

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

3rd Sunday of the Great Fast, March 7, 2021**Veneration of the Cross**

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Hutnick, Kataryniak Families - Legate

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross, English

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross, Ukrainian

Friday, March 12, 2021

6:30 PM - Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Saturday, March 13, 2021

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy and Lenten Commemoration

5:00 PM - Lit. + Carolyn Terefenko r/by Terefenko Family

4th Sunday of the Great Fast, March 14, 2021

Epistle - Heb 4:14-5:6; Gospel - Mk 8:34-9:1

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Cheryl Weigel r/by Joan & Bob Galetta

Memorial Donations**Bishop Gabro School Endowment Fund:**\$100.00 - Mrs. A. Melnyk and Daughters, Olga and Anna,
In Memory of + EDWARD BISHOP**Church:**

\$50.00 - In Memory of + CAROLYN TEREFENKO

Easter Cookie Sale

Branch 135 of UNWLA is doing a home made Easter cookie sale to support the orphanage in Kolomyia and children of the fallen soldiers in Ukraine.

Besides we have children Easter gift baskets full of sweets, toys and colourful seasonal decorations for your little ones. Please place your order by March 25th. Price of one cookie box or one gift basket - \$25. Please contact: Nadia - 732-877-9814 or Liusia - 201-233-723

Important Safety Reminders (Covid-19)

In many respects, the pandemic concerns we have are changing, thanks be to God! We thank God for the hope that is in the air, so to speak, with regard to the Coronavirus pandemic in our country. But, even with the many hopeful signs we are seeing with regard to the vaccinations and the reduction in the number of COVID-19 cases, we still have to acknowledge that there is no "date certain" by which the whole pandemic will be declared "over."

Safe distancing, masks, and hand washing remain vitally important, but there may be light at the end of the tunnel. We cannot, however, let that stop us from planning now to re-engage ourselves more fully with parish life and eventually welcoming more parishioners back to Sunday services!

Remember that parishioners who are at a higher risk for severe illness from Covid-19 as defined by civil authorities, or those who are uncomfortable with returning at this time, are given dispensation by Metropolitan Borys to refrain from attending in person. Additionally, Fr. Ivan would like to let everyone know that they should not feel ashamed or guilty if they feel that it is unsafe for them to attend. It is completely understandable!

Our worship life, our parish-social life, and our educational life have all been "rocked," but we are ready to prudently direct our energies and efforts toward "coming back." The first sign of coming back will be "Pussy Willow Blessing" and an Easter egg hunt for children on Palm Sunday, as well as the blessing of baskets on Easter Sunday, all done in compliance with state and Archdiocesan guidelines.

We are grateful for your patience over the past year. We thank many volunteers for their hard work and you for your prayerful and financial support of the parish. As we continue the journey of Great Lent and in continuing to bear the burden of Covid19 concerns, let us continue to follow the path that our Lord set forth before us. May we experience the full joy of His Resurrection by knowing that we continue and yes, struggle to follow in the footsteps of the first fishermen.

Pyrohy Sale!

We will be selling pyrohy (from Passiac parish) in the church hall following this week's Saturday 5 pm and Sunday 9 and 11:30 am liturgies. Only potato pyrohy are left; cost is \$8.00. This is last weekend that we'll be selling them.

The Third Sunday of Lent**Sunday of the Adoration of the Holy Cross.**

In the middle of lent, the Church sets before us the Cross of Christ. On another occasion during the year, September 14th, the Cross is presented for our remembrance and veneration. Both these feasts link the adoration of the Cross to historic events. However, the remembrance of the Cross on the third Sunday of Lent speaks only to our faith and reverence. It is to proclaim the part played by the cross in the history of salvation and to prepare us for the vision, still far-off, of the Cross which, on Holy Friday, will be erected on Golgotha.

On today's feast day, the Cross adorned with flowers, is brought out in procession from the Altar and placed on the Tetrapod table in the center of the Church. Following the Divine Liturgy, please come forward to venerate the Cross of Our Lord as we continue our journey of the Great Fast. Because of the health and safety precautions at this time, please do not kiss (or touch) the Cross, even if masked. Simply bow before it as your sign of veneration and as sign of our faith in all it represents.

After the Liturgy, the following is sung three times in the usual manner:

«Хресту Твоєму поклоняємось, Владико, і Святєє Воскрєсіння Твоє славимо!»

To Your cross, O Master, we bow in veneration, and we glorify Your holy Resurrection.

Pastor's Corner.**Everything I Need is at the Hand of Jesus.**

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ, in my priestly ministry, I often hear phrases: Good for you! or You have it easy Father or You've got everything.

I'm really good. And I really do have everything.

- Although my refrigerator is sometimes empty.
- My bank account is not pleasing to the eye.
- My health conditions lately are more frustrating than gratifying.
- And I have obligations and responsibilities that would be enough to employ several people.

But, I'm not writing about that. Because my well-being does not depend on these material things. As I recently celebrated my 44th birthday, and looked back at my life, I realized that if it were not for faith in God, my life would look completely different. I am a person who has long freely given my life to God and placed it on His altar. And in the present circumstances, when the world is paralyzed by a deadly virus, I am acting according to a long-tested scenario - I leave everything in God's hands. God's hands are most reliable. And it leaves my hands free to raise them to heaven and pray "Lord, I believe that You can carry me and the people You have entrusted into my care through this pandemic and I am truly grateful for all You have done in my life." With all of the activities, obligations and responsibilities that the life of a priest brings, I know I do not do it by myself. God, into whose mighty hands I placed my life long ago, is with me every step of the way, and every moment of every day. This is why I can truly say, in "Jesus I have everything I need and more than enough". (Philippians 4:18)

A huge thank you to Fr. Deacon Paul, all parish organizations, numerous parishioners, teachers, students, Facebook family and friends for your thoughtful gifts and birthday wishes on my birthday. I feel so humbled and blessed!

Fr. Ivan Turyk - Pastor

ASK THE PASTOR.

During Lent why don't we do prostrations on Saturday or Sunday?

Prostrations are an expression of repentance and a sign of worship. And, falling to the ground, we confess our own sinfulness, and, rising from our knees, we find liberation from sin by the power of the cross of the Lord, which we make a sign of ourselves.

In all the Eastern Churches, and above all in the Churches of the Byzantine tradition, which includes the Ukrainian Catholic Church, there are specific traditions. When we are prostrating, we should speak the prayer of Saint Ephraim Sirin (IV century) that was published in the bulletin. Penance is observed five days a week during the fast. Since Saturday and Sunday are always happy days: on Saturday there was a descent into the holy Spirit, and on Sunday, the resurrection of Jesus Christ we do not do acts of penitence.