОКИ СПРОТИВУ	Акція солідарності 14:00 Канадський музей прав людини

Holy Eucharist UCWLC Ukrainian Food Sale



4 Dozen Cabbage Rolls (frozen/uncooked)	\$45.00
1 Dozen Cabbage Rolls (cooked)	\$12.00
1 Dozen Perishke (sauerkraut)	\$12.00
1 Dozen Perogies (potato & cheese)	\$9.00

* Payment by cash only *

HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH CENTRE

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Nathanael said, "Can anything good come from Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him and said of him, "Here is a true Israelite. There is no duplicity in him." Nathanael said to him, "How do you know me?" Jesus answered and said to him, "Before Philip called you, I saw you under the fig tree." Nathanael answered him, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the King of Israel." Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than this." And he said to him, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you will see the sky opened and the angels of God ascending and descending on the Son of Man."

1. Serving God Requires Perseverance: John the Baptist has done his job of redirecting others to Christ: He is not mentioned in the Gospel reading today. The focus has shifted to Jesus calling his future apostles, prepared beforehand by the Baptist. As with Andrew, those who are prepared to meet Christ discover in him a great treasure that they cannot keep to themselves. This time, Philip encounters Christ and shares this discovery with Nathaniel. When Nathaniel reacts skeptically, Philip doesn't give up. He knows that personal experience is more powerful than words, so he brings Nathaniel to meet Jesus. If we try to bring others to Christ, we could run into similar obstacles: hesitation, skepticism, lack of interest.... Do we give in too easily, or do we try to engage others more actively?

2. Jesus Wants Us: When Nathaniel does meet Jesus, he is surprised to discover that Jesus knows him and appreciates him for who he is. There is probably more background to Jesus' simple words than the Gospel tells us because they win Nathaniel over instantly. Perhaps we sometimes forget that Jesus, as God, is our creator, and when he calls a person (and in one way or another he calls every person), he does it knowing exactly whom he is calling. It is not a general altar call: It is a personal, direct call to our hearts, rooted in a real understanding of us as we are. He knows and loves us better than any mere human being ever could. When we experience that and help others to do so too, then his call becomes irresistible.

3. Learning to See the Greater Works of God: Jesus promises Nathaniel that he will see "greater things" in the future; in fact, he will witness most of the miracles of Jesus first-hand and will see many manifestations of the Father's love for the Son. Indeed, this is often the way Jesus works with all of us. We may be won over by an impressive experience of God, but as our relationship with God deepens, we see "greater things" — not necessarily more spectacular things. As our appreciation for spiritual things grows, we become more attuned to God's work, and we can pick up on the work of grace in our lives and the lives of others. That profound transformation is much greater than any miraculous physical healing or any merely sentimental experience. We need faith and trust and attentiveness to the inspirations of the Holy Spirit — plus a healthy dose of patience — if we want to see how God works, but the wait will be worth it.

Conversation with Christ: Lord Jesus Christ, it is very comforting and encouraging to realize that you know me through and through, that you love me and want me to follow you. Thank you for your love! Help me to bring others to you as well. Give me wisdom and perseverance to be able to make a difference in people's lives. Help me to discern the wonders of your grace in my life and the lives of those around me. epriest.com

Schedule of Services February 18th - February 25th, 2024

Розпорядок Богослужінь

Sun., Feb. 18 **FIRST SUNDAY of LENT** **ПЕРША НЕДІЛЯ ВЕЛИКОГО ПОСТУ**

9:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy -- Ukrainian -- For all parishioners
10:30 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy -- bilingual (Ukr./Eng.) -- For +Lubomyr Banias by Erena & Antonina Witrowych


Mon., Feb. 19

Apostle Archippus  **No Divine Liturgy today**
Romans 15:1-7
Matthew 18:10-20

Tues., Feb. 20

9:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary / Свята Вервиця
Ven. Leo of Catania **10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа...** For +Lyna Yakimischak
Galatians 6:2-10 by Gregory Yakimischak
Matthew 4:23-5:13


Wed., Feb. 21

Ven. Timothy  **10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа AT FRED DOUGLAS LODGE...**
2 Corinthians 6:16-7:1 for +Nettie Dolski by Debbie Dolski
Matthew 5:20-26

Thurs., Feb. 22

9:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary / Свята Вервиця
Finding of relics of Eugenios Martyrs **10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа...**
1 Corinthians 10:5-12 -- still available for your intention
Matthew 5:27-32

Fri., Feb. 23


9:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary / Свята Вервиця
Priest Martyr Polycarp **10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа...**
Romans 12:6-14 -- still available for your intention
Matthew 5:33-41  **5:00 PM -- WAY OF THE CROSS ХРЕСНА ДОРОГА so that we can go to the 6:30 film at the Centre culturel franco-manitobain (340 Provencher Blvd.)**


Sat., Feb. 24

8:30 a.m. - Holy Rosary / Свята Вервиця
1st & 2nd Finding of Head of St. John the Baptist  **9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy/Служба Божа & Sorokousty**
2 Corinthians 4:6-15 Matthew 11:2-15 -- for Ukraine on the 2nd anniversary of the all-out war
12:30 Panakhyda at Sts. Volodymyr & Olga Cathedral for those who perished in the war

Sun., Feb. 25 **SECOND SUNDAY of LENT** **ДРУГА НЕДІЛЯ ВЕЛИКОГО ПОСТУ**

9:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) We pray for Ukraine on the 2nd anniversary of all-out war
10:30 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy -- bilingual (Ukr./Eng.) -- For all parishioners
followed by Coffee & Fellowship

CHURCH INCOME	Feb. 11		
Sunday collection:	775 (27 env)	New envelopes	25
Candles	70.50	Bulletin advertisers	--
Vichna Liampa	20	Lenten offering	250
Church needs		Seminary	--
New vestments: Yamborko family	250	 Thanks for Your Support!	
Aid to Ukraine	--		
Easter flowers	25		



A lady named Joy Wanless says that she remembers "being given a nail on Ash Wednesday" to remind me throughout Lent of what Jesus would endure as he journeyed to the cross.

"I still have the nail. As I hold that nail in my palm and feel the sharp prick of the point I am reminded of the blood and pain of the crucifixion. I feel sad, reminiscing on Jesus' agony in the garden. But the sadness is temporary as I remember Jesus' words, 'Thy will be done'. I marvel anew at Jesus' love which was unconditional and life giving as he journeyed to the cross, dying to bring salvation for all. On Easter Sunday I will celebrate the joy of the resurrection, a gift present to us every moment of every day."

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Please pray for the sick and shut-in members of our Blessed Virgin Mary parish, and be in touch with them when you can (cards, short telephone conversations, visits). "Lord God, please be present to all the ill, infirm and elderly of our parish. You love each and every one..."

River East Care Home: Edward Holowich **Maples Care Home:** Anna Paslawsky, Eleanor Harik
Seven Oaks Hospital: John Haligowski **St. Boniface Hospital:** Ø **Holy Family Home:** Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk, Helena Dubik, Mary Kozelko, Mary Shabbits **At home:** Antonina Witrowych, Dmytro Sikora, Roman Naherny

Please let us know when there are changes... many people pray over this info box!

VIGIL LAMPS for the week of February 18:

Sanctuary Lamp/Вічна Лампа – for repose of the soul of +Lubomyr Banias by Erena Witrowych

Christ Icon – for repose of the soul of +Rev. Fr. Victor Yakowchuk

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