



**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Great  
Fast; Veneration of the  
Holy Cross of Our Lord  
Jesus Christ**

*3-а Неділя Посту - Неділя Хрестопоклонна.*

**Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Ascetical Companion of Procopius  
(716-40).**

**Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

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***Daily Liturgical Services***

**Monday, Feb. 29 \*\*\* 10:00 a.m.** +Walter  
Hut (40<sup>th</sup> Day Memorial & Internment of  
ashes) - family

**Wednesday, March 2 \*\*\* 3:30 p.m.**  
Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

**Thursday, March 3 \*\*\* 9:00 a.m.** Lenten Service

**Saturday, March 5 \*\*\* 10:00 a.m.** Div. Lit.: 4<sup>th</sup> All  
Souls Prayer Service



***The Liturgy prescribed for today is that of Saint Basil the Great.***

***Troparion, Tone 7:*** By Your cross You destroyed death;\* You opened Paradise to the thief;\* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,\* and charged the apostles to proclaim\* that You are risen, O Christ our God,\* offering great mercy to the world.

***Troparion, Tone 1:*** Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.\* Grant victory to Your faithful people against enemies,\* and protect Your community by Your cross.

+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

***Kontakion, Tone 7:*** No longer does the flaming sword guard the gate of Eden;\* the tree of the Cross has quenched its flames gloriously.\* The sting of death and the victory of Hades are banished,\* and You O my Saviour came and called to those in Hades: “Return again to Paradise!”

***Instead of Holy God, we sing:*** “To Your Cross, O Master,\* we bow in veneration,\* and we glorify Your holy Resurrection! **(3 times)**. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen. And we glorify Your holy Resurrection! To Your Cross, O Master,\* we bow in veneration,\* and we glorify Your holy Resurrection!”

***Prokeimenon, Tone 6:*** Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.  
***verse:*** Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

***Epistle: Hebrews 4:14-5:6***

Brothers and Sisters, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not presume to take this honour, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify

himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

**Alleluia, Tone 8** - Remember Your congregation which You acquired from the beginning.

*verse:* But God is our king before the ages; He has wrought salvation in the midst of the earth. (Psalm 73:2,12)



**Gospel:** Mark 8:34-9:1

The Lord said, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.” And he said to them, “Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see that the kingdom of God has come with power.”

**Communion Hymn** - Let the light of Your countenance, O Lord\* shine upon us.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia. (Psalm 4:7)



## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

*“This world and the world to come are two enemies. We cannot therefore be friends to both; but we must decide which we will forsake and which we will enjoy.”* **Pope St. Clement I**

### **3rd Sunday of Lent – Veneration of the Holy Cross**

For those who believe, the cross is a symbol of hope. When we reverently make the sign of the cross on our bodies, we profess not only our faith in Jesus Christ, and the Holy Trinity, but also our Hope. We profess our hope that we may be found worthy to inherit the heavenly kingdom; hope that God will always be there



to ease our pain, our problems and tribulations. Hope in Christ brings perseverance, the ability and strength to continue, even though everything around you may seem hopeless.



**Please Pray for health of ...** Ric B., Shirley C., Andriy H., Sandra Sh., Sofia B., Verna H., Mike W., Anne B., Walter G., Patricia U., Sophie S., Rose O., Yvette U., Lily-Ann S., Myron G., Peter D., Peter S., Ann M., and all other parishioners and family members who need God's healing at the present time.

Please let Fr. Andrzej know if you would like to add new names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

**Многая Літа!** – very special God's blessings to anyone among our parishioners and their families who celebrated their birthday, name-day, wedding anniversary and any other special anniversary during **the month of February.**



**Thank you** – everyone for coming to help with **making perogies** and for all the other voluntary work done at the church premises. May God richly bless you all!



**Next Catechetical Video – Sacrament of Reconciliation** – will continue today **Sunday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>**, after the 1<sup>st</sup> Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.

**Children's Catechism** – will take place today, **Sunday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>** after the Div. Lit. at 9:00 a.m.

**Annual Lenten Collection for Ukraine** – will take place **today Sunday, Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>**. Envelopes indicating the various charities are provided in the church narthex.

**Bible Study – The Bible Timeline** - will continue tomorrow, **Monday, Feb 29<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. Please join us.

**Special Choir Practices** – in preparation for Holy Week & Easter Services, we will hold choir practices on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The first practice will start this coming **Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>**.



**Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting - for St. Pius X Parish Council # 7359** – will take place this coming **Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>**, at Columbus Villa at 7:30 p.m..



**Lenten Mission Schedule** – Kamloops, Friday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.; Vernon, Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m.; Penticton, Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m.; **Kelowna, Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** & Grindrod, Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Our guest priest will be **Fr. Bohdan Lukie CSSR**, pastor of St. Mary's church in Yorkton, SK.

**One Bilingual Divine Liturgy** – will be celebrated on Sunday, March 6 (Lenten Mission); Sunday, March 13 (Honoring Taras Shevchenko); Sunday, March 20 (Palm Sunday); Easter Sunday, March 27 & on Sunday April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Help Needed for “Pysanka Workshop”** – anyone gifted with writing pysanky (easter eggs), please contact Mrs. Cecilia Lalach. If there are enough volunteers to help, the “Pysanka Workshop” would take place on Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>. The workshop is an annual opportunity for the children in our parish to learn this beautiful tradition as part of their rich Ukrainian heritage, hence adults familiar with the craft are warmly encouraged not to be shy, but to please come forward and share their talents.

**Saturday March 19<sup>th</sup> - Easter Food Sale** – starting at 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. or as long as the food products last.

**Taras Shevchenko** – a special celebration to honour our great Ukrainian poet, **Taras Shevchenko** will take place on **Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>** after the Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.

**Daylight Saving Time begins - Sunday, March 13, 2016** - when local standard time is about to reach Sunday, March 13, 2016, **2:00:00 AM** clocks are turned **forward** 1 hour to **3:00:00 AM** local daylight time instead.

**Special Collection for church decorations for Easter** – will take place on **Sundays, March 13<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you for your support.

**Parish Council Meeting** – will take place on **Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** at 7:00 p.m.



**Merciful Like the Father – Dormition Parish Social Project** – following suggestions from parishioners, our Parish Council voted to designate the 2016 “Coffee” proceeds for the support of St. Joseph's new school building fundraising campaign. We collected the following amounts: Sunday, Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> - **\$44.80**; Sunday, Jan. 17<sup>th</sup> - **\$68.60**; Sunday, Jan. 24<sup>th</sup> - **\$56.15**; Sunday, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, - **\$57.90**;

Sunday, Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> - **\$108.10**; Sunday, Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> - **\$50.00**; Sunday, Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, - **\$69.70**. Thank you for your support.

**House Blessing & Pastoral Visits** – will continue this coming week. Please assist Fr. Andrzej in planning these visits by letting him know your most convenient time. Thank you.

**Special Display of various Ukrainian items** – has been provided by one of our parishioners in the church entrance. They are on sale with 1/2 of the profit designated for church flowers.

**Food Bank Collection** - Along with fasting and prayer, almsgiving is another way that we can practice our Lenten good works. As in previous years, we are encouraged to participate in collecting non-perishable goods to be donated to the Kelowna food bank. Please bring your non-perishable items and drop them off in the special box located in the church entrance.

**Ready Set Learn is coming to St. Joseph School!!**



**TELL YOUR FRIENDS! TELL YOUR NEIGHBOURS!**

**TELL EVERYONE!** - Our **Ready, Set Learn!** Session on Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> was **FULL!!** For all families and friends who did not get a chance to register for the first session, please call the school and put your name on the list for a second session scheduled for Tuesday March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1 – 2:30 p.m. **Ready, Set Learn!** is sponsored by the Ministry of Education. If you or someone you know has a child entering kindergarten in September 2016, this is a wonderful opportunity for the children. They spend time in our kindergarten classrooms doing a variety of fun activities and enjoying a story and snack, while parents spend time learning about our fantastic school and having a tour. The children will all receive a special bag with some great activities in it to help them get ready for kindergarten!

Our Parent Support Group will be on hand to take parents on a tour and answer any questions. **Call the school office (250-763-3371) ASAP to reserve your spot, as space is limited and we are filling up fast.**

***St. Joseph School – the RIGHT CHOICE for your child!***

**Special Petition** – *“We also pray to be blessed with generous hearts to contribute to our Bishop’s initiatives and programs, such as: the support of parishes, the education of parishioners, and the formation of seminarians, Lord hear us and have mercy.”*

**\*\*\*\* *Lenten Scriptural Readings for this week* \*\*\*\***

**Monday:** Genesis 8:21-9:7; Proverbs 11:19-12:6 & Isaiah 14:24-32

**Tuesday:** Genesis 9:8-17 Proverbs 12:8-22 & Isaiah 25:1-9

**Wed.,:** Genesis 9:18-10:1; Proverbs 12:23-13:9 & Isaiah 26:21-27:9

**Thurs.:** Genesis 10:32-11:9; Proverbs 13:19-14:6 & Isaiah 28:14-22

**Friday:** Genesis 12:1-7; Proverbs 14:15-26 & Isaiah 29:13-23

### **Laudato Si' by Pope Francis (continuation) –**

#### **V. JUSTICE BETWEEN THE GENERATIONS**

159. The notion of the common good also extends to future generations. The global economic crises have made painfully obvious the detrimental effects of disregarding our common destiny, which cannot exclude those who come after us. We can no longer speak of sustainable development apart from intergenerational solidarity. Once we start to think about the kind of world we are leaving to future generations, we look at things differently; we realize that the world is a gift which we have freely received and must share with others. Since the world has been given to us, we can no longer view reality in a purely utilitarian way, in which efficiency and productivity are entirely geared to our individual benefit. Intergenerational solidarity is not optional, but rather a basic question of justice, since the world we have received also belongs to those who will follow us. The Portuguese bishops have called upon us to acknowledge this obligation of justice: “The environment is part of a logic of receptivity. It is on loan to each generation, which must then hand it on to the next”.<sup>[124]</sup> An integral ecology is marked by this broader vision.

160. What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up? This question not only concerns the environment in isolation; the issue cannot be approached piecemeal. When we ask ourselves what kind of world we want to leave behind, we think in the first place of its general direction, its meaning and its values. Unless we struggle with these deeper issues, I do not believe that our concern for ecology will produce significant results. But if these issues are courageously faced, we are led inexorably to ask other pointed questions: What is the purpose of our life in this world? Why are we here? What is the goal of our work and all our efforts? What need does the earth have of us? It is no longer enough, then, simply to state that we should be concerned for future generations. We need to see that what is at stake is our own dignity. Leaving an inhabitable planet to future generations is, first and foremost, up to us. The issue is one which dramatically affects us, for it has to do with the ultimate meaning of our earthly sojourn.

#### **Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:**

1. *You are a member of the Catholic Church (Orthodox faithful are welcome to*

*receive Communion);*

2. *You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently;*
3. *You attend Divine Services regularly;*
4. *Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church;*
5. *You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water & medicine does not break the fast).*
6. *You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel.*
7. *To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace.*

*If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.*

***\*\*A Reminder about appropriate reception of Holy Communion - when approaching to receive the Holy Eucharist, the faithful are reminded to open their mouth wide and tilt their head back. Also, please avoid licking the spoon. \*\****