



Rossburn  
Ukrainian Catholic  
Pastoral District

Український католицько-пастирський округ Росберн

*Serving the communities of  
Rossburn, Russell, Oakburn, Shoal Lake, Olha, Birtle, Lakedale,  
Angusville, Ruthenia, Rossburn Farms, Dolyny and Seech Lake*

## February 2021 Parish Bulletin

### Great Lent is upon us!

On the evening of Sunday, February 14th, a very special and unique service opens up the start of Great Lent for us Eastern Christians. Forgiveness Vespers is a beautiful vesper service that allows us, the faithful, to focus on starting Great Lent on the right foot. A service where the faithful approach the clergy asking for forgiveness and giving it in return. They then proceed to do the same amongst each other. But why do we do this? To quote Fr. Alexander Schmemmann, "forgiveness stands at the very center of Christian faith and of Christian life because Christianity itself is, above all, the religion of forgiveness. God forgives us, and His forgiveness is in Christ, His Son, Whom He sends to us, so that by sharing in His humanity we may share in His love and be truly reconciled with God. Indeed, Christianity has no other content but love. And it is primarily the renewal of that love, a return to it, a growth in it, that we seek in Great Lent, in fasting and prayer, in the entire spirit and the entire effort of that season. Thus, truly forgiveness is both the beginning of, and the proper condition for the Lenten season."

So I encourage all, during the first week of lent, to reach out to one another, asking for forgiveness and to forgive in return. It may be the start to your best lent yet!



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## February Feasts Days & Special Lenten Services

In February, we have a number of special days that we celebrate in our Ukrainian-Greek Catholic Church. One of them is one of the 12 Great Feasts of the Church: The Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple. The others are important days that mark the beginning of Great Lent, the time of preparation before our Lord's Glorious Resurrection (Pascha).



### Presentation of our Lord (Feb. 2)

On February 2nd, we celebrate the Presentation of Our Lord in the temple. Sometimes it is known as the Meeting of Our Lord or the Entrance of our Lord. All are correct because the terms, 'presentation' and 'entrance' focus on the Jewish tradition itself, whereas the term 'meeting' focuses on the fact that the Messiah is meeting His people Israel at this feast. Traditionally candles are blessed on this feast.

### Forgiveness Sunday (Feb. 14)

On the final day before Great Lent starts, we have what is known as Forgiveness Sunday (also Cheesefare Sunday). Forgiveness Sunday comes from the fact that we pray Forgiveness Vespers in the evening to start Great Lent. Forgiveness vespers is a service where, at the end we all line up, asking first the priest for forgiveness, and then all those who are present. Part of this interaction includes prostrations, which will be the first of many throughout the following week. Another practice is to continue asking forgiveness of those



who were not present, but that we see throughout the first week of lent.



### Sunday of Orthodoxy (First Sunday of Great Lent)

On the first Sunday of Great Lent, we commemorate the triumph of the 7th Ecumenical Council in which iconoclasm, or the destruction of icons during the 8th & 9th centuries was finally defeated. We recognize this as the victory of the True Faith. Traditionally on this day, vespers is prayed in the evening and the clergy and the faithful process around the church holding icons of their patron saints or of other saints and feasts.

### Gregory of Palamas (Second Sunday of Great Lent)

It was St. Gregory who bore witness that by prayer and fasting human beings can become participants of the uncreated light of God's divine glory even in this life. After his glorification in 1368, a second commemoration of St. Gregory Palamas was appointed for this Second Sunday of Great Lent as a second Triumph of Orthodoxy. It celebrates the condemnation of St. Gregory's enemies and the vindication of his teachings by the Church.



## We Have a New Website: [rossburnugcc.ca](http://rossburnugcc.ca)

We'd like to introduce our new website for the Rosscburn Pastoral District. With the addition of this new website, it provides yet another way of communicating with our parishioners in this vast pastoral district. On it, you will be able to learn a little bit about the history of each parish (coming soon). You'll also be able to access liturgical texts that will help you when praying at home online. You can view our livestreamed services here and most importantly, you'll be able to access the bulletin and calendar here at any time! Our hope is that through this, we will be able to connect with more parishioners and allow them to access important information with the click of a button.



## Liturgical Changes During Lent

### Why do we not celebrate the Divine Liturgy on weekdays during Great Lent?

During the Great Fast, or Great Lent, there is a rather strict fast and abstinence that we are to follow throughout these 40 days. Part of that fasting is also a fasting from the eucharistic Divine Liturgy during the weekdays. But the Church has always recognized the importance of receiving the Eucharist especially during the Great Fast. And so, while we fast from the Divine Liturgy, we substitute it with the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, where we use the Precious Body & Blood that has been consecrated from the Sunday before.



### What is Lenten Matins?

If we cannot receive the Eucharist, we still want to pray. So during Great Lent, a common service used in place of the daily liturgies is Lenten Matins. Lenten Matins takes the basic structure of our regular Sunday matins service, but much shorter and a more penitential theme. Like most matins services though, there is a great use of the Psalms plus the reading of the Canon which is found in the Lenten Triodion. The text for all of matins, especially the Canon are very unique and beautiful as we journey through Great Lent.

# FEBRUARY 2020

SUN	MON	TUE	WED
	01  6pm Great Vespers	02  Divine Liturgy 10AM Presentation of Our Lord	03 10AM - Divine Liturgy +William Antonow parents Maryniuk
07  Meatfare Sunday 10:00AM Divine Liturgy	08	09  10AM - Divine Liturgy	10  10AM - Divine Liturgy Birthday blessings Helen S by David
14 Cheesefare Sunday 10:00AM Divine Liturgy 6PM Forgiveness Vespers	15  First Day of Lent  	16  9AM Lenten Matins  	17  Great Lent St. Andrew
21  Sunday of Orthodoxy 10:00AM Divine Liturgy	22    	23  9AM Lenten Matins +Ann Mychasiw by Walter & Adele Mychasiw	24  6pm Stations of the Cross & Sorrows
28 Gregory of Palamas 10:00AM Divine Liturgy Birthday blessings for Johnny Bryer by David Sytnyk	 @ROSSBURN.UGCC		
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<p>Divine Liturgy &amp; + Ernie and their by Mary &amp; Family</p>	<p>04 10AM - Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>05 </p>	<p>06</p>
<p>Divine Liturgy Blessings for Sytnyk I Sytnyk</p>	<p>11 10AM - Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>12 10AM - Divine Liturgy </p>	<p>13</p>
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## Vigil Candle Intentions for the month of February

### February 1-5

Icon of Our Lord	For our parishioners
Icon of the Theotokos	For our parishioners

### February 8-12

Icon of Our Lord	Birthday blessings for Helen Sytnyk by David Sytnyk
Icon of the Theotokos	For our parishioners

### February 15-19

Icon of Our Lord	+Frank Magnowski by Minnie Magnowski & family
Icon of the Theotokos	For our parishioners

### February 22-26

Icon of Our Lord	+Ann Mychasiw by Helen Byskal
Icon of the Theotokos	Birthday blessings for Johnny Bryer by David Sytnyk

# Thank You

On behalf of my entire family, we would like to thank all of you who gave generously throughout the Christmas and Theophany seasons. Your generosity is most appreciated and has not gone unnoticed. I thank each and

everyone of you, and I pray for all of you and your families at this time.

I also want to thank all of you who welcomed me to your yard, front door, drive way or garage to bless your homes. It was a unique experience I'm sure, but for me, it was special. It allowed me to meet many of whom I had yet to meet, and many of whom I have met, but now I was able to put a name to your face. During such times of uncertainty, I was more than happy to be able to provide even the slightest bit of normality. Thank you also for your patience with the lack of Holy Water bottles that showed up. They finally arrived on Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>, and will be distributed during the last week of January. More remain at each parish for the day when we open up our doors again!

God bless you all, and I pray and hope we can celebrate Christ's glorious resurrection together, in person!





**COVID-19 UPDATE:** Currently (at time of publishing) as per the Province of Manitoba's #RestartMB response system, the entire province is under the Code Red ranking system. What this means for parishes is that currently we are **not** allowed to gather for prayer in our parish buildings. We are allowed to still have the services, if they are being livestreamed. Funerals are allowed to have a maximum of 10 people in attendance. Until further notice, all churches in the Rossburn Pastoral District are closed to Sunday and Festal services. For further information on church restrictions, please contact Fr. Jay or visit the Archeparchy of Winnipeg website at: [archeparchy.ca](http://archeparchy.ca).

**Pray with us online!** Did you know that you can access all of our liturgical services that happen in Rossburn online? Every Sunday and weekday Divine Liturgy, as well as other services such as vespers that happen at Sacred Heart Parish in Rossburn are streamed live not only on our Facebook page, but as well on our YouTube channel, allowing those without a Facebook account to be able to still access the services. For Facebook, search @[Rossburn.UGCC](https://www.facebook.com/Rossburn.UGCC) and on YouTube search: [Rossburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...). Now also available on our new website at [rossburnugcc.ca](http://rossburnugcc.ca)



### ***Our Condolences***

On behalf of the entire Rossburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District, we would like to extend our deepest condolences on the passing of the following parishioners over the last few months:

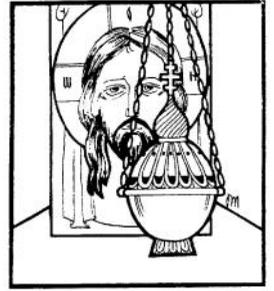
- +Nellie Gapka (Rossburn) - Nov. 2, 2020**
- +Anne Stanchuk (Russell) - Nov. 18, 2020**
- +Shirley Nychuk (Shoal Lake) - Dec. 8, 2020**
- +Mary Boryskavich (Russell) - Dec. 30, 2020**
- + Ron Yaskiw (Swan River/Rossburn) - Jan. 5, 2021**
- +William Antonow (Rossburn) - Jan. 15, 2021**

We all mourn the loss of each of these individuals who were in their own ways a large part of their communities. To all the families and friends of these individuals, we want to offer our prayerful support and extend our sympathies.

***May there memories be eternal!***

***Вічна пам'ять!***

## Prayer for Great Lent



Throughout Great Lent, we journey on a path of reconciliation and repentance. We use this time to reflect on our own sins and wrong-doings that have caused our Lord to be crucified on Great and Holy Friday. A prayer that we are encouraged to pray daily throughout Great Lent is the Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian, and it asks our Lord for that guidance to keep us from sin and to be humble. I encourage everyone to keep this prayer on hand and pray it daily.

O Lord and Master of my life! Keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power, and idle chatter. *Prostration.*

Instead, grant to me, your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble-mindedness, patience and love. *Prostration.*

O Lord and King! Grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge my brothers and sisters; for You are blessed, now and forever and ever. Amen. *Prostration.*

God, be merciful to me a sinner! God cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me! I have sinned without number, forgive me, O Lord!

Господи і Владико життя мого! Духа лінивства, недбайливости, властолюб'я і пустошовсти віджени від мене. *Доземний поклон.*

Духа чистоти, покори, терпеливості й любови даруй мені, слугі Твоєму. *Доземний поклон.*

Так, Господи Царю! Дай мені бачити гріхи мої і не осуджувати брата мого, бо Ти благословенний на віки вічні. Амінь. *Доземний поклон.*

Боже, милостивий вудь мені грішному! Боже, очисти гріхи мої помилуй мене! Без числа нагрішив я, Господи, прости мені!

## Liturgical Schedule and Sacraments

**Sundays:** 9am, 11am & 2pm (please refer to calendar for locations) 10am during Code Red

**Weekdays:** 10am—Rossburn

**Confessions:** Prior to Divine Liturgies or by appointment (always available!)

**Baptisms & Funerals:** By appointment. Please contact Fr. Jay to arrange.

**Weddings:** By appointment with minimum 6 months notice.

**Anointing of the Sick:** By appointment. Please contact Fr. Jay on the parish cell phone for emergencies at 204.773.6594.