



# 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  
Also serving Sandy Lake & Mountain Road*

## March 2022 Parish Bulletin

### ***Great Lent is upon us; time to come home!***

Great Lent starts on February 28th this year, and I want to take a moment to remind everyone what it's all about. Great Lent, or the Great Fast is a time of preparation for our Lord's death and glorious resurrection. You'll notice that during Lent, a lot changes in our churches and should also change in our own day to day lives. The 40 days of Lent followed by Holy Week should feel much different than the rest of the year because of these changes.

First of all there are all the liturgical services. You'll notice that all of our linens in the church turn to dark colours like red and the priest will wear red during the week at liturgical services. Our services themselves change. The Sunday Divine Liturgy uses the Anaphora of St. Basil the Great instead of St. John Chrysostom; we don't celebrate the Divine Liturgy during the weekdays, but instead we pray Lenten matins. We also celebrate the Divine Liturgy of the Pre-sanctified Gifts on Fridays.

Secondly, our lives should change. We should pray more by attending these extra services or even just at home. We should pray for the deceased more by attending the Sorokousty services. We should also be changing our fasting from just Fridays to Wednesdays **and** Fridays. Our giving to others, almsgiving, should increase at this time too.

This year however, should be different. Why? This year we are looking forward to the easing of our public health orders in Manitoba which means that we can more freely attend our parishes once again. I want to take this opportunity to personally invite all of our parishioners, both young and old, back to our parishes. This is the perfect time to return home as not only are we physically able to, but we are called to during this time of preparation. As the father welcomes his prodigal son home, so too do we look forward to welcoming everyone back to church!

***I challenge everyone to pick one service, circle it and plan to attend it!***



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# Catechesis Corner

## The Nicene Creed: Part 2

The Nicene Creed as we know it, is actually broken into four parts: our belief in God the Father, belief in God the Son, belief in God the Holy Spirit, and belief in the Holy, Catholic Apostolic Church. Even though in our liturgical books it is all one large statement, there are actual sections to it. Today we are going to delve into the second section, our belief in God the Son.

***I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father.***

***Through Him all things were made.***

***For us men and for our salvation He came down from Heaven:***

***by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.***

***For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died, and was buried.***

***On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures:***

***He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.***

***He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and His kingdom will have no end.***

If we look back in history to when the creed was first written, we see it was written first and foremost to do away with all the heresies that were being committed. What is a heresy? Saying and believing in things that are not true about God or the Church. For example, saying that Jesus was fully human but not fully God, or vice-versa. The early Church Fathers started to put these heresies down by establishing the creed so that we could all agree on the same thing. The first half of this section is meant to do exactly this.

So this first half confirms that Jesus is eternally begotten of the Father. Translation: Jesus as the Son of God has always existed, He did not just pop into existence at His earthly birth. Saying otherwise is called Arianism. This section also affirms that He is equal with the Father and describes how He came down to earth to be with us.

The second half of this section deals with all that happened to Him in regards to His death. We then affirm that all this was in accordance with the Scriptures (ie: foretold by the Prophets). The Scriptures are then something we can rely on fully. This section goes onto tell us where the Son of God is currently, and what is to happen in the future.

## Great Lent Schedule

Great Lent is full of beautiful liturgical practices and services. We invite everyone from across the district to attend either in person or virtually, but especially in person this year to these special services that are held throughout Great Lent. Below is a schedule with a brief disclaimer about them.

**First Week of Great Lent:** - *Forgiveness Vespers* - The very first service of Great Lent which happens on the Sunday evening. Forgiveness is exchanged between all those present.

- *Canon of St. Andrew of Crete* - Great Compline service, with special verses we read and respond with a prostration. This service will be on Monday & Wednesday.

**Every Week of Great Lent:** - *Stations of the Cross* - personal prayer devotion following the journey of Christ to the Cross. Served on Wednesday evenings.

- *Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts* - a unique Eucharistic service during Lent. Served Friday evenings.

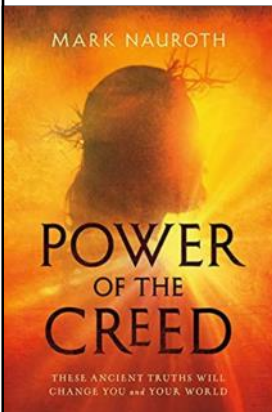
- *Lenten Matins* - The weekday matins service with special Lenten hymns & verses unique to Great Lent. Served Tuesday & Thursday mornings.

- *Sorokousty* - Panakhyda services for the deceased. Prayed following both Wednesday and Friday services.

**Sundays of Great Lent:** - *Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great* - contains the special anaphora of St. Basil and each week a different event or person is celebrated.

**Fifth Week of Great Lent:** - *Canon of St. Andrew of Crete* - This service is once again celebrated but this time with the reading of the Life of St. Mary of Egypt. A truly deep and moving service.

***Please come and immerse yourself in prayer throughout all of Great Lent at any of these services!***



The Lenten Book Study begins on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:30pm and runs weekly until the beginning of April. There is plenty of room to still join. We have run out of books, but you can still download the book through Kindle or Apple Books.

We will be offering an in-person gathering since our restrictions are easing. We will meet in the basement of Sacred Heart Parish (Rossburn). If you are unable to join us in person, we will still be having the Zoom component as an option. If you wish to sign-up, please sign-up at the back of each parish or email Fr. Jay today.







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## Vigil Candle Intentions for the month of March

### March 1-4

Icon of Our Lord

For all parishioners

Icon of the Theotokos

For all parishioners

### March 7-11

Icon of Our Lord

Birthday blessings for Roxanne Warniski from Sytnyks

Icon of the Theotokos

For all parishioners

### March 14 - 18

Icon of Our Lord

Birthday blessings for Rienada Korol from Sytnyk family

Icon of the Theotokos

For all parishioners

### March 21 - 25

Icon of Our Lord

Birthday blessings for Eugene Yanick from Sytnyk family

Icon of the Theotokos

Birthday blessings for Kay Wilk from Sytnyk family

**CONFESSIONS** will be available in Rosssburn this month on Friday, March 25th from 4:00pm - 7pm. Regular confession is a good practice for all Catholics. Take advantage of the opportunity when you can. Fr. Jay will be rotating through different areas of the district each month.

A reminder that Fr. Jay is available for confession any time. All you need to do is to give him a call, send him a text or an email and book a time. Fr. Jay will meet you at any parish for confession.



On behalf of the entire Rosssburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District and neighbouring Neepawa District, we wish to extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of those who have passed away in our districts over the last month.

**Ron Verbowski (Rosssburn)- February 13**  
**Victoria Richcoon (Sandy Lake) - February 19**

We extend our prayers as a community for all those who have passed.

**ВІЧНАЯ ПАМ'ЯТЬ! ETERNAL MEMORY!**



The Pastoral District is looking for volunteers to help create true vibrant parishes throughout the whole district. There are three main areas that Fr. Jay would love to have some help with. If you see an area below that you might be interested in helping with, please contact Fr. Jay at [rossburn.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:rossburn.pastor@gmail.com) or by call or text at 204.859.3025 for more information.

## OUTREACH | LITURGICAL | MUSIC

### SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY - March 6, 2022

On the First Sunday of Lent, we celebrate the Sunday of Orthodoxy which celebrates the triumph of the true faith! Part of this triumph was the restoration of icons from the iconoclastic period where icons were not understood and condemned.

On Sunday, March 6th, all parishioners are encouraged to bring an icon or two to church and put it up at the front of the parish altogether. At the end of each liturgy, Fr. Jay will bless all the icons.



***Please remember in your prayers all of our parishioners who are in our local personal care homes:***

**Rossburn PCH:** Alice Hrubeniuk, Bill Kalyniak, Melvin Luhowy, Anne Shust

**Russell PCH:** Frances Snytynski, Anne Snytynski, Shirley Burtnyk, Sofia Jawa

**Shoal Lake PCH:** Rose Gerelus, Frances Susinski, Nick Bonchak, Donnie Drozda, Olga Bomak, Bill Kalyniak, Penny Mychasiw, Helen Yaskiw, Tony Woychyshyn

*\*Currently, the monthly services are suspended until further notice.*



**COVID-19 UPDATE:** Currently (at time of publishing) as per the Province of Manitoba's #RestartMB response system, the province has new restrictions. At the time of publishing, our parishes will be open to the public regardless of their vaccination status at a capacity of **50%** and will continue to be live-streamed on Sundays. Funerals are allowed to have a maximum of 50 people in attendance (not including clergy, cantor & funeral staff). For further information

on church restrictions, please contact Fr. Jay. **PRE-REGISTRATION IS NO LONGER REQUIRED.** We look forward to welcoming everyone back.

**PROPER DISTANCING AND MASKS ARE STILL MANDATORY IN ALL PARISHES.**

**Please be respectful of these rules that are put in place by the Province of Manitoba.**

While we patiently wait for things to resume fully, please remember to stay safe, get vaccinated and pray, pray, pray!



МОЛИСЬ ЗА УКРАЇНУ

PRAY FOR UKRAINE

Tensions are yet again rising in Ukraine where the war between Ukraine and Russia is ongoing. Although much of this has dropped from the headlines of most news sources, it continues

to be a problem and something that many people of Ukraine, especially those in Eastern Ukraine, worry about when it comes to their peace and safety. We ask everyone to continue to pray daily for our the whole nation of Ukraine. Pray for peace. Pray for safety. Pray for those injured. Pray for the lives lost. Pray for the military. Pray for the government. And yes, pray for Russia as well.

At the entrance of each parish you will find cards that contain a prayer for Ukraine that you can pray daily at home. Please take one and use it on a regular basis praying it yourself, with your family or with your friends.

*Your questions draw you closer to  
God than answers ever will.*

Rosburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District will be running **Alpha Youth** starting just after Easter, April 21, 2022, every Thursday at 6:30pm. Join us and sign up today by emailing Fr. Jay at [rossburn.pastor@gmail.com](mailto:rossburn.pastor@gmail.com)



### **Liturgical Schedule and Sacraments**

Sundays: 9am, 11:30am & 2pm (please refer to calendar for locations)

Weekdays: 10am - Rosburn

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 204.859.3025.