

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday of Cheesefare, February 23, 2020**

9:00 AM - Lit. God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

11:30 AM - Lit. + Jessica Zulin r/by Peter & Allyson Fizer

Tuesday, February 25, 2020

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross (English)

Wednesday, February 26, 2020

7:00 PM - Stations of the Cross (Ukrainian)

Friday, February 28, 2020

7:00 PM - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Saturday, February 29, 2020

9:00 AM - Lit. Divine Liturgy and Lenten Commemoration

5:00 PM - Lit. + Horace and Mark Hitchens
r/by Cheloc Family**1st Sunday of the Great Fast, March 1, 2020**

Epistle - Heb 11:24-26.32-12:2; Gospel - Jn 1:43-51

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The Sunday of Forgiveness.

Today's Gospel lesson clearly implies that forgiveness is tied to our forgiveness of others. In other words just as we are forgiven, we also understand that God's forgiveness has been granted to all sinners. Forgiving those who sin against us is therefore expected of us.

LENTEN REMINDER

In keeping with the practice of the entire Eastern Catholic Church, Divine Liturgy is not celebrated on weekdays of Great Lent. In our church we will have one exception with the school liturgy on Wednesdays during Lent. The Divine Liturgy is a celebration of Pascha, and such a celebration is not in keeping with the somber, penitential character of the Lenten weekdays. Those parishioners who desire to have memorial services for the departed during Great Lent should include the names of their departed loved ones in the Sorokousty Commemorations which fall on Saturdays during the Fast.

St. Ann Society Gift Auction

The annual Gift Auction will be held on Sunday, March 8, 2020. Mark your calendars! Members or anyone wishing to make a donation are reminded that gifts for the auction may be dropped off at Bingo on Wednesday or Friday evenings, as well as at church on the weekend. Deadline for prize Donations: February 23! Grand Prize - Caribbean Vacation for 2. You choose where and when! Get your admission tickets now!!!!!! Kitchen open for Southern and ethnic favorites! Hope to see Y'all there!

Donation to Church

- \$500.00 - Donation from Coffee Hour.

Thank you to Vasyi, Anna, Roman and all coffee volunteers, for preparing coffee for us and creating a beautiful morning atmosphere after Sunday 9:00 am Liturgy!

- \$300.00 - Nadiya Dance School

Taras. The Return.

This Sunday, February 23rd at 11:00 am in our church hall. Branch 135 of UNWLA and Meest USA West invite all to watch a film that tells the story of Ukrainian national poet Taras Shevchenko's exile in Kazakhstan. Exiled for military service in the Russian imperial army, the poet receives a message: he has been pardoned by Tsar Alexander II. However, the military leadership of Novopetrovsk Fort is in no hurry to tell Taras about this. Moreover, a secret agent from St. Petersburg tries to do everything in his power to keep the poet there forever. This modern Ukrainian movie is easy to watch as it has English subtitles. All are welcome!

Free Monitors!

There are about 10 flat screen monitors available, first come first served, in the church hall on a back table. If you or someone you know can use a monitor, please take them.

A Happy Lent.

Have you ever done something nice for a friend? Well, of course you have! Maybe you picked out a present for him or her, or sent a card, or helped your friend with something. But did you grumble about it? Did you complain? Probably not. When we do something for a friend, we are happy. We want to help, don't we?

In today's Gospel reading, we hear about how we should act when we fast. That's because tomorrow we start Great Lent, the time when we get ready for Easter, for Pascha! We get ready by eating not-so-fancy foods, by helping the poor more, by going to church more, by forgiving others, and helping people who need our help. Sometimes people might complain about Lent. YOU might even start to complain. You won't get to have a big ice cream sundae when you want it. You might not get to watch a TV show you wanted to watch, because your family is off to church. Or you might miss out on something else you want.

But always remember, when we do these things, we are remembering a friend, our Lord, Jesus Christ. And when we remember Him, we are happy too. Let's see if we can go through Great Lent without complaining about it. Instead, we can remember why we're doing it! Can you have a happy Lent?

Come to Presanctified Liturgy this Friday Evening at 7:00 pm

As we already have seen, the Eucharistic Divine Liturgy is not celebrated in our church on Lenten weekdays. In order for the faithful to sustain their Lenten effort by participation in Holy Communion, the evening Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts is served. This Liturgy is the solemn Lenten Vespers with the administration of Holy Communion added to it. There is no consecration of the Eucharistic gifts at the pre-sanctified liturgy. Holy Communion is given from the Eucharistic gifts sanctified on the previous Sunday at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy; hence its name of "pre-sanctified."

During the psalms of Vespers, the pre-sanctified gifts are prepared for communion. They are transferred from the altar table where they have been reserved since the Divine Liturgy, and are placed on the table of oblation. After the evening hymn, the Old Testament scriptures of Genesis and Proverbs are read, between which the celebrant blesses the kneeling congregation with a lighted candle and the words: "*The Light of Christ illumines all,*" indicating that all wisdom is given by Christ in the Church through the scriptures and sacraments. This blessing was originally directed primarily to the catechumens—those preparing to be baptized on Easter—who attended the service only to the time of the communion of the faithful.

After the readings, the evening Psalm 141 is solemnly sung once again with the offering of incense. Then, after the litanies of intercession and those at which the catechumens were dismissed in former days, the pre-sanctified Eucharistic gifts are brought to the altar in a solemn, silent procession. The song of the entrance calls the faithful to communion. Now the heavenly powers [i.e., the angels] do minister invisibly with us. For behold the King of Glory enters. Behold the mystical sacrifice, all fulfilled, is ushered in. Let us with faith and love draw near that we may be partakers of everlasting life. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

After the litany and prayers, the Our Father is sung and the faithful receive Holy Communion to the chanting of the verse from Psalm 34: "*O taste and see how good is the Lord. Alleluia.*"

The post-communion hymns are sung and the faithful depart with a prayer to God who "*has brought us to these all-holy days for the cleansing of carnal passions,*" that he will bless us "*to fight the good fight, to accomplish the course of the fast, and to attain unto and to adore the holy resurrection*" of Christ.