







MARCH / APRIL, 2019						GREGORIAN
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 Brandon: 9 am Lenten Mission Portage: 12 pm 4 th Sunday of Lent	01 	02	03  Brandon: 9 am Sorokousty	04 Brandon: 9 am + Ivan Boychuk Offering: Ivanna Dyakiv	05  Brandon: 9 am Bishop Velychkovsky Prayer Group Service Brandon: 7 pm Stations of the Cross	06 Brandon: 11 am UCWLC Easter Bake Sale Brandon: 5 pm + Leo Maksymach Offering: Elaine Baranyk & Family
07 Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 pm 5 th Sunday of Lent	08 	09	10  Brandon: 9 am Sorokousty Brandon: 7 pm K of C Mass & Meeting	11 Brandon: 9 am Intention of Dolores Offering: MacKalski Family Brandon: 7 pm UCWLC Mass & Meeting	12  Brandon: 9 am Intention of Fr. Michael Offering: MacKalski Family Brandon: 7 pm Stations of the Cross	13 Brandon: 1 pm Baptism - Smith child Brandon: 5 pm Brandon: 6 pm Life's Vision Banquet

Journeying to Pascha

Jesus continues today his work of healing and exorcism, and that is appropriate for this time of Lent, because Lent is a time for healing and exorcism. It is a time for us to heal the wounds of our souls – self-inflicted wounds due to our complacency and laziness and self-indulgence. It is time to get rid of those demons of our own sinful habits and anything that keeps us away from God and from living that abundant life that Christ came to give us.

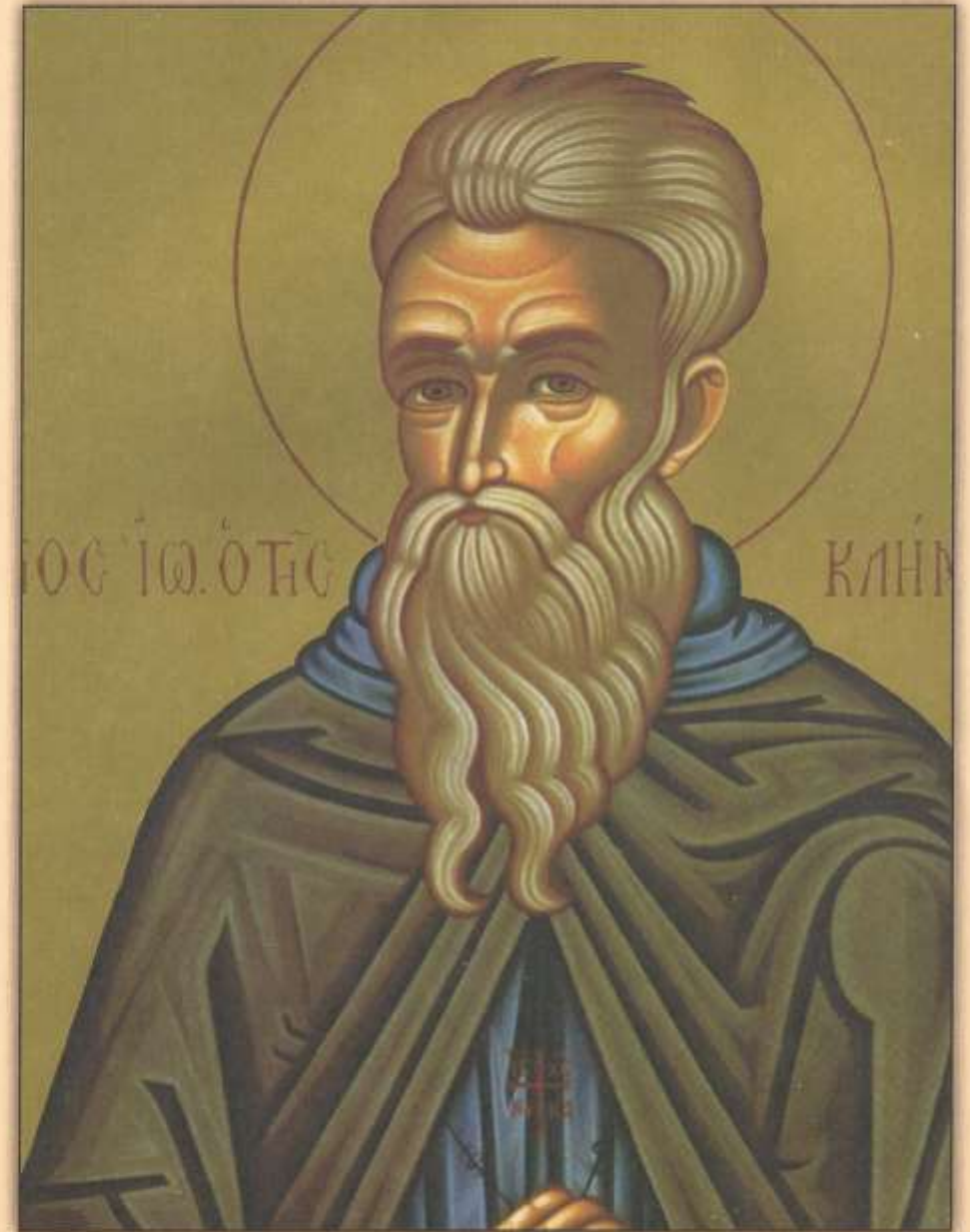
We start to make our way toward Jerusalem. At the end of today's Gospel already there is the prediction of the passion, the death and the resurrection of Christ, giving a little hint in the Gospel that the course of Lent is moving now towards Jerusalem. We have gone through several weeks now of spiritual preparations, Scripture texts, prayers and activities. Now our focus

is starting to turn towards Jerusalem. That will be made more explicit in next Sunday's Gospel, but we are already getting a hint of it now.

There are only three weeks now until Easter, two weeks until Palm Sunday, when we are really liturgically accompanying Christ into the mystery of His Passion.

So it is coming soon, and we have to start turning towards Jerusalem. We have to get focused, we have to get recollected, we have to really revive our Lenten prayer and fasting so that we can make the rest of this journey and be fruitful and overcome the demons and find healing for the wounds of our souls – and go with Christ to his Passion and, through the mystery of His Cross, come to that great, transfiguring, glorious celebration of His Resurrection.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS



Icon of St. John Climacus

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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 31	O. Stevenson	D. Kostiw / L. Halchyshak	I. Dyakiv	B. Kuszak
Sun Apr 07	P. Todoruk	D. Shwaluk / A. Todosichuk	L. Makwaychuk	S. Baranyk
Sun Apr 14	T. Yuriy	R. Kuszak / B. McKay	N. Zemliak	L. Olisnevych
Sun Apr 21	S. Sheeshka	S. Kachur / M. Sheeshka	I. Dyakiv	B. McKay

COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:

Saturday, Mar 23 \$ 240.00
Sunday, Mar 24 \$ 435.00
Total \$ 675.00
Candles \$ 35.80

FINANCIAL STATEMENT - FEBRUARY, 2019

Total Credits: \$ 7,723.45
Total Debits: \$ 5,440.68

SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2019

UCWLC EASTER BAKE SALE - APRIL 6TH, 2019

Help is needed from the parish family on:
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

LIFE'S VISION FUNDRAISING BANQUET

The 13th annual fundraising banquet will be held on April 13th in the Ukrainian Reading Hall. Banquet is at 6:00 PM, with Scott Hayward the guest speaker. Please see poster on bulletin board for further details.

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!

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences are extended to Hilliard and Eileen Sawchuk on the loss of Eileen's aunt, Ivy Malanchuk of Dauphin, who entered into the presence of the Lord on March 15th, 2019 in Dauphin. Our prayers are extended to her family at this time of loss. Vichnaya Pam'yat - Eternal Memory.



THANK-YOU

Sincere thank-you is extended to the UCWLC for the purchase of linen, roses and greenery. Thank-you to Elsie and Dolores for decorating the cross for Veneration, and to Henryka Chodorowski for sewing the linens in the foyer. A job well done!

- Fr. Michael

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

St. John Climacus (or St. John of the Ladder) is venerated in the Byzantine Catholic Church on the fourth Sunday of Great Lent because of his spiritual struggles and his authorship of the Ladder of Divine Ascent, a book that describes the spiritual struggle to climb closer to God through acquiring ascetic virtues. There are 30 steps on the ladder that correspond to the 30 years of Christ's life, with the entire volume divided into three main sections: general virtues; instruction on overcoming vices and building up the corresponding virtues; and higher virtues that lead to the goals at which ascetic life aims, including prayer, stillness, dispassion, and finally love (agape). The Ladder was originally written at the request of the abbot of a neighboring monastery, but now its use is widespread in the Church and even in the broader Christian community. Orthodox Christians are called upon to read this book during Lent, and monasteries in particular often read the entire text in the refectory during the Lenten season. This book calls all to purification through a series of cleansing steps, including denial of self and caring for others. We are invited to examine ourselves in order to learn our faults and purify. Caring for others is a way of cleansing through decreasing our focus on the self. Ultimately, if one is able to follow St. John's steps, the final goal – the love of others – is accomplished. St. John's message is one of repentance, of changing around one's life. St. John wrote, "Do not be surprised that you fall every day; do not give up, but stand your ground courageously. And assuredly, the angel who guards you will honor your patience. He who really keeps account of his actions considers as lost every day in which he does not mourn, whatever good he may have done in it." †