

Journeying to Pascha

Jesus continues today his work of healing and exorcism, and that is appropriate for this time of Lent, because Lent is a time for healing and exorcism. It is a time for us to heal the wounds of our souls – self-inflicted wounds due to our complacency and laziness and self-indulgence. It is time to get rid of those demons of our own sinful habits and anything that keeps us away from God and from living that abundant life that Christ came to give us.

We start to make our way toward Jerusalem. At the end of today's Gospel already there is the prediction of the passion, the death and the resurrection of Christ, giving a little hint in the Gospel that the course of Lent is moving now towards Jerusalem. We have gone through several weeks now of spiritual preparations, Scripture texts, prayers and activities. Now our focus is starting to turn towards Jerusalem. That will

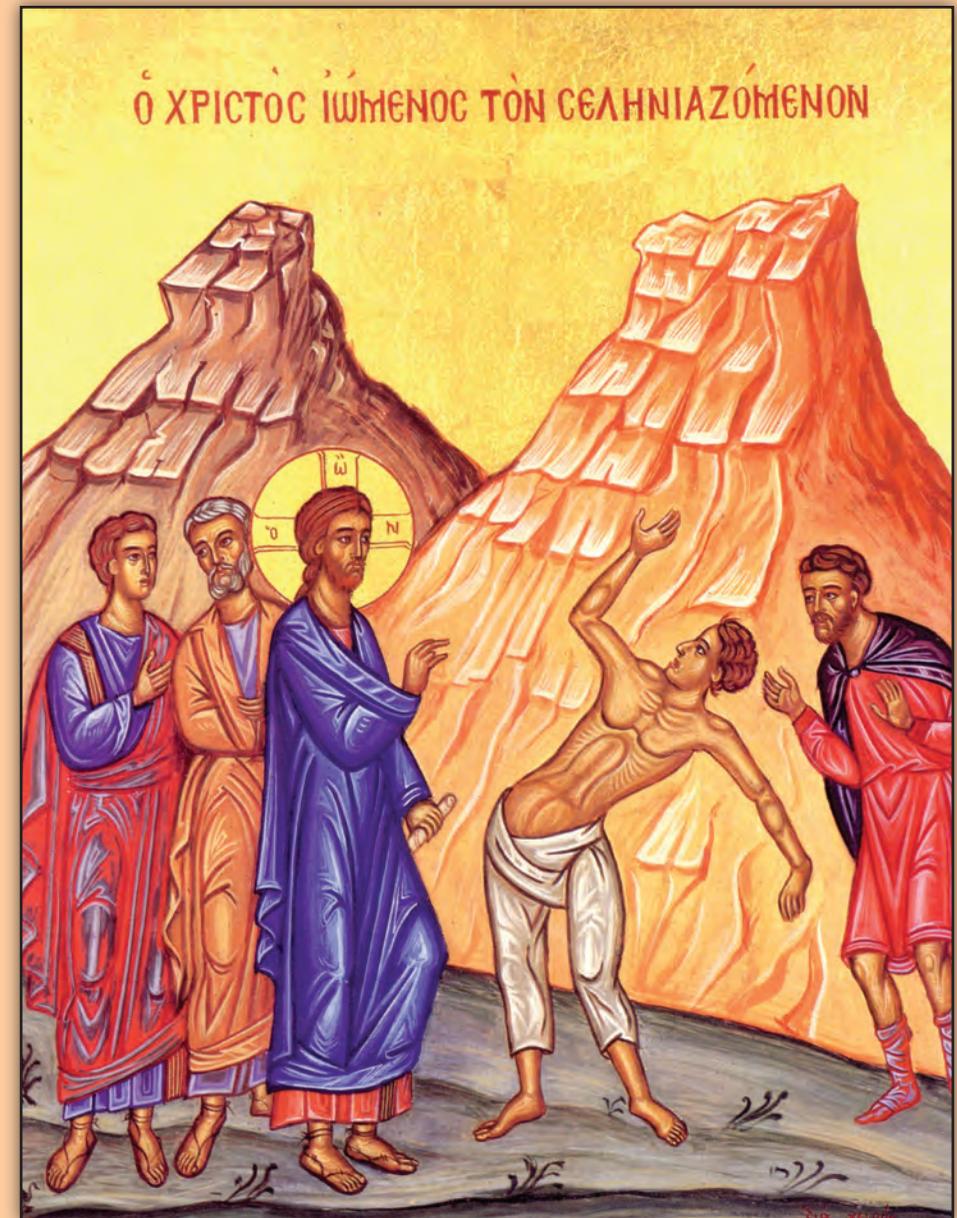
be made more explicit in next Sunday's Gospel, but we are already getting a hint of it now.

There are only three weeks now until Easter, two weeks until Palm Sunday, when we are really liturgically accompanying Christ into the mystery of His Passion.

So it is coming soon, and we have to start turning towards Jerusalem. We have to get focused, we have to get recollected, we have to really revive our Lenten prayer and fasting so that we can make the rest of this journey and be fruitful and overcome the demons and find healing for the wounds of our souls – and go with Christ to his Passion and, through the mystery of His Cross, come to that great, transfiguring, glorious celebration of His Resurrection.

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS



Icon of Healing the Boy with a Demon

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Sunday – March 10, 2024

Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever + Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки

Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgies

All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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Sunday March 10 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	St. John of the Ladders (+Irene Wilson from Family) (For the Parish)
Friday March 15 6:00 p.m.	75th Jubilee Mission - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (Blessings for John Fedack from Ruth)
Saturday March 16 10:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m.	75th Jubilee Mission – Akathistos Saturday Divine Liturgy (Sorokousty) Akathist of the Mother of God
Sunday March 17 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	75th Jubilee Mission - St. Mary of Egypt (+Julia and +Andrew Keyes from Family) (For the Parish)

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. 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 – AS A 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 STARTS 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 Velychkovksy, 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 Velychkovksy, whose relics will be displayed for veneration.

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

Our Fr. Andrii will begin a basic Bible Study Class this Wednesday March 13 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 – FRIDAY MARCH 15

PLEASE Join us 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

All children ages 3-6 are welcome to join Holy Family’s Catechism classes this spring 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: 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.

75th Jubilee Lenten Mission March 15, 16, 17

Easter Bazaar Saturday March 16