

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday of Cheesefare, March 2, 2025**

9:00 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners
 11:30 AM - Lit. Special Intention of Gerald Kerzetski
 r/by Family

Tuesday, March 4, 2025

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (English)

Wednesday, March 5, 2025

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross (Ukrainian)

Friday, March 7, 2025

6:30 PM - Presanctified Liturgy

Saturday, March 8, 2025

9:00 AM - Lit. Divine Liturgy for all deceased parishioners - Lenten Commemoration and Panahyda
 5:00 PM - Lit. + Glenys Romanko
 r/by Children and Grandchildren

Sunday, March 9, 2025

Epistle - Heb 11:24-26, 32-12:2; Gospel - Jn 1:43-51

9:00 AM - Lit. + Zofia Lajkosz r/by Bobbie and Family
 11:30 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

St. Ann Society Candyland Gift Auction - TODAY!

March 2, 2025: Doors open at 11:00 am, drawings begin at 1:30 pm. Admission ticket \$25 at the door. Admission includes one sheet of tickets for Level 1, free cake and coffee. Delicious food will be available for sale.

Hundreds of Fabulous Prizes and Baskets, Gift Card Extravaganza, 50/50, Visa Gift Card Raffle, It's your Lucky Day 50/50.

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 an exception with the school liturgy on Wednesdays during Lent.

TOMORROW, Monday, March 3rd.

Tomorrow is a STRICT DAY OF FAST & ABSTINENCE.....

The faithful are expected to abstain from eating foods which contain meat, poultry, eggs and dairy products, as well as eat lighter meals. All Fridays are also days of fast and abstinence. Many people include Wednesdays as days of fast and abstinence during Lent.

Those exempt from this fast:

- Children under 8 and adults over 65, pregnant women, nursing mothers and those who are ill.

Sorokousty Memorial Services

As in the past, we will honor the memory of our beloved deceased with Sorokousty Memorial Services at 9 a.m. on all Saturdays of Lent beginning Saturday, March 8.

Our ancestors as a part of our beautiful spiritual heritage transmitted this venerable custom to us. St. John Chrysostom assures us that: *"It is a great honor to be worthy of mention, while the celebration of the Holy Mysteries is going on."*

Members of the family are encouraged to attend these services on the All Souls Saturdays during lent for by their presence and by their personal prayers and receiving Holy Communion they strengthen the bond of love with their departed loved ones and indeed keep their memory everlasting.

If you would like your deceased family members commemorated during these services, please write their names on the envelope available in the back of the church, and give it to Fr. Ivan for remembrance.

LIGHT A CANDLE: During the service, participants are welcome to light a candle for the health of others and in memory of loved ones.

PRAYER REQUEST - Please keep in your prayers the members of our parish, our family and friends who are ailing, are in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join actively in their community.

TODAY is Cheese-Fare Sunday - Forgiveness Sunday.

Lent is often described as a Journey. Before any major journey, people will often settle their affairs. Before Lent it is important that we settle the affairs of the heart so that we will be at peace with one another. Often we hurt each other, even unknowingly. These hurts can fester and cause hurt feelings and division. If we are to make this journey towards Holy Week and Easter, we must become free from anything that would separate us for Our Lord. We cannot celebrate the Risen Christ if our hearts are filled with resentment and rejection. Therefore, before we start this journey of preparation, the Church offers us this Sunday a chance to make amends and to forgive each other. Let us not only do this within the Church but also in our homes and community.

"Father, shower me with Your mercy today! Let me absorb deeply the reality of forgiveness You have given me, and give me the grace to do the same for others".

Parish catechesis for March:

- March 2 - young adults, over 18 years old, Sunday at 11:15 am after coffee
- March 7 - children 3-7 years old (up to and including 1st grade), Friday, 6:30-8:00 pm
- March 8 - teenagers (13-18 years old), Saturday, 6:30-8:30 pm
- March 11 - women (English), Tuesday, 6:30 pm
- March 14 - children 8-10 years old (grades 2, 3, 4), Friday, 6:30-8:30 pm
- March 16 - young adults, over 18 years old, Sunday at 11:15 am after coffee
- March 18 - women (Ukrainian), Tuesday, 6:30 pm
- March 22 - FAMILY DAY for parents and parish youth 8-18 years old (2nd-12th grades), 6:15 pm
- March 23 - young adults, over 18 years old, Sunday at 11:15 am after coffee

THE LENTEN PRAYER OF SAINT EPHREM.

- Lord and Master of my life, spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair, lust for power, and idle chatter. **(Prostration)**
- Instead, bestow on me, your servant, the spirit of integrity, humility, patience, and love. **(Prostration)**
- Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins and not judge my brothers and sisters; for you are blessed forever and ever. Amen. **(Prostration)**

Note: If one cannot make prostrations, then make bows, or the sign of the Cross

FUNNY

Boy Aged 4: Dad, I've Decided To Get Married

Dad: Wonderful. Do you have a girl in mind?!

Boy: Yes... grandma! She said she loves me, I love her, too....and she's the best cook and story teller in the whole world!

Dad: That's nice, but we have a small problem there!

Boy: What problem?!

Dad: She happens to be my mother. How can you marry my mother!

Boy: Why not?! You married mine

Taras Shevchenko Concert by the choir "Boyan".

Sunday, March 9 following 9:00 am Liturgy.

Join us for a captivating musical and poetic day celebrating the timeless legacy of the legendary Ukrainian genius, Taras Shevchenko, whose words continue to inspire generations.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Fr. Ivan who celebrated his birthday (Feb 28) this past week. May the Lord Our God continue to bless him abundantly and the Holy Mother of God protects him at all times. Многая Лита!