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All are welcome here today. We hope that your “God experience” will be personal and that you will come again.

March 25, 2018 – Palm Sunday- The Lord’s Entrance into Jerusalem

Our HOPE in Jesus Christ

Pope's Monthly intention: That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

PA LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sun. Mar. 25 10:00 Divine Liturgy/Palm Sunday (pussy willow Sunday) & Feast of Annunciation

Tues. Mar. 27 9:00 Divine Liturgy for health of Nikolas Stefanyshyn from Fr. Vasyl

7:00 Stations of the Cross

Wed. Mar. 28 9:00 Divine Liturgy for health of Nikolas Stefanyshyn from Ukrainian Club Veselka

Thur. Mar. 29 9:00 Divine Liturgy for health of Nikolas Stefanyshyn from Fr. Vasyl

7:00 **Holy Thursday**/Last Supper and washing of feet

Fri. Mar. 30 10:00 **Good Friday**/ 12 Gospels

2:00 Placing of Shroud

7:00 Jerusalem Matins

Sat. Mar. 31 9:00 **Holy Saturday**/Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

3:00 Service at the Grave and basket blessing

Sun. Apr. 1 9:00 **EASTER SUNDAY**/Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy and basket blessing

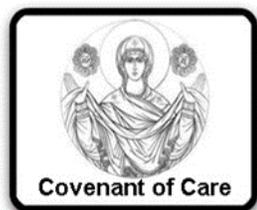
Propers book: Tropars for today are on page 162, 1 & 67 **Anthology:** Propers for today are on page 329, 643 & 821.

If you want to offer Liturgy intentions, please contact Fr. Vasyl at 306-763-3645 or 306-940-9785.

Fr. Vasyl will be hearing confessions every Sunday at 9:30 before Divine Liturgy as well as by appointment.

Fr. Vasyl will be taking Mondays as his day off unless otherwise designated.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION: If you or a family member are admitted to the hospital, your patient file **will not** include Fr. Vasyl's name as your spiritual contact person. If you or your loved one would like to have spiritual services, such as visiting, praying, bringing the Holy Eucharist, hearing confession, anointing or blessing of the sick, last rites, baptisms, provided by Fr. Vasyl, you, or someone you trust, must contact him directly. Fr. Vasyl would like to do his very best to meet the spiritual needs of the parish.



The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon Covenant of Care Abuse and Misconduct Protocol is designed to ensure that all allegations of physical and sexual abuse and other misconduct are handled responsibly, transparently and with all due care and attention. To speak to someone about a concern please contact your Pastor, Parish Coordinator of Care (PCC) Rosalee Chubak at 306-764-6456 or Deb Larmour, Eparchial Coordinator of Care at (306)-653-0138 ext. 228 or email: covenantofcare@skeparchy.org. More information is available on the Eparchial Website, www.skeparchy.org.

PARTICIPATION SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK

Sunday, Apr. 1st - Easter Sunday/Glorious and Holy Sunday of the Resurrection

Greeters/Ushers: Anne Senga & Pat Rohachuk

Reader: Nadia Trafananko

Extraordinary Communion Minister: Larry Danylyshen

NIPAWIN SCHEDULE

Mar. 25 1:30 Divine Liturgy
Mar. 30 10:00 12 Gospels
Mar. 31 5:00 Divine Liturgy/Basket Blessing
Apr. 15 1:30 Divine Liturgy

MELFORT SCHEDULE

Mar. 30 12:30 12 Gospels
Mar. 31 7:30 Divine Liturgy/Basket Blessing
Apr. 8 1:00 Divine Liturgy

Preparing for the Feast of the Pasch (Resurrection) by fasting

First day of Great Lent is February 12 and it lasts till Holy Week.

The word "fast" means not eating all or certain foods. The purpose of fasting is to remind us of the Scriptural teaching, "Man does not live by bread alone." The needs of the body are nothing compared to the needs of the soul. Above all else, we need God, who provides everything for both the body and the soul. Fasting teaches us to depend on God more fully. The first sin of our parents, Adam and Eve, was eating from the forbidden tree (Genesis 3:1-19). We fast from food, or a food item, as a reminder that we are to fast from sinning and doing evil.

This was taken from an article on the Eparchial website that is full of great information about preparing for the Feast of the Pasch. Please refer to the **Feast days** icon and **Royal Doors** icon (type in "Fasting during Lent" in the search space) on the site to help get a better understanding of fasting and abstinence. The following is a list of groups of people that are exempt from, or not obligated to fasting:

Children under the age of 14
those who are gravely ill
post-partum mothers
travelers (if travel time exceeds 8 hours)
those who eat from the table of others

Adults over the age of 60
pregnant women
breast-feeding mothers
those engaged in heavy labour
the poor who live from charity

PARISH EVENTS THIS WEEK

1. UCWLC will deliver Easter baskets to shut-ins on Tuesday beginning at 1:00.

PARISH EVENTS BEYOND THIS WEEK – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Apr. 7 11:30 Parish bingo
Apr. 11 7:30 K of C meeting
Apr. 12 7:00 Parish council meeting
Apr. 22 Praznyk with a potluck lunch

COMMUNITY EVENTS

1.



The Knights of Columbus are selling **Chase the Ace** tickets in the Knights Hall immediately after Divine Liturgy. These tickets support the Prince Albert Catholic School Foundation as well as the K of C. Week 26 winner is Rose Chenier, winning \$150.80. The growing jackpot is \$5817.40. Card drawn from the new deck was the 6 of hearts.

2. The K of C of Prince Albert are bringing the Silver Rose icon to Prince Albert. I will be worshipped with a mass at St. Joe's church on Tuesday, March 27 at 7:00 pm.

EPARCHIAL EVENTS (Information about all the following events is on the Eparchial web site)

1. **Discovering the Unity of Life and Love Podcast Part V:** *Discovering the Unity of Life and Love* is a document of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops, which in our Family and Life Office podcast will be divided up into "bite sized" chunks, narrated by our own Bishop Bryan and followed up by either some thought provoking discussions or web links to help us go deeper and explore important questions like "what it means to be human—male and female?"; "the compatibility of faith and science"; "the role of beauty in our faith"; "how do we discover the true meaning of love?"; "what is true human freedom?" and many more. **This Sunday's segment of the Document will directly address the issue of how we are created as men and women to be gift to one another and the things that can get in the way of that mutual gift. On the Further Reflection we have a fresh look at the controversial Church teaching on natural family planning and how it is one of the Catholic Church's**

best kept secrets for blessing and protecting this gift of married love. Though this short video may not answer all your questions as to why you may not have heard this before with the fresh look at sexuality taken by Pope St. John Paul II's Theology of the Body, and Pope Francis's promotion the now 60 year old Document *Humanae Vitae* in his recent Apostolic Exhortation, *Amoris Laetitia*, now is a great time to revisit the prophetic truths found in this teaching and it's implications for us as we approach marriage and family life in all its' beautiful and life-giving dimensions. Much more needs to be addressed on this topic to truly understand this much maligned teaching but hopefully we can open the doors to this conversation given it's profound implications as we come to a fuller understanding of the **Unity of Life and Love**. Find the podcast by going to the Eparchy of Saskatoon Family and Life Office website www.skeparchy.org/flo . Or go to www.skeparchy.org and click on the **Family and Life Office** icon. It is never too late to join us... So take some time to go deeper in your faith...it's just a few clicks.

2. **Easter 2018 Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude, Patriarch Sviatoslav** is now posted on the eparchial website and available for everyone to read. For those not having access, there are some copies available on the desk in the church entrance.
3. **Our Eparchial Youth Ministry Office** is sponsoring a "**Youth Easter Zabava**" that will be taking place on Sunday, April 8th at 5:00 pm at St. George's Cathedral, Saskatoon! This invitation is open to all youth 14 years and up. Come and share in the joy of Christ's Resurrection - Ukrainian Style. Food, Dancing, Games & Workshops. We promise you an unforgettable time! Deadline for registration is Sunday, April 1st. Please have your youth register by sending their name, e-mail address and age to uwitness2youth@gmail.com. Check the poster on the bulletin board for more details and information.
4. **NEW LENT PROJECT FOR THE YOUTH** "Go to meet Jesus, be with Him in prayer, entrust yourselves to Him, give your whole life over to His merciful love". *Message from Pope Francis to all Canadian youth, 2017*. This call is **FOR ALL YOUNG PEOPLE**: Catholics, non-Catholics, agnostics, atheists, or the lukewarm in faith. The Youth Ministry of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon invites young people of all ages, regardless of religion or culture, **to show their active initiative** in this new Lenten project. If **you are willing to experience an encounter with Christ**, go to the Youth and young Adult Ministry website on the Eparchial website to get all the details and information. There is also a poster on the bulletin board.
5. **St. Michael's Summer Camps 2018 at Madge Lake**: Even though there is so much snow outside, St. Michael's Camp is still thinking about summer. Our Summer Camp registration has begun!! Find a friend and pick a week to come to Camp. Hurry as there are limited spots available .If you are interested, please go to our website at www.stmichaelscamp.com to complete the registration form <http://www.stmichaelscamp.com/camps/register> and send it to register@stmichaelscamp.com. We look forward to seeing you at camp!
6. **Musée Ukraina Museum** (222 Ave. M South - Sister Theodosia Lane, Saskatoon) **is currently displaying an Art Exhibit entitled "Roma, Inspired for Life"**. This solo exhibition features the works of Saskatoon visual artist, **Roma Nowakowski. The exhibit runs from March 4 to May 5, 2018.** Museum Hours are Sundays - 11:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Check the poster on the bulletin board.
7. This year we celebrate the **10th Anniversary of the Episcopal Ordination of His Excellency Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSsR, on Saturday, June 23, 2018** at St. George's Cathedral in Saskatoon. **Episcopal Divine Liturgy will be at 5:00 pm, Cocktails at 6:30 pm and Banquet at 7:00 pm.** Tickets will be available in early April with prices set at: Adults: \$35 ~ Youth (9-21): \$25 ~ Children (under 8): \$10. **Clergy, religious and laity from throughout the Eparchy are invited to come and celebrate with us!** Mark the date on your calendar . . . watch your parish bulletins for ticket purchase details coming out soon! **Sponsored by the Eparchial Pastoral Council and AGEMI.** For more information contact: Geraldine Koban at 306-782-0270 – email gmkoban@gmail.com. Check the poster on the bulletin board.

If you want something in the bulletin, it must be submitted by Thursday midnight. My email address is cannon_iris@hotmail.com. If you would like to have the bulletin emailed to you, forward your e-mail address to cannon_iris@hotmail.com and I will add you to the list.

The Entrance into Jerusalem

Pussy Willow Sunday



This Sunday may be called “Flower or Blossom Sunday,” or “Flower- or Blossom bearing Sunday. Our people may call this Sunday “Pussy-willow” Sunday, “Willow Sunday” or “Sunday of the Willow”. As there are no palms or olive trees growing in this country, we have a custom of using willow branches, a tree that is the first to blossom in the spring.

In the prayer for blessings of palms (from our Trebnyk (Euchologion), the willow branch is referred to as the symbol of the resurrection.

Other customs were practiced, for example, in Eastern Ukraine people along with the willow branch, received a small candle as a symbol of the resurrection.

Also, as people were leaving the church they would lightly strike one another on the shoulder with the willow branch, saying “It is not I who strike you, but it is the willow branch, within a week we shall celebrate Easter.” This became a reminder that Easter was drawing near.

Lazarus Saturday and the Entry into Jerusalem are the opening to Holy Week. The same troparion unites both feasts. The mystical link to the resurrection of Christ himself, it is like prophecy in action.

This feast has neither a pre-feast nor a post-feast because it occurs during the period of fast

THE ICON

- Our focus is on Christ, seated sideways on the donkey. The icon portrays His voluntary passion and death. It is an image of the installation of the King of Glory in His Kingdom.
- The disciples follow Him and the crowd meets Jesus at the Jerusalem gate.
- Traditionally, children play a prominent role in the representation of the Entry into Jerusalem. Though the Gospels do not specify the children’s presence, the Church sees in them the very embodiment of the Biblical reference: “Out of the mouths of babes thou hast brought perfect praise.” (Psalm 8: 3)
- The Mount of Olives reminds us of other “mountain top” experiences of divine revelations at Sinai, Horeb or Tabor. The tree with children gathering palms reminds us about the oak of Mamre and the tree of Life. The city is reminiscent of the house of Abraham.
- Palms are the symbol of joy and feasting. The Jews used them to greet important people.

Come then; let us run with him as he presses on to his passion. Let us imitate those who have gone out to meet him, not scattering olive branches or palms in his path, but spreading ourselves before him as best we can, with humility of soul and upright purpose. So may we welcome the Word as he comes, so may God who cannot be contained within any bounds, be contained within us.

(Address of St. Andrew of Crete (c. 660 – 740)