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FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Schedule of Services February 21—February 28

Sunday, February 21—First Sunday of the Great Fast. Sunday of Orthodoxy

9:45 a.m. Third Hour

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church and for their relatives*

After Divine Liturgy solemn procession with holy icons

Monday, February 22

12:00 p.m. The Midday Office of the Great Fast

Tuesday, February 23

12:00 p.m. The Midday Office of the Great Fast

Wednesday, February 24

7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
For Martin Nuxoll by Nuxoll family

Thursday, February 25

NO DIVINE SERVICE

Friday, February 26

7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
For Martin Nuxoll by Nuxoll family

Saturday, February 27—Second All Souls Saturday

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

After Liturgy Panachida with reading of names

Sunday, February 28—Second Sunday of the Great Fast

9:45 a.m. Third Hour

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church and for their relatives*



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: Fr. Chris Zugger, Tony and family, Michael Baron, Brenda Washicko, Ed, Denis, Max, Mary, Mary,

For repose of the departed: +Bishop Gerald N Dino, +Fr. Frank Knusel,
Please let me know if you would like to add new names to our prayer list.

ANSWERING GOD'S CALL: "We have found the one about whom Moses wrote in the law and also the prophets." Finding our Savior during this Great Lent, we see that our "soiled image was restored to its original form, commingled with divine beauty." God may be helping you find that a vocation to monasticism or holy orders is the beauty meant for you. To learn more, contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

7-DAY CANDLE OFFERING:

Eternal Light: *For +Fr. Frank Knusel by Fr Vasyl Mutka*

All Souls Saturdays: We have 5 All Souls Saturdays (4 remaining) to commemorate our dead relatives. The next All Souls Saturday will be Saturday, February 27. Please use the special envelopes marked "All Souls Saturdays" that are available in the narthex. Please place an offering envelope with names of your loved ones in the offering basket.

The purpose of God's Providence is to unite, by means of right faith and spiritual love, people who have been separated by evil. To this end the Savior also suffered for us, "in order to gather together the children of God who were scattered." (John 11:52)

St. Maximus Confessor



Each of the Sundays of Great Lent has its own special theme. The first Sunday is called the Feast of the Triumph of Orthodoxy. It is a historical feast commemorating the return of the icons to the churches in the year 843 after the heresy of iconoclasm was overcome. The spiritual theme of the day is first of all the victory of the True Faith. "This is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith" (1 Jn 5.4). Secondly, the icons of the saints bear witness that man, "created in the image and likeness of God" (Gen 1.26), becomes holy and godlike through the purification of himself as God's living image.

Zoom adult ECF classes:

Next Sunday, February 28, we will have Adult Eastern Christianity class at 4:00 PM. We will talk about Eastern Catholic Catechism. Adults and young adults are encouraged to attend as part of their spiritual development.

Topic: Catechism – Christ Our Pascha
Time: Feb 28, 2021 04:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem

O Lord and Master of my life, take from me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk.

But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant.

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen.