

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.

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

Lent isn't just about giving something up for a time. It's about giving of ourselves for the sake of getting closer to God. We need to give up certain vices to make extra time to communicate with our Savior. Through giving up something and giving more of ourselves to God is a wonderful opportunity to commune with God, but we can always take things a step further.

Social Media – lets face it, we've all been there. Something is happening – perhaps a birthday party, friendly gathering, an important social situation, yet we have our phone in our hands and we're checking our Facebook page, posting something to Instagram or sending a tweet. Put down the phone and free yourself from the technology dependency.

Gossip – Gossip is one of the best things to give up during lent and continue to give up for the rest of your life. It can be difficult to keep from spreading news, but the reality is that too many of us spread news we have no right to spread, or that is based on assumption rather than facts.

Criticism – as with gossiping, criticizing others seems to have become socially acceptable, but it shouldn't be. For Lent this year, consider keeping your words in check. Recall the old adage: *If you don't have anything nice to say, don't say anything at all.*

Restaurants – giving up the opportunity to eat out at your favorite restaurant certainly make a difference in our lives and our wallets! Instead of treating yourself to a meal out, consider making yourself something at home. The time it would normally take you to

drive to the restaurant can be spent preparing something with a loved one or communing with God as you cook for yourself.

After dinner snacks – everyone loves desserts! Whether your post-dinner treat consists of a bag of chips or a giant banana split, consider setting it aside and taking that time to pray.

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Lord, grant us simplicity of faith and a generosity of service
that gives without counting cost.

A life overflowing with grace poured out from the one who gave everything,
that we might show the power of love to a broken world and share the truth
from a living word.

Lord, grant us simplicity of faith and a yearning to share it. Amen

Pastor: Rt. Rev. Msgr. Anton Szymychalski - Mitred Archpriest

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 25, 2018 – 2nd Sunday of Lent

Epistle: Heb. 1:10-2:3 Gospel Reading: Mk. 2:1-12

Reader: A. Atamanuk (Eng.) Next week: N. Palchuk (Ukr.)

DIVINE LITURGY SERVICES:

Thurs. March 1st: 10:00 a.m. Sorokousty (prayers for the deceased) with
Stations of the Cross

Sat. March 3rd: 4:15 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Eng.) - + Nadia Storoschuk
Req. by Joanna Storoschuk

Sun. March 4th: 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr. & Eng.)

***THIS WEEK OUR SANCTUARY CANDLES BURN IN LOVING MEMORY OF +RON AND
+SHELLEY DOMINICK
REQUESTED BY GENYA AND STEVE DOMINICK.***

OFFERINGS:

Feb. 18th: \$1,520.00

Development Donations: Anonymous \$100.00; O. Czerwoniak \$20.00; B. & L. French (in memory of +Sherman Lee) \$25.00

Roof Donations: Anonymous \$100.00

Church Donation: D. & R. Buckle (in memory of +John Romak) \$75.00

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 Osczycko, 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.

Sincerest condolences to the Hrankowski family in the loss of their dear husband, father and grandfather +Terry Hrankowski.
May his memory be eternal. Vichnaya Pamyat.

Announcements:

Choir Practice: March 6th at 1 p.m. Practice will now be held every Tuesday until Easter.

Parish Council Meeting – Monday February 26th at **6 p.m.**

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.

PRIZES ARE NEEDED FOR BIGABUCKS (Apr. 14th). If you would like to donate a new item that can be used for our Big-A-Bucks raffle tables, 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.

We are in urgent need of help Wednesday mornings with peeling & boiling of potatoes. If you are able to help with lifting pots, peeling or balling potatoes, please come out Wednesday mornings at 6 a.m. .

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 – **Tickets are sold out!**

Reminder to our parishioners to get your Easter supplies from the kitchen early! We will not be taking orders after March 1st, even if you are a parishioner!!! Purchase your food items now to avoid disappointment!

Ukrainian Canadian Congress Niagara will hold a Concert/Commemoration of **Ukrainian Heroic Women & Taras Sevchenko** on Sunday March 4 at 2:30 p.m. in Sts Cyril & Methodius Church hall.

St. George's Orthodox Church **Pysanka Bingo** – Wed. March 21st . Admission is \$10. Doors open at 6 p.m., games begin at 6:30 p.m. For table reservations please call (905) 892-8772.