



FEBRUARY / MARCH, 2021							GREGORIAN
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
21 Brandon: 10 am Portage: 1 pm 1st Sunday of Lent	22 Brandon: 10 am Sorokousty	23 Portage: 10 am God's Blessing Allan & Genny Morris 50 th Wedding Anniversary Offering: Morris Family	24 Portage: 10 am + Danny Pollock Offering: Walter & Anna Pollock Relics of St. John the Baptist	25 Portage: 10 am + Nell Bereza Offering: Carol Bereza	 26 Portage: 10 am + Gary Bryan Offering: Gloria Bryan Brandon: 7 pm Stations of the Cross	27 Brandon: 5 pm + Leo Macsymach Offering: Sonia Macsymach	
28 Brandon: 10 am Portage: 1 pm 2nd Sunday of Lent	01	02	03 Brandon: 10 am Sorokousty	04 Brandon: 10 am Thanksgiving Service - Fr. Michael Offering: Dolores	 05 Brandon: 10 am Bishop Velychkovsky Prayer Group Service Brandon: 7 pm Stations of the Cross	06 Brandon: 5 pm	

Icons Show the Human Face of God

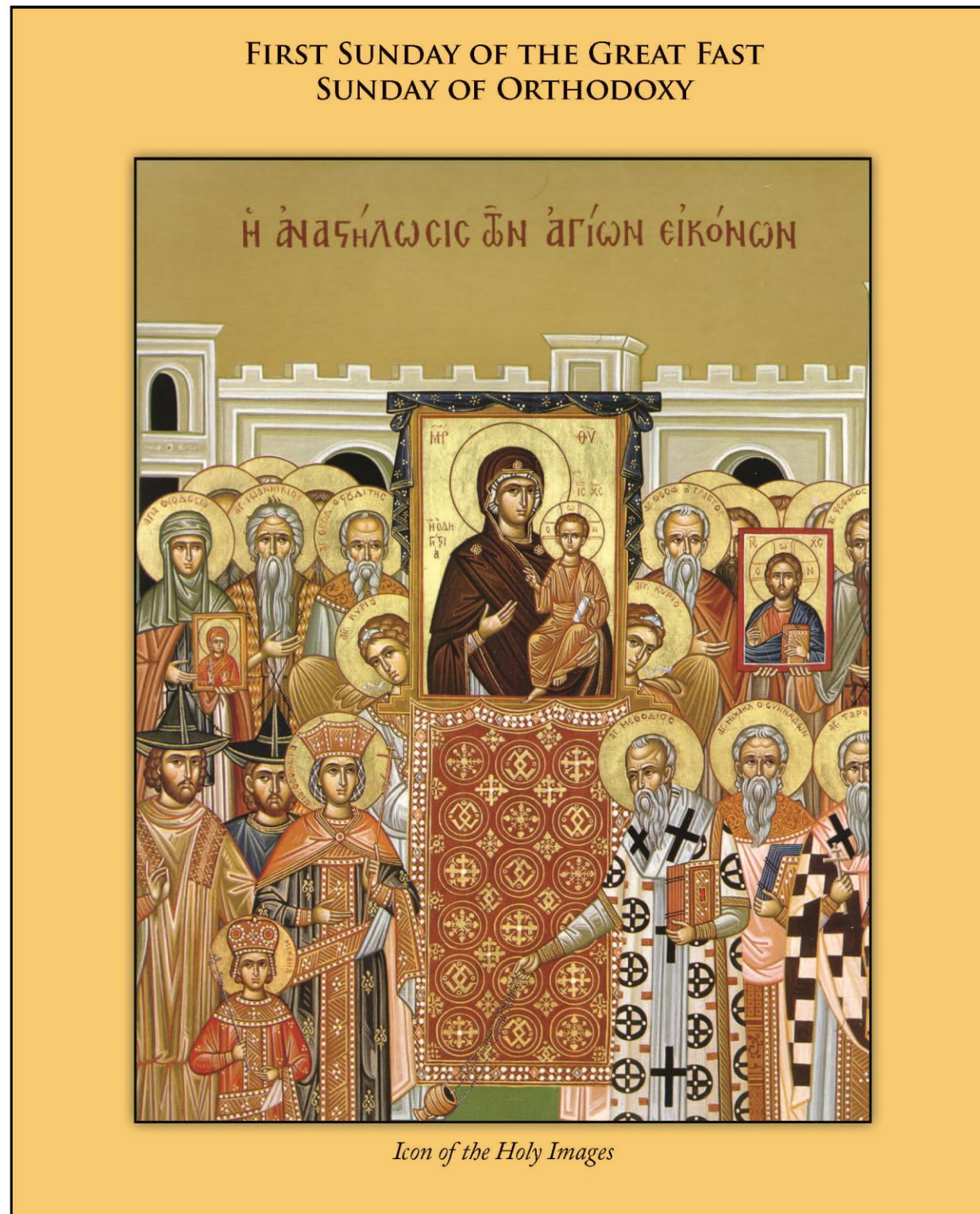
In recent months my Sunday reflections have frequently focused on our Christian brothers and sisters of the East. Wishing as it were to embrace their rich tradition of faith in a single glance, today I would like to refer once again to the sense of mystery which is apparent in their icons. The East and the West vie with each other to put their art at the service of the faith.

But from the East, where icons had to be defended with bloodshed in the iconoclast crisis of the eighth and ninth centuries, comes a particular call jealously to preserve the religious nature of this art. It is based on the mystery of the Incarnation, in which God chose to assume a human face. In the last analysis, sacred art seeks to transmit something of the mystery of that face.

This is why the East firmly insists on the spiritual qualities which must characterize the artist, to whom Simeon of Thessalonica, the great defender of Tradition, addresses this important exhortation: "Teach with words, write with letters, paint with colors, in conformity with Tradition; the painting is true, as is the writing of books; and the grace of God is present in them, because what is represented there is holy."

By contemplating icons in the whole context of liturgical and ecclesial life, the Christian community is called to grow in its experience of God, and to become more and more a living icon of the communion of life between the Three Divine Persons.

Pope John Paul II



Icon of the Holy Images

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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) - 10:00 AM

DATE	READER	USHERS	SACRISTAN	GREETER
	T. Yuriy	S. Kachur / M. Sheeshka	L. Makwaychuk	S. Baranyk
	S. Sheeshka	D. Federowich / D. Kostiw	N. Zemliak	L. Olisnevych
	B. MacKalski	L. Halchyshak / A. Todosichuk	I. Dyakiv	B. McKay
	H. Lazaruk	R. Kuszak / B. McKay	L. Makwaychuk	O. Stevenson

COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:

Saturday, Feb 13 \$ 310.00
Sunday, Feb 14 \$ 535.00
Total \$ 845.00
Candles \$ 39.30

QUOTE OF THE DAY

The proud do not change to improve but defend their position by rationalizing. Repentance means change, and it takes a humble person to change.
- Ezra Taft Benson



FINANCIAL STATEMENT - JANUARY, 2021

Total Credits: \$ 775.00
Total Debits: \$ 5,496.53

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2021

COVID-19 LIFTING OF RESTRICTIONS FOR CHURCHES

The easing of restrictions took effect on Friday morning, February 12th, 2021 and will be tried for a three (3) week period (until March 2 +/-). According to the Government press release and the initial updated Public Health Order 'Backgrounder', churches may accept participation of the faithful up to 10% capacity or 50 participants "whichever is less". The faithful should pre-register. If there is not enough time for this – or the expected number of requests fall below the permitted number - then "registration" may take place at the church prior to the service. Each participant must, however, provide their name, and contact number in the event that they may have to be contacted if a health issue should arise. In Brandon, please call Dolores at 204-729-8056 to pre-register. In Portage to pre-register, please call Margaret Ethier. For those unable to attend, the Sunday service will be videotaped and will be available on YouTube later the same day. The number of participants for Weddings and Funerals is ten, but only five for Baptisms. Masks must be worn on entering, during the service and exiting. The masks may be removed while receiving communion.

- Fr. Michael

SOROKOUSTY

Sorokousty Services will be held every Wednesday at 10:00 AM during Lent (unless otherwise specified). If anyone wishes to have the names of their deceased family members read at the service, please contact Fr. Michael prior to the Service. Our prayers help those who have died and we are joined to them by their intercession. Those who have achieved union with God may also help us by their prayers.

BAPTISM

Hannah Marie Bolley, daughter of Matthew and Lauren Bolley (nee Zerkee), was born on August 12th, 2020 in Brandon and baptized on February 13th, 2021 at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church. Guide the parents as they exhibit the love of the Heavenly Father to the 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)

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME STARTS SOON

Daylight Saving Time starts on Sunday, March 14th, 2021 at 2:00 AM when clocks are moved forward one hour. Starting the following Sunday (March 21st) until fall, Divine Liturgy will begin at 9:00 AM.

UKRAINIAN PARK CHILDREN'S CAMP

The Archeparchy of Winnipeg Chancery Administration with the blessing of Metropolitan Lawrence is announcing that due to the continuing concerns of the Covid19 pandemic a decision has been made that the Archeparchial children's camp usually scheduled for July will be canceled for 2021. This decision is made with the knowledge that we do not have adequate staffing or the resources required to maintain strict protocols to protect campers and those involved in the camp from contracting the Covid 19 virus. Though July is still a distant date, experience clearly indicates that cautious prudence must prevail to protect and keep everyone safe as we move forward towards full immunization, therefore the decision in this regard is firm.

