



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE
DORMITION

OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
ПАРАФІЯ УСПІННІА ПРЕСВ. БОГОРОДНИЦІ

Our Mission is to joyfully bring all people into the knowledge, love and service of the Holy Trinity, Who dwells amongst us.

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(Ukr & Eng) at 10 am

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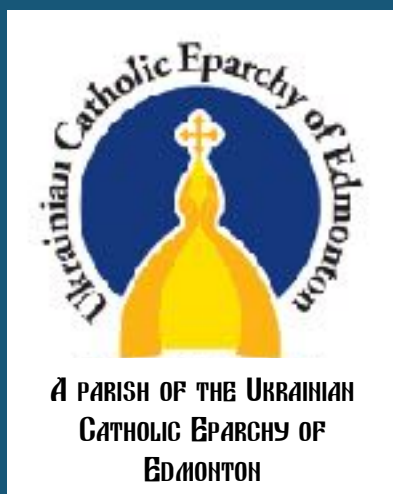
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A PARISH OF THE UKRAINIAN
CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF
EDMONTON

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Sunday of the Prodigal Son; Octoechos Tone 5;
Our Venerable Father Martinian

and

Sunday, February 20, 2022

Sunday of Meatfare - Sunday of the Fearful Judgement;
Octoechos Tone 6;
Our Venerable Father Leo, Bishop of Catania

On Sunday, February 13th, after the Liturgy we will have a Panachyda for Iryna's Laschuk's dad: the servant of God + Stefan Lupynis

On Sunday, February 20th, please welcome Fr. Stephen Wojcichowski who will be taking the place of Fr. Bo who will be away.

**Our Special "Covid
Friendly" Annual
General Meeting....
... is almost ready**



Similar to last year, we will have this year's AGM by mail and email due to our inability to meet because of covid. It was our hope to have the envelopes ready for you by today, Sunday the 13th, but the financial parts are not quite ready yet.

We expect to send it to you some time during this week.

Soon you will have receive an email, or you will receive an envelope via the mail. In this email or envelope you will find several documents, and be asked to look them over and answer several questions so that we can elect a new Parish Pastoral Council, accept the Financial Statements from 2021, accept a budget for 2022, and accept a revised set of bylaws for our parish.

Your responses by email, mail or in person (at Church) will need to be received after 3 weeks (Sundays) of the mail-out. Because of the later mail-out date, I am extending the date to receive all responses now to Sunday, March 13th. Any replies received after Sunday the 13th will not be counted.

Thank you all for your anticipated cooperation, and your patience with us (and Covid).

Questions you will see in the Covid Friendly AGM Mail-out

- A) Do you accept the financial statements of the parish for 2021 as presented (which will be attached),
- B) Do you accept the budget for 2022 as presented (which will be attached),
- C) Will you accept the new slate of officers for the Parish Pastoral Council as presented by the Nominating Committee (which will be attached), and
- D) Do you approve of the new Parish Bylaws as proposed by the Bylaw Committee (which will be attached).

You will also have the opportunity to give us your comments.

We recognize that a "Mail-out" AGM is not normal, and it does not exactly follow the current bylaws as they are spelled out, but considering the realities of Covid we ask your understanding as we strive to follow the spirit of the rules.

The following is the proposed slate of Executing Officers as proposed by the Nominating Committee for the upcoming AGM vote:

- Chair of PPC – Alex Schabel
- Vice Chair – Steve Konowalec
- Treasurer – Sheila Leiding
- Secretary – Sharilynn Shakeshaft
- Three Year Member-at Large – Roman Workun
- Two Year Member-at-Large – Bill Shostak
- One Year Member-at-Large – Helen (Halyna) Sirman

Finance Committee Members

- Finance Committee Chair – Iryna Laschuk
- Alex Schabel – (proposed Chair of PPC)
- Sheila Leiding – (Proposed Treasurer)

Non-elected members:

- Pastor - Fr. Bo Nahachewsky (by Appointment of Bishop)
- Past Chair – Greg Ostopowich (by definition)
- Representative of UCWLC - Virginia Sharek (as appointed by UCWLC)

• **Please pray for** several of our parishioners and family members including (but not limited to): Mickey, Sister Andrea, Kristopher, Greg, Peter, Ross, Ron, Peter, Jean, Verna, Miranda, Sarah, Marge, Ann & Louis.

• Also, **please pray for** peace everywhere, especially among our brothers and sisters in and around Ukraine.

Please take Covid seriously. If you are feeling sick please stay home.

In the parish, please keep a safe distance from each other (2+ m), sanitize your hands regularly and always wear a mask. At the end of each Liturgy we'd appreciate you helping us sanitize your pew.

At this time we are not allowed to do congregational singing. Bishop is allowing for one family to sing as a cantor only. Most of our service will be recited.

Thanks for your cooperation.



Sunday of the Prodigal Son

[Feb. 13]

from oca.org

The next [second] Sunday in the preparation for Great Lent is the Sunday of the Prodigal Son. Hearing the parable of Christ about God's loving forgiveness, we are called to "come to ourselves" as did the prodigal son, to see ourselves as being "in a far country" far from the Father's house, and to make the movement of return to God. We are given every assurance by the Master that the Father will receive us with joy and gladness. We must only "arise and go," confessing our self-inflicted and sinful separation from that "home" where we truly belong (Lk 15.11–24).

The next Sunday is called Meatfare Sunday since it is officially the last day before Easter for eating meat. It commemorates Christ's parable of the Last Judgment (Mt 25.31–46). We are reminded this day that it is not enough for us to see Jesus, to see ourselves as we are, and to come home to God as his prodigal sons. We must also be his sons by following Christ, his only-begotten divine Son, and by seeing Christ in every man and by serving Christ through them. Our salvation and final judgment will depend upon our deeds, not merely on our intentions or even on the mercies of God devoid of our own personal cooperation and obedience.

... for I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me drink, I was a stranger and you took Me in, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and in prison and you visited Me. For truly I say to you, if you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to Me (Mt 25).

We are saved not merely by prayer and fasting, not by "religious exercises" alone. We are saved by serving Christ through his people, the goal toward which all piety and prayer is ultimately directed.



Sunday of Meatfare of the Last Judgment

[Feb. 20]

from oca.org

Today's Gospel reading is Matthew 25:31-46, the parable of the Last Judgment. It reminds us that while trusting in Christ's love and mercy, we must not forget His righteous judgment when He comes again in glory. If our hearts remain hardened and unrepentant, we should not expect the Lord to overlook our transgressions simply because He is a good and loving God. Although He does not desire the death of a sinner, He also expects us to turn from our wickedness and live (Ezek. 33:11). This same idea is expressed in the prayer read by the priest after the penitent has confessed his or her sins (Slavic practice).

The time for repentance and forgiveness is now, in the present life. At the Second Coming, Christ will appear as the righteous Judge, "Who will render to every man according to his deeds" (Rom. 2:6). Then the time for entreating God's mercy and forgiveness will have passed.

As Father Alexander Schmemmann reminds us in his book GREAT LENT (Ch. 1:4), sin is the absence of love, it is separation and isolation. When Christ comes to judge the world, His criterion for judgment will be love. Christian love entails seeing Christ in other people, our family, our friends, and everyone else we may encounter in our lives. We shall be judged on whether we have loved, or not loved, our neighbor. We show Christian love when we feed the hungry, give drink to the thirsty, clothe the naked, visit those who are sick or in prison. If we did such things for the least of Christ's brethren, then we also did them for Christ (Mt.25:40). If we did not do such things for the least of the brethren, neither did we do them for Christ (Mt.25:45).

Today is the last day for eating meat and meat products until Pascha, though eggs and dairy products are permitted every day during the coming week. This limited fasting prepares us gradually for the more intense fasting of Great Lent.

Saints Martinian, Zoe, and Photina of Caesarea in Palestine

Commemorated on [February 13](#)

from oca.org

Saint Martinian went to live in the wilderness at the age of eighteen, not far from the city of Caesarea in Palestine. For twenty-five years, he devoted himself to ascetic deeds and silence, and he was granted the gift of healing illnesses and casting out demons. However, the Enemy of the human race would not stop troubling the holy ascetic with various temptations.

One day a prostitute overheard some citizens of Caesarea speaking of Saint Martinian's virtuous life, so she asked them why they were amazed by it. She said that he went to live in the desert because he could not endure the temptations of the flesh in the city. Furthermore, she made a wager with them that she could topple this pillar of virtue with her beauty and seduce him.

She came to him one night, dressed in shabby clothes, pretending that she had lost her way in the storm, and asking for shelter. Reluctantly, the saint allowed her to enter his cell, because he did not wish to be the cause of her death. He went into the inner room of his cell, telling her she would have to leave in the morning. After chanting Psalms according to his Rule, he went to sleep on the floor, but he was disturbed by carnal thoughts. Meanwhile, the wicked guest opened the bag she had been carrying and changed into her beautiful clothes and adorned herself with jewels.

When morning came, Saint Martinian came out to send the woman away. Though he was tempted by the woman's beauty, he was determined not to fall into sin. Lighting a fire, he stepped into it, saying, "You want me to burn with temptation, but I will not give in to it.. Instead, I choose to burn in this fire in order to preserve my purity and to escape the unquenchable fires of Hell."

The woman was astonished at the lengths Saint Martinian was willing to go, and she realized how evil she was. She repented and asked the saint to guide her onto the way of salvation. He told her to go to Bethlehem, and enter the convent founded by Saint Paula (January 26). There she lived as a nun for twelve years in strict asceticism until her blessed repose. The woman's name was Zoe.

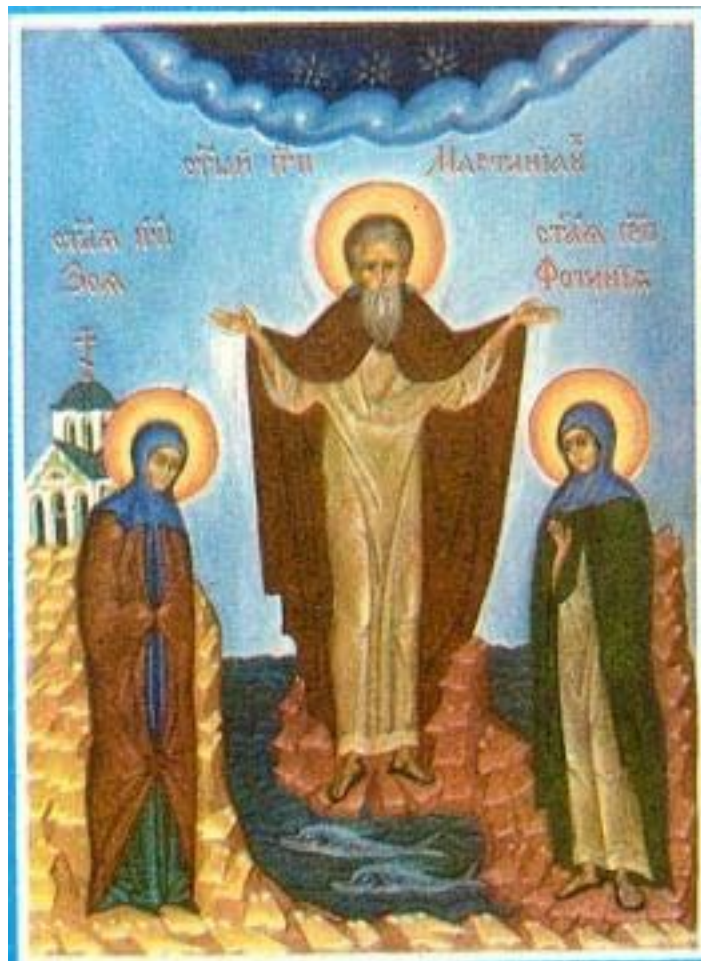
After his burns healed, Saint Martinian went to an uninhabited rocky island, and lived on it under the open sky for several years, nourished by the provisions brought by a certain sailor from time to time. In return the monk wove baskets for him.

One day a ship was wrecked by a powerful storm, and a woman named Photina floated to the island on pieces of the wreckage Saint Martinian helped her to survive on the island. "Remain here," he told her, "for I am leaving you bread and water, and in two months a boat will come and return you to the mainland."

Saint Martinian refused to stay on the island with the woman, believing that it would be better to drown than to burn with lust. He jumped into the sea and swam away, and a pair of dolphins carried him to dry land. Thereafter, Saint Martinian led the life of a wanderer. Later, he came to Athens and fell ill. Sensing the approach of death, he went into a church and lay upon the floor. God revealed to the Bishop of Athens who Saint Martinian was, and the hierarch buried his body with honor. This occurred around the year 422.

As for Saint Photina, she did not board the ship when it came to the island, electing to stay there by herself. She asked the captain of the ship to have his wife bring her men's clothing and some wool, promising to make clothes for his family. She also asked the woman to bring her bread and water in addition to the other supplies.

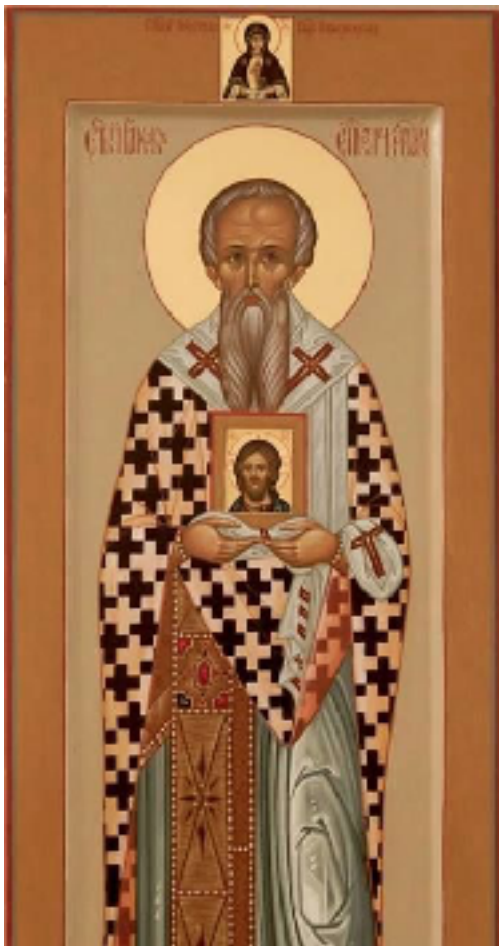
Saint Photina lived on the island for six years, and then she went to the Lord. Two months after her repose, the captain and his wife found her incorrupt relics and brought them to Caesarea in Palestine. He had a vision which revealed many details of Saint Photina's life, which he shared with the bishop. Then they buried her with great honor and reverence.



Saint Leo, Bishop of Catania in Sicily

Commemorated on [February 20](#)

from oca.org



Saint Leo was bishop of the city of Catania, in Sicily. He was famed for his benevolence and charity, and his Christian love for the poor and the vagrant. The Lord granted him the gifts of healing various illnesses, and working miracles.

When Saint Leo was Bishop of Catania, there was a certain sorcerer named Heliodorus, who impressed people with his fake miracles. This fellow was originally a Christian, but then he rejected Christ and became a servant of the devil.

Saint Leo often urged Heliodorus to repent of his wicked deeds and return to God, but in vain. Once, Heliodorus impudently entered the church where the bishop was serving, and tried to create a disturbance, sowing confusion and temptation by his sorcery.

Seeing the people beset by devils under the sorcerer's spell, Saint Leo realized that the time for gentle persuasion had passed. He calmly emerged from the altar and, tying his omophorion around the magician's neck, he led him out of the church into the city square. There he forced Heliodorus to admit to all his wicked deeds. He commanded that a fire be lit, and jumped into the fire with the sorcerer. Thus they stood in the fire until Heliodorus got burnt. Saint Leo, by the power of God, remained unharmed. This miracle brought Saint Leo great renown during his lifetime.

When he died, a woman with an issue of blood received healing at his grave. The body of the saint was placed in a church of the holy Martyr Lucy (December 13), which he himself had built. Later on, his relics were transferred into the church of Saint Martin the Merciful, Bishop of Tours (November 11).



The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton is looking to hire several illustrators to support a new religious education program, titled Image to Likeness, that will be used by the Ukrainian Bilingual Program in Edmonton and Sherwood Park Catholic Schools and will also be available to parishes and families of the Ukrainian Catholic Church (Byzantine Rite Eastern Catholic Church) around the globe. Eventually, the project will provide religious educational content for children grades Kindergarten to 12. The project is scheduled to deliver a pilot in September 2022 for Kindergarten and Grade 1, followed by subsequent grades to be gradually completed by December 2024.

Click here for all the pertinent info: <https://eeparchy.com/2022/02/03/illustrators-needed-for-childrens-religion-program/>

Fr. Bo will be away to help and visit his family in both Saskatoon and Calgary for the week from Monday the 14 till Monday the 21.



Apparently people in Dubai don't like the Flintstones, but people in Abu Dhabi doooooo.

Eparchy of Edmonton Pledges \$100 000 to Support Residential School Survivors, their Families, and Communities.

February 10, 2022 – Today, the Eparchy of Edmonton is pleased to announce a pledge of \$100 000 to support healing and reconciliation projects in Canada. This commitment will support the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops' collective pledge to raise [\\$30 million across the country](#) over the next five years.

The funds that will be raised, across the 73 dioceses and 5 eparchies throughout Canada, will support the following priorities:

- Healing and reconciliation for communities and families;
- Culture and language revitalization;
- Education and community building; and
- Dialogues for promoting indigenous spirituality and culture.
- Restore the sacred bond between the Indigenous and Ukrainian peoples

The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops have agreed to establish a new registered charity to manage all funds collected across the country. The Indigenous Reconciliation Fund which will be managed with financial measures in place to ensure transparency and good governance. Board directors and members of the corporation will collectively bring a strong financial acumen and deep commitment to the healing and reconciliation journey.

The directors of the Board include:

- Chief Wilton Littlechild, Ph.D, a Cree chief, residential school survivor, and lawyer who served as a Commissioner for the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. Chief Littlechild has been a Member of Parliament, Vice-President of the Indigenous Parliament of the Americas, North American Representative to the UN Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues, and a Chairperson for the UN Expert Mechanism on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and the Commission on First Nations and Métis Peoples and Justice Reform.
- Giselle Marion, who holds a law degree from the University of British Columbia and was called to the Bar in the Northwest Territories in 2008. During her articles Ms. Marion worked for the Department of Justice. She is a Tłıchǵ Citizen and was born and raised in Behchokǵ, NT. She is the Director of Client Services with the Tłıchǵ Government out of the Behchokǵ
- Rosella Kinoshameg, an Odawa/Ojibway woman from the Wikwemikong Unceded First Nation Territory. She is a Registered Nurse with over 50 years of nursing experience, mostly working with First Nations communities doing community health, maternal child health, immunizations, home and community Care. She was one of the original members of the CCCB's Indigenous Council and continues to serve as a member of the Our Lady of Guadalupe Circle.

The members of the corporation include:

- Natale Gallo, a former Supreme Director of the Knights of Columbus, where he represented Canada on the International Board of Directors.
- Claude Bédard, National President of the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul in Canada.
- Barbara Dowding, former National President of the Catholic Women's League of Canada.

Our Eparchy's Next Steps

To show our support for this important step in healing and reconciliation, a special collection will be initiated in the month of June 2022 and, will be followed by a call to our parishes and community for projects supporting the priorities of the Indigenous Reconciliation Fund.

The Eparchy of Edmonton is grateful to work with Indigenous partners, as well as faithful members of the Ukrainian Catholic community to contribute to a more hopeful future based on mutual respect and commitment to moving forward together.

"Dear faithful, but now, above all, it is a time to listen attentively to our Indigenous brothers and sisters, no matter how painful the reality of Residential Schools. They must speak. We must listen. Only then will truth be told, and heard, with the hope of reconciliation and a strengthening of the bond of our two peoples." ~ [Bishop David Motiuk](#)



Dormition Parish Calendar

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 13 Sunday of the Prodigal Son; Octoechos Tone 5; Our Venerable Father Martinian Matins Resurrectional Gospel 5. 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Luke 15:11-32 10 am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng Tables for Two (at home) | 14 The Repose of Our Venerable Father Constantine the Philosopher, in the Monastic Life, Cyril, Teacher of the Slavs (869); and our Venerable Father Auxentius (457-74); and the Venerable Maron the Wonderworker and Hermit. Hebrews 7:26-8:2; John 10:9-16 Valentine's Day Fr. Bo Away | 15 The Holy Apostle Onesimus 1 John 3:10-20; Mark 14:10-42 Fr. Bo Away | 16 The Holy Martyrs Pamphilus the Priest (c. 309) and Porphyrius and Their Companions 1 John 3:21-4:6; Mark 14:43-15:1 Fr. Bo Away Hopefully our AGM mail out will be out. | 17 The Holy and Great-Martyr Theodora the Recruit (286-305) 1 John 4:20-5:21; Mark 15:1-15 Fr. Bo Away | 18 🐟 Our Holy Father Leo, Pope of Rome (461) 2 John 1:1-13; Mark 15:22-25, 33-41 Fr. Bo Away | 19 Saturday before Meatfare: All Souls Saturday; The Holy Apostle Archippus 1 Corinthians 10:23-28; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-17; Luke 21:8-9, 25-27, 33-36; John 5:24-30 Fr. Bo Away |
| 20 Sunday of Meatfare - Sunday of the Fearful Judgement; Octoechos Tone 6; Our Venerable Father Leo, Bishop of Catania Matins Resurrectional Gospel 6. 1 Corinthians 8:8-9:2; Matthew 25:31-46 10 am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng Marko Laschuk's Birthday Fr. Bo Away | 21 🐟 Our Venerable Father Timothy of Symbola (8th c.); Our Holy Father Eustathius, Archbishop of Great Antioch (338) 3 John 1:1-15; Luke 19:29-40; 22:7-39 Family Day Melodie Sokolowski-Tower's Birthday Fr. Bo Away 5:30 Appointment | 22 🐟 The Discovery of the Relics of the Holy Martyrs at Eugenius (345-408) Jude 1-10; Luke 22:39-42; 22:45-23:1 Katherine Vizza's Birthday | 23 🐟 The Holy Priest-Martyr Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna (155-56) According to liturgical prescriptions, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated today. Joel 2:12-26; Joel 4:12-21; 11 am Appointment | 24 🐟 The First and Second Finding of the Precious Head of the Holy, Glorious Prophet and Forerunner John the Baptist All-Night Vigil Feast. 2 Corinthians 4:6-15; Matthew 11:2-15 | 25 🐟 Our Holy Father Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople (806) According to liturgical prescriptions, the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated today. Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. Zechariah 8:7-14; Zechariah 8:19-23; 11 am Appointment | 26 🐟 Saturday before Cheesefare; Our Holy Father Porphyrius, Bishop of Gaza (420) Romans 14:19-26; Galatians 5:22-6:2; Matthew 6:1-13; Matthew 11:27-30 |
| 27 🐟 Sunday of Cheesefare - Sunday of Forgiveness; Octoechos Tone 7; Our Venerable Father and Confessor Procopius the Decapolitan (716-40) Matins Resurrectional Gospel 7. Romans 13:11-14:4; Matthew 6:14-21 10 am Divine Liturgy bilingual Ukr / Eng followed by "Forgiveness Service" 5:30 Appointment Ryan Gerace's Birthday | 28 🐟 First day of the Great Fast. Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Ascetical Companion of Procopius (716-40) Abstention from meat, dairy, and eggs, and foods that contain these ingredients. Isaiah 1:1-20; Genesis 1:1-13; Proverbs 1:1-20; | 1 🐟 The Holy Venerable-Martyr Eudocia (98-117) Great Fast Day 2. Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. Isaiah 1:19-2:3; Genesis 1:14-23; Proverbs 1:20-33; | 2 🐟 The Holy Priest-Martyr Theodotus, Bishop of Cyrenia (c. 321) Great Fast Day 3. Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. Isaiah 2:3-11; Presanctified - Genesis 1:24-2:3; Proverbs 2:1-22; 11 am Appointment 7 pm Presanctified Liturgy | 3 🐟 The Holy Martyrs Eutropius and His Companions Cleonicus and Basiliscus (286-305) Great Fast Day 4. Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. Isaiah 2:11-21; Vespers - Genesis 2:4-19; Proverbs 3:1-19; 6 pm Camp Oselia Society Meeting | 4 🐟 Our Venerable Father Gerasimus of the Jordan (475) Great Fast Day 5. Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. Isaiah 3:1-14; Presanctified - Genesis 2:20-3:20; Proverbs 3:19-34; 11 am Appointment 6 pm High School Catechism Natasha Gerace's & Steve Konowalec's Birthdays | 5 🐟 First Saturday of the Great Fast: Great Martyr Theodore the Recruit; The Holy Martyr Conon (249-251) Great Fast Day 6. Hebrews 1:1-12; 2 Timothy 2:1-10; Mark 2:23-3:5; John 15:17-16:2 |
| 6 🐟 First Sunday of the Great Fast: The Sunday of Orthodoxy; Octoechos Tone 8; The Holy Forty-Two Martyrs of Ammorium (848) Great Fast Day | 7 🐟 The Holy Priest-Martyrs and Bishops of Cherson Basil, Ephrem, Capiton, Eugene, Etherius and Others (284-305); Passing into Eternal | 8 🐟 Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophilactus, Bishop of Nicomedia (c. 845) Great Fast Day 9. Isaiah 5:7-16; Vespers - Genesis 4:8-15; | 9 🐟 The Holy Forty Martyrs of Sebaste (321-23) Great Fast Day 10. Polyeleos Feast. Abstention from meat and foods | 10 🐟 The Holy Martyr Codratus and Those with Him (249-51) Great Fast Day 11. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 6:1-12; Vespers - Genesis 5:1-24; | 11 🐟 Our Holy Father Sophronius, Patriarch of Jerusalem (638) Great Fast Day 12. Abstention from meat and foods that | 12 🐟 Second Saturday of the Great Fast: All Souls Saturday; Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophanes of Sigrana (817); Our |

Sunday, February 13, 2022

Sunday of the Prodigal Son; Octoechos Tone 5; Our Venerable Father Martinian

Troparion: Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word,* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,* and born of the Virgin for our salvation.* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death* and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion: Foolishly have I fled from Your glory, O Father,* wasting the wealth You gave me on vices.* Therefore, I offer You the words of the Prodigal:* Loving Father, I have sinned before You.* Take me, for I repent, and make me as one of Your hired hands.

Prokeimenon:

You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us* from this generation and for ever.

verse: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man.

Epistle: I Corinthians 6:12-20 (NRSV)

Brothers and Sisters, “All things are lawful for me,” but not all things are beneficial. “All things are lawful for me,” but I will not be dominated by anything. “Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food,” and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, “The two shall be one flesh.” But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Alleluia verses:

Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing for ever; from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.

For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared.

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32 (NRSV)

The Lord spoke this parable: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.”’” So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate.

“Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.*
Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

Sunday, February 20, 2022

Sunday of Meatfare - Sunday of the Fearful Judgement; Octoechos Tone 6; Our Venerable Father Leo, Bishop of Catania

Troparion: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb* and the guards became like dead men;* Mary stood before Your tomb* seeking Your most pure body.* You captured Hades without being overcome by it.* You met the Virgin and granted life.* O Lord, risen from the dead,* glory be to You!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion: When You come on earth, O God, in glory,* and the universe trembles,* while the river of fire flows before the seat of judgement,* and the books are opened and all secrets disclosed,* then deliver me from the unquenchable fire,* and count me worthy to stand at Your right hand,* O Judge who are most just.

Prokeimenon:

Great is our Lord and great is His strength;* and of His knowledge there is no end.

verse: Praise the Lord, for a psalm is good; may praise be sweet to Him.

Epistle: I Corinthians 8:8-9:2 (NRSVCE)

Brothers and Sisters, "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

Alleluia verses:

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Saviour.

Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46 (NRSVCE)

The Lord said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;* praise befits the righteous.

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.