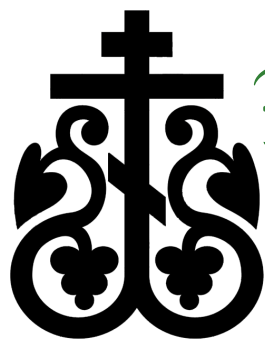


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PASTORAL MESSAGE

Submitted by Fr. Peter Haugen

Христос посеред нас! Christ is amongst us!

This month we will be embarking on our Great Lenten journey and we will begin that journey with the Canon of St. Andrew Crete service, at All Saints in St. Paul. As this is the first time we will be serving this service in the District, I wanted to provide some explanation on what this service is and why it is important that you should try to attend.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Peter Haugen



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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 and at Matins for Thursday of the fifth week of Great Lent, when it is read in its entirety.

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.

A canon is an ancient liturgical hymn, with a very strict format. It consists of a variable number of parts, each called an “ode”. Most common canons have eight Odes, numbered from one to nine, with Ode 2 being omitted. The most penitential canons have all nine odes. Some canons have only three Odes, such as many of the canons in the “Triodion” (which means “Three Odes”).

In any case, all Odes have the same basic format. An “Irmos” begins each Ode. This is generally sung, and each Irmos has a reference to one of the nine biblical canticles, which are selections from the Old and New Testament, which can be found in an appendix in any complete liturgical Psalter (book of Psalms, arranged for reading in the services). A variable number of “troparia” follow, which are short hymns about the subject of the canon. These are usually chanted, and not sung. After each troparion a “refrain” is chanted. At the end of each Ode, another hymn, called the “Katavasia”, either the Irmos previously sung, or one like it is sung.

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.

General Themes of the Great Canon.

How we should think about ourselves

Where shall I begin to lament the deeds of my wretched life? What first-fruit shall I



Liturgical Scripture Readings

March 2019

Sunday, March 3rd

*Meatfare Sunday,
of the Last Judgment*

Epistle: 1 Cor. 8:8-9:2;

Gospel: Mt. 25:31-46.

Sunday, March 10th

*Cheesefare Sunday,
of Forgiveness,
Expulsion of Adam and Eve
from Paradise*

Epistle: Rom. 13:11-14:4;

Gospel: Mt. 6:14-21.

Sunday, March 17th

*1st Sunday of Great Lent,
Triumph of Orthodoxy*

Epistle: Heb. 11:24-26,
32-12:2 ;

Gospel: John. 1:43-51 .

Sunday, March 24th

*2nd Sunday of Great Lent,
St. Gregory Palamas the
Archbishop of Thessalonica*

Epistle: Heb. 1:10-2:3,
Saint - Heb. 7:26 - 8:2 ;

Gospel: Mk. 2:1-12,
Saint - John. 10:9-16 .

Newsletter Submissions Needed!

Please keep the submissions for the newsletter coming! Announcements, reports, stories, photos... If you want to share it, we want to see it! Please feel free to submit to me anytime.

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If anyone you know is in the Hospital, or are at home ill and would like a visitation from me, please contact me and I will make immediate arrangements to meet with them.

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offer, O Christ, for my present lamentation? But in Thy compassion grant me release from my falls (Monday:1.1).

Desire to change—dialogue with the soul

Come, wretched soul, with your flesh, confess to the Creator of all. In the future refrain from you former brutishness, and offer to God tears of repentance (Monday:1.2).

Recognizing Reality

The end is drawing near, my soul, is drawing near! But you neither care nor prepare. The time is growing short. Rise! The Judge is at the very doors. Like a dream, like a flower, the time of this life passes. Why do we bustle about in vain? (Monday:4.2)

How to pray - Laments and supplications to God

Thou art the Good Shepherd; seek me, Thy lamb, and neglect no me who have gone astray. (Monday:3.5).

OT and NT examples of righteousness and unrighteousness, for the purpose of emulation or avoidance.

Do not be a pillar of salt, my soul, by turning back; but let the example of the Sodomites frighten you, and take refuge up in Zoar.(Genesis 19:26) (Thursday: Ode 3:5)

I have reviewed all the people of the Old Testament as examples for you, my soul. Imitate the God-loving deeds of the righteous and shun the sins of the wicked (Tuesday: Ode 8)

The most important thing to know about the Great Canon

The Great Canon was written by a holy man to teach himself the right way to live. We cannot benefit from it unless we make it a priority to stand in prayer, in the church, and listen to it, with a great desire and expectation for God's grace to teach us and heal us. Our theology is first and foremost—experienced and prayed, and not only "studied".

Fr. Seraphim Holland



The Prayer Corner

Welcome to *The Prayer Corner* - a place where we have been exploring and learning more about prayer in our Orthodox Faith. As we approach Forgiveness Sunday, it leads us to think about intercessory prayers. Jesus shows us time and time again, that praying for others is the way to show our love, kindness, and compassion.

Prayers of Intercession

Have you ever written inside a card, “my thoughts and prayers are with you”? Have you ever asked someone to pray for you or keep you in their prayers? The **action** of saying a prayer on behalf of another person is known as a prayer of intercession. The key is not just to say, “my prayers are with you”, but to actually pray for that person. It seems natural to pray for a friend or relative who is having surgery, who has experienced the death of a loved one, or who is leaving on a long trip.

But prayers of intercession can also be broader. During the Great Litany of Sunday’s Divine Liturgy, we pray for our church and people; our country of Canada; the government and armed forces; every city and village; favourable weather; peacetime times; the sick, suffering and imprisoned and for their salvation; and for God to help us, have mercy on us and to protect us. Every Sunday, we pray for others because there is great power in intercessory prayers!

Jesus also teaches us about forgiveness through prayers of intercession. At his crucifixion, Jesus didn’t pray for himself or ask God to save him. He prayed for God to forgive those who condemned Him. “Then Jesus said, Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.” (Luke 23:34) If Jesus can pray for forgiveness for those who condemned and crucified him, how can we not pray for those who have hurt us? Who needs your prayers on Forgiveness Sunday.

Abbot Tryphon gives these practical examples, “If you have a relative who can never say anything nice about you, start praying for them, asking that God free them from the sin of gossip, and infuse their heart with understanding. If there is a person you dislike, pray all the more for them, knowing that true love for them will grow in your own heart, through the sincere act of remembering them before the Throne of God.” (Source: Ancient Faith Ministries, The Morning Offering.)

When we pray for one another, we strengthen our relationship with each other as a church family and strengthen our relationship with our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Prayer Team

We invite you to become a member of the Prayer Team, praying for others who are in need. This month, please keep in your prayers:

Newly fallen asleep in the Lord: Helen, George
Nellie
Lawrence

If you have names to submit for the Prayer Team, contact Caroline at: cjuchin@telusplanet.net

Annual St. Paul

Main Street Banner Project

*Please come join Dobr. Erin in painting
this year's banner -
Remember: Many hands make light work!*

Tuesday March 19th 12-3 PM and
Thursday March 21st 6-9 PM

At All Saints Cultural Centre



All Saints Church "Family Ice Fishing" Day has been rescheduled:
Saturday, March 30, 2019

Meet at the Cultural Centre at 10:00 am

Travel as a group to Town of St. Paul Trout Pond



Bring: warm clothing & a chair or pail to sit on.

Provided: * Fishing gear (or bring your own, if you have)

* Hot dogs, hot chocolate, s'mores

Call or text Caroline, (780) 646-0177, by Thurs., Mar. 28th to RSVP

Note: Children, age 16 & under, as well as seniors can fish without a fishing license. All other adults **will** need to purchase a licence, if they want to fish. If purchased after March, 16, the license will be valid until March of 2020.



GREAT VESPERS

We will be holding Great Vespers on the Saturdays preceding the Divine Liturgies in St. Paul and Bonnyville. It is my hope that in time, as our parishioners become more comfortable with this service, that individuals will volunteer to assist in the readings when they arrive at the Church. No one will be forced to read, so please don't avoid these services in fear of being asked, but it really is a wonderful way of becoming more involved in our worship services.

Schedule of Great Vespers:

Saturday - March 2nd - All Saints, St. Paul- 5 pm

Saturday - March 30th- St. Elias, Bonnyville - 5 pm

*"O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God. Have mercy on me, a sinner ."
-Jesus Prayer*

WEBSITE

Don't forget we have a website!

It is under a bit of construction, but you can find updates, locations, and a long term schedule there. Photos will be coming soon as well. Check it out!

www.bonnyvilleanddistrictuoc.ca/

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Council Society - Schedule of Services - 2019

Note: Services may be cancelled due to inclement weather. If weather is a concern, please contact the President listed to learn service status.

FEBRUARY				
Date	Day	Time	Location	Description
3	Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Paul	Thirty Sixth Sunday After Pentecost
10	Sunday	10:00 AM	Nowa Bukowina	Thirty Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
15	Friday	*MEETING OF THE LORD IN THE TEMPLE*		
17	Sunday	10:00 AM	Glendon	Sunday of the Publican and Pharisee
23	Saturday	5:00 PM	Bonnyville	Great Vespers
24	Sunday	10:00 AM	Bonnyville	Sunday of the Prodigal Son

MARCH				
Date	Day	Time	Location	Description
2	Saturday	10:00 AM	Bonnyville	ENTIRE DISTRICT MEMORIAL SATURDAY
	Saturday	5:00 PM	St. Paul	Great Vespers
3	Sunday	10:00 AM	St. Paul	Cheesefare Sunday
10	Sunday	10:00 AM	Nowa Bukowina	Meatfare/Forgiveness Sunday
11	Monday	BEGINNING OF GREAT LENTEN FAST		
	Monday	6:00 PM	St. Paul	Canon of St. Andrew of Crete
17	Sunday	10:00 AM	Glendon	Sunday of Orthodoxy
	Sunday	5:00 PM	Luzan	Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers
24	Sunday	10:00 AM	Bonnyville	Second Sunday of Great Lent
	Sunday	5:00 PM	Thorhild	Passia
30	Saturday	5:00 PM	Bonnyville	Great Vespers
31	Sunday	10:00 AM	Bonnyville	Adoration of the Holy Cross
	Sunday	5:00 PM	Two Hills	Passia

**Bonnyville & District Ukrainian Orthodox
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Schedule of services for Great Lent 2019



Lenten Services and Activities

- Monday, March 11th - Canon of St. Andrew of Crete - All Saints, St. Paul, 6 PM
- Sunday, March 17th - Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers - Luzan, 5 PM
- Sunday, March 24th - Passia Service - Thorhild, 5 PM
- Sunday, March 31st - Passia Service - Two Hills, 5 PM
- Wednesday, April 3rd - Presanctified Divine Liturgy - St. Elias, Bonnyville, 6 PM
- Wednesday, April 10th - Presanctified Divine Liturgy - All Saints, St. Paul, 6 PM
- Sunday, April 21st - Palm Sunday Blessing of Palms - All Saints, Sandy Rapids, 10 AM

Holy Week

- Monday, April 22nd - Lenten Hours - All Saints, St. Paul, 6:30 PM
- Tuesday, April 23rd - Great Lenten Akathist - St. Paul, 6:30 PM
- Wednesday, April 24th - Holy Unction Service - All Saints, St. Paul, 6:30 PM
- Thursday, April 25th - Holy Thursday 12 Gospels - St. Elias, Bonnyville, 6:30 PM
- Friday, April 26th - Holy Friday Shroud Vespers - St. Elias Bonnyville, 4:00 PM
Holy Friday Shroud Vespers - Sts. Peter and Paul, Nowa Bukowina, 5:30 PM
Holy Friday Shroud Vespers - All Saints, St. Paul, 7:00 PM

Paschal Services

- Saturday, April 27th - Paschal Matins/Basket Blessing - St. Elias, Bonnyville, 9:00 PM
- SUNDAY, APRIL 28th - Paschal Matins/ Basket Blessing - Sts. Peter and Paul, Nowa Bukowina, 6:00 AM
PASCHAL DIVINE LITURGY- All Saints, St. Paul, 8:00 AM