

Great Fast Pastoral Letter from the Bishops of the USA

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. It is true that we, through Baptism, have participated in Christ's redemption and in spirit are wholly purified. On the other hand, it is also true that we are still living within the sphere of sinfulness, and that even the redeemed can often fall. The Great Fast is crucial for us because it reminds us of the sense of sin which our contemporary society plays down.

The Great Fast calls for repentance. Repentance presumes sin, and sin requires a forgiving God. Our Lord set before us the model of repentance – the parable of the “Prodigal Son” (which rightly should be labeled the “Loving Father”). Although the father in the story was always watching and waiting for the son's return, nevertheless, the son had to make up his mind to move towards the father to be reconciled. 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. These activities form a bridge between our sinfulness and the forgiveness whereby God in His mercy comes to meet us. God turns His countenance towards us if we turn ourselves to Him. The Great Fast, with its discipline of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving can be difficult. Our repentant return to the Father in love can make it a joy. The Great Fast should be a time of spiritual joy during which we seek God and renew our lives.

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.

We, your bishops, hope and pray that you may be able to renew yourselves during this holy season. Also, let us continue to remember in our prayers and good works all the people of the world who need our help. We especially remember our brothers and sisters of Ukraine in their untiring struggle against unjust aggression.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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02/07/2021 Sunday of the Meat Fare

<u>Date</u>	<u>Loca- tion</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Service / Intention</u>	
02/06	N. Cam.	Sat.	3:00PM 3:30 PM 4:00 PM	Confessions Holy Rosary In Memory of Mary & Regis Hanwell	Beth Buterbaugh
02/07	N. Cam. Revloc N. Cam.	Sun.	9:00AM 11:00AM 5:00PM	In Memory of Vasil Fisanick Private Intentions For the People	Fisanick Family
02/08	N. Cam.	Mon.		In Memory of Dr. Ludimere Lenyo	Wesner & Campi Families
02/09		Tues.		In Memory of Jane Zysek	Joseph Zysek
02/10		Wed.		Chuff Family	
02/11		Thurs		Chuff Family	
02/12	N. Cam	Fri.		Chuff Family	
02/13	N. Cam.	Sat.	3:00PM 3:30 PM 4:00 PM	Confessions Holy Rosary In Memory of Regis, Mary & Alan	Beth Buterbaugh
02/14	N. Cam. Revloc N. Cam.	Sun.	9:00AM 11:00AM 5:00PM	In Memory of Vasil Fisanick Private Intentions For the People	Daria Vargo

Meat Fare Sunday

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.

When You came on earth, O God, in glory and the universe trembles, while the river of fire flows before the seat of judgment, and the books are opened and all the 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.

Prokeimen:

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.

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Alleluia:

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Savior.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

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

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Communion Verse:

Praise the Lord from the heaven; praise Him in the highest.

Rejoice in the Lord, O you just; praise befits the righteous. Alleluia (3)

All-Souls Services

We will be praying for all our deceased relatives beginning February 20th. Please, fill out the orange envelopes with the names of your loved you want to be prayed for by February 14th.

In the Catholic Church, we pray for our deceased loved ones for God to forgive them their sins and grant them eternal rest in Heaven.

Announcements

Income Report 01/31/2021

Sunday: \$1083.00 Loose: \$25.00 Dues: \$5.00 Holyday: \$18.00 Initial: \$20.00

Total: \$1151.00

Candles: \$73.00

Envelopes

The 2021 envelopes will be in front pews of the church. If you were missed, it was an accident or if you would like a box, please see Father and he will give you a box. Please complete the registration card that is in the front of the box and put it in the collection basket. Thank-you.

World Marriage Day

Bishop Bohdan in conjunction with the Department of Family Life of the Eparchy of St Josaphat would like to recognize and honor the couples in our parish who are celebrating the 10th, 25th, 40th, 50th and 60th anniversaries during this year of 2021. Next weekend we will be praying for these and all married couples.

You can find the changeable parts of the Divine Liturgy in our bulletin. Please pick up a bulletin before Liturgy so you can participate.

Please remember the sick, shut-ins and deployed of the Parish and our community in your prayers, especially: James Scott, Herb Kirsch & Family, John Kerr, George & Patty Kotrick, Frank Farabaugh, Special Intention for a parishioner diagnosed with cancer (anonymous), Barb Sidwar, Sarah Kelt, Brody Dick, Dustin Kirsch, Joyce Dolges, Bob Manioc, Bill Knapik, Bob Kost, Gina Kuncelman, Paul Booterbaugh Sr. and Aiden Gray

Joke of the Week

Don't be worried about your smart phone and TV spying on you. Your vacuum cleaner has been collecting dirt on you for years. My wife didn't order anything from Amazon yesterday so the UPS guy knocked on our door to see if we're okay. A wife texts her husband on a cold winter morning, "Windows frozen, won't open." "Gently pour some luke-warm water over it and then gently tap edges with a hammer," the husband texted back. The wife texts back ten minutes later, "Computer is really messed up now."