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2ND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Schedule of Services March 8—March 15

Sunday, March 8—2nd Sunday of the Great Fast.
St. Gregory Palamas (152; 222)

9:30 a.m.—Rosary & Third Hour

10:00 a.m.—Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, March 11—St Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem

7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
For Benjamin Mutka by Pani Oresta Mutka

Friday, March 13—St Nicephorus, Patriarch of Constantinople

7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
For George Nuxoll by Diane Henderson

Saturday, March 14—3rd All Souls Saturday

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

Sunday, March 15—3rd Sunday of the Great Fast.
Veneration of the Holy Cross

9:30 a.m.—Rosary & Third Hour

10:00 a.m.—Divine Liturgy

Prayer of St. Ephrem

O Lord and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement lust of power and idle chatter.

(Prostration)

Instead, grant to me, Your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble mindedness, patience and love.

(Prostration)

O Lord King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge my brothers and sisters. For You are blessed now and forever and ever. Amen.

(Prostration)

"Having suffered the passion for us, Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on us"

(Prostration)

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 in your prayers:



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

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.

One-day Great Fest Retreat: Dear parishioners and friends of our parish, one-day Great Fest Retreat will be held in our temple on Saturday of Lazarus (April 4). Speaker—Deacon Daniel Dozier.

Schedule of Retreat:

* 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

* I Talk

* Short break

* II Talk

* Luncheon (free will offering)

Please bring friends and family to this enriching event.

Pysanky Day: Dear parishioners and friends of our parish, our parish will have a Pysanky Day on Saturday, March 21, 2020 from 11:00-3:00.

Please share this information with your friends and associates. Also plan to take part in this useful event. For more information, ask Roman and Becky.

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: We have 5 All Souls Saturdays (3 remaining) to commemorate our deceased relatives. The next All Souls Saturday will be on Saturday, March 14. Envelopes marked "All Souls Saturdays" are available in the narthex of the church. Please place an envelope with names of your loved ones in the offering basket so that we can make list for commemorating our loved departed.

2020 Eparchial Appeal: Letters from the Eparchial Financial Office were sent to the members of our parish. If you do not receive a letter from the Eparchial Financial Office and you would like to participate in this collection, ask Fr. Vasyl.

Eparchy is asking a pledge of \$ 275 from each household. You could make a payment plan or use a payment schedule. Please provide what you can to help our Eparchy with its various programs and obligations. Let's respond in kind to the Eparchial request.

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Announcement for bulletin: If you wish to submit information for the parish bulletin, please send it to Church email: stirenebcc@gmail.com or Fr. Vasyl's email: frvasylm@gmail.com. No later than 2 p.m. on the Wednesday of the week of publication.

Great Fast Confession: We are in the time of Great Fast. Our Christian duty is to take care of people: sick, infirm, elderly, etc. If we see that for some reason these people are not receiving the Holy Mysteries of Confession and Communion, please speak with them and ask if they would like in the time of Great Lent to be united with Christ, if they want to be cleansed by the Holy Sacrament of Confession and later receive Jesus in Holy Communion. If you know people who need a pastoral visit of a Byzantine Catholic priest, share this information with Fr. Vasyl. Thank you.

On Keeping a Spiritual Fast:

There is both a physical and a spiritual fast. In the physical fast the body abstains from food and drink. In the spiritual fast, the faster abstains from evil intentions, words and deeds. One who truly fasts abstains from anger, rage, malice, and vengeance. One who truly fasts abstains from idle and foul talk, empty rhetoric, slander, condemnation, flattery, lying and all manner of spiteful talk. In a word, a real faster is one who withdraws from all evil. *St. Basil the Great*