



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DORMITION

OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Парафіта Успіння Пресв. Богородиці

Sunday, March 12, 2023

Third Sunday of the Great Fast: Veneration of the Holy Cross. Octoechos Tone 7;
Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophanes of Sigriana (817);
Our Holy Father Gregory the Dialogist, Pope of Rome (604)

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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Services:

Sunday Divine Liturgy
(Ukr & Eng) at 10 am

Festal Liturgies:

Most Major Feasts at 6 or 7 pm,
*see the calendar section of this
bulletin for details on upcoming
feasts.*

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<http://dormition.eeparchy.com>

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SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS

On the Third Sunday of Great Lent, we venerate the Holy Cross of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ. This veneration of the cross helps prepare us for the coming of the Crucifixion, while at the same time invigorating us to finish the Great Fast with strength. And perhaps most importantly, it reminds us that "he who does not take up his cross and follow Me is not worthy of Me" ([Matthew 10:38](#)).

Prayers for Peace and an Opportunity for Confession before Easter

in front of the Icon of the Protection of the Mother of God gifted to the Eparchy from Ukraine. (The one written on an ammunition box from the current conflict.)

Will take place here at Dormition on Friday, May 31, Saturday, April 1, and Sunday, April 2.

Details are on the posters. Please distribute posters to all.



Eparchial Lenten Series: Three Essential Disciplines

**THIS, NEXT AND THE FOLLOWING THURSDAYS
FROM 7:00 - 8:30 PM AT ST. NICHOLAS UKR. CATH. CHURCH**

Join Fr. Bo as he explores Prayer. We will look at the origins of prayer and learn how we might undertake it in our quest for closeness with God and growth in holiness. There will be a presentation, followed by discussion, and prayer.

March 16 – **Prayer** – Fr. Bo Nahachewsky
March 23 – **Fasting** – Deacon Cyril Kennedy
March 30 – **Almsgiving** – Staff of the Madonna House community (Marian Centre)

St. Nicholas Parish is found at 9507 Austin O'Brien Rd., Edmonton



A SPECIAL PRAYER INITIATIVE FOR THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF POPE FRANCIS' PONTIFICATE

In exactly a month from now, on March 13, Pope Francis will be celebrating ten years of his pontificate.

To highlight this milestone anniversary in a "viral" manner, the Digital Synod has launched a [special online map](#) featuring virtual lighted candles representing the prayers of the faithful worldwide for him.

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Bishop David has announced the Clergy Assignments which will take effect August 1st and will be in place for 5 years as follows:

- Calgary – Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish – Rev. Roman Planchak
- Calgary – Saint Stephen the Protomartyr Parish – Rev. Michael Bombak
- Camrose and District Parishes – Rev. Danylo Bodnar
- **Edmonton – Dormition of the Mother of God Parish and mission parishes – Rev. Peter Babej**
- Edmonton – Exaltation of the Holy Cross Parish – Rev. Bohdan Nahachewsky; Deacon Francois Provençal
- Edmonton – Holy Eucharist Parish – Rev. Mihajlo Planchak
- Edmonton – Protection of the Mother of God Parish – Rev. Serhiy Harahuc
- Edmonton – Saint George Parish – Rev. Danylo Kuc, Pastor; Rev. Stanislav Bjeli, Assistant Pastor
- Edmonton – Saint Nicholas Parish – Rev. Slavko Dumeč
- Edmonton – Saint Volodymyr Parish – Rev. Ivan Nykyforuk
- Edmonton – Saint Josaphat Cathedral – Rev. Janko Herbut; Rev. Mykhaylo Bohun; Deacon Cyril Kennedy
- Grande Prairie and District Parishes – Rev. Matthew Drury
- Lethbridge – Saints Peter and Paul Parish – Rev. Gary Sedgwick
- Lloydminster and Vermilion – Descent of the Holy Spirit Parish and Saint Olga Parish – Rev. Roman Kobyletsky
- Red Deer – Saint Volodymyr Parish – Rev. Jim Nakonechny
- Redwater and District Parishes – Rev. Mark Sych
- Saint Paul and District Parishes – Rev. Andrij Nykyforuk
- Sherwood Park – Saint Sophia – Rev. Rendy Yackimec
- Personal Leave – Rev. Greg Faryna

Metropolitan Lawrence and the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops in Canada appointed the following as Priestly Formation Staff at **Holy Spirit Seminary**, effective **August 1, 2023**:

- Rector – Rev. Julian Bilyj
- Spiritual Director – Rev. Mark Bayrock

What does this mean for our parish?

In August Dormition Parish will once again be attached to several smaller “mission” parishes West of the city, therefore becoming a district. These parishes include: St. Nicholas Parish in Carvel with 8 services per year; St. George Parish in Manly with 4 services per year; Holy Eucharist Parish in Cherhill with 1

service per year, and both St. Mary’s and St. John’s parishes in Wildwood and Rochfort Bridge with only grave blessings.

Fr. Bo will continue to be the pastor for the next several months till August 1. I (Fr. Bo) will try to get everything administratively in good order so that when Fr. Peter Babej, who is currently the rector of the Cathedral, becomes Dormition’s new pastor everything will be “tickey-boo”.

We will figure out more details as August draws nearer.

A SPECIAL PRAYER INITIATIVE FOR THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF POPE FRANCIS' PONTIFICATE CONTINUED

According to a press release, “The Petrine ministry is a great grace that Jesus granted to His Church and we must always be grateful for it. Therefore, prayer must be our best gift, so that God may support the service of the one He has chosen for this ministry because on this rock He builds His Church in time and history”.

Anyone who wishes to join the initiative will find an invitation on the website to pray one or more Hail Marys. “In the end we will send the Holy Father the map with the ‘little candles’ which represent the Hail Marys that are prayed for him, thanking God for His Mercy, ” the press release concludes.

If you are reading this online, click here to go pledge to say at least one “Hail Mary” for our Pope tomorrow. You can change the language to English on that webpage by hitting the “Cambia Lingua” button in the corner.

If you are reading this in print, go to <https://www.decimus-annus.org/site/index>



WHAT IS SO SPECIAL ABOUT THE CROSS?

St. John Chrysostom, a fourth century Patriarch of Constantinople, describes the Cross this way: “The Cross is the proof of the love of God. The Cross is the unshaken wall, the unconquered weapon, the Kingdom of virtue. It has torn asunder our mortgage and rendered useless the prison of death. The Cross has opened Paradise, it has admitted the thief and has guided the human race from impending disaster to the Kingdom of God.”

Our Lord’s Cross reminds us of His Passion. By presenting to us His example, it encourages us to follow Him in struggle and sacrifice, being refreshed, assured, and comforted. The Cross teaches us that through pain and suffering, we shall see the fulfillment of our hopes: the heavenly inheritance and eternal glory.

Our Lord Jesus Christ changed everything through His Crucifixion on the Cross. He very well could have avoided His own death and destroyed those who sought to kill Him. But He didn’t. Because He loved them just as He loves every single one of us. Because He desires for us to be saved! When Christ died on the cross, He defeated our enemies—sin, death, and Satan. Now we can become like Him and enjoy the communion with Him that we lost after the Fall.

This is why we bow before the cross and put it at the center of everything in our lives. God took an instrument of evil and death, and transformed it into a symbol of victory and life.

“TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME”

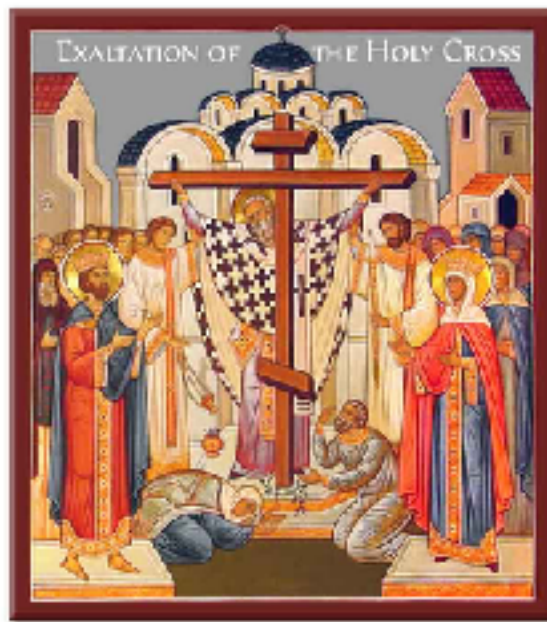
In the Gospel lesson for this Sunday, Jesus says, “If anyone would come after Me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me” ([Mark 8:34](#)). But what does it mean to deny ourselves? What does it mean to “take up your cross”? The original Greek word translated as deny in this passage is *aparnisastho*, absolute rejection. This means renouncing everything in our lives that would prevent us from attaining salvation. Christ-like self-denial goes much deeper than many of us realize. It penetrates the façade which hides our hidden sins, our shortcomings and our faults.

However, absolute rejection doesn’t mean depriving ourselves the things we need to live, nor does it mean we lose our individuality, personality and identity. When Jesus speaks of denying ourselves, He means we must subordinate our will to the

will of God. “Take up your cross and follow Me” means to begin the journey to salvation. It means subduing our anger, insensitivity, impatience, and childishness, and mastering them, rather than allowing them to control us. In short, it means becoming like Christ. That is the call He gives us; this is what it means to truly be a Christian.

THE HALF-WAY POINT: WE ARE ALMOST THERE!

When running a marathon, hearing you are halfway to the end can really be inspiring. It can fill you with hope that you’re almost there, that there isn’t much farther, and you will have crossed the finish line. So it is with Great Lent. The Church wisely gives us this Third Sunday – halfway to Golgotha – to refresh ourselves spiritually in Christ, to assess our Lenten journey and continue with greater determination.



But the initiative is still ours. Just as you cannot enter spring without having first endured the winter, so too we cannot achieve eternal life with God if we do not deny ourselves and follow Christ. If we want to share in the joy of His resurrection, of His victory over death, we must first participate in the struggle, pain, and sacrifice of crucifixion. We must crucify the habits of thought, word, and deed that lead us to worship and serve ourselves instead of God and neighbor. We must kill our pride, our selfishness, and our slavery to pleasure. If we don’t crucify these passions, our souls will be too sick, dark, and weak to share in the glory of the Resurrection.

CONCLUSION

No matter what we may think at times, our Savior is no stranger to temptation, suffering, pain, and death. He sympathizes with our struggles because He endured them. So as we begin the second half of Lent, let us keep our eyes on the prize, looking to the great trophy of our Savior’s victory over sin and death, the cross, through which joy has come into all the world. Let us offer our lives in free obedience to the Father, accepting whatever He wills. And no matter what burdens we may bear, no matter our frustrations and failures, let us press on the joy of Pascha. Let us deny ourselves, take up our crosses, and follow Him. For this alone is the way to the brilliant light and eternal blessedness of the Kingdom of God.

this article was taken from:
<https://www.saintjohnchurch.org/sunday-of-the-holy-cross/>

Venerable Theophanes the Confessor of Sigriane

Saint Theophanes the Confessor was born in 759 at Constantinople into a pious and renowned family. His father was a relative of the Byzantine emperor Leo the Isaurian (717-741). Three years after Theophanes was born, his father died, leaving his family under the care of the emperor himself.

Theophanes grew up at the court and became a dignitary under the emperor Leo IV the Khazar (775-780). His position obliged him to enter into marriage, but he persuaded his bride to live with him in virginity.

After the death of his parents, Theophanes and his wife visited monasteries in the Sygrian district (Asia Minor). Theophanes met the Elder Gregory Stratitios, who predicted to Theophanes' wife that her husband would earn the crown of martyrdom.

Later the wife of Theophanes was tonsured a nun in one of the monasteries in Bithynia, and Theophanes went to a monastery in the Cyzicus region. With the blessing of his Elder, Theophanes founded the Kalonymon monastery on an island in the Sea of Marmara and secluded himself in his cell, transcribing books. Theophanes attained a high degree of skill in this occupation.

Later, Saint Theophanes founded another monastery in Sygria, at a place called the "Big Settlement", and became its igumen. He participated in all the work of the monastery, and was an example to all in his love for work and ascetical effort. He received from the Lord the gift of wonderworking, healing the sick, and casting out demons.

The Seventh Ecumenical Council met in Nicea in 787, which condemned the heresy of Iconoclasm. Saint Theophanes was also invited to the Council. He arrived dressed in his tattered garments, but he revealed his wisdom in affirming the veneration of the holy icons.

At the age of fifty, Saint Theophanes fell grievously ill and he suffered terribly until the day he died. Even on his deathbed, the saint continued to work. He wrote his CHRONOGRAPHIA, a history of the Christian Church covering the years 285-813. This work has remained an invaluable source for the history of the Church.

During the reign of the emperor Leo the Armenian (813-820), when the saint was advanced in age, the Iconoclast heresy returned. They demanded that Saint Theophanes accept the heresy, but he firmly

refused and was locked up in prison. His "Big Settlement" monastery was put to the torch. The holy confessor died in 818 after twenty-three days in prison.

After the death of the impious emperor Leo the Armenian, the "Big Settlement" monastery was restored and the relics of the holy confessor were transferred there.



Saint Gregory Dialogus, Pope of Rome

Saint Gregory Dialogus, Pope of Rome, was born in Rome around the year 540. His grandfather was Pope Felix, and his mother Sylvia (November 4) and aunts Tarsilla and Emiliana were also numbered among the saints by the Roman Church. Having received a most excellent secular education, he attained high government positions.

Leading a God-pleasing life, he yearned for monasticism with all his soul. After the death of his father, Saint Gregory used his inheritance to establish six monasteries. At Rome he founded a monastery dedicated to the holy Apostle Andrew the First-Called, where he received monastic tonsure. Later, on a commission of Pope Pelagius II, Saint Gregory lived for a while in Constantinople. There he wrote his Commentary on the Book of Job.

After the death of Pope Pelagius, Saint Gregory was chosen to the Roman See. For seven months he would not consent to accept this service, considering himself unworthy. He finally accepted consecration only after the persistent entreaties of the clergy and flock.

Wisely leading the Church, Saint Gregory worked tirelessly in propagating the Word of God. Saint Gregory compiled the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts in the Latin language, which before him was known only in the verbal tradition. Affirmed by the Sixth Ecumenical Council, this liturgical service was accepted by all the Orthodox Church.

He zealously struggled against the Donatist heresy; he also converted the inhabitants of Brittany, pagans and Goths, who had been adhering to the Arian heresy, to the True Faith.

Saint Gregory has left behind numerous written works. After the appearance of his book, DIALOGUES CONCERNING THE LIFE AND MIRACLES OF THE ITALIAN FATHERS (DIALOGI DE VITA ET MIRACULIS PATRUM ITALIORUM), the saint was called "Dialogus." His PASTORAL RULE (or LIBER REGULAE PASTORALIS) was well-known. In this work, Saint Gregory describes the model of the true pastor. His letters (848), dealing with moral guidance, have also survived.

Saint Gregory headed the Church for thirteen years, ministering to all the needs of his flock. He was characterized by an extraordinary love of poverty, for which he was granted a vision of the Lord Himself.

Pope Saint Gregory the Great, as he is known, died in the year 604, and his relics rest in the cathedral of the holy Apostle Peter in the Vatican.



**Through the Prayers of Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophanes of Sigriana (817) ; Our Holy Father Gregory the Dialogist, Pope of Rome (604),
O Lord Jesus Christ, Have Mercy on Us and Save Us.**

These explanations of the lives of the Saints are taken from oca.org

Eparchial Great Lent Collection - Humanitarian Aid for the People of Ukraine

The people of Ukraine need your help. As we mark the one-year anniversary of the war in Ukraine, millions of the country's inhabitants are in dire straits. Constant bombardment, frigid temperatures, fluctuating power, lack of food, shelter and other basic necessities. As part of your Lenten sacrifice, kindly consider making a donation towards providing emergency services and humanitarian and pastoral support to Ukrainians by offering care, medical supplies, food, clothing and shelter to displaced persons, the elderly and the sick, as well as educational programs and support to local priests. For example, for only \$25, an emergency food package can provide much needed relief. \$100 can buy four packages. Each package will feed 2 persons for 1 week.

Donations may be made through your local parish, the Eparchy of Edmonton, or directly to Catholic Near East Welfare Association - Canada (cnewa.ca). For information on how your donation is making a difference, see Catholic Near East Welfare Association's [2022 Campaign Report: Ukraine Emergency Relief](#).

May God bless you and your family for your generosity.



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for Ukrainian Newcomers

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IN SUPPORT OF
THE UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CONGRESS - ALBERTA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL



Інформаційний довідник для українців, які прибувають в Альберту

Information guide for Ukrainians arriving in Alberta. Copies are available in the Church Entrance (both Eng. and Ukr.) or at this link: <https://uatoabinfo.ca/>

Prayers for Peace

**before the Icon of the
Protection of the Mother of
God (from Ukraine),
and for those who wish it,
an opportunity to go to
Confession before Easter**

At Dormition Ukrainian Catholic Church
15608 - 104 Ave, Edmonton

Friday, March 31: 6 pm

**Akathist to the Mother of God
with confessors: Frs. Stephen & Seyed**

Saturday, April 1: 6 pm

**Divine Liturgy on the feast of
the Raising of Lazarus
with confessors: Frs. Slavko & Seyed**

Sunday, April 2: 10 am

**Divine Liturgy on the feast of
The Triumphal Entrance (Palm Sunday)
with confessor: Fr. Myron**



The icon "Protection of Our Most Holy Lady, the Theotokos" is an icon that commemorates the Ukrainian Canadian servicemen and service women, who served and sacrificed for Canada during the Second World War – true 'Heroes of Their Day.'

Kyiv-based iconographer, Oleksandr Klymenko, has written this icon on an ammunition box, the contents of which were used to defend Ukraine during Russia's war of aggression in 2022.

It is fitting that people PRAY FOR PEACE before this icon asking the Mother of God to protect and intercede for all people before our Lord Jesus, her Son.






















**TO YOUR
CROSS, O
MASTER,* WE
BOW IN
VENERATION,*
AND WE
GLORIFY YOUR
HOLY
RESURRECTION!**

Parish & Eparchial News

- **Please pray for** several of our parishioners and family members including (but not limited to) Pauline, Stanley, Fr. Terry, Anne, Brody, Rosann, Jennie, Mickey, Kristopher, Greg, Ross, Ron, Jean, Verna, Miranda, Sarah, Ann & Louis.
- **Happy birthday** to **Helen Frankie, Owen Bawol, Shirley Pewar and Alex Schabel** who celebrate(s) his/her/their birthday(s) this week. May God grant you many happy years. Mnohaya Lita.
- **UCWLC Meeting today** after the Liturgy.
- **PPC Meeting next Wednesday** at 6:30 pm.
- **Presanctified** are being held Wednesdays at 7 pm for all the Wednesdays of Lent. Next week's (the 22nd) service however will be moved up to 5 pm due to the PPC Meeting.
- **"All Souls Saturdays"**: During the pre-Lenten, Lenten and even Post-Lenten seasons there are 5 days where we as the church pray for all those who died. If you would like the names of your family's loved ones included into the prayers (soroko-ooste) please write them down on a piece of paper and hand them to Fr. Bo, or update them in our parish's book. The next "All Souls Saturday" will be on March 17th. We will do a Parastas at 7 pm that day.
- The Eparchy of Edmonton is hosting a **Cantoring Workshop** on Saturday, March 18 (10am-1pm) at St. Josaphat Cathedral (10825-97 Street). Participants are encouraged to attend the 9am Divine Liturgy – the workshop will begin at approximately 10:15 and conclude at 1. A light breakfast (coffee, bagels, fruit) will be provided. Online participation is available. The topic of the workshop is the *Irmosy*: we will cover the hymns to the Mother of God that replace "Dostoino/It is truly right" for several feasts of the liturgical year. All cantors are welcome, regardless of experience: we will divide into groups based on experience and language preference (Ukrainian and English). To register contact Deacon Cyril Kennedy at liturgy@eeparchy.com or register online at tinyurl.com/eparchycantor. Cost \$25/ person (\$10 for online participation).

Dormition Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
I2 Daylight Savings Time Begins Third Sunday of the Great Fast: Veneration of the Holy Cross. Octoechos Tone 7; Our Venerable Father and Confessor Theophanes of Sigrana (817); Our Holy Father Gregory the Dialogist, Pope of Rome (604) Great Fast Day 21. Matins Resurrectional Gospel 7. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated today. Hebrews 4:14-5:6; Mark 8:34-9:1. 10 am Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship UCWLC Meeting to follow	I3  The Transfer of the Relics of Our Holy Father Nicephorus, Patriarch of Constantinople (847) Great Fast Day 22. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 14:24-32; Vespers - Genesis 8:21-9:7; Proverbs 11:19-12:6. 10th Anniversary of Pope Francis's Pontificate 10 am Work with St. Matthew's School 5:30 Appointment	I4  Our Venerable Father Benedict of Nursia (547) Great Fast Day 23. Polyelos Feast. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 25:1-9; Vespers - Genesis 9:8-17; Proverbs 12:8-22. 11 am appointment 3:30 pm Camp Oselia Program Meeting 6 pm Eparchial Youth Commission Meeting	I5  The Holy Martyr Agapius and the Six Martyrs with Him (284-305) Great Fast Day 24. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 26:21-27:9; Presanctified - Genesis 9:18-10:1; Proverbs 12:23-13:10. 7 pm Presanctified Liturgy at Dormition	I6  The Holy Martyrs Sabinus and Papas (284-305) Great Fast Day 25. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 28:14-22; Vespers - Genesis 10:32-11:9; Proverbs 13:19-14:6. 7 pm Eparchial Lenten Series Part I at St. Nicholas UCC 	I7  Our Venerable Father Alexius, Man of God Great Fast Day 26. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 29:13-23; Presanctified - Genesis 12:1-7; Proverbs 14:15-26. Helen Frankiw's Birthday 6pm Youth Session	I8  Fourth Saturday of the Great Fast: All Souls Saturday; Our Holy Father Cyril, Archbishop of Jerusalem (386) Great Fast Day 27 Hebrews 6:9-12; 1 Corinthians 15:47-57; Mark 7:31-37; John 5:24-30. 10 am Eparchial Cantor's Workshop: see page 10 for details 7 pm Soroko-ooste service Owen Bawol's, Shirley Pewar's and Alex Schabel's Birthdays
I9 Fourth Sunday of the Great Fast: St. John Climacus. Octoechos Tone 8; The Holy Martyrs Chrysanthus and Daria (253-60) Great Fast Day 28. Matins Resurrectional Gospel 8; The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated today. Hebrews 6:13-20; Ephesians 5:9-19; Mark 9:17-31; Matthew 4:25-5:12. 10 am Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship	20  Our Venerable Fathers Martyred by the Saracens at the Monastery of St. Sabbas (580-97) Great Fast Day 29. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 37:33-38:6; Vespers - Genesis 13:12-18; Proverbs 14:27-15:4. I2 Individual Iconography lesson 5:30 Appointment	21  Our Venerable Father and Confessor James, Bishop of Catania (813-20) Great Fast Day 30. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 40:18-31; Vespers - Genesis 15:1-15; Proverbs 15:7-19. 11 am appointment Work at St. Matthew's School	22  The Holy Priest-Martyr Basil, Presbyter of Ancyra (363); Passing into eternal life (1924) of Fr. Isidore Dolnytsky, hymnographer, professor and spiritual father of L'viv and the Greek College in Rome Great Fast Day 31. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 41:4-14; Presanctified - Genesis 17:1-9; Proverbs 15:20-16:9. 8:30 am - 3:30 pm Retreat at St. Matthew's School 5 pm Presanctified Liturgy at Dormition 6:30 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting Verna Hnatiuk's and Stefan Sokolowski's Birthdays	23  The Holy Venerable-Martyr Nikon and His Disciples, Martyred with Him (270-75) Great Fast Day 32. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 42:5-16; Vespers - Genesis 18:20-33; Proverbs 16:17-17:17. 7 pm Eparchial Lenten Series Part 2 at St. Nicholas UCC  5:30 Appointment	24  Fore-feast of the Annunciation of the Mother of God; Our Venerable Father Zachary; Our Holy Father Artemon, Bishop of Seleucia in Pisidia Great Fast Day 33. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 45:11-17; Presanctified - Genesis 22:1-18; Proverbs 17:17-18:5; Exodus 3:1-8; Proverbs 8:22-30; Genesis 28:10-17; Ezekiel 43:27-44:4; Proverbs 9:1-11.	25 The Annunciation of Our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary; Passing into Eternal Life (1944) of Blessed Omelian (Emil) Kovch, Priest of Peremyshliany and Martyr of Majdanek Great Fast Day 34. Holy Day of Obligation. Hebrews 2:11-18; Luke 1:24-38.  7 pm Festal Divine Liturgy
26 Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast: Our Venerable Mother, Mary of Egypt. Octoechos Tone 1; Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Gabriel Great Fast Day 35. Matins Resurrectional Gospel 9. The Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great is celebrated today. Hebrews 9:11-14; Mark 10:32-45. 10 am Divine Liturgy followed by Fellowship	27 Our Holy Mother Matrona of Thessalonica Great Fast Day 36. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 48:17-49:4; Vespers - Genesis 27:1-41; Proverbs 19:16-25. 5:30 Appointment	28 Our Venerable Father Hilarion the New; the Holy Stephen the Wonderworker (464) Great Fast Day 37. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 49:6-10; Vespers - Genesis 31:3-16; Proverbs 21:3-21. 11 am appointment Eva Holinski's and Virginia Sharek's Birthdays	29 Our Venerable Father Mark, Bishop of Arethusa, the Deacon Cyril and Others Martyred During the Reign of Julian the Apostate (360-63) Great Fast Day 38. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 58:1-11; Presanctified - Genesis 43:26-31; 45:1-16; Proverbs 21:23-22:4. 7 pm Presanctified Liturgy at Dormition	30 Our Venerable Father John Climacus, Author of The Ladder of Divine Ascent (c. 649) Great Fast Day 39. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 65:8-16; Vespers - Genesis 46:1-7; Proverbs 23:15-24:5. 7 pm Eparchial Lenten Series Part 3 at St. Nicholas UCC 	31 Final Day of the Great Fast; Our Venerable Father Hypatius, Bishop of Gangra (312-37) Great Fast Day 40. Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Sixth Hour - Isaiah 66:10-24; Presanctified - Genesis 49:33-50:26; Proverbs 31:8-31. 6 pm Akathist to the MOG in the presence of the Pokrov Icon, and with Fr. Stephen & Fr. Seved both	I Holy Week Begins; Lazarus Saturday; Our Venerable Mother Mary of Egypt (527-65) Hebrews 12:28-13:8; John 11:1-45. 6 pm Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday, in the presence of the Pokrov Icon, and with Fr. Slavko & Fr. Seyed both hearing

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9 Pascha: The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord God and Saviour, Jesus Christ Pascha Acts 1:1-8; John 1:1-17. 9 am Resurrection Matins, followed by the Resurrectional Divine Liturgy, followed by the Blessing of	10 Bright Monday Bright Week. No fasting or abstinence from foods. Acts 1:12-17; 21-26; John 1:18-28. 5:30 pm Appointment Theo Nahachewsky's Birthday	11 Bright Tuesday Bright Week. No fasting or abstinence from foods. Acts 2:14-21; Luke 24:12-35. 11 am Appointment Catherine Bawol's Birthday	12 Bright Wednesday Bright Week. No fasting or abstinence from foods. Acts 2:22-36; John 1:35-51. 5:30 pm Appointment	13 Bright Thursday Bright Week. No fasting or abstinence from foods. Acts 2:38-43; John 3:1-15. 5:30 pm Appointment Stella Benko's and Jordan Schabel's Birthdays	14 Bright Friday Bright Week. No fasting or abstinence from foods. Acts 3:1-8; John 2:12-22. Don Kwas' Birthday	15 Bright Saturday Bright Week. No fasting or abstinence from foods. Acts 3:11-16; John 3:22-33.

**Third Sunday of the Great Fast: Veneration of the Holy Cross.
Octoechos Tone 7; Our Venerable Father and Confessor
Theophanes of Sigriana (817); Our Holy Father Gregory the
Dialogist, Pope of Rome (604)**

Troparion, Tone 7: By Your cross You destroyed death;* You opened Paradise to the thief;* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,* and charged the apostles to proclaim* that You are risen, O Christ our God,* offering great mercy to the world.

Troparion, Tone 1: Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.* Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies,* and protect Your community by Your cross.

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

Kontakion, Tone 7: No longer does the flaming sword guard the gate of Eden;* the tree of the Cross has quenched its flames gloriously.* The sting of death and the victory of Hades are banished,* and You O my Saviour came and called to those in Hades: "Return again to Paradise!"

Instead of Holy God, we sing:

To Your Cross, O Master,* we bow in veneration,* and we glorify Your holy Resurrection! (3x)

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

...and we glorify Your holy Resurrection!

To Your Cross, O Master,* we bow in veneration,* and we glorify Your holy Resurrection!

Prokeimenon, Tone 6

Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence. (Psalm 27:9,1)

Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6 (NRSV)

Brothers and Sisters, since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of

**3-тя Неділя Великого посту, Хрестопоклонна; Прп. ісп.
Теофана Сигріяньського. Св. Григорія Двоєслова, папи
Римського.**

Тропар (глас 7): Знищив Ти хрестом Твоїм смерть, відчинив розбійникові рай, мирноносцям плач на радість перемінив і апостолам звелів проповідувати, що воскрес Ти, Христе Боже, даючи світові велику милість.

Тропар (г. 1): Спаси, Господи, людей твоїх* і благослови насліддя Твоє!* Перемоги благовірному народові на супротивників даруй* і хрестом твоїм* охорони люд твій

+Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові. І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Кондак (глас 7): Вже більше влада смерти не зможе людей держати, зійшов бо Христос, знищивши і знівечивши сили її, зв'язується ад, пророки ж однодушно радіють. З'явився Спас тим, що вірують, промовляючи: Виходьте, вірні, до воскресіння.

Замість Трисвятого:

Хресту Твоєму поклоняємось, Владико, і святее воскресіння Твоє славимо. (3x)

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Прокімен (глас 6):

Спаси, Господи, людей Твоїх* і благослови спадкоємство Твоє (Пс 27,9).

Стих: До Тебе, Господи, взиватиму; Боже мій, не відвертайсь мовчки від мене (Пс 27,1).

Апостол: (Євр 4,14-5,6):

Браття і Сестри, мавши великого архиєрея, що вже пройшов небо, Ісуса, Божого Сина, тримаймося твердо віровизнання. Бо ми не маємо такого архиєрея, який не міг би співчувати нашим недугам: він же ж знавав усього, подібно як ми, крім гріха. Приступім, отже, з довір'ям до престолу благодаті, щоб отримати милость і знайти благодать на своєчасну поміч. Кожен бо архиєрей, узятий з-поміж людей, настановляється для людей у справах Божих, щоб приносив дари та жертви за гріхи; що може співчувати нетямущим та введенням в оману, бо й сам він неміччю охоплений, і тому повинен так за людей, як і за себе самого приносити жертви за

the people. And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

Alleluia verses:

Remember Your congregation which You acquired from the beginning.

But God is our king before the ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. (*Psalm 73:2,12*)

Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1 (NRSV)

The Lord said, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power."

Hymn to the Mother of God

In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins' pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before all ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider than all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

Communion Hymn

Let the light of Your countenance, O Lord* shine upon us.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (*Psalm 4:7*)

To Your Cross:

To Your Cross, O Master,* we bow in veneration,* and we glorify Your holy Resurrection! (3x)

гріхи. Чести ж цієї ніхто не бере сам собі, лише той, хто покликаний Богом, як Арон. Так і Христос не сам собі присвоїв славу стати архиєреєм, вона бо від того, який до нього мовив: «Син мій єси, я сьогодні породив тебе.» Як і на іншому місці каже: «Ти – священник навіки за чином Мелхиседека.»

Стихи Алілуя (глас 8):

Пом'яни соньм твій, що його придбав ти іздавна (Пс 73,2). Бог же – цар наш перше віку. вчинив спасення посеред землі (Пс 73,12).

Євангеліє: (Мр 8,34-9,1):

Сказав Господь: "Коли хтось хоче йти за мною, хай зречеться себе самого, візьме на себе хрест свій і йде слідом за мною. Бо хто хоче спасти свою душу, той її погубить; а хто погубить свою душу мене ради та Євангелії, той її спасе. Бо яка користь людині здобути світ увесь, а занепасти свою душу? Що бо людина може дати взамін за власну душу? Хто, отже, буде соромитися мене й моїх слів перед цим родом перелюбним та грішним, того посоромиться і Син Чоловічий, коли прийде у славі Отця свого з святыми ангелами." І сказав їм: "Істинно кажу вам: Є деякі з отут присутніх, що не зазнають смерті, аж поки не вздріють Царства Божого, що прийде у могутності."

Замість Достойно:

Тобою радується, Благодатная, всяка твар, ангельський собор і чоловічеський рід, освящений храм і раю словесний, дівственна похвало, що із неї Бог воплотився і младенцем став – перед віками сущий Бог наш. Лоно бо твоє престолом сотворив і утробу твою просторішою небес учинив. Тобою радується, Благодатная, всяка твар, слава тобі.

Причасний:

Знаменувалося на нас світло* лица Твого, Господи (Пс 4,7). Алілуя (х3).

Хресту Твоєму:

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