

Lenten prayers for the departed (Sorokousty) will be held weekly during Lent. If you wish to include any names of any departed relatives in this year's services, please return an envelope marked "Sorokousty" with your list of names of the departed you wish to pray for. If you already have a list and have no new names to submit, please write "Same as last year" on your envelope when you return it. Special marked envelopes can be found in the church vestibule.

Stations of the Cross will also be part of the Lenten services. This is a popular devotion used by individuals who, through prayer and reflection wish to follow Jesus Christ on his way to Calvary. It is a wonderful way to pray and meditate to help deepen our understanding of the way of the Cross.

Please review the schedule below for service days and times.

Wed. Feb. 21st - 10:00 a.m. - Sorokousty

Fri. Feb. 23rd - 7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Thurs. Mar. 1st - 10:00 a.m. - Sorokousty with Stations of the Cross

Wed. Mar. 7th - 10:00 a.m. - Sorokousty

Fri. Mar. 9th - 7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Wed. Mar. 14th - 10:00 a.m. - Sorokousty with Stations of the Cross

Wed. Mar. 21st - 10:00 a.m. - Sorokousty

Fri. Mar. 23rd - 7:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

10 Tips for making the season more meaningful

Slow Down – Set aside 10 minutes a day for silent prayer or meditation. It will revitalize your body and your spirit.

Read a good book – You could choose the life of a saint, a spiritual how-to or an inspirational book.

Be kind – Go out of your way to do something nice for someone else every day.

Pray – Especially for those people you don't get along with or those who have hurt you in some way.

Get involved – Attend a Lenten service or take part in a spiritual program.

Volunteer at your parish – Whether its helping in the kitchen, visiting sick and shut-in parishioners or helping with an event, it will give you a chance to help others.

Tune out – Turn off the television and computer and spend quality time talking with family members and friends.

Clean out closets – donate gently used items to a charity.

Donate – donate money or your time to a charity that has special meaning to you.

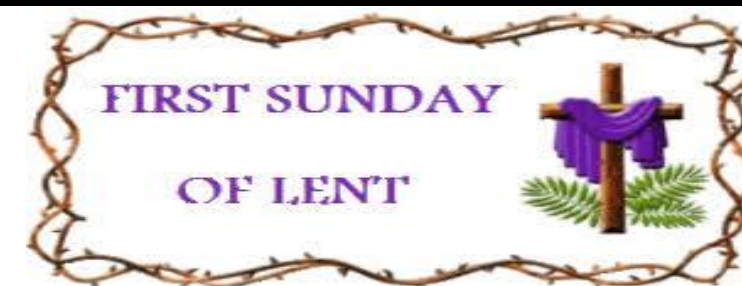
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God of mercy,
Your word was the sure defense of Jesus in his time of testing.
Minister to us in the wilderness of our temptation,
that we who have been set free from sin by Christ
may serve You well into life everlasting. *Amen.*

Pastor: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Anton Szymychalski – Mitred Archbishop

In retirement: Rev. Basil Kondusky

Parish Secretary – Mrs. Chrystyna Tymczyszyn

Parish office is open Tuesday – Friday from 8:30 a.m.- 12:00 noon

after hour EMERGENCIES ONLY please call (905) 327-3563

Divine Liturgy:

Saturday 4:15 p.m. (Eng.) Sunday 10:00 a.m. (Ukr. & Eng.)

Weekdays & Holy Days: see bulletin

Sacraments:

Confession – Before or after Liturgy; anytime by request

Baptism, Marriage – Please contact the parish office

February 18, 2018 – 1st Sunday of Lent

Epistle: Heb. 11:24-26, 32-40, 12:1-2 Gospel Reading: Jn. 1:43-51

Reader: S. Kozela (Ukr.) Next week: A. Atamanuk (Eng.)

DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:

Wed. February 21st: 10:00 a.m. Sorokousty (prayers for the deceased)

Fri. February 23rd: 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Sat. February 24th: 4:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Eng.) - + Henry Czerwoniak
Req. by Olga Czerwoniak

Sun. February 25th: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)

THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS AND GOOD HEALTH UPON ALL THE SICK AND SHUT-IN OF OUR PARISH.

OFFERINGS:

Feb. 4th: \$1,185.00

Feb. 11th: \$944.00

Development Donations: W. & C. Lastewka (in memory of +John Romak) \$100.00;
D. & L. Osadec \$10.00; P. Gerelus \$50.00; R. Borowyj \$10.00

Development Donations in memory of +Sherman Lee: J. & S. Mikitzel \$25.00,
A. & M. Holowachuk \$30.00; P. & D. Holubowsky \$25.00; J. Luciw \$25.00,
P. & R. Holubowsky \$20.00;

Roof Donations: W. & S. Cybulak (in memory of +Sherman Lee) \$20.00;
T. Lee \$50.00; P. Gerelus \$50.00; O. Czerwoniak \$20.00; R. & G. Barton \$25.00;
R. Borowyj \$10.00

Church Donation in memory of +John Romak: O. Baraniuk and family \$50.00;
P. & R. Holubowsky \$20.00; M. Moskal \$50.00; J. Poirer \$25.00; E. Ewaschuk \$92.00

Church Donation: G. & C. Saranchuk (in memory of +Michael Simko) \$50.00

Errors or omissions? Please call the office. - *THANK YOU!*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-IN:

Kateryna Dacko, Alexandra Matychuk, Becky Mussat, Lesia Melnyk, Olga Onyschuk, Stephania Zubatiuk, Fran Chayka, Helen Brodoway, Rose Kondusky, Matteo Niickolai Grochowina-Totolo, Sharon Cybulak, Josifa Cuipka, Greg Kondusky, Cecilia Osczytko, Alexandra Bucciarelli, Heidi Walters, Bob French, Fr. Basil Kondusky, Tena Wowchuck, Art Holowachuk, Jean Diggins, Sharon Hudgen, Paula Kozachenko, Sharon Dohan, Sawyer Christie, Bette Johnson, Val Runduns, John Hamm, Phyllis Romak, Ricki Holubowsky, Michalyna Juskiw, Pauline Halowski & Sophie Craig.

Lord, Jesus Christ, You who traveled throughout Galilee healing the sick, enabling the blind to see and the lame to walk, bring healing to Your people who need it this day. Give peace to the minds of those who are tortured by mental illness and anxiety. Comfort those who are alone in their illness. May Your people reach out to them and all who are in need this day. Send grace to the caregivers, that they might be effective and gentle agents of Your loving mercy. May our sufferings be united with Yours to bring healing to people throughout the world. Amen.

Choir Practice: February 20th at 1 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting – Monday February 26th at 7 p.m.

Help is needed in the kitchen on Tuesday Feb. 20th with preparing beets for Easter, 8:00 a.m. – peeling and 10:00 for packing. Please come out to help if you are available.

We are still in need of more volunteers to help with Sunday collections. If you would like to be added to the list, please call the parish office.

We have started planning for our spring fundraisers, PYSANKA BINGO (March 7th) and BIGABUCKS (Apr. 14th). **We are in need of prizes for both events.** If you would like to donate a new item that can be used as prizes for either fundraiser, please bring it into the parish office during the week. Only new items will be accepted and only prizes that are accompanied with a sales slip/receipt can be included towards your 2018 income tax receipt.

Pysanka (Easter Egg) Bingo Games will be held in our Activity Centre on Wed. March 7th beginning at 7 p.m. Admission is \$10 and includes 1 bingo card; refreshments at break time and a chance to win a door prize. We also will have a raffle and Easter breads, pyrohy and cabbage rolls for sale.

Did you know that you could still make your Sunday donations even if your not here! Why not sign up to have your bank account debited weekly, bi-weekly or monthly in the amount of your choosing. To sign up, please speak with Christine during the week and fill out a form.

St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner featuring live music by Vox Violins - Friday March 16th. Tickets are \$20 per person and can be purchased through the parish office during the week.

Ukrainian Canadian Congress (Niagara Branch) invites all to a documentary film screening of ***"MYTH –For What Vasyl Slipak Died"*** at St. John's Activity Centre on Thursday March 1st at 6 p.m. Come meet with the director and guests from Ukraine. Admission is by donations at the door. The documentary is about the life and death of Vasyl Slipak, the Ukrainian opera singer. Vasyl Slipak was the soloist of the Paris National Opera and was the active participant of 2004 and 2014 revolutions in Ukraine. In 2015, he volunteered for the army, fighting Russian militants in Donbas and on June 2015, he was shot by enemy sniper not far from Luhanske, Donetsk region.

Big-A-Bucks – Saturday April 14th – 5 draws of \$500, in-house raffle & \$500 door prize. Tickets are \$25 and include food and 4 beer tickets (draft beer or soft drinks). Please speak to Christine during the week for tickets.

We wish everyone who is celebrating a birthday this week a very
Happy Birthday. Mnohaya Lita!