



# SAINT IRENE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## CHEESEFARE SUNDAY SUNDAY OF FORGIVENESS

### Schedule of Services

#### February 27—March 6

**Sunday, February 27—Cheesefare Sunday**

9:45 a.m. Third Hour

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

The Order of Vespers on the Sunday of Forgiveness (Cheesefare Sunday)

**Monday, February 28**

**First Day of the Great Fast. A day of Strict Fast & Abstinence: no meat or dairy products or eggs are allowed.**

7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified

Gifts

**Tuesday, March 1**

9:00 a.m. Hours

**Wednesday, March 2**

7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified

Gifts

**Thursday, March 3**

No Divine Liturgy

**Friday, March 4**

7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**Saturday, March 5**

No Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, March 6—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*

“He does but it’s people who can’t contain Him because they make no effort to correct themselves. The heart must be pure for Christ to fit in it. ‘Create in me a clean heart O God’.”

*Elder Saint Paisios*



### 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, Dennis, Max, Pani Mary, Mary, Vasyl Zhabko, John and Faye, Jessica, Sophia, Diane Pierce, Vincent Carich, Carol Pavlakovich, Tusita Docie & Scott Docie, Sarah Docie, Emily Docie, Mia Docie

**For repose of the departed:** +Bishop Gerald N Dino, +Fr. Frank Knusel, +Frank Sliwinski, Jr., +Lawrence & Lucille Carich, +Ivan & Matilda Carich, +Josip & Amanda Grabovac, +George Pavlakovich, +Bud & Virginia Arnold, +Israel Castillo Lara, +Carol Pavlakovich

Please let Father know if you would like to add new names to our prayer list.

**ANSWERING GOD’S CALL:** “Where your treasure is, your heart will be also”. It is easy to mistake what our true treasure is, and we need wisdom and insight to see clearly. In today’s kontakion we sing that God is the “guide to wisdom and giver of insight”. Is he guiding you to a vocation to the religious or ordained life? As you pray and seek wisdom, consider contacting the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: [vocations@ephx.org](mailto:vocations@ephx.org)

**WHEN YOU FAST, DO NOT BE LIKE THE HYPOCRITES**  
The actor seems glorious just as long as the audience is sitting; or rather not even then in the sight of all. For the greater part of the spectators know what it is, and what part he is acting... What He says is like this: Do not bury gold in the earth ...for you do but gather it for the moth and the rust and the thieves. And even if you should entirely escape these evils, still the enslaving of your heart, the nailing of it to all that is below, you will not escape: “For wherever your treasure may be, there your heart is also. As then, laying up stores in heaven, you will reap not only this fruit, the attainment of reward for these things, but from this world you already receive your recompense ...you do not only bury your gold, but plant it. For the same is both treasure and seed: or rather it is more than either of these. For the seed does not remain for ever, but this abides perpetually. Again, the treasure does not germinate, but this bears you fruits which never die...”

*St. John Chrysostom*

**All Souls Saturdays 2022:** we have five All Souls Saturdays on which we commemorate our beloved deceased. The dates for this year are February 19, March 12, March 19, March 26\* (Leave-taking of Annunciation), June 4. Please use the special envelopes marked “All Souls Saturdays” that are available in the narthex. Please place an offering envelope with the names of your loved ones in the offering basket or give it to Father. The names are read during the Panachida after the All Souls Memorial Liturgy.

Whoever fears God stands above all manner of fear. He has become a stranger to all the fear of this world and placed it far from himself, and no manner of trembling comes near him.

*St. Ephraim the Syrian*

### Thank you for your donation!



### God save you!

The Great Fast is our penitential preparation for the great feast of Pascha. In the Great Fast, we imitate Jesus our Lord, who fasted for forty days in the desert following his baptism. Our observance of Great Fast is our renewal of our baptismal fervor. In the Great Fast, abstinence from meat, fish, dairy products, alcohol and food cooked in oil was prescribed for all days, except days of mitigation. All Saturdays and Sundays, February 24, March 9, the Prefestive Day and Otdanije of Annunciation were mitigations for wine and oil. The Feast of the Annunciation (March 25) and Palm Sunday were general mitigations. The Ruthenian Metropolia prescribes strict abstinence (from meat and dairy products) on the First Monday of the Great Fast and on Good Friday, and abstinence from meat on all Wednesdays and Fridays.

### Pray for Vocation!

Everyone in the parish is invited to have this icon in their home for a week of special prayer for vocations. Please sign up on the sheet that you can find in our parish hall. If you would like to take the icon again, please feel free to do it. Please bring the Icon on the following Sunday and leave it on the Tetrapod for the next family.

Thank you for your prayerful support to those who have recognized the calling of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you also for the intentional prayers for those who are on their way to hearing the voice of Christ.