







MARCH, 2019						GREGORIAN
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
17 Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 pm 2 nd Sunday of Lent	18  Brandon: 9 am Sorokousty	19 Portage: 10 am Health of Jamie Slukynsky Offering: Fred & Charlene Slukynsky	20  Portage: 10 am Health of Effie Stilec Offering: Mary Kohut	21 Portage: 10 am Brandon: 7 pm Parish Council Meeting	22  Portage: 10 am Health of Effie Strilec Offering: Margaret Ethier Brandon: 7 pm Stations of the Cross	23 Brandon: 5 pm
24 Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 pm Veneration of the Holy Cross 3 rd Sunday of Lent	25  HDO Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 pm Annunciation	26 Brandon: 7 pm Stations of the Cross	27  Brandon: 9 am Sorokousty Portage: 6 pm Confessions & Lenten Mission	28 Brandon: 9 am + Janina Makuc Offering: Chodorowski Family Portage: 6 pm Confessions, Lenten Mission & Divine Liturgy	29  Brandon: 9 am + Annie Tkachuk Offering: MacKalski Family Brandon: 6 pm Confessions & Lenten Mission	30 Brandon: 2-4 pm Reconciliation Brandon: 7 pm Divine Liturgy & Lenten Mission

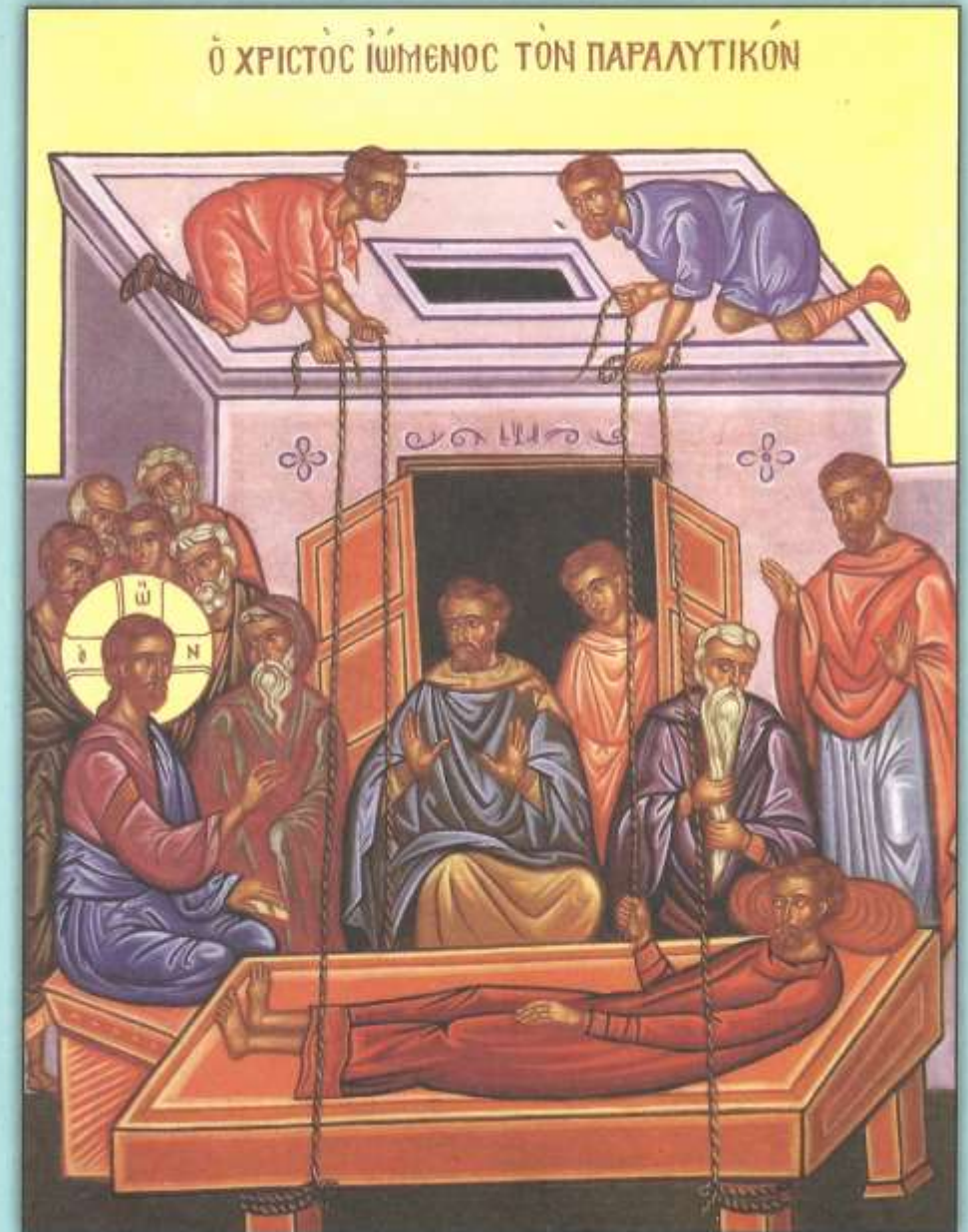
You are Forgiven and Healed

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."

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



Icon of Healing the Paralytic

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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 Mar 17	S. Shwaluk	R. Kuszak / B. McKay	L. Makwaychuk	B. Kachur
Sun Mar 24	P. Zalisky	S. Kachur / M. Sheeshka	N. Zemliak	F. Yuriy
Sun Mar 31	O. Stevenson	D. Kostiw / L. Halchyshak	I. Dyakiv	B. Kuszak
Sun Apr 07	P. Todoruk	D. Shwaluk / A. Todosichuk	L. Makwaychuk	S. Baranyk

COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:

Saturday, Mar 09 \$ 340.00
Sunday, Mar 10 \$ 530.00
Total \$ 870.00
Candles \$ 43.00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - JANUARY, 2019

Total Credits: \$ 7,134.14
Total Debits: \$ 7,037.67

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2019

SOROKOUSTY

Sorokousty Services will be held every Wednesday at 9:00 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.

UCWLC EASTER BAKE SALE - APRIL 6TH, 2019

Help is needed from the parish family for the following:
March 20th at 9:00 AM - Perogy Bee (peel potatoes, etc.)
March 21st at 9:00 AM - Make Perogies, etc.
April 3rd at 9:00 AM - Cabbage Roll Bee
Your support is greatly needed and appreciated.
- Olga Stevenson, UCWLC Vice-President

BAKE SALE, PEROGY LUNCHEON & SILENT AUCTION

The UCWLC Easter bake sale and perogy luncheon will be held on Saturday, April 6th, 2019 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Ukrainian Reading Hall. Cabbage rolls, perogies, Easter breads and borscht will be for sale. We will also have a silent auction at this time. Your donations and support are greatly appreciated. Contact Helen Creaser at (204) 727-1324.

NOTE: Sausage will not be available at the sale.
- Olga Stevenson, UCWLC Vice-President

CONDOLENCES

Condolences are extended to Dave and Shirley Shwaluk on the recent passing of Shirley's mother, Mary Elash. Requiem Divine Liturgy was celebrated from the Sacred Heart Ukrainian Catholic Church in Ituna, Saskatchewan. Our prayers are extended to her family and friends at this time of loss. Vichnaya Pam'yat - Eternal Memory.

APPOINTMENT

On February 18th, the Holy See announced that Pope Francis, accepting the recommendation of the Synod of Bishops of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC), has appointed Bishop Borys Gudziak, Eparch of the Eparchy of Saint Volodymyr the Great in Paris, as Metropolitan and Archbishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia.

SURVEY FOR WOMEN OF THE UCC

The Ukrainian Catholic Women's League of Canada is requesting all women of the Ukrainian Catholic Church (UCC) complete a survey to assist them in making objective decisions in the future for a more vibrant and faith-filled organization. This survey is geared for non-members 18 years of age and older, as well as current members of the UCWLC. Copies of the survey are available in the vestibule of the Church. Please pick one up at your convenience and return it to Olga Stevenson upon completion. Thank you!

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Before our Lord embarked on His public ministry, following His baptism, He withdrew to the wilderness for 40 days of prayer and fasting. Our Lord knew that God's will could only be fully accomplished after His own silence and preparation. Great Lent is a journey of preparation for us. Before we can go out and live our Christian faith, we too are called to descend to a place of inner stillness in prayer and fasting. St. Gregory Palamas is a spiritual giant of ascetic discipline and acquiring this "inner stillness" or "silence" called hesychasm. The Desert Fathers say, "A man who cannot be silent has nothing to say." In this silence, we drown out the noise of the world; we find peace; we gain strength; we listen to the voice of God; we are illumined with the Mt. Tabor light within ourselves; and, as St. Gregory Palamas argues, we experience God Himself. Our Lord said, "Be still, and know that I am God." Great Lent reminds us to stop scurrying around and being anxious like Martha and to concentrate on the "one needful thing" like Mary. When we make the time to experience God in a personal way – when we take our own 40-day walk in the wilderness – then we are equipped to present God and His will in the world through our actions. We prepare during Great Lent to die with Christ so that we may share in His resurrection and be little "Christs" to the world. When we make the time to experience God in a personal way, then we are equipped to present God and His will in the world through our actions.

