

CHURCH BULLETIN FOR FEBRUARY 27, 2021

ОГОЛОШЕННЯ ANNOUNCEMENTS

World Day of Prayer and Fasting for Ukraine -

Wednesday, March 2, as proclaimed by Pope Francis.

We will mark this day in our parish by having the church open from 9am to 10pm.

The church will be open for private prayer all day, but the following services will also take place throughout the day:

- 9am: divine liturgy - Ukrainian
- noon: moleben - English
- 3pm: divine mercy chaplet - English
- 6pm: Pre-sanctified liturgy - English
- 9pm: rosary - Ukrainian

Charitable Income Tax Receipts for 2021 will be sent out this week. If you would like to receive your 2021 receipt by email and have not already let me know, then please send your request to: pastor-stjb-shrine@bellnet.ca.

The Knights of Columbus Virtual Perogy Night has been cancelled in view of the war in Ukraine. The money raised will still be donated to the Ottawa Food Bank, and the door prize draws will take place at a later date.

New programme of Lectio Divina - Beginning this month on Saturday, **February 26 at 4:30 pm in the church** we will begin a programme of monthly *lectio divina* - a focussed reading and meditation on the Holy

Scriptures. On the last Saturday of each month we will come together to read and meditate on a chapter from one of the books of the New Testament. We will begin this month with the Gospel of Mark. In addition to our monthly communal *lectio divina*, participants will be encouraged to read a chapter each day and practice their own *lectio divina*. The goal is to deepen our knowledge of the Holy Scriptures and devotion to the Word of God both individually and as a parish community. If you are interested and would like to register or have any questions please contact Fr. Dcn. Andrew at apwbennett@gmail.com

Statement from Fr Augustine Kallumkatharayil,

pastor of the Syro-Malabar parish of St. Mother Teresa, on the situation in Ukraine:

Prayers from Syro-Malabar Community Ottawa!
We express our deep solidarity with the Ukrainian community in the context of large-scale illegitimate military attack on Ukraine by Russia. These are the premeditated darkest hours since World War Two that will bring miserable loss of life and human suffering.

We offer our prayers to Ukraine.

Lenten Services - Great Lent begins on February 27 with Forgiveness Vespers. Please note the following schedule of Lenten services:

- Forgiveness Vespers - Sunday, Feb. 27 @ 8:00 pm (this is to accommodate the Syro-Malabar evening liturgy)
- Clean Week (Feb. 28 - March 5)

- Penitential Canon of St. Andrew of Crete with Great Compline - Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday at 7:00 pm
- Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts - Wednesday at 6:00
- Wednesdays during Great Lent (except Wednesday, March 30) - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts @ 6:00 pm
- Wednesday, March 30 - Penitential Canon of St. Andrew of Crete & Life of St. Mary of Egypt @ 6:00 pm

The Fellowship of St. Macrina the Younger is a new parish group being founded at the present time by lay members of our parish to *foster spiritual growth through greater observance of the four major fasts of the Eastern Church.*

The fellowship would be active during the four major fasts through small groups voluntarily formed and led by lay parishioners who would gather for:

- spiritual study, reflection, and devotion
- where possible, participate in or organize charitable works, pilgrimages, and retreats
- above all be present in the liturgical and sacramental life of the parish.

Participation would involve meeting together in small groups weekly throughout Great Lent & during other fasting periods of the year, and taking on a few personal spiritual disciplines throughout these periods as well.

Activities start on Monday, Feb. 28, the 1st day of Lent on the Gregorian calendar.

For more information, email Landon at landonarcoleman@gmail.com or phone 613-890-5299.

Saints Young Adults Group - The Shrine's young adults group Saints has resumed its monthly in-person meetings. We meet typically on the first Saturday of the month at 4:30 pm in the church for a time of instruction and reflection followed by Vespers and fellowship afterwards. The group is open to anyone aged 20-40 who seeks to deepen their faith and learn how to live out that faith more fully. Our new series for 2022 is "I Believe" a deep exploration of the Nicene-Constantinopolitan Creed. Parishioners and friends are welcome. For more information contact Fr. Dcn. Andrew at apwbennett@gmail.com