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ENGLISH LANGUAGE MISSION OF THE UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF CANADA
SERVING SOUTH WINNIPEG

2nd Sunday of the Great Fast. St. Gregory Palamas, Archbp. Of Thessalonica

Apostle Onesimus of the Seventy (c. 109). Ven. Paphnutius of the Far Kyivan Caves (XIII). St. Paphnutius, monk and his daughter St. Euphrosyne, nun, of Alexandria (V). St. Eusebius, hermit of Asikha in Syria (430-440). St. Oswy, king of Northumbria (670).

ORDER OF SERVICE:

Troparion and Kontakion

Tone 5: Let us, the faithful, praise and worship the Word, / co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit, / born for our salvation of the Virgin. / For in His Good will He was lifted up on the Cross in the flesh to suffer death // and to raise the dead by His glorious Resurrection.

Tone 1: O Lord, save Your People, / and bless Your inheritance! / Grant victory to Orthodox Christians / over their adversaries, / and by Your Cross // preserve Your Commonwealth.

Tone 8: Light of Orthodoxy, support and teacher of the Church, / glory of monks and invincible champion of theologians, / O Gregory the Wonderworker, pride of Thessalonica and preacher of grace: // pray without ceasing for the salvation of our souls.

Glory...

Tone 8: Holy and divine organ of wisdom and joyful trumpet of theology, / we chant your praises in harmony, divinely-inspired Gregory. / But as a mind standing before the Primordial Mind / guide our mind to Him, O Father, that we may cry: // Rejoice, preacher of grace.

Both now...

Tone 4: The season of the action has now been revealed / and judgement is at the doors. / Let us rise, keeping the fast, / offering tears of compunction with almsgiving, / crying out: we have sinned more than the sands of the sea. / Forgive us, O Creator-of-All, // so that we may receive the incorruptible crowns.

The Epistle

Reader: The Prokimenon in the **5th Tone:** You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation and forever.

Choir: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation and forever.

Reader: O Lord, save me for there is no longer any righteous man.

Choir: You, O Lord, shall protect us and preserve us from this generation and forever.

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Choir: from this generation and forever.

Reader: The Reading is from St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews: [Hebrews 1:10-2:3]

Reader: Alleluia in the **5th Tone:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: Of Your mercies O Lord, I will sing forever; unto generation and generation I will proclaim Your truth with my mouth.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Reader: You have said: Mercy will be established forever and My Truth will be prepared in the heavens.

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel: [Mark 2:1-12]

Communion Verse: Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. The righteous man shall be in everlasting remembrance. He shall not fear evil tidings. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Hebrews 1:10-2:3 (Sunday Epistle)

10. And, "In the beginning, Lord, you laid the foundation of the earth, and the heavens are the work of your hands.

11. They will come to an end, but you will remain forever. They will all wear out like clothes.

12. You will roll them up like a robe, and they will be changed like clothes. But you remain the same, and your years will never end."

13. But to which of the angels did he ever say, "Sit at my right hand until I make your enemies a footstool for your feet"?

14. All of them are spirits on a divine mission, sent to serve those who are about to inherit salvation, aren't they?

1. For this reason we must pay closer attention to the things we have heard, or we may drift away.

2. For if the message spoken by angels was reliable, and every violation and act of disobedience received its just punishment,

3. how will we escape if we neglect a salvation as great as this? It was first proclaimed by the Lord himself, and then it was confirmed to us by those who heard him,

Mark 2:1-12 (Sunday Gospel)

1. This is the beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

2. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See! I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way.

3. He is a voice calling out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way for the Lord! Make his paths straight!'"

4. John was baptizing in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.

5. People from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were flocking to him, being baptized by him while they confessed their sins.

6. Now John was dressed in camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist. He ate locusts and wild honey.

7. He kept proclaiming, "The one who is coming after me is stronger than I am, and I am not worthy to bend down and untie his sandal straps.

8. I baptized you with water, but it is he who will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

9. In those days Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

10. Just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens split open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove.

11. Then a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love. I am pleased with you!"

12. At once the Spirit drove him into the wilderness.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

VESPERS: Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.

DIVINE LITURGY:

Feb. 7—Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Feb. 14—Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Feb. 21—Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers—6:00 St. Mary the Protectress

Feb. 28—Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Please make every effort to participate in the services offered during this Great Lent.

Financial Report Jan 10

Income 1443.50

Expenses 2561.19

Net -\$1117.69

Building Fund

Goal — \$25,000

Collected —

\$9092.76

Fund Raising

Prayer for Needs: Chuck, Pamela, and Jeff, Lisa, Dustin, Lucinda, Sophia

Prayer for Sick: Rose, Merle, Georgina, , Dustin, Frank

Prayer for the souls of those who have fallen asleep in the Lord:

GOD GRANT MANY YEARS: March

Birthdays: Liam (6),

Anniversaries:

OUR PARISH REQUIRES YOUR REGULAR DONATIONS FOR ITS ONGOING SUPPORT. ANY DONATION YOU CAN GIVE EITHER FOR THE OPERATION OR FOR THE BUILDING FUND WILL BE GRATEFULLY APPRECIATED.

REMEMBER THAT YOUR PARISH NEEDS YOUR PRAYERS AS WELL AS ANY FINANCIAL GIFT AND VOLUNTEER TIME YOU CAN GIVE. **THE COLLECTION BASKET FOR DONATIONS IS LOCATED ON THE BACK CORNER TABLE.**

MEETINGS and STUFF

Holy Cross Parish Council: Kitzul Residence:

March 2, 7:30 p.m.

Adult Ed. Class: Postponed

3rd Sunday of Month: Bring a canned good donation to Church.

WELCOME to all our guests who came to worship with us today IN THE FAITH OF THE APOSTLES THAT HAS BEEN PRESERVED UNCHANGED AND IS ETERNAL. May God save you for your prayers.

• Check out our Lending Library: **New Kid's album of Icon Cards are now available.**

• Let's not forget about our Food Bank Donations and 'Pennies from Heaven'.

• If you are working at your computer, turn on Ancient Faith Radio at:
<http://ancientfaith.com>

• **Parish is selling Prayer Ropes and Beeswax Candles** as a fundraiser. Great for your devotional needs. See Sandy

Hand your prayer request to Subdeacon Dennis or to one of the Acolytes before the service and he will bring it to the priest.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- FRESH HONEY for sale.** 500 g- \$5.00
GRAPE JELLY for sale. Only \$3.00 a jar. Honey and jam. Please see Sylvia Kitzul if you are interested in these delicious items.
- Church Calendars: \$3.00 each. They will be available at the back of the chapel.** Please pay Dave.
- DIVINE LITURGY SERVICE BOOKS** are now available for sale. You can have your very own copy for \$10.00. Please see Sandy or Fr. Evan.
- Perogie Orders!** Holy Cross is taking perogie orders again. Get your perogie orders in. Same prices as last time. If you are able to donate flour or potatoes please see Sylvia Kitzul.
- Passia Service - Feb. 28, 6:00 p.m. Holy Trinity Cathedral**
- Thank you to all that donated towards our Haiti Relief Fund.** Holy Cross will be making a donation of \$685.00 to the Red Cross. Thank you for your generosity.

Apostle Onesimus of the Seventy Commemorated on February 28

Saint Onesimus, Apostle of the Seventy in his youth was a servant of Philemon, a Christian of distinguished lineage, living in the city of Colossae, Phrygia. Guilty of an offense against his master and fearing punishment, St Onesimus fled to Rome, but as a runaway

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slave he wound up in prison. In prison he encountered the Apostle Paul, was enlightened by him, and was baptized.

In prison St Onesimus served the Apostle Paul like a son. St Paul was personally acquainted with Philemon, and wrote him a letter filled with love, asking him to forgive the runaway slave and to accept him like a brother. He sent St Onesimus with this letter to his master, depriving himself of help, of which he was very much in need.

After he received the letter, St Philemon not only forgave Onesimus, but also sent him back to Rome to the apostle. St Philemon was afterwards consecrated bishop of the city of Gaza (January 4, February 19, and November 22).

After the death of the Apostle Paul, St Onesimus served the apostles until their end, and he was made a bishop. After the death of the holy apostles he preached the Gospel in many lands and cities: in Spain, Carpetania, Colossae, Patras. In his old age, St Onesimus occupied the bishop's throne at Ephesus, after the Apostle Timothy. When they took St Ignatius the God-Bearer (December 20) to Rome for execution, Bishop Onesimus came to meet with him with other Christians, as St Ignatius mentions in his Epistle to the Ephesians.

During the reign of the emperor Trajan (89-117), St Onesimus was arrested and brought to trial before the eparch Tertillus. He held the saint in prison for eighteen days, and then sent him to prison in the city of Puteoli. After a certain while, the eparch sent for the prisoner and, convincing himself that St Onesimus maintained his faith in Christ, had him stoned, after which they beheaded the saint with a sword. A certain illustrious woman took the body of the martyr and placed it in a silver coffin. This took place in the year 109.

The true Orthodox way of thought has always been historical, has always included the past, but has never been enslaved by it. The strength of the Church is not in the past, present, or future, but in Christ.