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### Divine Liturgy Schedule

February 7, 2021

Saturday, February 6

6:00 PM

Sunday, February 7

10:30 AM

Monday, February 8

10:00 AM

Tuesday, February 9

9:00 AM

Wednesday, February 10

10:00 AM

Friday, February 12

10:00 AM

Saturday, February 13

6:00 PM

Sunday, February 14

10:30 AM

4:00 PM

#### SUNDAY OF MEATFARE

God's Blessings and Good Health on All Parishioners

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+Anna Wrobel- Jennings Family & Peter Wrobel

God's Blessings & Good Health for MaryAnn Jarolen-

Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

+Anna Kucab- Anna Kutsup

+Peter Kutsup- Anna Kutsup

God's Blessings for America- Tom & MaryAnn Potsko

#### SUNDAY OF CHEESEFARE

+John Hoolick- Hoolick Family

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God's Blessings and Good Health on All Parishioners

**Forgiveness Vespers**

**Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners:** Please pray for our Parishioners Assisted Living: Olga Yurkowski, Anna Hopiak, Mary Hoolick At Home: Anna Kutsup, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Sophie Staronka, Andrew Kobela; MaryAnn Kelly **Away:** Leona Kobela **Prayer Request:** Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Sister Martin Rodko; Fr. Uriy Markewych; Fr. Peter Waslo; Bishop John Bura Emeritus; Sister Evhenia Prusnay MSMG; Mark Jennings; Mary Oresick; Fr. Paul Wolensky.

**SUNDAY OF MEATFARE**  
**February 7, 2021**

**TROPAR:** Let the heavens be glad, let the earth rejoice, for the Lord has done a mighty deed with His arm. He trampled death by death. He became the first-born of the dead; He saved us from the abyss of Hades and granted great mercy to the world.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit now and forever and ever. Amen.**

**KONDAK:** When You come on earth, O God, in glory, and the universe trembles, while the river of fire flows before the seat of judgement, and the books are opened and all secrets disclosed, then deliver me from the unquenchable fire, and count me worthy to stand at Your right hand, O Judge who are most just.

**PROKEIMENON:** Great is our Lord and great is His strength; and of His knowledge there is no end. Praise the Lord, for a psalm is good; may praise be sweet to Him. Great is our Lord and great is His strength; and of His knowledge there is no end.

**A reading of the Epistle from the Holy Apostle Paul to the Corinthians (8:8-9:2):**



Brethren, but food does not bring us near to God; we are no worse if we do not eat, and no better if we do. Be careful, however, that the exercise of your rights does not become a stumbling block to the weak. For if someone with a weak conscience sees you, with all your knowledge, eating in an idol's temple, won't that person be emboldened to eat what is sacrificed to idols? So this weak brother or sister, for whom Christ died, is destroyed by your knowledge. When you sin against them in this way and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if what I eat causes my brother or sister to fall into sin, I will never eat meat again, so that I will not cause them to fall.

**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia (3). Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior. Alleluia (3). Let us come before His face with praise and acclaim Him in psalms. Alleluia (3).



**A reading from the Gospel of Matthew 25:31-46:**

The Lord said, "At that time when the Son of Man shall come in his majesty, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory; and before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another, as the shepherd separates the sheep from the goats; and he will set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then the king will say to those on his right hand, 'Come, blessed of my Father, take possession of the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me to eat; I was thirsty and you gave me to drink; I was a stranger and you took me in; naked and you covered me; sick and you visited me; I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the just will answer him saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, and feed you; or thirsty, and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger, and take you in; or naked, and clothe you? Or when did we see you sick, or in prison, and come to you?' And answering, the King will say to them, 'Amen I say to you as long as you did it for one of these, the least of my brethren, you did it for me.' Then he will say to those on his left hand, 'Depart from me, accursed ones, into the everlasting fire which was prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry, and you did not give me to eat; I was thirsty, and you gave me no drink; I was a stranger, and you did not take me in; naked, and you did not clothe me; sick, and in prison, and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer and say, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry, or thirsty, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, saying, 'Amen I say to you, as long as you did not do it for one of these least ones, you did not do it for me.' And these will go into everlasting punishment, but the just into everlasting life."

**COMMUNION HYMN:** Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. Alleluia (3). Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Alleluia (3).



**"O Joyful Light"**

O Joyful Light, Holy Glory of the Immortal Father, Heavenly, Holy, Blessed Jesus Christ: Having reached the setting of the sun, having seen the evening light, let us sing of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit of God. It is proper at all times to praise You with reverent voice of Son of God, the Giver of Life, the whole world glorifies You.

## **Psalm 122- NIV- A Song of Ascents**

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the LORD." Our feet are standing in your gates, Jerusalem. Jerusalem is built like a city that is closely compacted together. That is where the tribes go up— the tribes of the LORD— to praise the name of the LORD according to the statute given to Israel. There stand the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: "May those who love you be secure. May there be peace within your walls and security within your citadels." For the sake of my family and friends, I will say, "Peace be within you." For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your prosperity.



**PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL:** Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

**CHARITABLE CARE ACT 2020 CONTRIBUTIONS:** Previously, charitable contributions could only be deducted if a taxpayer itemized their deductions. The Cares Act allows taxpayers who don't itemize deductions to take up to \$300 charitable deductions for contributions made in 2020 to a qualifying organization. Your parish, parish schools, St. Josaphat Seminary and the Archeparchy qualify for this charitable deduction. Please consider making an additional donation to your parish, parish school, St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Seminary or the Archeparchy. Your donation will be deductible up to \$300 even if you do not itemize your deductions for 2020. Your donation must be made by cash, check or credit card. "

**Rejoice and be glad for your reward will be great in heaven.**

## CHURCH NEWS ....



**LENTEN VESPERS:** If you would like to do an extra devotional for Lenten on Sunday late afternoon in lieu of Deanery Stations of the Cross, each Sunday of Lent we will have the service of Vespers which is the foundation of the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy. Vespers will not have communion. The first Vespers will be Sunday evening, February 14<sup>th</sup> with Forgiveness Vespers at 4:00pm. Lent begins at sundown on Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Please remember the first day of Lent is a strict day of abstinence from dairy and meat.

**MYASOPUSNA:** It is indeed very unfortunate that we are unable to have our Meat-fare Dinner prior to this Lenten Season. While we are very grateful for the many blessings that God has given us. We are so very grateful to the support that we have received for this fund raiser for so many years and really appreciate the dedication of every parishioner and their participation in this event. It takes a whole church to run a Myasopusna, pray that with God's help we will have our dinner again next year!



**PYROHY PROJECT:** Many thanks to everyone who helped make the pyrohy project a success! Thank you for coming to help! **We have 40 dozen frozen potato pyrohy for sale in the church basement at \$8.00 a dozen.**

**UNDECORATING:** Thank you everyone who undecorated!

**PRAYERS:** Please pray for our Church in America. Keep our Church in your prayers so that we may have an end to this "pandemic" and may once again be able to all worship together.

**LINENS:** In preparation for the Great Fast we will be changing the linens in the church on Sunday, February 14th immediately following Divine Liturgy.

**FLEA MARKET:** Weather permitting a Flea Market is planned for **March**. If you have any items to donate for the Flea Market, please contact Johanna at 570-256-7883. Saturdays 9-2 please plan on coming out to help.

**DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME:** Begins on the Sunday, March 14, 2021. Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour before retiring Saturday evening.



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, why should I go to the Forgiveness Vespers? After all, I did go to the Divine Liturgy this morning, why do I have to go again today?**

Everything a person does has a beginning, a middle and an end. Liturgically (liturgy meaning a public work of the people) speaking the beginning of the day is at sundown. Every holy day, and every Sunday, which is a little Pascha, begins when the sun sets Saturday evening and Sunday begins at the singing of "O Joyful Light." Every Catholic, if possible, should attend the three main liturgical services of every holy day and Sunday which are Vespers (Evening Prayer), Matins (Morning Prayer) and the Liturgy. Vespers begins the day, Matins is at the middle and public works finishes with the Liturgy and the reception of the Body and Blood of Christ, Holy Communion. So, just as you should attend every Great Vespers each Sunday morning (in secular time, Saturday evening) so too should to attend the Forgiveness Vespers which begins The Great Fast. Also, when you attend all three of the services of a Holy Day, all the unique prayers for that day will tell what is happening. The Great Fast is focused on preparing us for the Holiest of Holy Days, Pascha, and Forgiveness Vespers begins that story and prayer ordering us toward the center of our salvation, we should do our best to make an honest effort toward spiritual healing of our entire body and the entire body of Christ, His Church. The focus of Forgiveness Vespers is us looking at ourselves honestly and trying to grow in love for one another. This is because we are all created in the image and likeness of God and we will succeed together and need one another to conquer sin. So Forgiveness Vespers is a very important and critical first step in beginning The Great Fast. These services could also be considered to be working in us for healing (beginning), working (middle) and succeeding (end) when we receive the Risen Christ in Holy Communion we are in Heaven on Earth, and the first step on this path is The Forgiveness Vespers. The call to love one another as God loves us often first entails forgiving one another for wrongs we have done to others, or forgiveness we have not granted to those who ask us. If we cannot forgive or accept forgiveness, we cannot be like God, for as St. John tells us, "God is love" (agape, 1 John 4:8). If we begin with forgiving others and accepting their offers of apology for hurting us, our offerings of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving will be more authentic and meaningful. One last comment that is always true, every Holy Day and every service is an opportunity to be with God. Take advantage of this opportunity to turn to God and be with God.



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION?** Father, why should I fast for Lent? Why not eat? What purpose does that serve? Can't I just pray? I am a good person, why is fasting needed. The reason we fast during Lent and indeed and not just fast, but to pray more and to give alms to the poor, is because we are not good unless we do these things. If I love the God who creator me and I

desire to be with him eternally, then I need to grow spiritually in strength and in virtue. I need to do more than merely avoid sin, but also need to do good works in the world. The appetite of food is the most basic human appetite. If I cannot control my appetite for food and drink, then I will have even greater difficulty being in control of my other human appetites. I will be easy prey to fall into the seven deadly sins: Gluttony, Sloth, Avarice(Anger), Lust, Greed, Despair, & Pride. The Seven Virtures are: Temperence, Prudence, Fortitude, Courage, Faith, Hope, & Charity.



**MORNING PRAYER:** Grant unto me, my Lord, that with peace in mind I may face all that this new day is to bring. Grant unto me grace to surrender myself completely to Thy holy will. Instruct and prepare me in all things for every hour of this day. Whatsoever tidings I may receive during the day, do Thou teach me to accept them calmly, in the firm conviction that all eventualities fulfill Thy holy will. Govern Thou my

thoughts and feelings in all I do and say. When things unforeseen occur, let me not forget that all cometh down from Thee. Teach me to behave sincerely and reasonable toward every member of my family and all other human beings, that I may not cause confusion and sorrow to anyone. Bestow upon me, my Lord, strength to endure the fatigue of the day and to bear my share in all its passing events. Guide Thou my will and teach me to pray, to believe, to hope, to suffer, to forgive, and to love. Amen.

**LITURGICAL INTENTIONS:** If you are offering a Divine Liturgy for a specific day for your beloved or other intentions for 2021, please make sure you turn it into the rectory in order to make sure that you get the exact time that you would like. Keep in mind that there are no weekday liturgies during Lent. If you want to add a Divine Liturgy, a special Liturgy can be done on Saturday morning.

## The Beatitudes

Remember us, O Lord, in Your Kingdom,

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the land.

Blessed are they who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

For they will be satisfied.

Blessed are the pure of heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are they who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when they insult you and persecute you and utter every kind of evil word  
against you falsely because of Me.

## FEBRUARY CANDLES

The **Eternal Light** is given by Irene Hvozda in loving memory  
of her husband, Michael Hvozda.

The **Altar Candles** are given by Tom & MaryAnn Potsko  
For America-One Nation under God.

The **St. Nicholas Candle** is given by the Lee Family  
In loving memory of Helen & Clarence "Red" Lee.

The **Proscomedia Table** is given by Mark & Arlene Jennings in  
loving memory of Helen Melnyk.

### **Candle Intentions Before the Icon for the Month Of February**

The **Candle Before the Icon of Christ** is given by Irene Hvozda for  
all the deceased members of the **Hvozda & Frankowski Families**.

The **Candle before the Theotokos** is given by Lisa Placek for  
the deceased members of the Slota & Skordy Families.

The **Candle Before John the Baptist** is given by Joan Cominsky in  
Loving memory of John Cominsky.

