

SAINT IRENE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH ВІЗАНТІЙСЬКА КАТОЛИЦЬКА ЦЕРКВА СВЯТОЇ ВЕЛИКОМУЧЕНИЦІ ІРИНИ

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Sunday of the Prodigal Son Неділя про Блудного Сина

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE: February 9—February 16

Sunday, February 9—Sunday of the Prodigal Son. Leave-taking (Otdanije) of the Meeting (use handouts)

9:30 a.m.—Rosary & Third Hour 10:00 a.m.—Divine Liturgy

Monday, February 10—The Hieromartyr Charalampus

Tuesday, February 11—The Hieromartyr Blaise, Bishop of Sebaste 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy В намірені давших

Wednesday, February 12—St. Meletius, Archbishop of Antioch

Thursday, February 13—Our Holy Father Martinian

Friday, February 14—Repose of St Cyril, Equal of the Apostles and Teacher of the Slavs

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy В намірені давших

Saturday, February 15—First All-Souls' Saturday. The Holy Apostle Onesimus (428)

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (After Liturgy Panachida with reading of names)

Sunday, February 16—Meatfare Sunday (135; 217) 9:30 a.m.—Rosary & Third Hour 10:00 a.m.—Divine Liturgy

WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY

Whether you're searching for a new church home or just visiting, we're glad you're with us today. If you are looking for God, have a prayer request, looking for more information about the Eastern Catholic Church, would like to join our parish, or would like to speak with Fr. Vasyl, we invite you to fill out a visitor's card and drop it in the offering basket as your offering today. Please join us for our coffee hour in the Parish hall following the Divine Liturgy. We want to get to know you! God bless you!



PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS

For health and salvation: Bishop Gerald N Dino, Fr. Frank Knuzel, Fr. Chris Zugger, Fr. Stephen Casmus, Tony and family, James, Ellie, Kanye & Kim, Michael Cernovich, Stephan Molyveux, Glen Damewood, Luc and family

For repose of the departed: +Kristina Beresh, + Fr. Michael Irwin, +Dorothy Beresh Please pray also for all our benefactors, friends, neighbors and anyone we may have forgotten. Please let Fr. Vasyl know if you would like to add new names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

Adult ECF classes: Today we will have an Adult Eastern Christianity class at 12:15 p.m. Adults and young adults are encouraged to attend as part of their spiritual development.

Building Fund collection:

Today we will have second collection. Please remember make your offering for the Building Fund collection today. Special envelopes named "Building Fund" are available in the narthex. Money from the Building Fund will be used for large parish projects. Thank you for all of your generous help in updating the House of God.

All Souls Saturdays: This coming Saturday we will have 1st All Souls Saturday. We have 5 All Souls Saturdays to commemorate our dead relatives and all the faithful departed. Envelopes marked "All Souls Saturdays" are available in the narthex. Please place an offering envelope with names of your loved ones in the offering basket so that we can make list for commemorating our loved departed.

Parish

God With Us *ONLINE*

Believe it or not, the Great Fast is just around the corner!

We invite you to join us for the first four Wednesdays of the Fast as we contemplate the spiritual journey of Great Lent using the late Rev. Alex-

ander Schmemann's work by the same name to guide us. Rev. David Anderson, himself a student of Fr. Alexander, will walk us through the book to understand the prayer of the Church during the Great Fast more deeply.

While it is not necessary to have the book to participate, it is available here https://svspress.com/great-lent/ if you would like a copy. We certainly think you will find it edifying!

We hope you'll join us and invite others on this spiritual journey as well! As always, there is no charge to participate, but registration is required. For registration: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_K7Cf02B_QQSo4480-2-5iQ

Thank you for your material and prayer support of our temple and our community.

If you didn't have the opportunity to bless a candle on the feast of Presentation of the Lord, but you are interested in having blessed candles in your home, you can buy blessed candles in our Gift Shop.

Parish Meeting: Dear Parishioners, next Sunday February 16 in the Parish Hall at 11:45 a.m. we will have Parish Meeting we will talk about plans for this year.

Dear brothers and sisters in

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, please plan attendance at our meeting. Thank you.

Dear parishioners and guests of our parish, on all Saturdays when falls All Souls Saturday in our temple there will be no Great Vespers at 7.00 pm instead in the morning we will have the Divine Liturgy at 9.00 am. After Liturgy there will be Panachida

"And not many days after," it says, "the younger son gather all together, and took his journey into a far country" (Luke 15:13). Why did [the Prodigal Son] not set off at once instead of a few days after? The evil prompter, the devil, does not simultaneously suggest to us that we should do what we like and that we should sin. Instead he cunningly beguiles us little by little, whispering, "Even if you live independently without going to God's Church or listening to the Church teacher, you will still be able to see for yourself what your duty is and not depart from what is good." When he separates someone from the divine services and obedience to the holy teachers, he also distances him from God's vigilance and surrenders him to evil deeds. God is everywhere present. Only one thing is far away from His goodness: evil. Being in the power of evil through sin we set off on a journey far away from God. As David says to God, "The evil shall not stand in thy sight" (Ps. 5:5).

St. Gregory Palamas