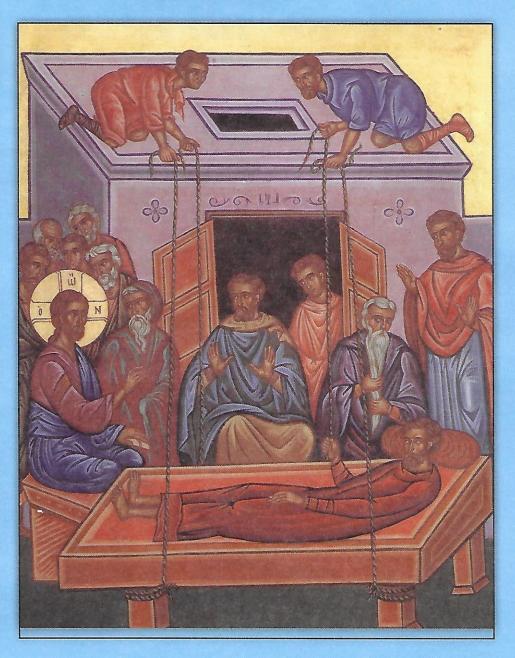
## SECOND SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST



Icon of the Paralytic Lowered through the Roof

## Confidence in God

A story is told of a very tired traveler who came upon the banks of a river. There was no bridge by which he could cross. It was winter, and the surface of the river was covered with ice. He wondered whether or not the ice would bear his weight. Finally, after much hesitation and fear, he got down on his knees and began, very cautiously, to creep across the surface of the ice, hoping that the ice would support him.

When he was about halfway across the river he heard the sound of bells behind him. From the other side of the river there came a sled filled with people and pulled by four horses. They whisked across the frozen river, passing right by the traveler who was still crawling across the river on his hands and knees.

This story illustrates how some people go through life. Some stand on the banks of indecision, unable to make up their minds about the course to take. Others crawl along in constant fear, unable to find the courage to carry a cross or face a challenge. There are those, however, who allow their Faith to be their guide. They face challenges, problems, and uncertainties knowing that God directs every step.

When we face rivers of difficulties, we do not have to be indecisive, nor do we have to creep through life in fear. God has promised to help, and with God's help we can make our way to the other side, safely.

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"Slava Isusu Khristoo!"
"Glory to Jesus Christ!"

March 8, 2020 Second Sunday

OUR SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE BUSY THIS Sunday morning practicing the ancient art designing Ukrainian Easter eggs. Our adults are welcome to sit in to share this great experience. Stop by Sunday morning at 10 am to see our young artists hard at work!

OUR LENTEN LITURGY of the Presanctied gifts is celebrated Friday evening at 6 pm. This is a great opportunity to pray together after work, sing our beautiful hymns with Father Pastor and receive Holy Eucharist. Come and pray with us on Friday evening with the 30-minute Liturgy!

OUR LENTEN REMEMBRANCE of our beloved deceased is celebrated Saturday morning with the Holy Liturgy at 8 am and Panachyda at 8:30 am. We will remember your family's late members by name if you give us a list of their names this weekend.

THE LOCAL KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS will be our guests in our Hall Saturday evening for a fund raiser Night at the Races. Our parish women will serve a buffet meal of beef, Pizza and other foods. Stop by nad give us a hand after our Saturday evening Liturgy this weekend.

ON PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5, our entire parish will gather for our annual Palm Sunday breakfast in our beautiful Parish Hall. Every parish family and every parish child are expected to attend this free gathering to praise our Lord Jesus and share our Christian love for one another. Father pastor will speak about his retirement plans and discuss several upcoming projects. Don't dare miss this great event on April 5.

pussy willow bushes, so please cut some branches and bring them to the rectory, so that Father can bless and distribute them on Willow (Palm) Sunday this year.

OFFICIAL STATEMENTS of your 2019 donations to our Parish can now be obtained from the parish office. These forms are useful for tax purposes.

PLEASE CHECK OUT the new 2020 church calendars and donation envelopes in the church basement today. All the Faithful are expected to use envelopes.

## DIVINE LITURGY FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm +George and Anna Ferenz (The Dudas Family)
Health of Jim Patzuk (Barbara, Bud and Maggie)
Sunday, 9 am +The Newmaster Family (Tom Newmaster)
Thursday, 7 am +Michael Talieh (Bill Maruszczak)
Friday, 6 pm +Ann Herring (The Plush Family)
Saturday, 8 am +Anna Bryngelevich (The Tornetta Family)
Saturday, 6 pm +MOshtuk, Maslayak and Plisiewicz Fa, (Joanna Franzone)
Sunday, 9 am +Barbara Breitbarth (The Plush-Breitbarth Family)

TODAY'S TROPAR: Angelic Powers were on Your sepilchre and the guards became dead-like, as Mary stood by Your tomb seeking Your most pure Body. You captured hell yet were not detained by it. You are the Giver of life, glory be to You, O Lord Jesus.

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND...

TODAY'S KONTAK: Now the time for repentence has come. as the judgment draws near. Let us rise up in fasting and bring our tears of repentence, as we give our alms to the poor. Let us all cry out: "O Lord, I have sinned more than there are grains of sand on the seashore. Forgive me, O Lord, all my sins, amen."

TODAY'S PROKIMEN: Protect us, O Lord, and keep us all our days, amen.

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