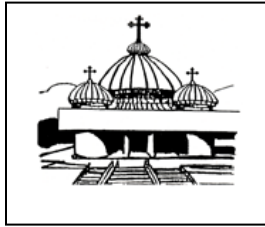


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DIVINE LITURGY:

SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. (Ukrainian) **SUNDAY** 10:30 a.m. (English)

SATURDAY : 4:00 pm (English)

Confession:

Baptisms & Marriages:

Visitations & Anointing of the Sick:

Before Divine Liturgies 9:00 am and 10:30 am on Sundays or anytime upon request.

By prior arrangement (at least 1 year before the marriage date), through the parish office.

Please notify the office if a member of your family is in need of a visit.

March 12, 2017 2nd Sunday of Lent / Друга Неділя Посту

Epistle: Hebrews 1:10 2-3 on page 515

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12 on page 88

Propers for the Divine Liturgy: *Tone 5 on Pg. 345 and 622*

Prayer Intentions : March 12 -19

Monday		No Divine Liturgy
Tuesday		No Divine Liturgy
Wednesday	4:30 p.m.	+Michael Hawryschuk – Fr.P.
Thursday	4:30 p.m.	+Raymond Bartosi – Fr. P./ Sorokousty
Friday		No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Elizabeth Yakiwchuk – Fr. P.
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	+John Stefura - P.H. Woloshyn
	10:30 a.m.	Divine Liturgy – English

MARCH FOOD WORKSHOP: Help is needed to make cabbage rolls on **Thursday, March 16, at 9:00a.m.**
Pyrohy workshop on Thursdays - March 23 and 30 .Everyone is welcome! Hot and delicious lunch will be provided.

ПОТРІБНА ПОМІЧ – Запрошуємо всіх допомогти робити голубці у **четвер 16, 2017.** Вареники будемо робити в четвер 23 і 30 березня.

Wednesday March 15th will be the last day for Tia Chia.

When Jesus saw their faith . . . (Mark 2:5)

Wherever Jesus went, a crowd formed. Whether it was in the middle of Jerusalem, on the banks of the Sea of Galilee, or on quiet provincial roads, people just seemed to gravitate toward him. Jews, Samaritans, and even Gentiles forgot their differences just to be near Jesus and hear him speak. The importance of national, racial, and religious divisions paled before their longing for hope and the promise of peace and forgiveness that Jesus offered. We are not unlike those crowds. As believers in Christ, we all want to follow and glorify the Lord. We all want to know the touch of the One who came into this world so that we could be reconciled with God and begin to

experience eternal life, right now. Today, as we begin the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, we should pray as one vast crowd that all national, racial, and religious differences will fade as we seek the love and life that Jesus wants to pour out on us.

Just as it's true that Jesus came to heal each of us individually and to restore each of us individually to his Father, it is also true that he has done the same thing for the entire body of Christ. Together we form one body, and God wants it whole. He wants to heal our collective wounds and fortify our combined weaknesses. He wants to see us working together—just as the four men in today's Gospel worked together to bring their friend to Jesus. He wants us to work together so that we can bring his kingdom to this earth.

As Christians, we may disagree on many things, but we all know that Jesus does not want his people divided. On our own, maybe we can't figure out exactly what kind of healing his body needs, but that shouldn't stop us. As we pray this week, let's implore the Lord to make us one body. Let's pray earnestly for peace and reconciliation among Christians of all cultures, races, and denominations. Let's seek it with all our heart, and open ourselves to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. God is faithful, and nothing is impossible for him!

"Father, you created us to be one—one with you and one with each other. Fill me with your Holy Spirit, and use me, starting today, to heal and unite your broken body."

Lent – Pope Francis

Lent is the time for saying no. No to the spiritual asphyxia born of the pollution caused by indifference, by thinking that other people's lives are not my concern, and by every attempt to trivialize life, especially the lives of those whose flesh is burdened by so much superficiality. Lent means saying no to the toxic pollution of empty and meaningless words, of harsh and hasty criticism, of simplistic analyses that fail to grasp the complexity of problems, especially the problems of those who suffer the most. Lent is the time to say no to the asphyxia of a prayer that soothes our conscience, of an almsgiving that leaves us self-satisfied, of a fasting that makes us feel good. Lent is the time to say no to the asphyxia born of relationships that exclude, that try to find God while avoiding the wounds of Christ present in the wounds of his brothers and sisters: in a word, all those forms of spirituality that reduce the faith to a ghetto culture, a culture of exclusion.

Lent is a time for remembering. It is the time to reflect and ask ourselves what we would be if God had closed his doors to us. What would we be without his mercy that never tires of forgiving us and always gives us the chance to begin anew? Lent is the time to ask ourselves where we would be without the help of so many people who in a thousand quiet ways have stretched out their hands and in very concrete ways given us hope and enabled us to make a new beginning.

Lent is the time to start breathing again. It is the time to open our hearts to the breath of the One capable of turning our dust into humanity. It is not the time to rend our garments before the evil all around us, but instead to make room in our life for all the good we are able to do. It is a time to set aside everything that isolates us, encloses us and paralyzes us. Lent is a time of compassion, when, with the Psalmist, we can say: "Restore to us the joy of your salvation, sustain in us a willing spirit", so that by our lives we may declare your praise (cf. Ps 51:12.15), and our dust – by the power of your breath of life - may become a "dust of love".

Друга неділя Великого посту

Упродовж цього Великого посту Господь закликає нас молитися щиріше. Після того, як відбулася Його зустріч з паралітиком, Він бажає пережити таку зустріч і з нами. Ця подія може допомогти нам зрозуміти, а отже, і пережити, правдиву молитву, молитву серця. Ми десь розуміємо, що полягає вона в тому, аби шукати Ісуса з наполегливістю тих чотирьох чоловіків, шукати, поки не подолаємо всіх перешкод, аби бути

покладеними перед Ним такими, як ми є, з усіма тими каліцтвами, які нам дошкуляють. Вони дошкуляють нам і спонукають покласти перед Господом наші потреби, наші бажання. Але дивовижно те, що Ісус проникає набагато далі, глибше, аж до глибинної хвороби наших сердець, і якраз це ми мали б пережити у молитві.

Ісус не забуває про наші каліцтва, але головним чином виліковує наш гріх, гріховний стан нашої душі. Можна зрозуміти обурення книжників, які кажуть: «Хто може прощати гріхи, крім одного лише Бога?» (Мр. 2, 7). Це правда, і ми це добре знаємо, адже просимо Отця простити нам наші гріхи. Дивовижний дар прощення походить від Отця, тому Ісус веде тих, які заперечують Йому, до відкриття цієї істини, відповідаючи їм: «Син Чоловічий має владу на землі гріхи відпускати» (Мр. 2, 10). Син Чоловічий, тобто Син самого Отця, Який воістину став людиною, аби взяти на себе гріхи світу, гріхи всіх людей, гріхи кожного з нас. Лише улюблений Син отримує від Отця, будучи в людській природі, владу давати життя, владу воскрешати і відпускати гріхи. Але зрозуміти це можливо було лише після того, як Ісус довершив спасення людства, віддавши задля любови до нас своє життя на хресті.

Молитва на другу неділю Великого Посту

Час подвигу тепер настав, суд при І дверях.* Тому візьмімось до посту* і принесім сльози жалю з милостинями, взиваючи:* Більше І гріхів наших, як піску морського,* — але прости, Творче всіх,* щоб і нам прийняти нетлінні вінки.



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