



APRIL, 2017						GREGORIAN
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
02 Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 Nn Fifth Sunday of Lent	03	04	05 Brandon: 9 am Sorokousty Brandon: 7 pm UCWLC Mass & Meeting	06 Brandon: 9 am + Paul Hrysak Offering: Phil Hrysak	07  Brandon: 9 am Bishop Velychkovsky Prayer Group Service Brandon: 7 pm Stations of the Cross	08 Brandon: 3 - 4 pm Reconciliation Brandon 5 pm Health of Janice Zonneveld Offering: MacKalski Family
9 Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 Nn Palm Sunday	10	11	12 Brandon: 9 am Sorokousty Brandon: 7 pm K of C Mass & Meeting	13 Brandon: 9 am + Paul Hrysak Offering: Judy & Craig Chaperon Brandon: 7 pm 12 Passion Gospels	14  Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 Nn Exposition of the Holy Shroud Brandon: 7 pm Jerusalem Matins Good Friday	15 Brandon: 10 am A-M 10:30 am N-Z Bless Easter Baskets Portage: 5 pm Holy Sepulcher Service Bless Easter Baskets Brandon: 7:30 pm Holy Sepulcher Service

The Mystery of Mankind's Reconciliation with God

He who is true God was born in the complete and perfect nature of a true man, whole in His own nature, whole in ours. By our nature we mean what the Creator had fashioned in us from the beginning, and took to Himself in order to restore it.

He took the nature of a servant without stain of sin, enlarging our humanity without diminishing His divinity. He emptied himself; though invisible He made himself visible, though Creator and Lord of all things He chose to be one of us mortal men. Yet this was the condescension of compassion, not the loss of omnipotence.

Beyond our grasp, He chose to come within our grasp. Existing before time began, He began to exist at a moment in time. Lord of the universe, He hid His infinite glory and took the nature of a servant. Incapable of suffering as God, He did not refuse to be a man, capable of suffering. Immortal, He chose to be subject to the laws of death.

He who is true God is also true man. There is no falsehood in this unity as long as the lowliness of

man and the pre-eminence of God coexist in mutual relationship.

As God does not change by His condescension, so man is not swallowed up by being exalted. Each nature exercises its own activity, in communion with the other. The Word does what is proper to the Word, the flesh fulfills what is proper to the flesh.

One nature is resplendent with miracles, the other falls victim to injuries. As the Word does not lose equality with the Father's glory, so the flesh does not leave behind the nature of our race.

One and the same person – this must be said over and over again – is truly the Son of God and truly the son of man. He is God in virtue of the fact that in the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He is man in virtue of the fact that the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us.

St. Leo the Great

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SUNDAY OF SAINT MARY OF EGYPT



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ROSARY AND CONFESSIONS

One-half hour before Saturday and Sunday Liturgies.

EMERGENCY

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DIVINE LITURGIES

Wednesday - Friday - 9:00 AM
Saturday (English) - 5:00 PM
Sunday (Bilingual) - 9:00 AM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>SACRISTAN</u>	<u>GREETER</u>
Sun Apr 02	S. Kostiw	B. Kokurudz / L. Halchyshak	I. Dyakiv	S. Baranyk
Sun Apr 09	S. Shwaluk	D. Shwaluk / A. Todosichuk	L. Makwaychuk	L. Olisnevych
Sun Apr 16	O. Stevenson	B. McKay / S. Kachur	N. Baranyk	B. McKay
Sun Apr 23	P. Zaliskyy	M. Sheeshka / D. Kostiw	N. Zemliak	O. Stevenson

COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:

Tuesday, Mar 21
Mission Collection \$ 555.05

Saturday, Mar 25 \$ 209.00
Sunday, Mar 26 \$ 428.00
Total \$ 637.00
Candles \$ 62.45

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"Who was he?" she asked. How quickly he passed from hero to zero. "For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass." (1 Peter 1:24)



DROP-IN CENTRE

The Drop-In Centre will have a finale for this winter on Wednesday, April 5th at 1:00 PM. Everyone is welcome.

LENTEN CONFESSIONS

Lenten Confessions is part of our yearly renewal of baptism and allegiance to Christ and has been fittingly referred to as our 'second baptism'. If anyone was unable to complete their lenten confession as yet, we will have reconciliation on Saturday, April 8th between 3:00 PM and 4:00 PM. Fr. Kelly and I will be available for that purpose.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

- Fish Fry at St. Augustine Parish Hall every Friday through Lent (except Good Friday).
- Wednesday, April 12th, 2017 - General Meeting
7:00 PM - Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church
7:45 PM - Meeting at Ukrainian Reading Hall

THANK-YOU

Sincere thank-you is extended to the UCWLC for the purchase of roses and greenery, and to Elsie and Dolores for decorating the cross for Veneration. It was greatly appreciated.

- Fr. Michael

BAPTISM

Yana-Mariya Dyakiv, daughter of Nazariy and Ivanna Dyakiv (nee Boichuk), was born on March 1st, 2017 in Brandon and baptized on April 1st, 2017 at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church. Guide the parents as they exhibit the love of the Heavenly Father to their child. Thank-you Lord for your grace in helping to raise this child "with correction and advice inspired by the Lord". (Eph 6:4 TNJB)



PROFIT AND LOSS

I counted dollars while God counted crosses;
I counted gains while He counted losses!
I counted my worth by the things gained in store;
But He sized me up by the scars that I bore.
I coveted honors and sought for degrees;
He wept as He counted the hours on my knees.
And I never knew 'til one day at a grave,
How vain are these things that we spend life to save!

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PUSSY WILLOWS

According to an old Polish legend, a mother cat was crying at the bank of the river in which her kittens were drowning. The willows at the river's edge longed to help her so they swept their long graceful branches into the waters to rescue the tiny kittens who had fallen into the river while chasing butterflies. The kittens gripped on tightly to their branches and were brought safely to shore. Each springtime since, goes the legend, the willow branches sprout tiny fur-like buds at their tips where the tiny kittens once clung.

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FUSSY LITTLE CHRISTIANS

Dr. Vance Havner has aptly described the present generation of Christians thus: "We are a generation of proud, fussy little Christians – experts but not examples. We know too much, or we think we do. We have heard all the preachers and read all the books. It is hard these days to be converted and become like little children. We want to be thought philosophers and scholars -- brilliant but not childlike. So we miss the secrets God has hidden from the wise and prudent and revealed them unto babes. How often, even among the saints, does some simple soul learn the deeper things of God and press through to heaven's best while 'the wise and the prudent' utterly miss them!"

- Walter B. Knight

are to come" (*Jn* 16:13). "He will glorify me [i.e., the Son], for he will take what is mine and declare it to you [the disciples]" (*Jn* 16:14).

2. The Holy Spirit Who Proceeds from the Father

97 In teaching about the Person of the Holy Spirit, the Fathers of the Church emphasize first and foremost what differentiates the Person of the Holy Spirit from the Persons of the Father and the Son, that is, that the Holy Spirit proceeds (in Ukrainian, *iskhodyt*; in Greek, *exporeutai*) from the Father. In conciliar unified fashion, they professed this belief through the Symbol of Faith: "I believe ... in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father." On the procession of the Holy Spirit, Saint Cyril of Alexandria teaches: "The Holy Spirit is the one [who] ... pours forth from God the Father, through the Son, and shows to us his existence, in the image of breath of the mouth."⁷⁴

98 The Holy Fathers made a distinction between the interior life of the Most Holy Trinity and the revelation of the Trinity in creation. In the Most Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit *proceeds* (in Ukrainian, *iskhodyt*; in Greek, *exporeutai*) from the Father—the one and only Source of the Most Holy Trinity. When the Holy Fathers spoke about the action of the Persons of the Trinity in creation, they professed that the Father sends the Holy Spirit "through the Son."⁷⁵ Saint Cyril of Alexandria, professing this very same faith, explained this *sending* of the Holy Spirit "through the Son" as the fact that the Holy Spirit "comes from (in Ukrainian, *pokhodyt*; in Greek, *proenai*) the Father and the Son."⁷⁶ This interpretation was emphasized by the Fathers of the Council of Florence: "Some [were] saying the Holy Spirit comes from the Father and the Son, others saying the Holy Spirit comes from the Father through the Son. All were aiming at the same meaning in different words."⁷⁷ This opinion was also expressed in the Articles of the Union of Brest: The Holy Spirit ... proceeds from one Source, as if from a well-spring. from the Father, through the Son."⁷⁸

⁷⁴ CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, *Dialogues on the Holy and Consubstantial Trinity*, 2: PG 75, 722723.

⁷⁵ See GREGORY OF NYSSA, *On the Life of Saint Gregory the Wonderworker*: PG 46, 912.

⁷⁶ See CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA, *Thesaurus on the Holy and Consubstantial Trinity*: PG 75,9-656.

⁷⁷ COUNCIL OF FLORENCE, Bull *Laetentur caeli* [Let the Heavens Rejoice] (July 6, 1439).

⁷⁸ Articles of the Union of Brest, 1.

**III. WE BELIEVE IN GOD THE FATHER,
CREATOR OF HEAVEN AND EARTH,
AND IN OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST,
AND IN THE HOLY SPIRIT,
THE LORD, THE GIVER OF LIFE**

Maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.

(Symbol of Faith)

*Lord of heaven and earth and of all creation visible and invisible (Anaphora of the
Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great)*

A. The Creator and His Creation

99 Our faith in the Creator gives us the opportunity to grasp the sense and essence of the created world. Biblical Revelation unveils for us the presence of God within the reality of the world: we come to know the Creator, and the world—his creation.

100 The word *creation* points to the connection between the world and the Person of the Creator; for the world is "the work of his hands." "This; is why it is impossible to know creation separately from the Creator God's Revelation brings to our attention not so much the laws of nature as the actions of the Creator's Divine Economy. In the light of faith, the true beauty of creation is revealed to us as a reflection of the beauty and magnificence of its Creator: "Lord, how manifold are your works! Ir. wisdom you have made them all" (*Ps* 103[104]:24).

1. The Father Creates through the Son in the Holy Spirit

101 In loving humankind, God moved forth from the unapproachable light of his inner divine life and revealed himself in the world created by him: "Today the Sun that never sets has risen and the world is filled with splendour by the light of the Lord."⁷⁹ The foundation of the world is "the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God our Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit"⁸⁰ (see *2 Cor* 13:13). On the participation of the three Persons of the Most Holy Trinity in the creation of the world, Saint Basil teaches: "When you consider creation, I advise you to first think of him who is the first cause of everything that exists:

⁷⁹ *Trebnyk*, Rite of the Great Blessing of Water for the Feast of Theophany, Second Prayer

⁸⁰ *Liturgicon*, *Jbe* Divine Liturgy of our Holy Father John Chrysostom, Anaphora.