

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES & ACTIVITIES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24

NO SERVICES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

9:00AM - DIVINE LITURGY

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00AM - DIVINE LITURGY

10:00AM - DISCUSSION CLUB CS LEWIS *MERELY CHRISTIANITY*

18:15 - ЗУСТРІЧ МАТЕРІВ В МОЛИТВІ

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00AM - DIVINE LITURGY

6:30PM - PEELING POTATOES

19:00 - ЗУСТРІЧ HUGS GROUP

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:00AM - DIVINE LITURGY

BOILING AND MASHING POTATOES

19:00 - БІБЛІЙНІ НАУКИ - БУТТЯ 48-49-50

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

8:00AM - PEROGIES PINCHING

6:00PM - GREAT VESPERS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2

9:30AM - UCWLC - MONTHLY DEVOTION PRAYER

10:00AM - DIVINE LITURGY

FOLLOWED BY MAKING SANDWICHES FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

### QUOTE OF THE DAY

*For it will be an ineffable source of assurance to us at the hour of death to realize that we are going to be judged by Him Whom we have loved above all else. - Saint Teresa of Avila*

*Dear brothers and sisters may looking at the Last Judgement never frighten us: rather, may it impel us to live the present better. God offers us this time with mercy and patience so that we may learn every day to recognize him in the poor and in the lowly. Let us strive for goodness and be watchful in prayer and in love. May the Lord, at the end of our life and at the end of history, be able to recognize us as good and faithful servants. -*

**Pope Francis**



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UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
УКРАЇНСЬКА КАТОЛИЦЬКА ЦЕРКВА

### СВЯТОГО ЮРІЯ

opens wide its doors

to all who mourn or need comfort;  
to all who are weary and need rest;  
to all who seek friendship;  
to all who desire to grow  
in relationship with God;  
to all who yearn to pray;  
to all who need a Saviour,  
and in the name our Lord, says:

**WELCOME!**

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### HOLY MYSTERIES

✠ CONFESSION / СПОВІДЬ ✠  
every Saturday: 4:00-4:50pm  
or by appointment

✠ HOLY COMMUNION / Св. ПРИЧАСТЯ ✠  
for the sick, by appointment,  
any time

✠ BAPTISM / ХРЕЩЕННЯ ✠  
by appointment

✠ MARRIAGE / ВІНЧАННЯ ✠  
6 months notice should be given  
to the parish priest, and he should  
be contacted before any other  
arrangements are made

✠ FUNERAL / ПОХОРОН ✠  
by appointment

FEBRUARY 23, 2025  
MEATFARE SUNDAY



In the Parable of Judgment, we see how two commandments of love, two loves, are really one. Loving God with our whole heart is expressed in loving our neighbor as ourselves. So, whenever we strive to love our neighbor in this way, we are loving God Himself.

So, ultimately, judgment will be simple; it all comes down to love. Love is the one thing that gives meaning to our existence; love is also the fruit of our Redemption and love is the subject on which we all will be judged. When we look at our whole life through the lens of faith, we see with clarity why God created us: to love and be loved by Him. When we live with this focus, everything else is secondary to love.

Therefore, the whole purpose in life is to seek Christ, who is Love. If we live our life focused on the love of Christ, then our attitude before God's judgment will not be one of fear but one of hope sustained by love. As St. Paul reminds us, "The one who judges me is the Lord"

**Troparion, T.7:** By Your cross You destroyed death;\* You opened Paradise to the thief;\* You changed the lamentation of the myrrh-bearers to joy,\* and charged the apostles to proclaim\* that You are risen, O Christ our God,\* offering great mercy to the world.

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

**Kontakion, T.1:** 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, T.3** Great is our Lord and great is His strength;\* and of His knowledge there is no end.

*verse:* Praise the Lord, for a psalm is good; may praise be sweet to Him.

**A Reading from the 1st Epistle of St Paul to the Corinthians 8:8-9:2** *Brothers and Sisters,* “Food will not bring us close to God.” We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall. Am I not free? Am I not an apostle? Have I not seen Jesus our Lord? Are you not my work in the Lord? If I am not an apostle to others, at least I am to you; for you are the seal of my apostleship in the Lord.

**Alleluia, T.8**

*verse:* Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Saviour.

*verse:* Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

**Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46**

**Communion Hymn:** Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest.\* Rejoice in the Lord, O you just;\* praise befits the righteous.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.

**Тропар (2.7):** Розорів Ти хрестом Твоїм смерть,\* отворів Ти розбійникові рай,\* мироносицям плач перемінів Ти,\* і апостолам проповідати повелів,\* що воскрес Ти, Христе Боже,\* даючи світові велику милість.

**Слава Отцю і Сину і Святому Духові нині повсякчас і на віки віків. Амінь**

**Кондак (2.1):** Коли прийдеш, Боже, на землю зо славою і затрепече все,\* а ріка вогненна потече перед судищем,\* і книги розгортаються,\* і таємне з'являється,\* – тоді ізбав мене від вогню негасимого\* і сподоби мене праворуч Тібе стати,\* Судде найправедніший.

**Прокімен (2.3):** Великий Господь наш і велика сила Його, і розумові Його немає міри

*Стих:* Хваліте Господа, бо благий псалом, Богові нашому нехай солодке буде хваління.

**До Коринтян 1-ого послання Апостола Павла читання: 8, 8 – 9, 2:** *Браття і Сестри,* страва не зближує нас до Бога: ні як не їмо, не тратимо нічого, ні як їмо, не користуємо нічого. 9. Але глядіть, щоб ця ваша свобода не стала причиною падіння для слабких. 10. Бо коли хто бачить тебе, що маєш знання, як ти у капищі сидиш за столом, чи його совість, тому що слабка, не буде заохочена їсти ідоложертовне ? 11. І так через твоє знання може погинути немічний брат, за якого помер Христос. 12. Грішивши так проти братів і ранивши їх слабку совість, грішите проти Христа. 13. Тому, як страва призводить брата мого до гріха, повік не буду їсти м'яса, щоб не блазнити мого брата. 1. Хіба я не вільний? Хіба я не апостол? Хіба я Ісуса, Господа нашого, не бачив? Хіба ви не моє діло у Господі? 2. Коли іншим я не апостол, то – вам, бо ви достовірний доказ у Господі мого апостольства.

**Алилуя (2.8):**

*Стих:* Прийдіте, возрадуємося Господеві, воскликнім Богу, Спасителеві нашому.

*Стих:* Ідім перед лицем Його з ісповіданням і псалмами воскликнім Йому.

**Євангеліє: Матея 25, 31-46**

**Причасний:** Хваліте Господа з небес,\* хваліте Його на висотах.\* Радуйтеся, праведні, у Господі, правим належить похвала . \* Алилуя (х3).

## PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **A WARM WELCOME** - to all parishioners & guests who join us today in our church for the Divine Liturgy. We wish you a healthy & blessed week!

◆ **MAKING SANDWICHES** for **ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**. We invite children, youth, and people of good will to join us **next Sunday, February 16** (after the Service) to make sandwiches for people in need. **Be a part of the social ministry of our parish.**

◆ **NEXT SUNDAY** please stay after the Divine Liturgy for the **COMMUNAL RIGHT OF MUTUAL FORGIVENESS**. Before beginning our Great Fast (Lenten) Journey together, as a parish family community, it is important for us to express to each other our desire to forgive each other for anything that we may have done that may have hurt or offended someone over the past year, or indeed during our life time so that we can be free without these heavy burdens to walk together as a united family as true daughters and sons of God! This Communal Right of Mutual Forgiveness is not the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) and does not replace that Sacrament, but rather is a tangible sign to each other of our forgiveness and also the experience of being forgiven. Hence there is no need to name our offenses, but rather with total sincerity in our hearts let us say to each other: "Forgive me sister / brother" and answer with sincerity and love, "May God have mercy on you, and I forgive you."

◆ **PASTORAL CARE TO THE SICK, ELDERLY & DYING** If you or anyone in your family would like to receive communion, anointing of the sick or a pastoral visit, please give us a call.

◆ **HELP NEEDED**. We have started our preparation for the Annual Easter Bazaar, which is scheduled for **April 12th**. We would be very grateful for your help on one or more of the following days:

**Fri., February 28th** – from 8:00am – boiling and meshing potatoes

**Sat., March 1st** – from 8:00am – pinching perogies

**Fri., March 7th** – from 8:00am – boiling and meshing potatoes

**Sat., March 8th** – from 8:00am – pinching perogies

**Fri., March 14th** – from 8:00am – boiling and meshing potatoes

**Sat., March 15th** – from 8:00am – pinching perogies

◆ **DEEPEST WORDS OF GRATITUDE** to all who continue to support our parish financially. May the blessing of God always rest upon you & your family. **SUNDAY DONATIONS: FEBRUARY 16th** – \$ 1065.00

◆ **2024 INCOME TAX RECEIPTS** are ready and will be available at the back of the church. In order to get an income tax receipt for next year, please add your full name and address on your donation envelopes.

◆ **PRAYER REQUEST: PLEASE REMEMBER** the sick and infirmed of our Parish in your prayers: **BERNICE KALTWASSER, ROSEMARIE & JOHN PROKOPCHUK, PAUL & SVITLANA ROZNER, STEFANIA STARZYK, VICTOR, CAROL SULLIVAN, NIGEL LAWRENCE, ZBIGNIEW STARZYK** & all who have asked us to pray for them or their loved ones.

◆ **CONGRATULATION** to **OLEG BIGICH** who celebrates his Birthday and to **JOHN & MARY DANILEC** who celebrate their Wedding Anniversary. May the Almighty God bless them with good health and salvation. Mnohaya I Blahaya Lita!

◆ **DISCUSSION GROUP: CS LEWIS – MERE CHRISTIANITY** The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**, at 10:00am.

◆ **UPCOMING MAJOR FEAST DAYS - Great Fast (Lent) 2025** – will begin on **Monday, March. 3rd<sup>h</sup> 2025**. Please remember that the First Day of Lent is a **STRICT FAST** from all meat, eggs, and dairy products. Originally, this "Black Fast" was kept for the entire 40 day of Lent. Our Holy Mother Church has since lessened our load by applying this strict fast to just the First and Last day of Lent (Good Friday). Outside of the regular meatless Friday we should also try to keep Wednesday meatless, increase our almsgiving and works of charity, as well increase the amount of time we spend in prayer.

◆ **SOROKOUSTY**. Lent is not only a time for fasting and penance, but also a time for praying for the departed souls. One special way you can do this during Great Lent is through the service of the Sorokousty (literally 40 mouths). In our parish the service of Sorokousty will be celebrated on the following days:

- **Saturday, March 15th at 8:30 am**

- **Saturday, March 22nd at 8:30 am**

- **Saturday, March 29th at 8:30 am**

◆ **JUNE 27-28TH – ANNUAL EPARCHIAL PILGRIMAGE TO GRINDROD, BC**. If you wish to go on this pilgrimage, please talk to Fr. Andrii to get registered.

◆ **БІБЛІЙНІ НАУКИ**. Запрошуємо усіх на чергову сесію наших Біблійних наук. Наступний урок заплановано на **1 березня** і ми будемо розважати над **48-50 главами книги Буття**. Початок о 19:00.

◆ **ВЕЧІРНІЙ ПЕРЕГЛЯД ФІЛЬМУ У ХРАМІ**. Розпочинаємо щотижневий перегляд та обговорення 1--ого сезону серіалу **«Обраний \ The Chosen» в українській мові**.

**2 серія – 2 березня – 17:00**

**3 серія – 9 березня – 17:00**

**4 серія – 16 березня – 17:00**

**5 серія – 23 березня – 17:00**

◆ **СПІЛЬНОТА МАТЕРІВ В МОЛИТВІ** об'єднує жінок, які присвячують свій вільний час молитві за дітей— і не лише за своїх. Матері також моляться за рідних, знайомих, за мир і спокій в Україні, за воїнів, які захищають Батьківщину, за поранених, полонених і всіх, хто потребує молитви. Самі матері ведуть молитви, обирають уривки із Святого Письма; пропонують намірення на молитву. Під час зустрічей жінки діляться своїми проблемами, духовним досвідом, підтримують одна одну. Запрошуємо на зустріч щосереди о 18:15.

◆ **BEQUESTS AND WILLS:** Leaving a bequest 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. It can be as small or as large a donation as you wish. It is important that you talk to your lawyer about the process. In your kindness please remember St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: *"I give, devise, and bequeath to St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Parish - 2414 Vanier Dr, Prince George, BC., the sum of \$\_ (or \_% of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the parish and its pastoral activities."*

◆ **FUNDRAISING PROGRAM.** We would like to express our **BIG THANK YOU** to all who have participated in our BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISING PROGRAM through RETURN-IT EXPRESS.

**How it works:**

1. Put your containers in clear plastic bags, no sorting needed!
2. Go to an Express depot, at the kiosk use parish's phone number (250-563-2015) to log in and print your labels, one per bag.
3. Place a label on each of your bags & leave them in the bag drop area.
4. Your containers will be sorted and within 5 business days refund will be added to our Express account.

**FEAST OF THE ENCOUNTER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST**

◆ **GRIEF TO DEATH.** Through a five-day program facilitated by mental health professionals and centered on Jesus Christ, Grief to Grace helps those who have endured neglect, physical, emotional, sexual, and/or spiritual abuse in their family of origin, their community, from spouses/partners, and/or coworkers or supervisors, find healing and journey to wholeness. The next program in Canada is May 20 - 25 in Kelowna. For more info, please make a confidential call to 250-808-6403 or email [griegtograckelowna@gmail.com](mailto:griegtograckelowna@gmail.com)

◆ **2025 ROSE PRINCE PILGRIMAGE** July 11, 12, & 13, 2025 at Lejac. in this Jubilee Year Rose Prince gravesite was designated by the Roman-Catholic Bishop, Most Rev. Stephen Jensen as a special place of prayer for pilgrims.

# 3 YEARS of full-scale invasion AGAINST UKRAINE by Russia

Join us for a documentary film *Life to the Limit* which provides a deeper understanding why Russian invasion of Ukraine became possible in the 21st century.

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

**1:00PM - DOORS OPEN**

**1:30 PM - BRIEFING \ UPDATE  
FROM "PG FOR UKRAINE" GROUP**

**2:00PM - FILM STARTS**

**KNOX PERFORMANCE CENTER  
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