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**SUNDAY
 OF THE PRODIGAL SON**



HOLY MYSTERIES

- CONFESSION:**
30 min before the Divine Liturgy *or* by appointment
- HOLY COMMUNION:**
for the sick, by appointment, any time
- BAPTISM:** by appointment
- MARRIAGE:** six months notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made
- FUNERAL:** by appointment

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Today's parable of the Prodigal Son forms an exact icon of repentance at its different stages. Sin is exile, enslavement to strangers, hunger. Repentance is the return from exile to our true home; it is to receive back our inheritance and freedom in the Father's house. But repentance implies action: "*I will rise up and go...*" To repent is not just to feel regret, but to make a decision and to act on it.

In the words of our Lord, we also learn of three things through this parable: the condition of the sinner, the rule of repentance, and the greatness of God's compassion. The reading of this parable follows the Sunday of the Publican and the Pharisee so that, seeing in the person of the Prodigal Son our own sinful condition, we might come to our senses and return to God through repentance.

For those who have fallen into great despair over their sins thinking that there is no forgiveness, this parable offers hope. The Heavenly Father is patiently and lovingly waiting for our return. There is no sin that can overcome His love for us.

PRAYER OF DAY: *It is me, o Lord, I am the Prodigal Son. Grant me also a true spirit of repentance. Make me your true servant who accepts responsibility for my failings and grant me the courage to face you and say, "Forgive me, for I have sinned".*

Grant that by my reception today of your Holy Mysteries, my repentance will be made perfect, and my reconciliation complete.

Troparion, Tone 6: Angelic powers were upon Your tomb* and the guards became like dead men;* Mary stood before Your tomb* seeking Your most pure body.* You captured Hades without being overcome by it.* You met the Virgin and granted life.* O Lord, risen from the dead,* glory be to You!

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, Tone 3: Foolishly have I fled from Your glory, O Father,* wasting the wealth You gave me on vices.* Therefore, I offer You the words of the Prodigal:* Loving Father, I have sinned before You.* Take me, for I repent, and make me as one of Your hired hands.

Prokeimenon, Tone 6 Save Your people, O Lord, * and bless Your inheritance.
verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

A Reading from the First Epistle of St Paul to the Corinthians (6:12-20): *Brethren,* 'All things are lawful for me', but not all things are beneficial. 'All things are lawful for me', but I will not be dominated by anything. 'Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food', and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, 'The two shall be one flesh.' But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

Alleluia, Tone 6

verse: He who lives in the aid of the Most High, shall dwell under the protection of the God of heaven.

verse: He says to the Lord: You are my protector and my refuge, my God, in Whom I hope.

Gospel: Luke 15:11-32

Communion Hymn Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia (x3)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✠ **PARISH COUNCIL MEETING** is scheduled on **THURSDAY, MARCH 7TH AT 6:00PM.**
- ✠ **FOR SECURITY** reasons the hall will be locked between Masses. The key can be found in the envelope box near the Church entrance door. For those needing to use the hall or bathroom, Kindly Lock the Hall & return key to location.
- ✠ **UCWLC MEETING** will take place on **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24th**, at the parish hall at 10:30p.m.
- ✠ **2019 PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES, PARIS, SENLIS & UKRAINE** with Sisters Angelica & Myrna Arychuk. For details see poster or call Myrna Arychuk at 604 617 7200
- ✠ **TAX RECEIPT:** please make sure you pick up your TAX RECEIPT which is in an envelope slot.

Тропар (глас 6): Ангельські сили на гробі Твоїм* і сторожі омертвіли;* Марія ж стояла при гробі,* шукаючи пречистого тіла Твого.* Полонив Ти ад і, не переможений від нього,* зустрів Ти Діву, даруючи життя.* Воскреслий з мертвих, Господи, слава Тобі!

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові. І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Кондак (глас 3): Від батьківської слави твоєї я віддалився безумно,* у злomu я розтратив багатство, яке передав ти мені.* Тому тобі блудного голос приношу:* Согрішив я перед тобою, Отче щедрий,* прийми мене – каюся,* і вчини мене, як одного з наємників твоїх.

Прокімен (глас 6): Спаси, Господи, людей Твоїх* і благослови спадкоємство Твоє.
Стих: До Тебе, Господи, взиватиму; Боже мій, не відвертайсь мовчки від мене

До Коринтян Перше Послання Святого Апостола Павла читання: (6, 12-20): *Браття і Сестри,* 'Все мені можна^а, та не все корисне. 'Все мені можна^а, та я не дам нічому заволодіти надо мною. 'Їжа для живота, і живіт для їжі!^а Бог же одне і друге знищить. Тіло ж не для розпусти, але для Господа, і Господь для тіла. Бог же і Господа був воскресив – та й нас воскресить своєю силою. Хіба не знаєте, що тіла ваші – члени Христові? Узавши, отже, члени Христові, – зроблю їх членами блудниці? Хай так не буде! Чи не знаєте, що той, хто пристає до блудниці, є з нею одним тілом? Бо 'будуть, – каже, – двоє одним тілом.^а Хто ж пристає до Господа, є одним духом. Утікайте від розпусти! Усякий гріх, що його чинить людина, є поза її тілом; а хто чинить розпусту, грішить супроти власного тіла. Хіба ж не знаєте, що ваше тіло – храм Святого Духа, який живе у вас? Його ви маєте від Бога, тож уже не належите до себе самих. Ви бо куплені високою ціною! Тож прославляйте Бога у вашому тілі!

Алилуя (глас 6):

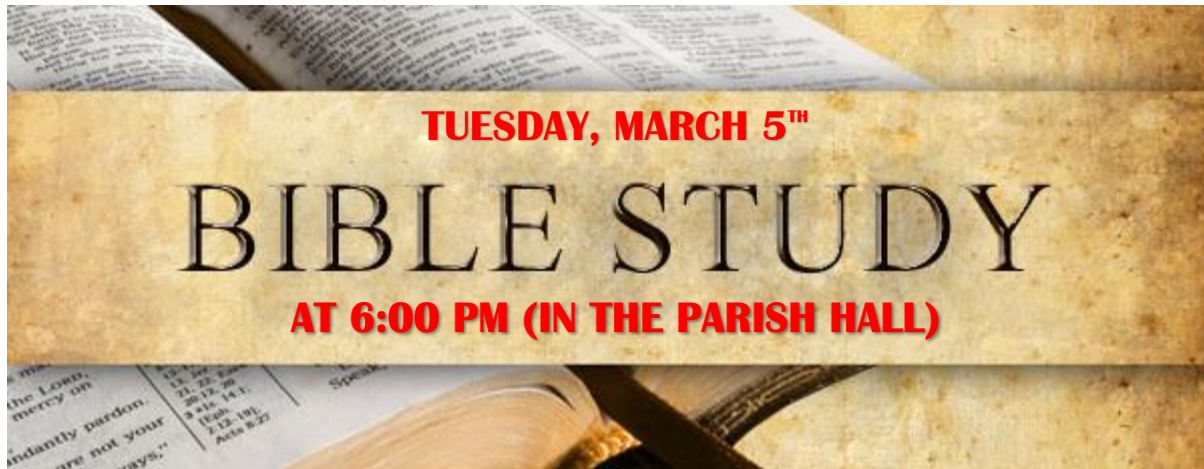
Стих: Хто живе під охороною Всевишнього, під покровом Бога небесного оселиться.
Стих: Скаже він Господеві: Ти заступник мій і пристановище моє, Бог мій, на котрого я надіюся.

Євангеліє: Лк 15,11-32

Причасний: Хваліте Господа з небес,* хваліте Його на висотах. * Алилуя (x3).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✠ **KOFC MEETING** will take place on **Tuesday, FEBRUARY 19th**, at the parish hall at 7:30p.m.
- ✠ **PRAYER REQUEST:** pray for the sick and infirmed of our Parish in your prayers: OLIVE NOSATY, MARY SHEMLEY, MARK QU, STELLA ANDRUSIAK, KATRUSIA & JERRY SWERYDA, ANGELA KILLEN, VICTOR NYKYTIUK, LINDA CHUCHRYN and those who have asked us to pray for them.
- ✠ **REMINDER FOR FAMILIES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL.** If you or family member is admitted to hospital and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have I someone call the rectory to make this request. Your pastor may have no other way of knowing that you are in hospital, as privacy legislation restricts the information that can be given to him by the hospital.



✠ **CONGRATULATIONS** to the new 2019 Parish Council Executive: *Chairperson* – **BRUCE HITCHIN**; *1st VP* – **VALERIY POCHTAR**; *2nd VP* – **VOLODYMYR TYMCHUK**; *Secretary* – **ANNA MARKIW**; *Treasurer* – **KATHRYN HITCHEN**; *Members at Large* – **MARK QU, SERGIY SYNYSIA**. May God bless you in your work for the good of the parish.

Prayer for a New Executive: Lord Our God, we thank You for providing us with a New Executive of the Parish Council, a dedicated team of men and women, who work hard in Your service. Lord we pray for each one – that they would keep You as the focus of their life and that they may be surrendered to You in thought, word and deed.

Give each one godly wisdom day by day and keep them from adopting the actions and attitudes of the world, in order to accomplish Your work in our parish.

Lord, give each member of our Parish Council a servant heart and a caring spirit for the whole body of Christ – and may each one continue to grow in grace and show forth in their lives and homes a genuine love for those to whom they serve and a deep love for the Lord Jesus Christ, in Whose name we pray. Amen.

✠ **CONGRATULATION!** May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in Many Happy and Blessed Years of Life to **VITA VENGER** who celebrated her birthdays. Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!

✠ **CONGRATULATION!** May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in Many Happy and Blessed Years of Life to **MARCY AND PAUL MCCAULEY** who celebrated the anniversary of their wedding. Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!

✠ **BEQUEATHS AND WILLS:** Leaving a bequeath is a process of giving a donation through your will. It is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. In your kindness please remember Exaltation of the Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Church in your bequeath and will. If anyone wishes to make such a bequeath in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to Exaltation of the Holy Cross - 13753 108th Avenue, Surrey BC, V3T 2K6, the sum of \$_____ (or ____% of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the parish and it's pastoral activities."

✠ **"OLD" CHURCH BULLETINS BOX** – since our Sunday bulletins contain scripture readings & icons, they need to be disposed of properly/respectfully after use. Please do not throw them into the garbage but recycle them after shredding if possible. In order to assist with this request, we have provided a special box for used bulletins in the church entrance. If you bring your old bulletins they will be shredded properly/respectfully.

PREPARING FOR THE GREAT LENT

The period of the Great Lent is a special and important phase of the Church's Liturgical Cycle. It is a forty days period set aside for reflection, repentance, prayer and fasting. It is an opportunity for each of us Christians to re-evaluate our relationship with God, our brothers and sisters, and ourselves.

This year Great Lent begins on Monday, March 4th. The Church shares with us Sundays of preparation prior to its start. This is done in order for us not to be overwhelmed with the abrupt changes that will take place during the Lenten Season. This introduction period into The Great Lent is known as Triodion. The Triodion is a large book containing scripture readings and hymns from the period of four weeks before the beginning of Great Lent to the morning service of Holy Saturday.

The scripture lessons the first three weeks of Triodion introduce to us various themes, ideas, and ways in which we can be active participants during the Fast, and experience the Resurrection of Christ with great faith and vigor.

On the first Sunday of Triodion, we hear the Gospel lesson of the Publican and the Pharisee; before we begin the season of self-denial, we recall that it is futile to boast of our abstinence. The Publican's model of humility and repentance be our aim.

On the next Sunday, we hear the story of the Prodigal Son, perhaps the most beloved parable. The icon of this scene shows the son in worn clothing, with his feet in rags; he cradles his sorry head in one hand, while stretching the other tentatively toward Jesus. There is nothing tentative about Jesus' response—he is running toward the son, his arms open to embrace, and a scroll tumbles from his hand: "For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found." Here we are being called to be reconciled with God.

By the third Sunday, we have reached a watershed. The Gospel reading focuses on the Last Judgment, and pulls no punches. Here we must examine our relationship with our brothers and sisters. How can we say we love God and despise our fellow human being? Our Lord is explicit when He tells us "What you have done (or not done) to the least of my brothers and sisters, you have done(or not done to me) visit the sick and imprisoned, clothe the naked, and feed the hungry." This day is also called "Meat-fare Sunday," the last day when meat is consumed.

The last Sunday of the Triodion is called "Cheese-fare Sunday," The tone of the day is centered around forgiveness. It is on this day we are reminded that if we want to experience the love and forgiveness of God, we must show that same spirit to our brothers and sisters. Forgiveness Sunday asks us to look within ourselves, and to really examine, to see if we are exiled from God.

Later that evening at the Vespers Service of Forgiveness we trade the bright chant melodies for more somber ones, the colorful vestments to the solemn purple, and pray the prayer of Ephrem the Syrian. The next day, Clean Monday we begin in totality the Great Fast.

BASIC GUIDELINES FOR RECEPTION OF THE HOLY COMMUNION

1. You are a member of the Catholic Church (Orthodox faithful are welcome to receive Communion);
2. You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently;
3. You attend Divine Services regularly;
4. Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church;
5. You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy. (water and medicine does not break the fast).
6. You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel.
7. To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace.

If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.

“The bread you do not use is the bread of the hungry. The garment hanging in your wardrobe is the garment of the person who is naked. The shoes you do not wear are the shoes of the one who is barefoot. The money you keep locked away is the money of the poor. The acts of charity you do not perform are the injustices you commit.”

—St. Basil the Great

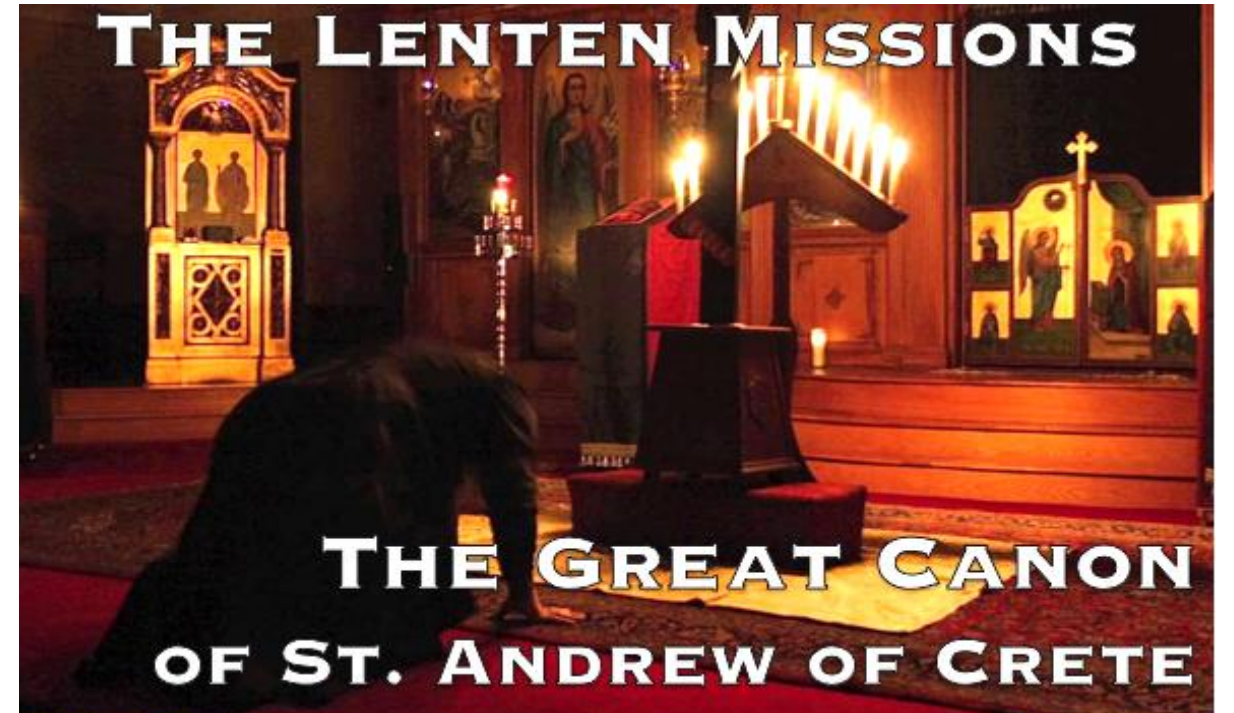
WHAT IS A LENTEN SERVICE ...

... CANON OF ST. ANDREW?

The Great Canon of St Andrew, Bishop of Crete, is the longest canon in all of our services, and is associated with Great Lent, since the only times it is appointed to be read in church are the first four nights of Great Lent (Clean Monday through Clean Thursday, at Great Compline, when it is serialized) and at Matins for Thursday of the fifth week of Great Lent, when it is read in its entirety (in this latter service, the entire life of St Mary of Egypt is also read).

There is no other sacred hymn which compares with this monumental work, which St Andrew wrote for his personal meditations. Nothing else has its extensive typology and mystical explanations of the scripture, from both the Old and New Testaments. One can almost consider this hymn to be a “survey of the Old and New Testament”. Its other distinguishing features are a spirit of mournful humility, hope in God, and complex and beautiful Trinitarian Doxologies and hymns to the Theotokos in each Ode.

The canon is a dialog between St. Andrew and his soul. The ongoing theme is an urgent exhortation to change one’s life. St Andrew always mentions his own sinfulness placed in juxtaposition to God’s mercy, and uses literally hundreds of references to good and bad examples from the OT and NT to “convince himself” to repent. The troparia of the Great Canon in all its twelve Odes are usually chanted by the priest in the center of the church, with the choir singing the Irmos and Katavasia. There are varying traditions about bows and prostrations. Some prostrate and some make the sign of the cross and bow three times after the Irmos and each troparion.



THE LENTEN MISSIONS

THE GREAT CANON OF ST. ANDREW OF CRETE

MONDAY, MARCH 4 & WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6
AT 7:00PM
AT THE HOLY EUCHARIST CATHEDRAL
501 – 4TH STREET, NEW WESTMINSTER, V3L 1S2
(* CONFESSION AVAILABLE)

TUESDAY, MARCH 5 & THURSDAY, MARCH 7
AT 7:00PM
AT THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS PARISH
13753 – 108 AVENUE, SURREY, V3T 2K6
(* CONFESSION AVAILABLE)

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE, FEB. 19 – FEB. 24, 2019 A.D.

TUESDAY, FEB. 19	DIVINE LITURGY	09:15am
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 20	DIVINE LITURGY	09:15am
THURSDAY, FEB. 21	DIVINE LITURGY	09:15am
FRIDAY, FEB. 22	DIVINE LITURGY	09:15am
SATURDAY, FEB. 23	NO SERVICE	
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24	DIVINE LITURGY (ENG)	09:00 AM
	CATECHISM	
	DIVINE LITURGY (UKR)	11:00 AM



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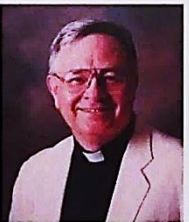




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