



Our Lady of Perpetual Help
Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Sunday, March 3, 2019

Sunday of Cheese Fare

Epistle: Romans 13:11-14:4

Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21

Sunday, March 10, 2019

1st Sunday of the Great Fast

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, MARCH 3 – For the people of Our Lady of Perpetual Help

SUNDAY, MARCH 10 – For the Harasuik Family (Deceased and Living)
- requested Susan Harasuik-Saseen and Family

SUNDAY, MARCH 17 – For the Growth of Our Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 24 – For the repose of Dionysus (Danny) Biegaj
- requested by John and Mary Ann Mysliwec

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 – For the repose of Ruth Zelinsky
- requested by Friends

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 3 – Divine Liturgy 8 am

Friday, March 8 – Presanctified 7 pm

Sunday, March 10 – Divine Liturgy 8 am

Friday, March 15 – Presanctified 7 pm

Sunday, March 17 – Divine Liturgy 8 am

Friday, March 22 – Presanctified 7 pm

Sunday, March 24 – Divine Liturgy 8 am

Friday, March 29 – Presanctified 7 pm

Sunday, March 31 – Divine Liturgy 8 am

FUTURE LENTEN WORKSHOPS

Due to some unfortunate scheduling we must cancel the workshops for this year. But we will try again next year.

LENTEN PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

Once again, this year we will have Presanctified Liturgy every Friday at 7 pm during Lent.

FISH FRY

Our Fish Fries are back!!!

We will hold our Fish Fries in the Church Annex 11 am to 6 pm on Fridays, March 8, March 15, March 22, March 29, April 5 and April 12 during Lent. If you are able to help out in any way see John Paluch. Also, please let your family and friends know about them so they can come and enjoy our food and friendly hospitality. And as always, we have carry out. Orders can be placed ahead of time by calling 304-232- 1777.

FUNDRAISER TO HELP DECLAN!

We had a great success in raising funds for Declan McCombs' medical expenses! Thank you to all of our parishioners for sharing in God's love once again. Our efforts paid off in the amount of \$5,720.00 to be given toward Declan's medical expenses.

FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Dear Friends,

During the first vespers service of Lent there is the following text:

“Entering into the arena of the Holy Fast, let us make every effort to humble our flesh by abstinence. In prayer and with tears, let us seek the Lord, our Savior, and that we might turn from our evil deeds, let us say to Him, We have sinned against you, O Christ, Our God. Save us as you saved the Ninevites of old, and in your goodness, grant us a share in the Kingdom of Heaven...Let us begin the time of this bright fast, giving ourselves over to spiritual struggle. Let us sanctify our soul and purify our body. Let us not only fast from food; let us also abstain from every passion and cultivate spiritual virtues. Let us faithfully persevere in this, so that we may be worthy to see the holy passion of Christ our God and the joy of his holy Resurrection”

Have you ever seen waterlogged wheat side-by-side with a normal, young wheat stalk? If so, you would see how the one with too much water is dying. The same is true for your soul! Too much ease is poison for your soul. If your soul faces no trial (like a drought) it will never become resilient, strong and fruitful! For example, it is demonstrated that people who lived through the Holodomor or the Holocaust have greater longevity than those who never went through such trauma. Trauma, spiritual/mental/physical, can revitalize us. Let this be the time of the year when you enter into the great spiritual struggle of Lent that your soul may be rejuvenated.

The Great Fast is the time we purify our relationship with God but prayer. To this end, pray daily the Prayer of St. Ephraim. “O Lord and Master of my life, give me not me the spirit of sloth, despair, lust of power, and idle talk. But give rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience, and love to Thy servant. Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own transgressions, and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou, unto ages of ages. Amen.”

Also, another good practice is to read the Bible more. Read the Book of Genesis a chapter a day.

The Great Fast is the time we purify our bodies by fasting. If your doctor tells you to not eat or drink for 12 hours before a test, will you do it? What about if you need to fast before a swimming competition, will you do it? Yes! If only for your health in the former and your glory in the latter. How about if your Mother the Church tells you to fast in order to humble your soul and purify your desires? Yes! The goal is the health of your soul and the glory of heaven! Let your children see how you enter this warrior's arena and leave it victorious at the end of Lent! By fasting you will see how it will liberate us for virtue and by it we become the best version of ourselves. You have nothing to lose (except extra weight and addiction to passions). One practical way of "fasting" is for a family to forgo all electronics in the evenings (as one of our parish families is doing). How about fasting from gossip? How about fasting from TV? There is a long list, but the point is to show the body that it is the servant of the soul.

The Great Fast is the time we purify our relationship with others by almsgiving. Has God blessed you with money, good possessions? Don't think it will do you any good after you die. You might as well bury it with you. Joseph of Arimathea used his wealth for the immediate good before his eyes (providing a burial place for Christ). He did not wait to do good. "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Cor. 9:7.

Therefore, as a parish this Lent, I would like to suggest that we have a special collection for "House of Mercy Orphanage" in Buchach, Ukraine. Sr. Ann Laszok has recommended their great need to me. They have 90 orphans and are in urgent need of an elevator and commercial kitchen appliances to meet the needs before them.

Together, may these three tools, prayer, fasting and almsgiving rejuvenate our life in Christ!

In Christ,
Jason, priest and sinner

PRAY FOR THE SICK AND SHUT-INS

Lord God, through the prayers of Mary, Our Mother, bring your healing presence to all who are sick, injured, or troubled. AMEN.

Please pray for our parishioners, family members and friends who are unable to be with us each Sunday or are in need of healing, physically and/or spiritually. In particular, pray for the following:

Esther Grimm, Ann Comas, Mark Zien, Delores Zien, Walter Zien, Karene Dzmura, Lisa Baron, Dave, Rosella George, Dawn Paluch, Sister Mary Bowman, Mary Ann Meyers, Shelly Weaver, Vera Kohut, Mary Rose Koreny, Leo Zambori, Mary Ann Paluch, Pete Kohut, Sr., Martha Charron (Fr. Jason & Halyna's Daughter), Betty Rushkevich, Carolissa Woodruff, Jean Fisher, Dominic Alexander, Elliana Jewell George, Dillon Osecky, Patti Kudlak Kettler, Bobbi Spak, Garrett Holubek, Paula Earl, Michael Dziadosz, Amy Fisher Woodard, Debbie Deagel, Fr. Salvador Jordan, SJ, Sharon James, Freddie Bulinski, Barbara (Harasuik) Brayec, Jackie Synder, Jen Dziadosz, Deb Howe, Declan McCombs, Pat Sanders, Delores Szymialis, Cindy Murphy

If you would like to submit a name for our prayer list please write the name on a piece of paper and drop it in the collection basket.

Financial Report – February 24, 2019

Weekly Collection: \$563.00 2nd Collection: \$27.00

Candles: \$12.00

Total Collection: \$602.00

Pirohy: \$300.00