

SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST
SUNDAY OF ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

You are Forgiven and Healed

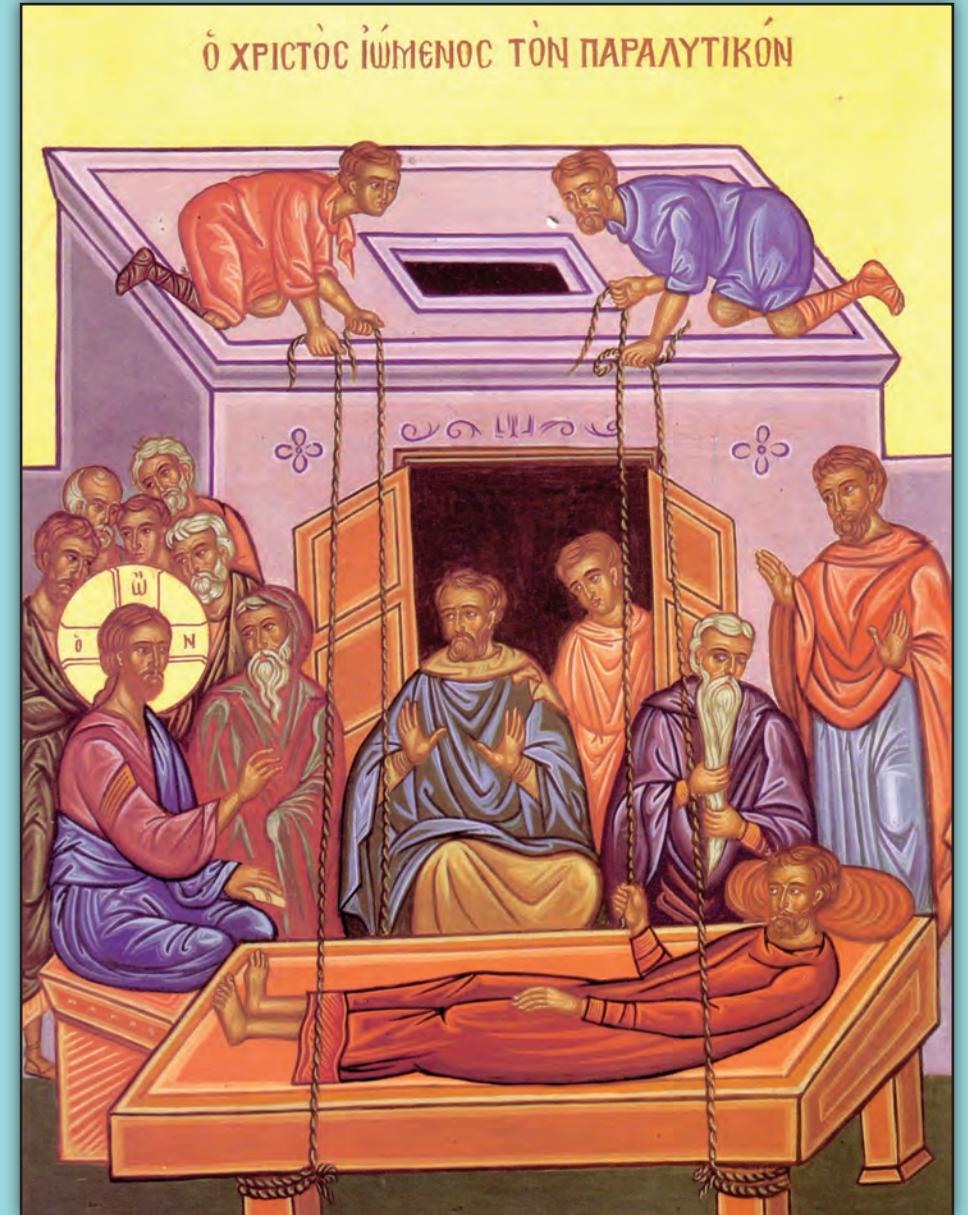
In Capernaum Jesus is surrounded by great numbers of people. As He preaches to the crowd, four friends of a paralyzed man lower him on his mat through the roof so that he can be close enough for Jesus to see him and cure him. Jesus responds to this act of faith, not by healing the man immediately, but by touching off the first of a series of controversial dialogues with the Scribes and Pharisees. When Jesus says, "Child, your sins are forgiven," He is as much as saying, "It is God whom you approach." In the Old Testament, only God is capable of forgiving sins; and it was expected that He would do so only at the end of time. It becomes clear why the Scribes murmur "he is blaspheming" and why Jesus brings it all out in the open. His claim to be able to forgive sins better reveals His identity as Son of God than do the miracles He performs.

Aware of the silent censure His forgiving word has caused in the crowd, Jesus proceeds to prove that "the Son of Man has authority to forgive sins on earth" by commanding the man to rise and walk in the sight of everyone. In concluding this miracle, Mark asks his readers to praise God for His presence in their midst as the forgiver-healer, just as the crowd did, even in the face of those who did not believe.

It is significant that Mark has chosen to present this miracle and teaching about Jesus' power to forgive sins so early in his Gospel drama. It shows that the need for the experience of God's forgiveness was as important to first-century Christians as it is today. Mark's readers praise God for saying clearly, and even today, "My sons, my daughters, I absolve you from your sins."

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Sunday – February 25, 2024

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Sunday February 25 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of St. Gregory Palamas (For the Parish) (+Olena Chalupa from Family)
Friday March 1 6:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (Deceased of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
Saturday March 2 10:00 a.m.	Sorokousty Divine Liturgy (Sorokousty)
Sunday March 3 **10:30 a.m.**	Veneration of the Holy Cross (For the Parish) Fr. R. (+Charitina Lytwyn from Family) Fr. A.

THE GREAT FAST – A TIME FOR PENANCE AND METANOIA

The Great Fast is here. Our parish will make a commitment to observe this sacred time in accord with the authentic traditions of our Ukrainian Catholic Church. We will celebrate the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts on Fridays at 6:00 p.m. in our Church. *Wednesdays will be at SS. Joachim and Anna in Front Royal, VA.* On Saturdays, we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy for the Souls enrolled in the Sorokousty 10:00 a.m. in our Church. Christians have been challenged to practice: **FASTING – ALMSGIVING – PRAYER – ASA WAY OF LIFE AND A WAY TO ETERNAL LIFE.** All parishioners are urged to resolve to make their best effort to attend at least 5 of these sacred services during the Great Fast, especially those in which we remember our deceased loved ones. All must attend the Divine Liturgy on Sundays. **Everyone, regardless of age, is encouraged to observe the GREAT FAST as piously as possible!**

75TH JUBILEE LENTEN MISSION FRIDAY MARCH 15, MARCH 16, AND MARCH 17

As we begin our 75th Anniversary observances, we are blessed to have a Lenten Mission this year by Father Dmytro Dnistrian, C.Ss.R. Fr. Dmytro will be with us for Confessions as well as our preacher at our services. Father will bring the relics of Blessed Vasyl Velychkovskyy, C.Ss.R. for veneration. In the Soviet Union under the atheistic regime many Christians, especially Ukrainian Catholics laid down their lives rather than deny Jesus Christ and His Church. Among the martyrs was Nicholas Charnetsky and his twenty-four Companions. They all shared their martyrdom under the Soviet regime, mostly during and after the Second World War. Among the Companions was the Redemptorist Bishop, Vasyl Velychkovskyy, whose relics will be displayed for veneration. The schedule will be announced soon.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY WITH FATHER ANDRII WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M.

Our Fr. Andrii will begin a basic Bible Study Class this Wednesday February 28 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your bible, colored pencils or markers. Please meet in the Fr. Shawel Room, the small church hall.

2024 EASTER BAZAAR AND BASIC PYSANKA WORKSHOP SATURDAY MARCH 16

Buffet Luncheon: "Traditional Ukrainian" – 10:30 a.m. until the food is gone. **Easter Bazaar:** 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Traditional Ukrainian arts and crafts, pysanka kits, how-to books, videos, traditional foods & baked goods, and smoked & other meats. **Basic Pysanka Workshop:** Learn to decorate Easter Eggs the traditional Ukrainian way. Detailed A/V presentation, personalized instruction, materials & supplies included. Workshop Fee: Adults: \$35. Registration/payment required in advance at "Eventbrite" Attendance limited to 60. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/837381650057?aff=oddtcreator>

EASTER BAZAAR 2024 PREPARATION – SATURDAY MARCH 9 AND FRIDAY MARCH 15

PLEASE Join us Saturday March 9 starting at 11AM (after the Sorokousty Services) to make varenyky, both potato and sauerkraut. On Friday, March 15, our second session is to make holubtsi and other food items on Friday, March 15 starting at 10AM. Please sign-up with Nusia Kerda.

SPRING CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-6 HAVE BEGUN

All children ages 3-6 are welcome to join Holy Family's Catechism classes this fall with Co-Catechists Lindsey Fedyk and Julia Dezelski. Classes will be held between the two liturgies from 10:15-11:15. Please email Lindsey (lindseyfedyk@gmail.com) with any questions and to register your family. Classes will be held on: 2/25, 3/3, 3/17, 4/7, 4/21, 5/5, Last class 5/12 End of year celebration!

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Boris Hlynsky, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Paul Marynowych, Fr. Roman Mirchuk, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Thomas Nagurney, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

Please join us on Sunday March 3 as we welcome His Beatitude Sviatoslav and our bishops of the Permanent Synod of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church at a Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at 10:30 a.m. followed by a reception in our parish hall.

Only One Divine Liturgy Next Sunday at 10:30 a.m.

As We Welcome Our Patriarch and Bishops of the Permanent Synod