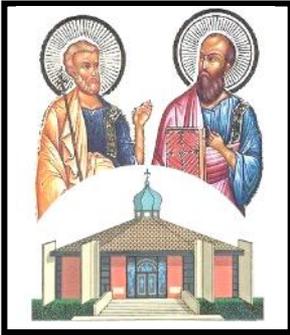


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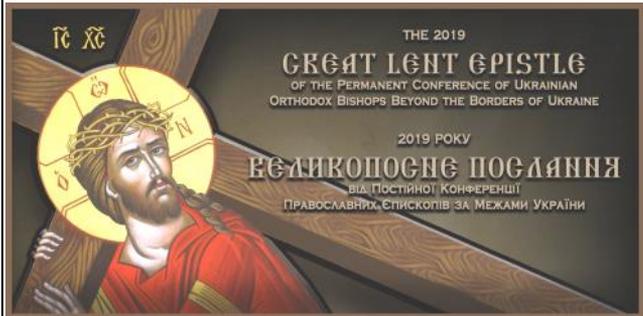
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***The 2019 Great Lent Epistle of the Permanent
Conference of Ukrainian Orthodox Bishops Be-
yond the Borders of Ukraine***



To the God-beloved Pastors, Monastics, and all Faithful Children of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in the Diaspora and Ukraine,

Beloved in the Lord: CHRIST IS AMONG US! The Holy and Sacred Season of Great Lent is upon us! Each year, the Church offers us the Lenten season as a time of repentance and renewal. As for us, Orthodox Christians, the contemplation on this beautiful season of the Church year is a cause for much of spiritual joy!

There is real confusion in today's world about the meaning of joy. Like happiness, joy is often seen as something that we can physically buy. We may be able to buy something that brings temporary

pleasure: but we cannot buy joy. They must not be confused. Joy is a free gift from God.

This surreal and joyful season of Great Lent is an opportunity to be graced afresh by contemplating the presence of Christ in our lives. All our efforts to evangelize in our new millennium here in the Ukrainian Orthodox Church in North America, Western Europe, Australia, South America and throughout Diaspora would be fruitless unless we ourselves have first contemplated on the presence of Christ in our relationship with the world around us. It is the presence of the One who has suffered, died and risen from the dead out of love for us. To be so loved by the God of love in the midst of all our sinfulness and human limitations, indeed, is a joyful experience. This is surely the starting point for the Lenten season and the key point in our reflection upon our path to salvation. It is all summarized in one word: conversion.

It resonates with a deep yearning and recognition within us. As we make our first prostrations, we are reminded of our own sinfulness. Throughout the next 40 days we are called to repent and believe the Good News: God loves us. He sent His Beloved Son to suffer and die for us. He has risen from the dead and shares his new life with us. This is the heart of the Gospel. Lent refocuses our attention on this message of salvation, this good news through our ability to recognize and consider our identity as children of God.

Searching for our identity is part of life. We identify our “self” as a family member, spouse, sibling, clergyman, carpenter, farmer, doctor, entertainer or clerk. We also identify ourselves as Orthodox Christians, or as members of a parish. Identity involves discovering who we are as persons and what our role is by answering these questions: who am I, and why am I here? Growth in the awareness of our Christian identity is a lifelong process that shifts as we change. It is rooted in our Baptism, where we are transformed into our true identity as sons and daughters of the God. Holy Apostle Paul in his Letter to the Ephesians (“You should put away the old self of your former way of life . . . and put on the new self, created in God’s way in righteousness and holiness of truth” (Eph 4:22, 24), challenges us to put away our former life and put on a new self. In other words, he tells us to turn from sinful ways and take on our new life in Christ. In so doing, we be-

Liturgical Schedule

Today

The Sunday of Forgiveness. Tone eight.

Cheesefare Sunday. Meat is excluded
 St. Tarasius, archbishop of Constantinople (806). Hieromartyr Reginus, bishop of the isle of Skopelos (355). Venerable Polycarp. Martyr Anthony. Venerables Erasmus and Paphnutius of Kephala, monks, contemporaries of St. Anthony the Great (4th c.). Martyrs Alexander at Marcionopolis (305) and Hypatius. St. Ethelbert, king of Kent (616) (Celtic & British). Venerable Walburga, abbess of Heidenheim (779) (Celtic & British). St. Theodore, fool-for-Christ (Greek).



Romans 13:11-14:4
 Matthew 6:14-21

Reader of the Hours - Peter Gordon
 Reader of the Eng. Epist.– Peter Gordon
 Reader of the Ukr. Epist.– Olga Piskoun

Saturday, March 16

Vespers at 6:00pm

Sunday
 March 17

First Sunday of the Great Lent: Triumph of Orthodoxy. Tone one.

Great Lent. Food with Oil Venerable Gerasimus of the Jordan (475). New Hieromartyrs Archpriest Dimitry Ivanov of Kiev (1933) Martyrs Paul, his sister Juliana, and Quadratus, Acacius, and Stratonicus, at Ptolemais in Syria (273). Venerable James the Faster of Phoenicia (Syria) (6th c.). St. Gregory, bishop of Constantia in Cyprus. St. Gregory, bishop of Assos near Ephesus (1150). St. Julian, patriarch of Alexandria (189).



Hebrews 11:24-26, 11:32-12:2
 John 1:43-51

Reader of the Hours - Olena Pawluk-Fitza
 Reader of the Eng. Epist.– Sandra Hladky
 Reader of the Ukr. Epist.– Olena Pawluk-Fitza

come one with Christ, where we find our true identity. We accept this challenge during the Great Lent, as we journey with Christ through life's difficulties to eternal life.

In the Church's Tradition the season of Great and Holy Lent has always been accompanied by the Lenten efforts of prayer, fasting and acts of charity. We know that parishes will be providing many extra opportunities for prayer over the days of Lenten journey. We call upon you to greater attendance at liturgical services of the season. We hope that the participation in the Holy Mystery of Repentance over this time will be a real priority in your lives and in all parishes. We hope that the prayers of the Church will offer people an invitation to be touched, healed, forgiven, comforted and strengthened by our Lord. Also, at home we recommend a closer attention to times of prayer and fasting and moments of genuine devotion in family life.

Secondly, our journey through Lent and preparation to more fitting celebration of Pascha – the Resurrection of our Lord - includes "willing service to our neighbor". All Christian true conversion starts in the heart but never stays there. True spiritual conversion always seeks out acts of charity to give practical help to our neighbor in need. This is a vital aspect of who we are as children of God.

We also encourage practical gestures of prayerful compassion to children. In this Lenten period, we must remember that our children are so often victims of human selfishness in today's world and deserve special attention. During this Lent, perhaps we could find ways in our neighborhoods to share something of the importance of Christ Jesus to those who do not believe in Him. Such efforts can start so simply: with a kind word and gentle smile in His Name.

As we embark upon this Lenten journey, it is the time to renew ourselves as Orthodox Christians. Upon baptism we assumed the obligation of sharing the Good News of Christ with others, of defending the Holy Orthodox faith from persecution and of living a Christ-centered life of love for others. This six-week journey entails striving for humility and contrition before God in our repentance, seeking mutual forgiveness from others and contemplating our renewal in our prayers. Let us open our hearts to let in that, which is eternal, that which is Truth and not be blinded by the temporal world around us. Where there is light there is hope.

Through His life and suffering for our salvation, we gain renewed hope in the light of Christ's glorious victory over death and in eternal life.

May our All-Merciful and Almighty Lord assist us on our journey through this Great Fast with humility and reverence so that we may be worthy to greet the glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ!

With Hierarchical Blessings,

† YURIJ, Metropolitan, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

† ANTONY, Metropolitan, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and in the Diaspora

† JEREMIAH, Archbishop, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Brazil and South America

† DANIEL, Archbishop, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA and Western Europe

† ILARION, Bishop, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

† ANDRIY, Bishop, Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada

Annual Parish Meeting

Parish Annual meeting is TODAY

following the Divine Liturgy.

I ask all of the parish members to attend the meeting.

Fr. Vasyl

Seraphim Group

Seraphim Group is a group of seniors and their friends that meets at least every second Tuesday of the month. The group enjoys verity of activities. From get together in the Church hall for lunch and games to outings to the movies and local restaurants or attractions. Everyone is welcome to join them for great time in the friendly atmosphere of fellow parishioners and friends. Next meeting is Tuesday March 12, 2019. Bring a dish to share. Come and join us. Bring a friend. For more info see Debbie Pierog— President of the Seraphim Group Deb12153@aol.com 708-710-6009 Text or Call



Seven Day Vigil Candles

For the health of my sister Evhenia in Ukraine on
her Birthday by Halyna Kashpar

For the health of daughter Rokšana by Lillian
Cepynsky

For the health of my mother Polina by Halyna Kashpar

For the health of my father Pavlo by Halyna Kashpar

For the health and God's blessings of wife Alvine by Mike
Gbur

For the health of Milana, Maria, Andriy, Olena, Kateryna, Ser-
gij, Oleksandr, Ivana, Halyna, Svitlana, Oksana, Tetiana, Ot.
Dmitro & Beata by Mariana

For the health and quick recovery after the surgery of classmate
Gerald Largent by Fr. Vasyl



In memory of Katerina, Anna, Vasyl, Volodimer, Igor and Lu-
ba by Mariana

“In loving memory of my parents Stephen & Gloria Kuzemka-
remembering a birthday, an anniversary and a falling asleep in
the Lord. ~Karen Larson” morning

In memory of Nina by Kashpar Family

In memory of Jury by Kashpar Family

Sunday Services in two Languages

Every First Sunday of the Month there will be All English
Divine Liturgy at 9:30am followed by All Ukrainian Pro-
Liturgy at 11:30am.

Next Special Sunday is April 7, 2019.



Festival Cash Raffle

This year, we have decided to have an early presale of the Big
Cash Raffle tickets of Festival 2019.

If you would like to purchase the tickets, please see John
Grzymiski. Cost of 1 ticket is \$100.00. You can split the cost
with family, friends, coworkers, fellow parishioners. You can be
on multiple tickets.

Pan Orthodox Pre-Sanctified Liturgies

The Orthodox churches of the Palos area will come together to celebrate 4 Presanctified Liturgies of the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Wednesdays of Lent at 7:00pm. Each parish will take turns to welcome local Orthodox clergy and laity and provided Lenten potluck dinners after the Liturgy. Brief Lenten reflection will be offered by one of our priests. *Encourage you to participate and bring a dish to share. The first Pan Orthodox prayer service will take place at our parish*

Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 pm

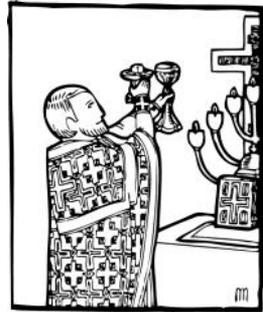
Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church
8410 W. 131st St. Palos Park, IL 60464
Reflection by Fr. Herman Kincaid

Wednesday, March 27th at 7:00 pm

Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Church
6980 S. County Line Rd.
Burr Ridge, IL 60527
Reflection by Fr. Mousa Haddad

Wednesday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm

St. Luke Orthodox Church (OCA)
10700 S. Kean Ave
Palos Hills, IL 60465
Reflection by Fr. Vasyl Sendeha



Wednesday, April 10th at 7:00 pm

St. Mary Antiochian Orthodox Church
6330 W. 127th St. Palos Heights, IL 60463
Reflection by Fr. Paul Jannakos

Monthly Memorial Service Panahyda



In memory of Daria Masur on the 4th anniversary of her repose in the Lord.

In loving memory of my parents, Peter and Helen Wolsko on the anniversary of their stepping into eternal life" - Pat Wolsko

Coffee Hour Schedule



Today — **Annual Meeting- Sisterhood Luncheon**
03/17/2019 Dr. Gayle Woloschak
03/24/2019 Mary Lamantia and Maria Jordanov
03/31/2019 *open volunteers needed*
04/07/2019 After First Liturgy: Janet Beck and Pat Beck
After Pro-Liturgy: *open volunteers needed*
04/14/2019 Ludmila Piskoun and Olga Piskoun
04/21/2019 **Palm Sunday Brunch Potluck**
04/28/2019 **PASCHA**
05/05/2019 **St. Thomas Sunday Chicken & Lamb Roast**
Please remember the dates you are signed up to do the coffee hour
If you would like to volunteer for the Coffee Hour or need to change your scheduled date, please see Olga Piskoun call 708-361-5165 or email opiskoun@yahoo.com

Save the Date

Fish Fry - Friday, March 15, 2019 from 5-7pm

Fish Fry - Friday, April 5, 2019 from 5-7pm

Pysanka Workshop — Saturday April 13, 2019 at 1pm

Pysanka Workshop — Sunday April 14, 2019 at 12pm

Lenten Fish Fry



You will have a choice of
Delicious Deep-fried
or Baked Fish
Calamari or Coconut shrimp
Baked tater tots
or potato pierogies
Salad, Apple turnovers
coffee & soda

