

APRIL / MAY, 2017						GREGORIAN
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>23</b> <b>Brandon:</b> 10 am Easter Dinner to Follow  <b>Portage:</b> 3 pm Baptism of Panko Child  <b>Thomas Sunday</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Portage:</b> 10 am + Pauline Brynko Funeral  <b>Brandon:</b> 5 pm + Nestor Zurbyk 40-Day Service Offering: Brenda Zurbyk	<b>26</b> <b>Winnipeg:</b> 9:30 am Clergy Conference	<b>27</b> <b>Brandon:</b> 9 am + Adolph Pryszny Offering: Dolores	<b>28</b>  <b>Brandon:</b> 9 am + Paul Hrysak Offering: William & Nora Waytowich	<b>29</b> <b>Brandon:</b> 5 pm + Orest Perchaluk Offering: Fran Perchaluk
<b>30</b> <b>Brandon:</b> 9 am  <b>Portage:</b> 12 Nn Easter Dinner to Follow  <b>Myrrh-Bearing Women</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>02</b>	<b>03</b> <b>Brandon:</b> 9 am + William Hlady Offering: Sonia Hlady & Family  <b>Brandon:</b> 7 pm UCWLC Rosary & Meeting  <b>Venerable Theodosius</b>	<b>04</b> <b>Brandon:</b> 9 am + Paul Hrysak Offering: Melvin Hrytsak	<b>05</b>  <b>Brandon:</b> 9 am Bishop Velychkovsky Prayer Group Service Health of Barbara Barrie	<b>06</b> <b>Brandon:</b> 5 pm Thanksgiving Service 50 <sup>th</sup> Birthday Jean-Paul Savoie Offering: Jennifer & Family

### *Fight the Good Fight of Faith*

“Let us celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.” ... Elsewhere the Apostle says: “Let us run with fidelity the race that has been set before us, with our eyes on Jesus, the origin and the goal of our faith.”

So a man who openly despises the accolades of this world and rejects all earthly glory must also practice self-denial. Such self-denial means that you never seek your own will but God’s, using God’s will as a sure guide; it also means possessing nothing apart from what is held in common.

In this way it will be easier for you to carry out your superior’s commands promptly, in joy and in hope; this is required of Christ’s servants who are redeemed for service to the brethren. For this is what the Lord wants when He says: Whoever wishes to be first and great among you must be the last of all and a servant to all.

Our service of mankind must be given freely. One who is in such a position must be subject to everyone

and serve his brothers as if he were paying off a debt.

Moreover, those who are in charge should work harder than the others and conduct themselves with greater submission than their own subjects. Their lives should serve as a visible example of what service means, and they should remember that those who are committed to their trust are held in trust from God.

Those, then, who are in a position of authority must look after their brothers as conscientious teachers look after the young children who have been handed over to them by their parents.

If both disciples and masters have this loving relationship, then subjects will be happy to obey whatever is commanded, while superiors will be delighted to lead their brothers to perfection. If you try to outdo one another in showing respect, your life on earth will be like that of the angels.

*St. Gregory of Nyssa*

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## THOMAS SUNDAY FEAST OF SAINT GEORGE THE MARTYR



*Icon of Saint George -- April 23rd*

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ROSARY AND CONFESSIONS

One-half hour before Saturday and Sunday Liturgies.

EMERGENCY

Phone Fr. Michael at: Res: (204) 729-8056  
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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 23	P. Zaliskyy	M. Sheeshka / D. Kostiw	N. Zemliak	O. Stevenson
Sun Apr 30	P. Todoruk	L. Halchyshak / D. Shwaluk	I. Dyakiv	B. Kachur
Sun May 07	T. Yuriy	A. Todosichuk / B. McKay	L. Makwaychuk	F. Yuriy
Sun May 14	S. Sheeshka	S. Kachur / M. Sheeshka	N. Baranyk	P. Shurb

COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:

Sunday, Apr 16 \$ 955.00  
Total \$ 955.00  
Candles (Saturday, Apr 15) \$ 95.00  
Candles (Sunday, Apr 16) \$ 91.30

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Life isn't like in the movies. Life ... is much harder.

GIFT OF LOVE

On behalf of Metropolitan Lawrence and myself, I would like to express our gratitude to all parishioners who made Gift of Love offerings at Easter. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

- Fr. Michael

SUNDAY, APRIL 23, 2017

EASTER PARISH DINNER

Following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, everyone is invited to the Ukrainian Reading Hall for the Parish Easter Dinner.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

- Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> - Knights Admissions Degree at St. Augustine Knight's Chambers
- Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> - Brunch 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM (Free Will Offering)
- Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> - General Meeting and Elections  
7:00 PM - Mass at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church  
7:30 PM - Meeting at the Ukrainian Reading Hall

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Additional ushers, greeters and readers are required on a rotational basis. If anyone is willing to volunteer for any of these positions, please contact Fr. Michael.

REPOSED IN THE LORD

William Gnutel, father of Fr. Mark Gnutel, passed away on Holy Friday. Funeral Services were held at St. Michael Parish Church on Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences are extended to his family. Vichnaya Pam'yat.

Sister Cherubima Skotnitzki, SSJ, passed away on Holy Saturday. Funeral services will take place at Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church on Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Our condolences are extended to her family and friends. Vichnaya Pam'yat.

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

May 5, 6, 7 at Winakwa Community Center in Winnipeg. Come! Celebrate! Catch the Fire! conference celebrating 50 years of the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church with three Archbishops, three international speakers, local testimonies, Eucharistic Celebrations, healing session, vibrant praise and worship. For more information, please phone CCRS at 204-895-7544 or visit the website at [www.catholicrenewalservices.com](http://www.catholicrenewalservices.com)

MARCH FOR LIFE - MAY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2017

The March for Life gathering will begin at the Legislative Building at 11:30 AM on Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017. The walk will begin at noon and will be followed by speakers and closing remarks. Take a stand! Be a voice!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help clean the flower beds and shrubs around the church. Please contact Ron Boychuk for further instructions.

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THE RESURRECTION

A minister stood before the window of an art store, and looked at a painting of Jesus on the cross. A little ragged, dirty boy came and stood by him. "Do you know who He is?" asked the minister. "That's Jesus. Them's the soldiers standing around. That woman crying is His mother," said the little boy. The minister walked away. The boy overtook him and said, "Say, Mister, I wanted to tell you that Jesus rose again!" Then he smiled and ran away, happy to tell the good news!

-Walter B. Knight

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HUMOR

The mother had given birth to triplets and the father asked his four-year-old son what he thought about it. "You'd better start finding a place for them," said the child. "They won't be as easy to get rid of as them kittens was."

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Q: Why are Helium, Curium and Barium the medical elements?

A: Because if you can't heal-ium or cure-ium, you bury-ium.



- 116 The Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great mentions nine angelic orders. We read: "Angels, Archangels, Thrones, Dominions, Principalities, Authorities, Powers, and the many-eyed Cherubim praise you; around you stand the Seraphim." The angelic orders are called "choirs" because of their communion with God and with one another. Unceasingly, the angels offer "praise to God" as they abide in the light of God's glory.
- 117 In Holy Scripture, angels manifest the presence of God in the world, announcing to human beings the will of God. Holy Scripture refers to some of them by name: Michael (see Rev 12:7; Jude 1:9), Raphael (see Tob 12:15), Gabriel (see Lk 1:19, 26). Angels assist human beings in their spiritual growth (see Heb 1:14). The Tradition of the Church teaches that God grants every human being a guardian angel: "You appointed angels as guardians."<sup>93</sup> The unity of the visible and invisible creation—human beings and angels—becomes manifest in the Divine Liturgy, where the earthly expresses the heavenly, and humans serve together with angels: "Let us who mystically represent the cherubim and sing the Thrice-holy Hymn to the life giving Trinity..." and "Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Sabbaoth, heaven and earth are full of your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."<sup>94</sup>

*For you fashioned a man by taking dust from the earth.  
(Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great)*

### **3. Humankind—the Crown of Creation**

- 118 "Lord ... what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him? Yet you have made him little less than God, and crown him with glory and honour. You have given him dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under his feet" (Ps 8:1, 4-6). With these words Holy Scripture extols humankind. The Lord God set humanity to govern creation: "Let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth" (Gn 1:26).

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<sup>93</sup> Liturgicon, The Divine Liturgy of our Holy Father Basil the Great, Anaphora.

<sup>94</sup> Liturgicon, The Divine Liturgy of our Holy Father John Chrysostom, Cherubic Hymn, Anaphora.

- 119 In the course of six days God creates the world, preparing it for humankind: "It was not to be looked for that the ruler should appear before the subjects of his rule; but when his dominion was prepared, the next step was that the king should be revealed."<sup>95</sup> Having created humankind, God crowns his creation. "In what then does the greatness of humankind consist, according to the doctrine of the Church? Not in his likeness to the created world, but in his being in the image of the nature of the Creator."<sup>96</sup>
- 120 Based on the above, Gregory of Nyssa teaches that the dignity of the human being lies in the fact that by its very nature humanity is higher than all creation, since it was created in the royal image of its creator and freely and with full authority rules over its desires.<sup>97</sup> The dignity of humankind is in the image of God. The Lord himself preserves human dignity as inviolable and cares for the human being:

Who else is there that ministers to you more faithfully than I? All creation I created to serve you; the heaven and the earth serve you: the one with its moisture, the other with its fruits. For your sake the sun serves with its light and with its warmth, and the moon and the stars lighten the night. For your sake the clouds nourish the earth with rain, and the earth brings forth all manner of grasses with their seeds and the trees with their fruits to serve you. For your sake the rivers bear fish and the wastes rear beasts.<sup>98</sup>

*For you fashioned a man by taking dust from the earth,  
and honoured him, O God, with your own image.  
You placed him in the Paradise of delight.  
(Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great)*

**a. Humankind—in the Image and Likeness of God**

- 121 The Book of Genesis reveals a profound bond between humankind and God: "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness" (Gn 1:26). In his commentary upon these words, Saint Irenaeus of Lyons explains: "The image of God is the Son, according to whose image humankind was made; and for this reason he appeared in the last times, to render the image like himself."<sup>99</sup> It was precisely in the

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<sup>95</sup> GREGORY OF NYSSA, On the Making of Man, 2: PG 44,132. <sup>96</sup> GREGORY OF NYSSA, On the Making of Man, 16, PG 44,177.

<sup>97</sup> See GREGORY OF NYSSA On the Making of Man, 3-4: PG 44,134-136.

<sup>98</sup> KIRILL OF TUROV, Sermon for the Fourth Sunday after Easter.

<sup>99</sup> IRENAEUS OF LYONS, Demonstration of the Apostolic Preaching, 22.