



February 28, 2016
3rd Sunday of the Great Fast
Veneration of the Cross
Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6
Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

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SCHEDULE:

Sunday:

Rosary 8:30 am
Festal Matins 9:00 am
Divine Liturgy 10:00 am
Great Vespers 4:00 pm

Monday, 12 noon Paraklesis to the Theotokos
Tuesday, 12 noon 6th Hour
Wednesday, Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm
OLPH Devotions, 5:30 pm
Friday, Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm

Saturday: Great Vespers 4:00 pm
Divine Liturgy 5:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Thursday OFF

Parish Advisory Board Members:

Dorothy Curl, Dave Dark, Lubomyra Kmetyk,
Brian Fitzpatrick, Harry DeLap, Dan Riley

Parish Finance Council Members:

Matthew Blain & Eva Schuler

Confession Schedule (Mystery of Reconciliation):

9:15-10:00 am on Sundays, before or after weekday Liturgies,
or by appointment with Father

Mysteries of Baptism/Chrismation/Eucharist:

Must be arranged three months in advance.
(Pre-Jordan requirement)

Mystery of Crowning:

Must be arranged six months in advance
(Pre-Cana requirement)

Sick and Shut-Ins: It is the family's responsibility to notify the parish office when a parishioner is in the hospital or confined to home because of sickness or old age. Father will bring the confined person the Holy Mysteries on a regular basis. It is recommended that one receive the Anointing of the Sick before any major surgery. Please don't let the priest be last to know that someone is ill!

Eastern Christian Formation Program:

All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for 45 min

**Welcome to our Church! If you are looking for a spiritual home,
contact Father Artur or the office staff for more information. God bless you.**

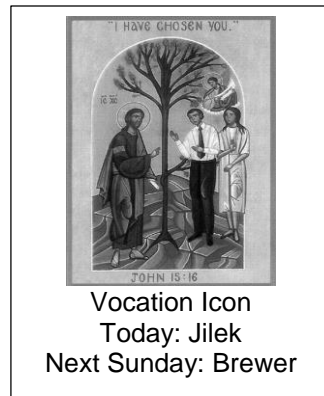
Today	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Festal Matins
	9:15 am	Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends Veneration of the Holy Cross Fr. Chris: Intention of Philip J. Eberl ECF classes after Liturgy
	4:00 pm	Great Vespers
Monday	John Cassian Venerable	
February 29	Readings: Genesis 8:21-9:7; Proverbs 11:19-12:6	
	12 noon	Paraclesis to the Theotokos
Tuesday	Eudoxia Venerable-Martyr	
March 1	Readings: Genesis 9:8-17; Proverbs 12:8-22	
	12 noon	6 th Hour
	6:15 pm	CAFÉ Meeting at UNM
Wednesday	MID-LENT	
March 2	Readings: Genesis 9:18-10:1; Proverbs 12:23-13:9	
Abstinence	5:30 pm	OLPH Devotions
	6:00 pm	Presanctified Liturgy
Thursday	Eutropius & Others Martyrs	
March 3	Readings: Genesis 10:32-11:9; Proverbs 13:19-14:6	
	Father's Day Off	
	10:00 am – 12 noon	OASIS Class: Elijah
Friday	Gerasimus Venerable	
March 4	Readings: Genesis 12:1-7; Proverbs 14:14-26	
Abstinence	6:00 pm	Presanctified Liturgy/followed by meatless potluck
Saturday	4th All Souls Saturday	
March 5	Epistle: Hebrews 6:9-12; Gospel: Mark 7:31-37	
	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy & Panachida for Souls of Deceased
	12 – 2:30 pm	Lenten Video Meditation at Cindy Loescher's
Sunday	4th Sunday of the Great Fast/John Climacus Venerable	
March 6	Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20; Gospel: Mark 9:17-31	
	4:00 pm	Great Vespers
<i>Canned Goods</i>	5:00 pm	Divine Liturgy; +Keenan Alan Wofford by Jilek Family
<i>Collection for</i>	8:30 am	Rosary
<i>Friars</i>	9:00 am	Festal Matins
	9:30 am	Confessions
	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends Fr. Chris: Intention of M/M Lorcan MacMurchadha ECF Classes after Liturgy
	4:00 pm	Great Vespers

***Physician and Help of those in sickness, Redeemer and Savior of the infirm;
O Master and Lord of all, grant healing to your servants. Be clement, show mercy to those
who have sinned much, and deliver them, O Christ, from their
Iniquities, that they may glorify Your might divine!***

Fr. Julian Gnall	Paola Terlaza	William Frank
Fr. Anthony Romero	Henry Zuger	Joseph Koetter
Michele Koetter	John & Margie Disque	Mary Nell Preisler
Lillian Murphy	Phillip Fall	Jackie De Paolis
Marilyn Fore	Walter Jakymiw	Donny Terry
Demetrius Yackanich	Olga Bodnar	Mary Murphy
Sven & Barbara Svensson	Frances Brannan	Jack & Lorraine Hubbell
Abraham Haddad	John Deflice	Quintin Santamaria & Family
Jenny Ford	Kristoff Rajala	Heather Mattax
Robert Hasaka	Jordan Smith	Larry Bennett
Threima Leech	Maggie Batsel	Mary Ellis
Pricilla Hughes	Tony Lucero	Mike Harahuc
Sharif Rabadi	Charles Irving	Robert Zadel
Stephen Horner	Laura Dominguez	Nathan Barkocy

Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful weapon against sin, and for healing. Sorrowful Mysteries are recited from the beginning of Great Lent until Easter Sunday.

If you recite the Rosary at home, please offer these intentions, and join us on Sunday at 8:30 am. Those who recite the Akathist to the Mother of God or the Rosary receive a partial indulgence when they do so in private, plenary indulgence when they do so as a group



Intentions of the Rosary

- 1st Decade:** Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states
- 2nd Decade:** Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 3rd Decade:** Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 4th Decade:** Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them
- 5th Decade:** Healing of the sick in body, mind and soul

Holy Father's Intentions for February

Universal: That prisoners, especially the young, may be able to rebuild lives of dignity.
Evangelization: That married people who are separated may find welcome and support in the Christian community.

Lenten Family Service Project

~Brought to you by the Perpetual Helpers
Mothers' Group~

Saturday, March 19, 10:45am-1pm
(after 9 am Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy)

All families are invited to a light brunch potluck & to make "Blessing Bags" to hand out to the homeless. Bags will be assembled together in the hall & distributed to participating families to keep in the car & give to whomever needs it.

Please sign up on list in hall on bulletin board for supplies, including consumable items such as non-parishable foods, gift certificates for Subway or grocery stores, bus passes, gallon sized ziplock bags to stuff etc.

Anyone interested in joining the Mothers Group planning committee or with questions about this event, please contact Nicole Dotson-Sands, Natalie Moctezuma, or Alicia Wells.

Friars's List

Powdered coffee creamer
Peanut butter
Jelly/jam
Cumin
Garlic powder
Chili powder
Drink mixes powdered or liquid
55 gal black trash bags
Hot sauce

DATE	READER	TROJCA	GREETER	HOST	COUNTER
March 6	Jose Salazar	Sarah Sankel	Dorothy Curl Melinda Fitzpatrick	Ellefson	Rafael Plut Dorothy Curl

Barbara's Hall Report:

Thanks to Anita Doberman and her family for serving up a great brunch of macaroni and cheese, fresh salad and bread, and even cookies for dessert. Everything was wonderful. And they even did all the dishes and cleanup. Thanks, ladies!

Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now!

February Tuesdays	6:15 pm CAFÉ meeting at UNM
Wednesday, March 2	6:00 pm Mid-Lent; Presanctified Liturgy
Saturday, March 5	9:00 am 4 th All Souls Saturday Divine Liturgy & Panachida
Thursday, March 10	7:00 pm Matins with Great Canon of St. Andrew with prostrations
Saturday, March 12	9:00 am Akathist Saturday Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, March 16	6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy followed by all night vigil for Parish & CAFÉ
Saturday, March 19	9:00 am Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy
Holy Monday, March 21	6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy
Holy Tuesday, March 22	6:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy
Holy Wednesday, March 23	7:00 pm Presanctified Liturgy/Anointing
Holy Thursday, March 24	7:00 pm Vesper Divine Liturgy
Good Friday, March 25	10:00 am Passion Matins 7:00 pm Vespers with Burial Procession 11:30 pm Jerusalem Matins
Holy Saturday, March 26	6:00 pm Vesper Divine Liturgy
Resurrection, March 27	9:00 am Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy; Blessing of Easter Baskets

Our Eparchial Vocations Office, Fr. Michael O'Loughlin and Fr. Michael Mandelas, are pleased to announce “Alive in Christ – 2016.”

What could be better than a long weekend of prayer, sports, spiritual talks, games and skits in the beautiful Camp Brotherhood in Mount Vernon, Washington. The “Alive in Christ ascetical boot camp for Byzantine Catholic boys and their fathers will be held this year July 14th to 17th, at “Treacy Levine Center” North of Seattle, WA.

Boys and young men 7-17 will join Bishop Gerald in this decade long tradition, and return enlivened and enlightened. Attendance of fathers or male guardians of participating boys is most encouraged and is required for any son from 7 to 10 years old.

Information flyer about the Camp is available on the greeting table at the Holy Water font.

Application deadline is May 11th.

For registration forms and more information, please see Fr. Artur.

FOURTH WEEK OF THE GREAT FAST

On Wednesday we pass the mid-point of the Great Fast. During this week we venerate the Cross, which stands at the center of our salvation. During this week, we begin to say the exorcisms for those catechumens preparing for baptism at Pascha.

Spiritual Food for the Great Fast

The Perpetual Helpers women are sponsoring 2 events during the Great Fast season:

The book club will be reading “The Lenten Spring”. This easy to read book has 40 short meditations to take you through our fasting season. We will meet on Saturday, April 2nd at 10 am at the church to discuss it together. See Lara Davis for more information.

There will be Lenten Video Meditation and brunch at Cindy Loescher’s home on Saturday, March 5th from Noon – 2:30 pm. We’ll view the very inspiring “The Widow’s Might” teaching and reflection video.

MONTHLY BULLETIN SERIES 2015-2016
From the Episcopal Office of Evangelization and Religious Education
#5 Lesson in Evangelization – Share Your Encounter with God

Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age - Matthew 28:19-20.

In the previous four lessons of this evangelization series, we discussed the importance of prayer, reading sacred scripture, receiving the Eucharist and becoming a servant of God. This lesson focuses on how to live out an authentic Byzantine Catholic faith by

Sharing your encounter with God

You notice Jesus does not say, “Go therefore, and think about making disciples but... if you don't want to, or your friends disapprove, or you are embarrassed... then, it's okay, do whatever feels comfortable.”

Jesus' last command makes explicit your first priority as a Catholic Christian – to make disciples of all nations. Sadly, many feel uncomfortable about this sacred duty of sharing the faith with others. Most think (hope), “It's not my job. That's what bishop, priests, deacons and religious sisters are supposed to do.” Yet, Jesus does not let you off the hook. If you do not share in living the Great Commission, you are living the Great Omission. You cease to be His follower. And then you must question who you ARE following.

This fear of evangelizing is understandable. After all, you often don't know what to say, and, then when you finally manage to confess your beliefs, the response is unpredictable. On the other hand, if you were to meet a celebrity, you would want to tell everyone – because you know they'd be excited and impressed.

The road to heaven is narrow and demanding. The ways of God are not the ways of the world. Pray for the courage to follow your Redeemer, through the narrow gate of scorn and persecution. His kingdom is not of this world; and that is why he was condemned to die. Can we call ourselves Christian without being prepared to follow where He leads? Yet there is no more glorious encounter than to meet Jesus Christ personally. When this encounter enters your

heart through prayer, scripture reading and receiving the Eucharist, you will have a light that you must put on a stand to illuminate others (Matthew 5:14-16). If you don't let it shine for them, they will be left in the dark. If another is lost in the darkness of unbelieving because you have not shared your faith, he will be lost and you will be answerable. Remember what Jesus says, *“My brethren, if any one among you wanders from the truth and some one brings him back, let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from the error of his way will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins”* (James 5:19-20).

As an Eastern Catholic, you have the divine privilege of meeting, knowing, and communing with Jesus in the Liturgy, with the Word of God and the Holy Eucharist. You have encountered the living God, the Creator of the universe! Do you realize this? God wants and desires to commune with you. God wants you to spend eternity with Him.

To be invited at the end of your life to enjoy this eternal privilege, He demands something of you - to go and share what you have received. To bring others to Him by inviting them to church, welcoming them when they arrive as strangers, and confessing your beliefs in hostile conversation. Be willing to bear the thorns of possible hostility to give Life to your neighbor.

Let every person you encounter receive the living water of the Spirit of God. In no other way, except through your personal witness of what you believe, can the solace and salvation of Jesus enter your family, your community and your nation.

Veneration of the Holy Cross

The Cross is the defining image for all Christians. Saint Paul wrote that he could boast of only one thing, the cross of Christ. It is still baffling to modern pagans, agnostics, and atheists alike who wonder at this image of a God Whose Son willingly endured such a painful death in order to save the human race. And the only reason that He ascends the cross is because of His great love for humanity. The Cross is our hope, our salvation. The sixth century Latin hymn, *Vexilla Regis*, reads in part:

O hail the cross, our only hope
in this passio[n]tide!
Grant increase of grace to believers
and remove the sins of the guilty.

The Divine Office for today is filled with beautiful meditations such as these:

Ode 5: At night I keep watch before You; enlighten me, O life-giving Cross of Christ; let the light of day dawn upon me when I bow before you in fear. Today the Cross, the new Tree of life, is brought forth for our veneration; the world exults as it embraces it, and it rejoices at the coming of the Spirit.

Ikos: Hades asked its servants: Who has driven this spear into my heart? A wooden lance has pierced me, and I am torn apart. What pain penetrated my womb and my heart, what sorrow stabs my spirit? I am forced to give up Adam and his children, those whom I had received from the forbidden Tree, for a new Tree leads them to enter again into Paradise.

Sunday Evening Vespers: O Lord, You willingly stretched out Your hands upon the Cross; now grant us the compunction to venerate it worthily. Illumine our hearts with Your brightness by fasting and prayer, temperance and good deeds; for You are good, and You love mankind.

The Cross is brought out now in the middle of Lent to strengthen us in our journey. If we have been weak, the Cross gives us strength. If we have had a good Lent, the Cross encourages to continue. We are reminded that nothing spiritual is achieved without the Cross – it is our only hope, our only consolation, our true guide to the embrace of the Holy Trinity.



He Is Risen!

Mission Society Easter Cards

Our **newly designed Easter cards** (see front image) to support our mother church in Mukachevo, Ukraine **go on sale Sunday, February 21st**. Proceeds will help complete a new church in Uzhgorod (where Father Artur came to us from). The Russian-backed war has resulted in severe inflation, reducing income to only 50% of pre-war levels, crippling their work.

Please encourage your relatives, friends, co-workers to buy our cards and to spread the joy of Jesus' Resurrection by helping the resurrection of the Byzantine Catholic Church's mother eparchy!

A packet of 5 cards sell for \$10 including envelopes. Fill out the slip with the names of the recipients and return by mail or drop them by the parish office. All names will be sent to Bishop Milan Sasik in the Ukraine. On May 1stth (Old Calendar), the Bishop will place all of these names on the altar and pray for each individual.

The last day to purchase cards will be Palm Sunday, March 20th.



Visit to senior shut-ins