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ST. JOSAPHAT UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Бюлетень – Bulletin

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February 25, 2024

Second Sunday of the Great Fast: St. Gregory Palamas. Our Holy Father Tarasius, Archbishop of Constantinople (806).

Tone 6

Schedule of Sunday and Weekday Services

2.25.2024 – 2-га Неділя Посту

9:30 a.m. - Вервиця і сповідь
10:00 a.m. - Служба Божа

2.28.2024 – 17:00 (5:00 p.m.)

Хресна дорога та Сорокоусти

3.3.2024 – 3-тя Неділя Посту

9:30 a.m. - Вервиця і сповідь
10:00 a.m. - Служба Божа

2.25.2024 – 2nd Sunday of the Great Fast

9:30 a.m. - Rosary and Reconciliation
10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

2.28.2024 – 5:00 p.m.

Stations of the Cross & Sorokousty

3.3.2024 – 3rd Sunday of the Great Fast

9:30 a.m. - Rosary and Reconciliation
10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

Prayer list of the sick or aged parishioners & friends of the parish



Stephanie Babij, Olga Wasylowsky, Charlotte Scheuer, Teodozia Shyika Lucyk, Georgia Sosnowski, Myroslava Iwachiw, Irene Karpinec, Howard Vaughn and young Samuel Rocha. Remember those who have suffered or died due to Covid 19. Please pray for those who have been killed, injured or displaced due to war in Ukraine.

If you know of someone who should be on this list, please let me know the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and aged is truly helpful and comforting. Father Volodymyr would like to visit our sick and elderly parishioners, especially those who cannot be with us for liturgies. Please call him at 773-979-4737 to let him know who would like a visit. О. Володимир бажає відвідати хворих та старших парафіян, які не можуть приходити до церкви. Просимо повідомити його за номером 773-979-4737.



EASTER BAZAAR

March 22, 2024 – 11am-3pm

Парафіяльні Оголошення



1. В часі Великого посту ми традиційно молимося за усіх усопших з наших родин (Сорокоусти). Якщо ви бажаєте, щоб імена померлих ваших рідних згадувались під час Сорокоустів, будь ласка, впишіть їхні імена.
2. Запрошуємо долучатись усіх бажаючих для приготування вареників. Просимо приходити у четвер вранці для підготовки продуктів і у п'ятницю для ліплення.
3. Ми закликаємо всіх наших парафіян молитися за мир у світі, особливо про закінчення війни та мир в Україні, а також щоб США зібралися разом і намагалися зрозуміти один одного.

Parish Announcements

1. During Great Lent we traditionally pray for all reposed in the Lord loved ones (Sorokousty). If you would like to pray for your deceased relatives, please provide list of their names.
2. We are in need of additional volunteers for our pyrohy ministry, especially in the food preparation area (Thursday morning) and in the cooking area (Friday).
3. We call upon all our parishioners to pray for peace in the world, especially for the end of the war and peace in Ukraine.



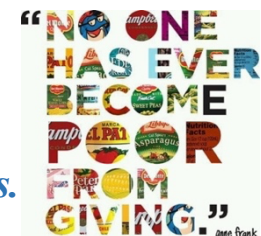
Sunday Collections for Sunday, February 18, 2024:

Envelopes: \$560.00	Loose Cash: \$169.00	Church in Need: \$10.00	Aid to Ukraine:
Candles: \$68.00	Parish Dues: \$75.00	TOTAL: \$882.00	\$51.00

Please mail your donations to: St. Josaphat, 8624 White Oak Ave, Munster IN 46321. THANK YOU!

Please remember in your prayers Andrew Juskiw, age 73, of Hammond, IN, who passed away on Saturday, January 13, 2024. The Funeral Service was held on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church. Burial followed at St. Nicholas Cemetery in Hammond, IN. Please pray for Andrew's soul and that his wife, Alexandra, family and friends may be comforted. *Eternal memory - Vichnaya pamyat!*

As part of your Lenten sacrifices and penance, please remember those who have less. Donated food items are given to the local food pantry. Please show your thanks to God for what you have by sharing generously with others.



Who is Saint Gregory of Palamas?

St. Gregory was born in Constantinople in the year 1296 to a wealthy family: his father was a Senator of the Byzantine empire. Emperor Andronikos II Paleologos admired the youth's intelligence & talents and hoped to use his service in the imperial court. Gregory, however, was searching for "the one thing needful" - the one thing that is eternal & will truly satisfy a man's heart. He set off to the monasteries of Mount Athos, Greece and became a disciple of experienced spiritual guides who taught him what is called the Prayer of the Heart or the Jesus Prayer (Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner). Gregory learned to combine this prayer with solitude and silence combined with physical exercises & breathing methods. This practice of prayer is called hesychasm from the Greek word hesychos meaning inner stillness, peace or silence. By this kind of prayer Gregory & his fellow monks fulfilled the command of the Holy Apostle Paul to "pray without ceasing". With prayer, repentance, fasting, struggle against the passions & service to their brethren, the monks experienced God's vision for their lives: to know Him, experience Him, share His life, to become one with Him. In 1326 with the threat of a Turkish invasion hanging over Mount Athos, Gregory moved to the city of Thessalonica where he was ordained as a priest. There he divided his time between hesychasm & service to the people of the city. He later returned to Mount Athos, serving for a time as the abbot of Esphigmenou Monastery. He was eventually consecrated as the metropolitan of Thessalonica in 1347. In 1354 a ship he was sailing on was captured by Turkish pirates, he was beaten, imprisoned and eventually ransomed. He died on November 14, 1359 with his dying words "To the heights! To the heights!"



You are Forgiven and Healed

In Capernaum Jesus is surrounded by great numbers of people. As He preaches to the crowd, four friends of a paralyzed man lower him on his mat through the roof so that he can be close enough for Jesus to see him and cure him. Jesus responds to this act of faith, not by healing the man immediately, but by touching off the first of a series of controversial dialogues with the Scribes and Pharisees. When Jesus says, "Child, your sins are forgiven," He is as much as saying, "It is God whom you approach." In the Old Testament, only God is capable of forgiving sins; and it was expected that He would do so only at the end of time. It becomes clear why the Scribes murmur "he is blaspheming" and why Jesus brings it all out in the open. His claim to be able to forgive sins better reveals His identity as Son of God than do the miracles He performs.

Aware of the silent censure His forgiving word has caused in the crowd, Jesus proceeds to prove that "the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth" by commanding the man to rise and walk in the sight of everyone. In concluding this miracle, Mark asks his readers to praise God for His presence in their midst as the forgiver-healer, just as the crowd did, even in the face of those who did not believe.

It is significant that Mark has chosen to present this miracle and teaching about Jesus' power to forgive sins so early in his Gospel drama. It shows that the need for the experience of God's forgiveness was as important to first-century Christians as it is today. Mark's readers praise God for saying clearly, and even today, "My sons, my daughters, I absolve you from your sins."

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SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS



Icon of Healing the Paralytic