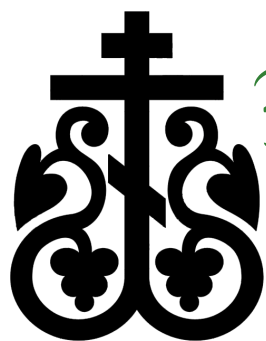


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Bonnyville & District Parish News

From the Editor

By Dobr. Erin Haugen

After an extended absence the newsletter is back! Thank you for your continued patience. There will be a 'mini' March newsletter coming out in a couple of weeks as well which will begin to highlight our Lenten services and activities such as bible study.

This issue I would like to personally invite the women of our district to come out and enjoy a movie night - the details are on pages 3 and 4. I had to miss the last movie night so I am looking forward to making it out to this one to watch of one my favourite movies... Hope to see you there!

PASTORAL MESSAGE

Submitted by Fr. Peter Haugen

Христос посеред нас! Christ is amongst us!

As we approach the Great Lenten season, we begin to prepare ourselves for the fasting and additional services that occur during this time of year. Along with these services, every Sunday is dedicated to a specific theme, below you will find a brief description to better help understand these importance of these Sundays.

The first Sunday is called the Feast of the Triumph of Orthodoxy. It is a historical feast commemorating the return of the icons to the churches in the year 843 after the heresy of iconoclasm was overcome. The spiritual theme of the day is first of all the victory of the



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True Faith. “This is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith” (1 Jn 5:4). Secondly, the icons of the saints bear witness that man, “created in the image and likeness of God” (Gen 1:26), becomes holy and godlike through the purification of himself as God’s living image.

The Second Sunday of Lent is the commemoration of St Gregory Palamas. It was St. Gregory (d.1359) who bore living witness that men can become divine through the grace of God in the Holy Spirit; and that even in this life, by prayer and fasting, human beings can become participants of the uncreated light of God’s divine glory.

The Third Sunday of Lent is that of the Veneration of the Cross. The cross stands in the midst of the church in the middle of the lenten season not merely to remind men of Christ’s redemption and to keep before them the goal of their efforts, but also to be venerated as that reality by which man must live to be saved. “He who does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me” (Mt 10:38). For in the Cross of Christ Crucified lies both “the power of God and the wisdom of God” for those being saved (1 Cor 1:24).

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is dedicated to St John of the Ladder (Climacus), the author of the work, The Ladder of Divine Ascent. The abbot of St Catherine’s Monastery on Mount Sinai (6th century) stands as a witness to the violent effort needed for entrance into God’s Kingdom (Mt 10: 12). The spiritual struggle of the Christian life is a real one, “not against flesh and blood, but against... the rulers of the present darkness... the hosts of wickedness in heavenly places ...” (Eph 6:12). Saint John encourages the faithful in their efforts for, according to the Lord, only “he who endures to the end will be saved” (Mt 24:13).

The Fifth Sunday recalls the memory of Saint Mary of Egypt, the repentant harlot. Mary tells us, first of all, that no amount of sin and wickedness can keep a person from God if he truly repents. Christ himself has come “to call sinners to repentance” and to save them from their sins (Lk 5:32). In addition, Saint Mary tells us that it is never too late in life—or in Lent—to repent. Christ will gladly receive all who come to him even at the eleventh hour of their lives. But their



Liturgical Scripture Readings

February 2016

Sunday, February 7th
*36th Sunday after
Pentecost*

Epistle: 1Tim. 1:15-17,
1Cor. 12:7-11;
Gospel: Luke 18:35-43,
John 10:9-16.

Sunday, February 14th
*37th Sunday after
Pentecost*

Epistle: 1Tim. 4:9-15;
Gospel: Luke 19:1-9.

Sunday, February 21st
*38th Sunday after
Pentecost
Republican & the
Pharisee*

Epistle: 2Tim. 3:10-15;
Gospel: Luke 18:10-14.

Sunday, November 28th
*39th Sunday after
Pentecost
Sunday of the Prodigal
Son*

Epistle: 1Cor. 6:12-20;
Gospel: Luke 15:11-32.

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coming must be in serious and sincere repentance.

(<https://oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith/worship/the-church-year/sundays-of-lent>)

Dear Brothers and Sisters, one of my favorite prayers is the Prayer of St. Ephraim of Syria that is primarily prayed during the period of Great Lent. This prayer is a wonderful reminder of the attitude, purpose and mindset needed to bear a successful Lenten struggle.

O Lord and Master of my life: take from me the spirit of sloth, faint-heartedness, lust of power and idle talk.

But grant rather the spirit of chastity, humility, patience and love to Thy servant.

Yea, O Lord and King, grant me to see my own errors and not to judge my brother, for blessed art Thou unto ages of ages. Amen.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Peter Haugen

Sermon Preparation...

A boy was watching his father, a priest, write a sermon.

"How do you know what to say?" he asked.

"God tell tells me." his father replied.

"Oh," said the boy, "then why do you keep crossing things out?"

LADIES MOVIE NIGHT

The *ladies* of our district are invited to our **2nd Movie Night!**

This March, the sequel to '**My Big Fat Greek Wedding**' is being released and in anticipation we will be showing the original. Safe to say this movie could have easily been called '**My Big Fat UKRAINIAN Wedding**' as the similarities are uncanny and hilarious! Come out and enjoy a relaxing night of laughs and fellowship. If you've seen it, you know you'll enjoy seeing it again. If you haven't, you'll love it.

And when the sequel comes out, **look forward to joining us for a Ladies Movie Night OUT** to see it together in the movie theatre! **Find the poster with details on page 4!**

LADIES
TITLE

MOVIE NIGHT

DIRECTOR

All Saints Cultural Centre

"My Big Fat Greek Wedding"

DATE

Thursday, March 3

TAKE

7:00 PM

VR 100-4

**MY
BIG
FAT
GREEK
WEDDING**



**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.

ST. PAUL HAS STARTED A SUNDAY SCHOOL!

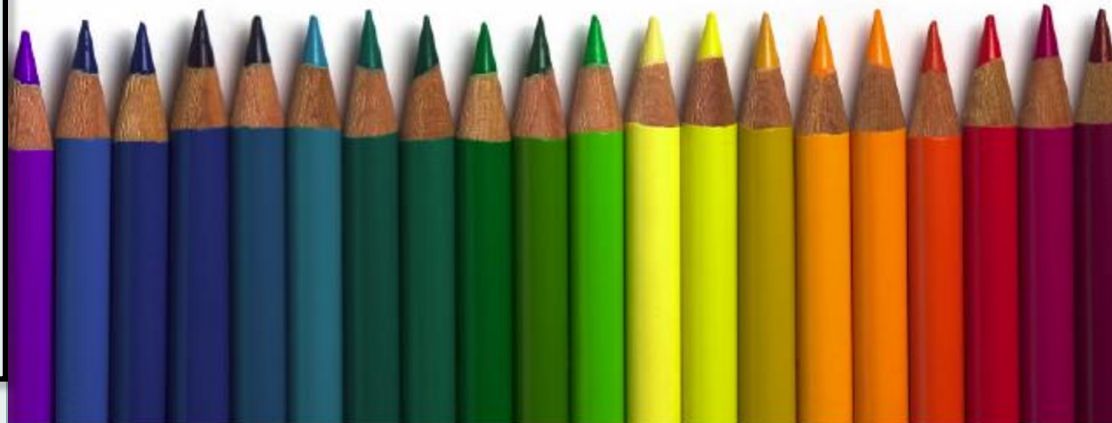
**All Saints Parish in St. Paul
now offers Sunday School!**

We have had two successful sessions and look forward to future sessions. We've learned about the Nativity while making gingerbread Nativity scenes, and learned about God's love while making bible verse Valentines and hand/finger print 'Giving Trees'. Come join us!

Next Session:

Sunday, March 6th

**If you have children,
or have friends with children -
Please invite them!**







House Blessings Continue!

by Fr. Peter Haugen

Father Peter continues to do house blessings. If you have not already arranged a time with him, and have not heard from him, please give him a call at **587-252-2715** to make arrangements.



Remember you are welcome to call Father to request a visit at any time for any reason. It is also important to let Father know if you or anyone you know is ill and wishes a visit. In a district as spread out as ours, he is not always aware when someone may be the hospital or in need.

*“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/

We're also on Facebook!
Look up:

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February 2016

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Mon


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Thu

Fri

Sat

	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM St. Paul	8	9	10	11	12	13
14  Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Nowa Bukowina	15	16	17	18	19	20
21 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Glendon	22	23	24	25	26	27
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March 2016

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Tue

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Fri

Sat

		1	2	3 ★ Ladies Movie Night St. Paul 7:00 pm	4	5
6 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM St. Paul	7	8	9	10	11	12 ★ Memorial Saturday 10:00 AM St. Paul
13 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Nowa Bukowina	14 ★ GREAT LENTEN Fast Begins	15	16	17	18	19
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