

**ST ANDREW UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH
2018 LENT AND EASTER (PASCHA) SCHEDULE**

REMINDER: NO WEEKDAY MORNING LITURGIES DURING LENT Schedule is subject to change – Please check weekly bulletin for updates			
	<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>COMMENTS</u>
Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	Every Wednesday (English)	6:30PM	Starting Wednesday, February 14 <i>(Abstinence from meat is encouraged every Wednesday during Lent)</i>
<i>Sorokousty</i>	Feb. 17, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24	After 9:00am Liturgy	Names of deceased loved one's read aloud after Saturday morning Liturgy
HOLY LENTEN MISSION	To be announced	Please check the weekly bulletin for further details.	
Palm Sunday AND the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	March 24 & 25 weekend	Normal weekend Liturgy schedule – Myrovanya and Blessing of willow branches at all Liturgies	
Holy Monday	March 26	6:00pm	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Holy Tuesday	March 27	6:00pm	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Holy Wednesday	March 28	6:00pm	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Holy Thursday	March 29	<i>Time to be announced</i>	Vespers and Liturgy of St Basil the Great with Washing the Feet <i>(This service at St Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral)</i>
		6:30pm	Matins & Reading of 12 Gospels (St. Andrew)
Good Friday <i>(No meat or dairy products permitted on this day.)</i>	March 30	5:00pm	Vespers; Exposition and Veneration of Holy Shroud
		9:00pm	Overnight Vigil (through 9:00am Holy Saturday)
CONFESSIONS	Saturday, March 31	1:00pm to 2:00pm – Saturday only	
Holy Saturday <i>(No meat products permitted on this day.)</i>	March 31	9:00am	Vespers and Divine Liturgy St Basil
		3:00pm	Blessing of Baskets – Easter Food (Ukr)
		5:00pm	Blessing of Baskets – Easter Food (Eng)
Pascha (Easter) Sunday <i>(No fasting during Bright Week only.)</i>	April 1	7:00am	Resurrection Matins with Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom with Myrovanya (Ukrainian with Choir)
		11:00am	Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom with Myrovanya (English)

*The three pillars of Lent are **Fasting, Good Works (Almsgiving), and Prayer...**
This year, let Lent make a difference in your life!*



Special Overnight Vigil at St Andrew (Good Friday to Holy Saturday) – The church doors will be open from 9:00pm to 9:00am. This evening vigil will be a time for prayer and contemplation. Throughout the evening, various prayers and Bible readings will be read in both English and Ukrainian. At least two people (adults) will be in the church at all times. A sign-up sheet will be available for anyone who would like to sit through a 1 or 2-hour time slot. All are invited to participate in this special period of reflection.

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Great Fast Pastoral Letter & Message – The complete Message may be found on the St. Josaphat Eparchial Website <http://stjosaphateparchy.com/great-fast-pastoral-message-2/> (If you do not have access to a computer, copies may be found in the church vestibules.) Excerpt: *...During the upcoming days of the Great Fast, it is an opportune time to examine ourselves, to see how we are progressing spiritually, and to beseech our Lord Jesus Christ for the special graces necessary for authentic Christian living....In the Great Fast our purpose is to become more fully aware of our human condition. The Great Fast calls for repentance...Our Church recommends prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as practical means for our spiritual move in the direction of our Father...Therefore, we constantly seek God's grace, but we must remember that God's grace does not abolish the freedom of the human will, and therefore human weakness and sinfulness will constantly lead us away from God. And we can return to God only by prayer and doing penance. The Great Fast is the traditional annual retreat of our Church, a holy time for reflection on the manner of life, on the evil of sin, and on the salvation granted to us by our Lord Jesus Christ. Such is the disposition in which we must conduct the whole of our life. Let us live this way during the Great Fast while preparing ourselves for the festival of Easter – the annual celebration of our salvation....*

Year of Liturgy & Prayer (from Bishop Bohdan): Glory to Jesus Christ! In this year of Liturgy and Prayer, we, the bishops of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA, call upon all Christian families to nurture shared morning and evening prayer in the family circle. Especially we encourage you to gather together and pray as a family in your homes at 9:00 o'clock in the evening (regardless of time zones). We should pray, each one for their needs: for the family as well as the parish, for the eparchy and the entire Church, for peace in Ukraine and USA, for vocations and other intentions. Therefore, let us begin this year with prayer together, with reflection on God's Word, in selfless service to one another and with trust in God! Please, go to www.stjosaphateparchy.com/call-to-prayer-in-our-families/ to find Pastoral Letter "Call to Prayer in Our Families" (in English and Ukrainian).

Sincerely yours, Bishop Bohdan Danylo

[NOTE: Copies may also be obtained from the St. Andrew Church Office.]

LENT is a time for us to grow prayerfully, personally, and powerfully in our relationship with God. Great Lent is a 40-day period when we prepare ourselves for the Great Resurrection. During this time we follow the footsteps of Jesus who spent 40 days and 40 nights in the desert...our goal is to meet the risen Lord Jesus, who reunites us with God the Father. During Great Lent, the Church teaches us how to receive Him by using the two great means of repentance – prayer and fasting. This year, imagine that this Lent is going to be different from every other Lent you ever experienced...imagine that God is going to help transform our lives, leading us to greater freedom, greater joy, and deeper desire for love and service. This can be a wonderful season of grace for us if we give ourselves to it. Lent is about God's great desire to bless us. (Source: *Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Edmonton Newsletter Vol 2 Issue 5*)

Preparing for Confession (Reconciliation) – During Lent we are called to reform our lives and become holy. We do this by focusing on God through prayer, treating others well, and changing our negative behavior. Confession is not only a spiritual cleansing, but a spiritual awakening. We must acknowledge our sins and take responsibility for our actions and consequences. To make a good confession, five things are necessary: (1) examine your conscience thoroughly; (2) be sincerely sorry for your sins; (3) resolve to amend your life; (4) confess your sins to the best of your ability; and, (4) complete the penance given to you. (Source: *same as above*)

Reflection - *It is not enough for us to say: "I love God," but I also have to love my neighbor...We have been created in His image for greater things, to love and to be loved. We must "put on Christ" as Scripture tells us. And so, we have been created to love as He loves us...When He was dying on the Cross, Jesus said, "I thirst." Jesus is thirsting for our love, and this is the thirst of everyone, poor and rich alike. We all thirst for the love of others; that they go out of their way to avoid harming us and to do good to us. This is the meaning of true love, to give until it hurts ...Mother Teresa (Source: www.ewtn.com/faith/lent)*

The Great Fast is a journey of the heart which is then filled with the radiant light of Pascha at the end of the journey.

Upcoming St Andrew EVENTS/ACTIVITIES – Mark your Calendar! More Details to Follow:

- ❖ LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS – February 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23
- ❖ PASKA MAKING AND SALE – See upcoming bulletins for details
- ❖ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY – April 8
- ❖ PARISH EASTER DINNER/SVIACHENE – To be announced
- ❖ FIRST RECONCILIATION / COMMUNION – To be announced
- ❖ MOTHER'S DAY – May 13
- ❖ PENTECOST SUNDAY – May 20