



February 18, 2018
FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST

Liturgical Schedule

Feb. 17 (Sat) Divine Liturgy	5:00pm
<i>+Stephen & Margaret Muchoney req by Steve & Judi Muchoney</i>	
Feb. 18 (Sun) First Sunday of the Great Fast	
Divine Liturgy	10:30am
<i>+Thomas G. Wesdock req by Julee Lindberg Family</i>	
TOTAL PARISH ECF SESSIONS	12:00 noon
Feb. 19 (Mon) Parish Advisory Council Meeting	6:30pm
Feb. 20 (Tue) Enrichment Session	7:00pm
Feb. 21 (Wed) Presanctified Liturgy	7:00pm
Feb. 23 (Fri) Presanctified Liturgy	7:00pm
Feb. 24 (Sat) Divine Liturgy	5:00pm
<i>+Fr. Edward Lucas req by Parish Family</i>	
Feb. 25 (Sun) Second Sunday of the Great Fast	
ECF Classes	9:00am
Divine Liturgy	10:30am
<i>Intention of our Parish Family</i>	



The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of Feb.18 thru Feb. 24 for +Peter Jackowski Jr. req by family.

February 11, 2018
Our Tithe to our Parish—\$1882.50



Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.

James Abraham, Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Ron Bishop, Rosella Busko, Marion Campbell, John Fekete, Carl Magdic, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Rose Marie Rupnik, Joseph Rusinko, Sue Sabol, Ed Suzina, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis, Margaret Weber, John Voron Sr.

PLEASE NOTE ...

For this week only, there will be no Enrichment Session on Tuesday morning. There will still be the evening session. Next week we will resume the normal schedule of sessions in both the morning and in the evening.

Prayer of St. Ephrem

*Lord and Master of my life,
 Spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair,
 Lust for power, and idle chatter.*

Prostration

*Instead, bestow on me, your servant,
 The spirit of integrity humility, patience and love.*

Prostration

*Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins
 And not judge my brothers and sisters,
 For you are blessed forever and ever. Amen*

Prostration

SOME LITURGICAL NOTES

From time to time, certain questions come up. And if one person raises a question, probably others are thinking the same thing.

For example, recently someone asked, "Why don't we sing the Lenten hymn 'Having suffered the passion for us' (*Preterpivy za nas strasti*) anymore?"



A very good question. Actually we do sing it, but you would need to come for a Service during the week that is without the Eucharist. For example, the Third Hour on Tuesday mornings.

A few words of explanation. Since it is a penitential hymn that involves prostrations, there are certain times that we do not make prostrations (and plenty more times when we do make them!). We do not make prostrations on Saturday or Sunday since these are days on which we celebrate the Divine Liturgy and are days associated with the Resurrection.

But we do make plenty of prostrations during the week. For example, during the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, we make numerous prostrations (if you haven't done so, please join us soon!). However, after we receive the Eucharist, there are no more prostrations. After we receive the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation, which is the resurrected Body and Blood of our Lord, it is not proper to make penitential prostrations.

At home in our personal prayer, it is always proper to make prostrations during the weekdays

PARISH LENTEN ENRICHMENT SESSIONS

As we have in the past, we will continue to have weekly Enrichment Sessions on Tuesdays. We will try as we did last year to repeat the same session in both the morning and evening.

This year we will focus on the Gospel of the Holy Apostle and Evangelist Luke. His Gospel lends itself to a good Lenten reflection since he focuses so much on the poor, the needy, the down-trodden and the neglected. He also has a particular sensitivity to the place of women in the Christian community

Come and join us for some time of study and reflection. And be sure to bring your Bible with you.

FIRST SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SUNDAY OF THE HOLY ICONS

As a precious adornment the Church of Christ has received the venerable and holy icons of Christ the Savior, the Mother of God and all the Saints.

Celebrating now their triumphant restoration, she is made bright with grace and splendor... With great rejoicing she gives glory to God...



One of the most distinctive aspects of the Byzantine Tradition is the use of *icons*. Icons are used to cover the walls of churches, to be venerated by kissing; they are used in our homes as signs of God's presence in our midst. In a word, they are all around us.

Icons speak a *language* ... they are a way of communication. Through them God speaks to us ... not in words, but in images.

They speak to us of a *new way of seeing* ... a way of seeing the world as God intended it.

We often think that our eyes see clearly ... that we see things just the way they are. But, in reality, we can only see in a broken and disfigured manner ... because we are all sinful. We can only see through the eyes of the broken world ... a world that can be selfish ... hostile ... cold and unloving.

At other times, we only see what we *want to see*. Our vision is limited by our own smallness ... or by what we are looking for.

Icons purposely look different. They jar us into seeing in a new way. They invite us to see *possibilities* ... the world that is *transfigured* ... *transformed* ... a world which is truly the reflection of God's image.

On this Sunday, we are invited to try to see in a new way ... to see this world as God's creation ... to see each other as an image of God.