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Liturgical Schedule

Divine Liturgy
Sunday: 8:30 am
Holyday: 9:00 am
Presanctified 9:00am

Confessions

One half hour before
the divine liturgy or
by appointment

Sunday of the Second Coming of
Christ (Cheese-Fare)
Tone 4

Menologion

St. Blase Bishop-Martyr, suffered martyrdom
A.D. 316 at Sebaste, by beheading, during the
hegemony of Lucinius, in the reign of Constantine
the Great, Emperor.

Propers

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The Divine Liturgy intention is for the Parish Family.

*If you would like to schedule a Litrgy please talk to
Father Vasyl or use the sign up sheet in the vestibule.*

Reminder:

***There is a list for Divine Liturgy and
Sanctury Lamp intentions in the vestibule
of the church***

**February 11th we will have our
kickoff fundraiser. We will be selling
halušky, potato cheese soup and
pirohi.**

Master, Teacher of wisdom,
Bestower of virtue,
You teach the thoughtless and protect the
poor:
Strengthen and enlighten my heart.
Word of the Father,
Let me not restrain my mouth from crying to
you:
Have mercy on me, a transgressor,
O merciful Lord!

Forgiveness Sunday is the last day in which we
eat milk, cheese, eggs, and other dairy products
until Pascha.

It is also the last Sunday we will serve St. John
Chrysostom's liturgy until Palm Sunday (which,
by the way, is not considered to be in Great Fast).
During the holy fast, St Basil's liturgy is served on
Sundays.

Attached to this week's bulletin is a copy of last
week's bulletin. The content of that bulletin was
as intended but there were problems with the
layout. Some blocks of text were cut off and not
easily readable.

Fasts & Feasts

FEBRUARY

11 Forgiveness Sunday (CheeseFare)
12 Beginning of the Holy Forty Days
Fast
18 First Sunday of the Great Fast
(Sunday of Orthodoxy)
24 Second All souls Saturday

Fasting Regulations and Liturgical Directives for
Lent 2024

ABSTINENCE

The law of abstinence forbids the use of meat
or meat byproducts, permitting the use of eggs
and dairy products. Abstinence is to be observed
on all Wednesdays and Fridays during the Great
Fast.

STRICT ABSTINENCE

The law of strict abstinence forbids the use of
meat, eggs and dairy products or any of their
byproducts.

All adult faithful, who receive the Eucharist, are
obliged to observe strict abstinence on the first
day of the Great Fast, on Great and Holy Friday,
and all day Holy until midnight.

Those with valid medical reasons, as well as
pregnant or nursing mothers, are not bound to
fast.

DISPENSATION

Pastors and administrators may, for a just
cause, grant to individual faithful and individual
families, dispensations or commutations of
abstinence and strict abstinence into other pious
practices.

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY

The Liturgies of St. John Chrysostom or St.

Basil the Great are not to be celebrated on the weekdays of Great Lent, not even for funerals. In compliance with liturgical prescriptions, pastors and administrators should celebrate the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts during the Great Fast, that is, on Wednesdays and Fridays, if possible, and on at least one of the first three days of Great and Holy Week.

A stipend may be accepted for this Divine Liturgy; it is to be the only liturgy celebrated that day.

On Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays of the Great Fast, a liturgical service may be celebrated; the Presanctified Gifts may be distributed, if there is pastoral need.

FUNERALS

A funeral may be served during weekdays of Great Lent without the Eucharist.

VESTMENT COLOR

Vestments worn on Sundays during the Great Fast are to be bright or white; dark vestments are to be worn on All Souls Saturdays and on the third Sunday of the Great Fast (the Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross and on weekdays). This rule applies to liturgies celebrated in anticipation of Sunday as well. After the prokeimenon at Sunday evening Vespers, dark vestments are to be worn.

On this last Sunday before Great Lent, the last day that traditionally Eastern Rite Christians eat dairy products until Easter, the Church remembers the expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise. God commanded them to fast from the fruit of a tree (Gen. 2:16), but they did not obey. In this way, Adam and Eve and their descendants became heirs of death and corruption.

On Forgiveness Sunday many attend Forgiveness Vespers on the eve of Great Lent. They hear the Lord's teaching about fasting and forgiveness and enter the season of the fast forgiving one another so that God will forgive them. If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you your trespasses (Matthew 6:14).

The Gospel reading of the day also gives advice on fasting. Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces so that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. (Matthew 6:16-18).

The Rite of Forgiveness

After the dismissal at Vespers, the priest stands beside the analogion, or before the ambon, and the faithful come up one by one and venerate the icon, after which each makes a prostration before the priest, saying, "Forgive me, a sinner." The priest also makes a prostration before each, saying, "God forgives. Forgive me." The person responds, "God forgives," and receives a blessing from the priest. Meanwhile, the choir sings quietly the irmoi of the Paschal Canon or else the Paschal Stichera. After receiving the priest's blessing, the faithful also ask forgiveness of each other.



FUNERALS DURING THE GREAT FAST: Since the 4th century, at the Council of Laodicea (Canon 49), it has been the tradition of the Constantinopolitan Churches that the full celebration of the Eucharist, being a festive and triumphant event, is felt to be inconsistent with the austerity of the weekday Great Fast. Accordingly, the Divine Liturgies of Saints John Chrysostom and Basil the Great may NOT be celebrated; Monday through Friday, therefore, are known as aliturgical days – days without the Divine Liturgy. In the event of a funeral, the Parastas and Panachida are still served at the Funeral Home, but the Funeral of a Lay Person without Divine Liturgy is served in the Church. Prayers for the deceased and a Panachida will be offered on the Sunday closest to the 40th day anniversary.

Metropolitan Archbishop William C. Skurla attended ordination of Metropolitan Jonas Jozef Maxim, Archbishop of Presov, Slovakia. I watched this on YouTube and it was amazing. It was four hours long.

I received a call from Father Michael Huszti. He will soon be undergoing heart surgery. Please remember him in your prayers.