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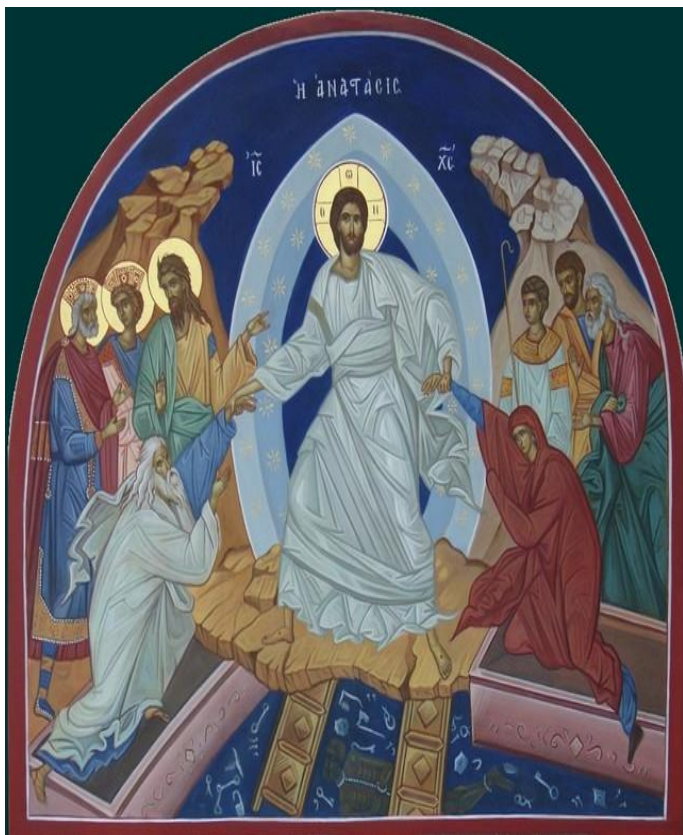


EASTER SUNDAY: THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST, EASTER SUNDAY – PASCHA - April 1st, 2018 A.D

“Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life!”

THE VIBRANT PARISH - A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST: Through the Word, the Holy Mysteries & Prayer, Serving One’s Neighbour, Leadership, Fostering & Serving Unity and Missionary Spirit

– Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav



‘In today’s world people do not know how to rejoice—they find happiness in possessions, but largely cry over that which they would like to have but do not possess. Today there in an entire amusement industry that “sells joy,” suggests that you “buy happiness” in the form of empty and short-term distractions, compulsions, or narcotics, promises quick satisfaction without responsibility, seeks to entice through an escape into virtual realities or the acquisition of temporal riches.

A person seeks happiness but cannot find it in those things. For joy is not possible without God. Happiness without God is an illusion which quickly dissipates. It is a dependency that simultaneously enslaves and saps one of strength.

How often in today’s society we find irresponsible politicians, newfound messiahs, in the role of “purveyors of joy.” With empty slogans they appeal to the lowest of human desires. At the price of the blood and tears of innocent victims, or even entire nations, they promise happiness “for the chosen” who belong to their “world” which they artificially designed, and count on the fact that in the face of their lawlessness, “in all tongues”—here we paraphrase our great Kobzar- Shevchenko, all will be silent. But such joy is built on the sand of idols, falsehood, and

violence, and thus, sooner or later, it will collapse under its own weight.

We, on the other hand, are called to build our happiness and our joy as a community of children of God. It isn’t easy to live in the joy of the Lord, especially in today’s circumstances. We often ask ourselves: How can we rejoice today? Why are we suffering? Why is this happening to us? Is there any sense to our struggles, the blood and suffering, the deaths and devastation? Without the mystery of Christ’s Pascha, these questions remain unanswered. For the risen Christ Himself opens up for us the meaning of human suffering—transforming it in our paschal journey into joy in the Lord.’ – EASTER 2018 PASTORAL LETTER OF HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV

“...Open the doors of your hearts and your homes to Christ, allow His Holy Spirit to transform you, purify and strengthen you in God’s love!” - Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk “The Vibrant Parish”

“...Відчиніть двері своїх душ і домівок Христові, дозвольте Його Святому Духові вас перемінити, очистити і скріпити Божою любов’ю!” - Пастирський Лист Блаженнішого Святослава Шевчука “Жива Парафія”

Christian Greetings (April 1st-May 9th): Christ Is Risen! - Indeed, He Is Risen!
Khrystos Voskres! - Voistynu Voskres! Христос Воскрес! - Воістину Воскрес!
Christ is among us! – He is and will be!



Liturgical Propers in English language:

Liturgical Instruction: After the priest exclaims “Blessed is the Kingdom” and we have responded “Amen,” the clergy sing the following Troparion once and the people repeat it. Then the clergy sing the first half, and we conclude it. This is done every day until the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday. **Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life.** (3x)

First Antiphon:

Verse 1: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing now to His name, give glory to His praise (Ps 65:2).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Verse 2: Say unto God, "How awesome are your works! Because of the greatness of Your strength Your enemies will flatter you"(Ps 65:3).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God...

Verse 3: Let all the earth worship You and sing to You, let it sing to Your name, O Most High! (Ps 65:3)

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God...

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Only - Begotten Son ... (page 23)

Third Antiphon

Verse 1: Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face (Ps 67:2).

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life.

Verse 2: As smoke vanishes, let them vanish, as wax melts before the fire (Ps 67:3).

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead...

Verse 3: So let sinners perish before the face of God, but let the righteous be glad (Ps 67:3-4).

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead...

At the Small Entrance:

Priest: *Wisdom! Stand aright!*

Entrance: In the churches bless God, the Lord from the fountains of Israel (Ps 67:27).

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion (tone 8): Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One, yet You destroyed the power of Hades; and You rose as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice! and giving peace to Your apostles: You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen.

Instead of "Holy God...": ***All you, who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia!*** (x3)

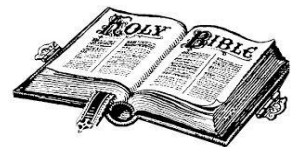
Prokimenon (tone 8): This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it (Ps 117:24).

Verse: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good for His mercy endures forever (Ps 117:1).

Prokimenon (tone 8): This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it (Ps 117:24).

Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1:1-9)

In my first account, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up to heaven, having first instructed the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit. In the time after his suffering he showed them in many convincing ways that he was alive, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking to them about the reign of God. On one occasion when he met with them, he told them not to leave Jerusalem: “Wait, rather, for the fulfillment of my Father’s promise, of which you have heard me speak. John baptized with water, but within a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”



While they were with him they asked, “Lord, are you going to restore the rule to Israel now?” His answer was: “The exact time it is not yours to know. The Father has reserved that to himself. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes down on you; then you are to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, yes, even to the ends of the earth.” No sooner had he said this than he was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took him from their sight.

Alleluia (tone 4): When You rise, You will have compassion on Zion (Ps 101:14). The Lord looked down from heaven to earth to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free the sons of those put to death (Ps 101:20). Alleluia! (x3)

Gospel

(John 1:1-17)

In the beginning was the Word: the Word was in God's presence, and the Word was God. He was present to God in the Beginning. Through him all things came into being, and apart from him nothing came to be. Whatever came to be in him, found life, life for the light of all. The light shines on in darkness, a darkness that did not overcome it. There was a man named John sent by God, that through him all might believe- but only to testify to the light, for he himself was not the light. The real light which gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and through him the world was made, yet the world did not know who he was. To his own he came, yet his own did not accept him. Any who did accept him he empowered to become children of God. These are they who believe in his name – who were begotten not by blood, nor by carnal desire, nor by man's willing it, but by God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we have seen his glory: the glory of an only Son coming from the Father, filled with enduring love. John testified to him by proclaiming: "This is he ahead of me, for he was before me." Of his fullness we have all had a share – love following upon love. For while the law was given through Moses, this enduring love came through Jesus Christ.

Instead of "It is truly...": The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice!

Irmos (*tone 1*): Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Verse: Receive the body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality. Alleluia! (x3)

Instead of "Blessed is He...": Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life.

Instead of "We have seen the true light...": Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life.

Instead of "Let our mouths...": Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life. (x3).

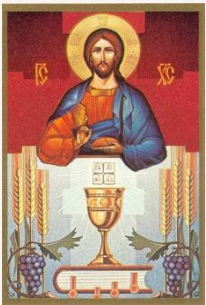
Instead of "Blessed be the name of the Lord...": Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life. (x3).

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tombs He granted life. (x3).

Priest: And to us He has granted life eternal!

Faithful: We bow down before His resurrection on the third day!

Our Eparch, Bishop Ken is requesting that at the conclusion of every Divine Liturgy we say an additional prayer for Peace in Ukraine until the end of the war. **For peace in Ukraine, let us pray: Our Father ... Hail Mary ... Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.**



VIBRANT PARISH PRAYER: O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it your Holy Spirit, that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News. Strengthen us with your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God. Bless our spiritual leaders with Your wisdom, and inspire us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom. Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love. Instill in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Saviour, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and Your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.

- **Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:** 1) You are a member of the Catholic Church (faithful of the Orthodox churches are very welcome to receive Holy Communion); 2) You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently; 3) You attend Divine Services regularly; 4) Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church; 5) You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast). 6) You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel. 7) To the best of your ability,

you are in the state of Grace. If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are very welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.



Літургійні частини Українською мовою:

Літургійні рубрики: Після того, як священник виголошує “Благословенне Царство” й люди відповідають “Амінь”, священники співають Тропар один раз, а люди його повторюють. Далі священники співають першу половину, а люди завершують другу. Так робимо щодня, аж до середи перед четвергом Вознесіння. Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (х3).

Антифон 1

Стих 1: Воскликніть Господеві, вся земле! Співайте ж імені його, віддайте славу хвалі його.

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Стих 2: Скажіть Богові: Як страшні діла твої, задля великої сили твоєї підлещуються тобі вороги твої (Пс 65, 3).

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Стих 3: Вся земля нехай поклониться тобі і співає тобі, нехай же співає імені твоему, Всевишній (Пс 65, 4).

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові. І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Єдинородний Сину ...

Антифон 3

Стих 1: Нехай воскресне Бог і розбіжаться вороги його, і нехай тікають від лица його ті, що ненавидять його (Пс 67, 2).

Тропар: Христос воскрес із мертвих

Стих 2: Як іще зає дим, нехай іще знуть, як тане віск від лица вогню (Пс 67, 3).

Тропар: Христос воскрес із мертвих

Стих 3: Так нехай погинуть грішники від лица Божого, а праведники нехай возвеселяться

Тропар: Христос воскрес із мертвих

Вхідне співаємо, коли священник виголошує “Премудрість, прости”.

Вхідне: В церквах благословіть Бога, Господа, ви – з джерел ізраїлевих (Пс 67, 27).

Тропар: Христос воскрес із мертвих

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові. І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Кондак (глас 8): Хоч і у гріб зійшов ти, Безсмертний, та адову зруйнував ти силу, і воскрес еси як переможець, Христе Боже, жінкам-мироносицям звістивши: Радуйтеся, і твоїм апостолам мир даруєш, падшим подаєш воскресіння.

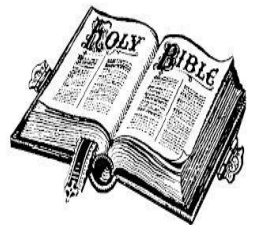
Замість Трисвятого: **Ви, що в Христа хрестилися, у Христа зодягнулися. Алілуя!** (3х)

Прокімен (глас 8): Це день, що його створив Господь, возрадуємося і возвеселімся в нім.

Стих: Сповідуйтеся Господеві, бо він благий, бо на віки милість його.

Апостол: Діянь Святих Апостолів читання (Дн. 1, 1-8):

Першу книгу я написав, о Теофіле, про все, що Ісус робив та що навчав від початку аж до дня, коли вознісся, давши Святим Духом накази апостолам, яких собі вибрав. Він показував їм себе також у численних доказах живим після своєї муки, з'являючись сорок день їм і розповідаючи про Боже Царство. Тоді ж саме, як споживав хліб-сіль із ними, він наказав їм Єрусалиму не кидати, але чекати обітниці Отця, що її ви від мене чули; бо Йоан христив водою, ви ж будете хрищені по кількох цих днях Святим Духом. Отож, зійшовшися, вони питали його: «Господи, чи цього часу знову відбудуєш Ізраїлеві царство?» Він відповів їм: «Не ваша справа знати час і пору, що їх Отець призначив у своїй владі. Та ви приймете силу Святого Духа, що на вас зійде, і будете моїми свідками в Єрусалимі, у всій Юдеї та Самарії й аж до краю землі.»



Алілуя (глас 4): Ти, воскресши, помилуєш Сіона (Пс. 101,14). Господь з неба на землю споглянув (Пс.101,20).

Євангеліє: (Ів. 1, 1-18)

В началі було Слово, і Слово було в Бога, і Слово було Бог. З Богом воно було споконвіку. Ним постало все, і ніщо, що постало, не постало без нього. У ньому було життя, і життя було світло людей. І Світло світить у темряві, і темрява його не поїняла. Був чоловік, посланий Богом, якому ім'я Іван. Прийшов він свідком, щоб свідчити про Світло, щоб усі через нього увірували. Не був він Світло, був лише, щоб свідчити про Світло.

Справжнє Світло було те, що просвічує кожну людину. Воно прийшло у цей світ. Було у світі, і світ постав через нього, і світ не пізнав його. Прийшло до своїх, і свої його не прийняли. Котрі ж його прийняли, тим дало змогу дітьми Божими стати – тим, що вірують в ім'я його, які не з крові, ні не з тілесного бажання, ні з похоті чоловічої, але від Бога народилися. І Слово стало тілом, і оселилося між нами, і ми бачили його славу – славу Єдинородного від Отця, повного благодаті та істини. Іван свідчить про нього і проголошує, кажучи: *Ось той, про кого я говорив: Той, що йде за мною, існував передо мною, був раніш за мене. З його повноти ми всі прийняли – благодать за благодать. Закон був даний Мойсеєм, благодать же та істина прийшла через Ісуса Христа.*

Замість Достойно: Ангел сповіщав Благодатній: Чистая Діво, радуйся. І знову кажу: Радуйся. Твій Син воскрес триденний із гробу, і мертвих воздвигнув він; люди, веселіться.

Ірмос (глас 1): Світіся, світіся, новий Єрусалиме, слава бо Господня на тобі возсіяла. Радій нині і веселися, Сіоне. А ти, Чистая, красуйся, Богородице, востанням рождження твого.

Причасний: Тіло Христове прийміть, джерела безсмертного споживіть. Алилуя (х3).

Замість Благодословен, хто йде в ім'я Господнє: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував.

Замість Ми бачили світло істинне: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував.

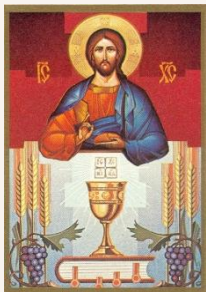
Замість Нехай сповняться: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (х3).

Замість Будь ім'я Господнє: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (х3).

Під час відпусту “Христос воскрес” співається один раз (на просту мелодію) замість “Слава Отцю...” Тоді знову співається Тропар “Христос воскрес”, як і на початку Літургії, але з додатковим закінченням.

Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (х3).

І нам дарував життя вічне, поклоняємось його триденному воскресінню



Молитва Живої Парафії:

Господи Ісусе Христе, Пастирю Добрий, як колись Ти пригорнув заблуканих овечок, щоб вони пізнали Твій голос і були Твоїм стадом, так і сьогодні глянь ласкаво з небесних висот на нашу парафію та зішли на неї Твого Святого Духа, щоб вона була місцем пізнання радості Доброї Новини. Скриплюй нас Твоєю присутністю та еднай нас кожночасно в молитві. Даруй нам духа служіння ближньому, щоб у нашій парафії кожний міг зустріти Тебе, милостивого Бога. Благослови наш духовний провід Твоєю мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дїбр для розбудови Твого царства. Еднай нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми були Твоєю спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світилом евангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилосся, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

>>>>>>>>>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH! ЩИРО ВАМ ДЯКУЄМО! <<<<<<<<<<<



Gratitudes to all our parishioners, guests, visitors and all people of the good will who by their kindness share time, make donations, knowingly and unknowingly for many people thoughtfully care and help our parish, participated at Lenten/the Great Fast and Easter Flowers donations projects, attend services during the week, volunteered sharing time and working at the parish projects, looking after and graciously supporting our Christian, Catholic Church community! May the Almighty God bless and abundantly reward your time, care and generosity! **“Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor. Send down Your mercy upon all of us!”** (A Prayer from the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom)



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to all who celebrate their birthdays, name-days, wedding anniversaries and any other special anniversaries this week – Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

May Our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus Christ fill Your and all Your relatives' and friends' hearts with hope, joy, light, peace and love granting all of You blessings and graces as we celebrate His Glorious Resurrection!

With Paschal joy, gratitude and prayers,

Rev. Fr. Pavlo Myts and Family

NEWS and ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WARM WELCOME TO OUR PARISHIONERS, GUESTS AND VISITORS WHO HAVE JOINED US IN THIS DIVINE LITURGY. THANK YOU FOR PRAYING WITH US AT THE CHUCH TODAY!

Wishing you a blessed with joy and love Easter celebration!

- **Special Petitions:** We also pray to be blessed with generous hearts to contribute to our Bishop's initiatives and programmes, such as: the support of parishes, the education of parishioners, and the formation of seminarians, Lord hear us and have mercy.
- We also pray for the people of Ukraine, that with the help of the Holy Spirit, they may obtain social peace, political harmony and economic stability: Lord, hear us and have mercy.
- **REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:** yourselves, Most Reverend Bishop-Emeritus Severian Yakymyshyn, Fr. Mark F., Lucy D., Edward H., Janet F., Alex R., Kathleen B., Volodymyr P., Ivan L., Fr. Edward E., Lily-Ann S., Mary D., Ray S., Cameron V., Rose O., Keyton A., Ric B., Shirley C., Peter D., Sandra Sh., Patricia U., Yvette U., Ann W., Rose F., Antholy and Victoria H., George and Maria D., Kalyna Kociuba, Bronie Huska, Peter Huska, Stanley and Roma Nowakowski (Bishop Ken's parents), Barbara and Vincent Pasternak, all members of our parish and those who are not able to join actively in our community, your families, relatives, friends; governments and armed forces, especially the shut-in or those in the hospitals, traveling, working or studying, nursing and senior homes, those seeking God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer; those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind; widows and widowers, orphans, homeless and all people who have asked us pray for them.

Please, also in your kindness keep praying daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Remember to ask for special blessings to all Christian families! **REMINDER** for families of individuals, who are admitted to hospital - If you or a family member is admitted to hospital and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call our parish rectory office to make this request. Your pastor may have no other way of knowing that you are in hospital, as privacy legislation. **SPIRIT OF AWARENESS: Dear parishioners, if our brother / sister in Christ, who usually sits next to you, is not in the Church today, please phone him / her and ask how he / she is doing. Let him / her know that our parish community misses him / her very much!**



- **Traditional and Very Delicious Ukrainian Food is available for sale at our parish:** Perogies – \$ 6.00 per dozen, Cabbage Rolls – \$ 6.00 per dozen, Borshch – \$ 7.00 per a jar, Pies – \$ 9.00, Kovbasa/Sausage - \$ 7 for a ring. For more information, please contact Mrs. Alice Pelechaty at 250-763-4870.

• **CATECHISM ANNOUNCEMENT:** *"And they were bringing to Him also the infants, in order that He may be touching them; but after the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But Jesus called them to Himself and said, Let alone the little children to come to Me, and cease hindering them; for of such is the kingdom of God."* (Mt. 19:14) We are blessed to have such a wonderful group of children again! Thank you, parents, volunteers and all our parishioners!

• **A SPECIAL REQUEST:** After each Divine Liturgy and every church service, please, keep silence in the House of the Lord as some of the faithful are still praying at the church. As well. please, do not forget close all Liturgy and/or hymnbooks and return them to their proper place. Also, please do not leave any church bulletins or any other material in the pews. Let each of us do our part to be true stewards of our parish church by helping to keep the church building clean and neat. Thank you very much!

- **KNEELING DURING THE EASTER SEASON** - until Pentecost we do not kneel during the Divine Liturgy. As a sign of our redemption and final resurrection, we offer our prayers to God while standing.

- **ZAHALNYTSIA.** Due to the festive Easter season, the Friday after Easter (April 6) is not a fasting day. Let us celebrate and rejoice in Jesus Christ's Glorious Resurrection!
- **BOX FOR USED CHURCH BULLETINS** – since our Sunday bulletins contain Sacred Scripture readings & icons, they need to be disposed of properly/respectfully after use. Please do not throw them into the garbage but recycle them after shredding if possible. In order to assist with this request, we have provided a special box for used bulletins at the church entrance. * **Please, share to Kelowna Food Bank.** A special box is located at the entrance to the church.
- **Volunteers for Sunday coffee socials and clean-ups are needed** – please continue putting your name on the calendar posted in the church hall. If you can help out, please, let us know. Your help is truly appreciated!



BE A STEWARD: Have you ever wondered what more can you do to help our parish? Here are some suggestions: Steward of property security; Steward of grounds cleaning; Steward of cleaning church; Steward of church linen; Steward of outreach; Steward of caring; Steward of prayer; Steward of service. Quite often, our homebound or senior members, once active in their younger years, want to find purpose in their senior years. It's not only about doing but about "BEING" present to others! **Please, feel very welcome to participate in our church choir singing, reading of the Epistles and others inspiring Bible texts, holding the candles during the Gospels readings, processions, welcoming, parish cleaning, projects, etc.**

- **Glasses Prescription Box for Ukraine** is placed and located at the left side by the entrance to the parish hall. Please, feel free to participate in and support this important project.

- **Rachel's Corner:** Have you ever thought about what that would feel like to be able to lay it down? To be free of the shame, regret and pain you have been living with since the day of your abortion? You are not alone. He will make a way, and He will show you how. Come join us on a Rachel's Vineyard™ Retreat. **ARE YOU IN PRISON?** Many women and men who suffer from an abortion decision



remain locked in their own internal prison afraid of anyone knowing their deep secret. Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreats are a beautiful opportunity for any person who has struggled with the emotional or spiritual pain of abortion. This retreat is a specific process designed to help you experience the mercy and compassion of God and is helpful in releasing feelings of shame, guilt, anger and grief. Come on a retreat and let the healing begin. April 6-8, 2018. **Healing after Abortion Ministry 250-762-2273** info@rachelsvineyardkelowna.com for information and registration visit: www.rachelsvineyardkelowna.com, Facebook: **Rachel's Vineyard Kelowna** Strict confidentiality assured. **Healing the pain of abortion ... one weekend at a time.**

❖ **FAITHFUL GIVING** ... Please, remember that we never take a day off or a vacation from God, or from our obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays and Holy Days. **When traveling, working, participating in different sport's tournaments, activities or studying, please, make sure you check out the service schedule for the area churches at our eparchial website: www.nweparchy.ca and attend the Divine Liturgy.** Remember as well, that while parishioners may be away and on vacation, the parish-church is not. Expenses continue as they do throughout the year. Please, remain consistent in your gifts to parish. Your weekly Sunday offering is important to our financial well-being. If you are away, we appreciate it when you forward your "make-up" donations. The financial stability of the parish counts on regular Sunday contributions. Please, continue to be supportive and generous! **"Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor. Send down Your mercy upon all of us!"** (*Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom*)

Home Blessing and Pastoral Annual Visitations sign up list to arrange the actual date is available at the entrance to the church and at the church hall. Please assist Fr. Pavlo in planning these visits by letting him know your most convenient time and day. Thank you and may God bless you!



The Fr. Delestre Council of the Knights of Columbus is pleased to announce that it will again be offering bursaries to students who are graduating from high school this year and who are planning to attend an accredited post-secondary school in BC. One-Time Bursaries are also available for students already in post-secondary programs who are continuing their studies in accredited post-secondary education in BC.

Applications can be found at the parish office or by contacting Paul Gabias at 250-491-7256 or by email, pgabias@gabiaswellness.com. All applications must be received on or before April 30, 2018 to be considered.



His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav’
2018 Paschal Message (in English and Ukrainian languages)



**EASTER PASTORAL LETTER
 OF HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV**

*Most Reverend Archbishops and Bishops,
 Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers,
 Venerable Brothers and Sisters in Monastic and Religious Life,
 Dearly Beloved Laity in Christ of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church*

Christ is Risen!

*David, ancestor of the Lord, danced and made music before the Ark, which was only a symbol.
 As God’s holy people let us witness the symbol fulfilled,
 And rejoice in spirit, for Christ, being almighty, is risen.
 From Ode 4, Paschal Canon*

Beloved in Christ!

Today in all of Ukraine and in our settlements abroad Christians are filled with an inexpressible joy. From the moment we first hear our traditional Easter greeting “Christ is risen!” in each one of us, from the youngest to the oldest, our soul undergoes a profound change. We feel how all life’s problems and challenges disappear, how all cares and sorrows are washed away “as wax melts before the fire.” This joy is the fruit of the Holy Spirit and a true sign, that the risen Lord is present in our hearts.

David, ancestor of the Lord, danced and made music before the Ark, which was only a symbol.

In the sixth chapter of the second book of Samuel, we read how King David at the beginning of his reign arranged for the transfer of the Ark of the Covenant to his capital, Jerusalem. In this relic were contained the tablets of Divine Law, received by Moses: they were the most precious possession of Israel. The Ark was a guaranty of invincibility for the people of the Old Testament, of strength for the king. For this reason, David greets it with great joy, with dance. This presence of God in the midst of His people and their sense of duty to live according to the Lord’s commandments

will later allow the Psalmist to say: “Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name!” (Ps. 97:11-12).

Our Paschal Matins see in the behavior of the king an image of our paschal joy today. And while the Ark-symbol was lost in the time of the Babylonian onslaught in the VI century B.C., the risen Lord is eternally present in our midst: “And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age” (Mt 28:20). This is no symbol or prediction of some unsure or unreachable future. Christ Himself, who rose from the dead, comes to us, His disciples, as a source of our strength and victory over evil. In the Resurrection, in the news of His victory over death is found the summit of our joy and the fulfillment of all prophecies and human aspirations.

To rejoice in God is to allow the victory of the risen Lord to penetrate my heart, to be fulfilled in my personal life. This is not merely some temporary feeling, but real participation and communion in Christ’s Resurrection. Saint Paul wrote: “For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His” (Rom 6:5). To celebrate Pascha is to rise together with Christ, to triumph in Him and with Him. Thus, our joy in Him and with Him is no passing emotion, but the permanent state of one who lives in the faith of the risen Lord.

As God’s holy people let us witness the symbol fulfilled...

In today’s world people do not know how to rejoice—they find happiness in possessions, but largely cry over that which they would like to have but do not possess. Today there in an entire amusement industry that “sells joy,” suggests that you “buy happiness” in the form of empty and short-term distractions, compulsions, or narcotics, promises quick satisfaction without responsibility, seeks to entice through an escape into virtual realities or the acquisition of temporal riches.

A person seeks happiness but cannot find it in those things. For joy is not possible without God. Happiness without God is an illusion which quickly dissipates. It is a dependency that simultaneously enslaves and saps one of strength.

How often in today’s society we find irresponsible politicians, newfound messiahs, in the role of “purveyors of joy.” With empty slogans they appeal to the lowest of human desires. At the price of the blood and tears of innocent victims, or even entire nations, they promise happiness “for the chosen” who belong to their “world” which they artificially designed, and count on the fact that in the face of their lawlessness, “in all tongues”—here we paraphrase our great Kobzar- Shevchenko, all will be silent. But such joy is built on the sand of idols, falsehood, and violence, and thus, sooner or later, it will collapse under its own weight.

We, on the other hand, are called to build our happiness and our joy as a community of children of God. It isn’t easy to live in the joy of the Lord, especially in today’s circumstances. We often ask ourselves: How can we rejoice today? Why are we suffering? Why is this happening to us? Is there any sense to our struggles, the blood and suffering, the deaths and devastation? Without the mystery of Christ’s Pascha, these questions remain unanswered. For the risen Christ Himself opens up for us the meaning of human suffering—transforming it in our paschal journey into joy in the Lord. St. Maximus the Confessor wrote: “If God suffers in the flesh when He is made man, should we not rejoice when we suffer, for we have God to share our sufferings? This shared suffering confers the kingdom on us. For he spoke truly who said, ‘If we suffer with Him, then we shall also be glorified with Him’ (Rom. 8:17).” The suffering and risen Lord is present in each person who undergoes suffering till the end of the world—in each human hurt, in each spilt tear and drop of blood—and He draws us into His Resurrection, grant us joy therein. The one who suffers in the name of love of God and neighbor, that person knows how to be glad in God, how to rejoice with the authentic and eternal joy of the Risen One.

And rejoice in spirit, for Christ, being almighty, is risen.

Therefore, let us view our personal, family, community, and national sufferings in light of our paschal journey led by the risen Christ, in light of our transformation into joy, our movement towards hope on this lightsome day, made by the Almighty. The Lord’s Pascha opens up for our people the truth that through our struggle we enter into His joy. Our love for the Fatherland, which calls us to self-sacrifice in the name of its freedom and independence is, indeed, a path to Resurrection. Our invincible spirit bears witness before the world that one need not be fearful before deadly falsehood and violence, for “Christ is risen, being almighty!”

Today the Lord Himself gladdens us, changing our sorrow into joy, as it was for the myrrh-bearing women. They went to the Lord’s tomb crying and returned filled with authentic joy in God. They went in the darkness of hopelessness and received the light of the Risen One and proclaimed to the Apostles and the entire world that Christ was truly risen. May we be transformed by this “miracle above all miracles,” and through us—our society and land, wherever we may live.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ! May the victory of Jesus Christ over death and evil dispel our doubts and renew hope and joy in our hearts. To all of you, in Ukraine and throughout the world, I send you my heartfelt greeting together with sincere prayers. To all the soldiers and their families, to all refugees, all who lament on the occupied territories and in the Crimea, all captives and prisoners for the sake of their conscience and love for Ukraine, to all the sick and suffering, to those who labor abroad, I wish all of you divine joy above all! I send you my sincere wishes for a blessed Easter feast, a tasty sharing of our traditional blessed egg, and a Paschal joy that is full of light.

The grace of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Christ is risen! – Truly, He is risen!

+ SVIATOSLAV

Given in Kyiv at the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ,
on the Fifth Sunday of Lent March 25, 2018 A.D.



ВЕЛИКОДНЕ ПОСЛАННЯ БЛАЖЕННІШОГО СВЯТОСЛАВА

Високопреосвященним і преосвященним владикам,
всесвітлішим, всечеснішим і преподобним отцям,
преподобним ченцям і черниціям, дорогим у Христі мирянам
Української Греко-Католицької Церкви

Христос воскрес!

*Богоотець Давид перед отіненням ковчезом граючи веселився.
Ми ж, народ Божий, святий, прообразів здійснення бачивши,
Веселімся у Бозі, бо воскрес Христос як всемогутній.*

Пісня 4 Канону Воскресної утрени

Дорогі в Христі!

Сьогодні в усій Україні та на поселеннях християни сповнюють невимовною радістю. У ту мить, коли вперше чуємо наше традиційне великоднє привітання «Христос воскрес!», у душі кожного з нас, від наймолодшого до найстаршого, відбувається якась глибока зміна. Ми відчуваємо, як зникають усі проблеми і виклики нашого життя, як змиваються всі турботи та кожна журба, наче «тане віск від лиця вогню». Оця радість є плодом Святого Духа та правдивим знаком, що воскреслий Господь присутній у наших серцях.

Богоотець Давид перед отіненням ковчезом граючи веселився...

У шостій главі другої книги Самуїла читаємо, як цар Давид на початку свого правління постарався, щоб ковчег Завіту був перенесений до столиці, до Єрусалима. У цій реліквії зберігалися таблиці Божого закону, переданого Мойсеєві: вони вважалися найціннішим посіданням Ізраїлю. Ковчег був запорукою непереможності старозавітного народу та сили його царя. Тому Давид зустрічав його з великою радістю, з танцями. Ця Божя присутність серед свого народу і відчуття з боку людей священного обов'язку жити за Господніми заповідями пізніше дозволять Псалмоспівцеві промовити: «Над праведником сходить сонце, над щирим серцем – радість. Радуйтеся, праведні, у Господі, і прославляйте Його святе ім'я» (Пс. 97, 11-12).

Наша Пасхальна утрени бачить у поведінці царя прообраз нинішньої пасхальної радості. І хоч прообраз-ковчег зник у часи вавилонської навали в VI столітті до Христа, воскреслий Господь присутній вічно серед нас: «Ось я з вами по всі дні аж до кінця віку» (Мт. 28, 20). Уже не прообраз чи провіщення якогось непевного та неосяжного майбутнього, а сам Христос, який воскрес із мертвих, приходить до нас, своїх учнів, як джерело нашої сили і перемоги над злом. У Воскресінні, у новині про Його перемогу над смертю, – вершина радості і здійснення всіх пророцтв і прагнень людини.

Веселитися в Бозі – означає дозволити перемозі воскреслого Господа проникнути в мене, звершитися в моєму особистому житті. Ідеться не про якесь тимчасове почуття, а про дійсну участь та причастя Христового Воскресіння. Святий апостол Павло пише: «Бо якщо ми з'єднані з Ним подобою Його смерті, то будемо і подобою воскресіння» (Рим. 6, 5). Святкувати Пасху – це значить воскреснути разом із Христом, перемогти в

Ньому і з Ним. Тож наша радість у Ньому та з Ним не скороминуща емоція, а постійний стан того, хто живе вірою у воскреслого Господа.

Ми ж, народ Божий, святий, прообразів здійснення бачивши...

Сучасна людина в теперішньому світі не вмє радіти – вона тішиться лише тим, що має, і здебільшого плаче від того, що хотіла б мати, але не посідає. Сьогодні існує ціла індустрія розваг, яка «продає радість», пропонує «купити радість» у вигляді порожніх і хвилих веселоців, насилля чи наркотиків, обіцяє швидко задоволення без відповідальності, пробує заманити втечею у віртуальну дійсність чи земне багатство.

Людина шукає радості, але в цих речах її не знаходить. Бо радіти без Бога неможливо. Веселоці без Бога – це примара, яка швидко розсіюється; це залежність, яка так само швидко поневолює та відбирає силу.

Як часто в нинішньому суспільстві в ролі «торговців радості» виступають безвідповідальні політики, новоявлені месії. Порожніми гаслами вони апелюють до нищих людських бажань. Коштом крові та сліз невинних скривджених людей чи цілих народів обіцяють радість «для вибраних», які належать до штучно створеного ними «міра», і розраховують, що чинитимуть беззаконня, а все «на всіх язиках» – перефразуємо слова великого Кобзаря – буде мовчати. Але така радість збудована на піску кумирів, брехні та насильстві, тому неминуче раніше чи пізніше завалиться під власним тягарем.

Ми, натомість, покликані будувати своє щастя і свою радість як свята спільнота дітей Божих. Жити Господньою радістю нелегко, особливо в нинішніх обставинах. Часто ставимо собі запитання: чи можемо ми сьогодні радіти? чому ми страждаємо? чому з нами це сталося? чи має сенс наша боротьба, кров і страждання, смерть і розруха? Без пасхального таїнства ці запитання залишилися б без відповіді. Однак сам воскреслий Христос відкриває нам зміст людського страждання – переминюючи його в пасхальній ході на радість у Господі. Святий Максим Ісповідник писав: «Якщо Бог терпить у тілі, коли Він стає людиною, чи ми не повинні радіти, коли терпимо? Оце спільне терпіння відкриває нам Царство. Бо істинно промовив той, хто сказав: якщо страждаємо разом з Ним, то разом з Ним і прославимся». (пор. Рим. 8, 17)

Стражденний і воскреслий Господь присутній у кожній людині, яка зазнає терпіння, аж до кінця світу, – у кожному людському болю, у кожній пролитій сльозі та краплі крові, – і Він вводить нас у своє Воскресіння, даруючи нам радість у ньому. Хто терпить в ім'я любові до Бога і ближнього, той вмє веселитися в Бозі, радіти істинною та вічною радістю Воскреслого.

Веселітесь у Бозі, бо воскрес Христос як всемогутній

Отож дивімося на наші теперішні страждання, особисті, сімейні, місцеві, всенародні, у світлі пасхального ходу за воскреслим Христом, переходу в радість, руху в надії на цей світлий день, створений Всевишнім. Пасха Господня відкриває нашому народові істину, що наша боротьба – це вхід у Його радість. Наша любов до Батьківщини, що кличе нас до самопожертви в ім'я її свободи і незалежності – це насправді дорога до Воскресіння. Наш непереможний дух дає свідчення перед світом, що не треба боятися перед смертоносною брехнею та насильством, бо «воскрес Христос як всемогутній»!

Сьогодні сам Господь нас потішає – переминює наш смуток на радість, як це сталося із жінками-мироносицями. Вони йшли до Господнього гробу плачучи, а повернулися сповнені істинною радістю в Бозі. Ішли в темряві безнадії, а отримали світло Воскреслого і звістили апостолам й усьому світові, що Христос воістину воскрес. Нехай переминить нас це «чудо, чудо всіх чудес», а через нас – наше суспільство і країну, хоч би де ми жили.

Дорогі в Христі браття і сестри! Хай перемога Ісуса Христа над смертю і злом розвіє наші сумніви та відновить у наших серцях надію і радість. Усім вам, в Україні й на поселеннях суцям, засилаю свої сердечні вітання разом із щирими молитвами. Усім військовим та їхнім сім'ям, усім переселенцям, усім, що плачуть на окупованих територіях і в Криму, усім полоненим і ув'язненим сумління свого ради і ради любові до України, усім хворим і стражденним, тим, що на далеких заробітках за кордоном, – кожному з вас зичу передусім радості Божої! Щиро бажаю вам благословенних Великодніх свят, смачного свяченого яйця та світлої пасхальної радості!

Благодать воскреслого Господа нашого Ісуса Христа, любов Бога Отця і причастя Святого Духа нехай буде з усіма вами!

Христос воскрес! Воістину воскрес!

† СВЯТОСЛАВ

Дано в Києві, при Патріаршому соборі Воскресіння Христового,
у п'яту неділю Великого посту, 25 березня 2018 року Божого

Update Regarding Canada Summer Jobs Program

We the undersigned, representing Christian, Jewish, and Muslim communities across Canada have spoken publicly about our concerns regarding the new application requirements for the Canada Summer Jobs program.

Groups applying for 2018 funding were required to endorse an attestation by checking a box, indicating their affirmation of certain beliefs held by the current government, described by many as a “values test.” Such a values test contravenes the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms, which guarantees the freedom of religion and conscience (2a), of thought, belief, opinion and expression (2b), as well as “equal protection and equal benefit of the law without discrimination”(15 [1]).

In January of this year, we asked to sit down with the government to find a path forward. In the interim, we invited those sharing our deep concern to write, call or meet with their elected Member of Parliament, respectfully expressing these concerns.

We know that more than 1,400 applications have been denied, compared to 126 in 2017. It is no coincidence that the number of rejections has spiked due to the controversial attestation.

Hundreds of concerned groups did check the box, but amended the attestation to instead confirm that they will abide by the laws of Canada in their hiring practices and all other activities. Applications that failed to check the box, or did so with qualification or clarification were sent back as incomplete. Most were then resubmitted, asking for an accommodation under the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*.

In spite of our ongoing efforts at dialogue with the government, which culminated in a meeting with Minister Hajdu on Wednesday March 21, and our persistent requests that the problematic attestation be amended or removed, it has been made clear to us by the Minister that there will be no accommodation provided, and no changes made to the attestation for this year.¹ Applicants that did not “check the box” will be ineligible for a Canada Summer Jobs grant in 2018.

The Minister has also indicated that changes will be made to the application for 2019 to provide greater clarity and precision. However, many of our organizations remain concerned that the question of ‘reproductive rights criteria’ and other undefined values will remain present in the application form in 2019.

While we welcome a review of the application process for 2019 and have asked the Minister to be included in the process of changing the policy, we are extremely disappointed that the government has chosen not to make adjustments to the program for this year. This leaves hundreds of programs across the country vulnerable. These groups must now consider modifying or cancelling programs, while others will be forced to launch emergency fundraising campaigns. It is disheartening to think that this whole situation could have been avoided.

As faith leaders, we will continue to raise our collective voices and encourage others to advocate for changes to the program and, most importantly, to respect the diverse views and beliefs of all Canadians.

Signatories:

Mr. Bruce Clemenger, President The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada

Rabbi Chaim Strauchler, Rabbinical Council of America

Mr. Derek B.M. Ross, Executive Director & General Counsel, Christian Legal Fellowship

Rev. John Pellowe, Chief Executive Officer, Canadian Council of Christian Charities

Mrs. Margaret Ann Jacobs, National President, The Catholic Women’s League of Canada

Dr. M. Iqbal Nadvi, Chair, Canadian Council of Imams

His Eminence Thomas Cardinal Collins, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Toronto

Representing: The Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops

CANADA SUMMER JOBS ATTESTATION

• MEETING WITH MINISTER OF EMPLOYMENT, WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND LABOUR
THE HONOURABLE PATRICIA A. HAJDU ON MARCH 21, 2018

The initial attestation consisted of four statements.ⁱ As you are aware, only one of those statements raised concern for many organizations. On or about January 23, 2018, supplemental information was released to clarify the initial attestation.

¹ Proposed rewording of the attestation which was submitted to the Minister is attached.

*INITIAL ATTESTATION**PROPOSED ATTESTATION*

Both the job* and my organization's core mandate* respect individual human rights in Canada, including the values underlying the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms as well as other rights. These include reproductive rights and the right to be free from discrimination on the basis of sex, religion, race, national or ethnic origin, colour, mental or physical disability or sexual orientation, or gender identity or expression;

My organization complies with all laws to which we are subject, including all applicable human rights laws and labour/employment laws, and will use the Canada Summer Jobs grant only for the activities stated in our application. My organization recognizes that the Charter of Rights and Freedoms guarantees the rights and freedoms of all Canadians.

Supplemental Information

Organization: This is the entity that is directly applying to use CSJ funding.

Core mandate: This is the primary **activities** undertaken by the organization that reflect the organization's ongoing services provided to the community. It is not the beliefs of the organization, and it is not the values of the organization.

Respect: Individual human rights are respected when an organization's primary activities, and the job responsibilities, do not seek to remove or actively undermine these existing rights.

The CSJ program will not fund organizations whose primary activities:

- involve partisan political activities; or
- do not respect – seek to remove or actively undermine – established individual human rights in Canada.

Pastoral and Sacramental Ministry:

Reconciliation: on Sundays and Holy Days: before Liturgies and other days, by appointment.

Holy Communion: for the sick, by appointment, any time.

Baptisms: by appointment.

Marriages: six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made.

Funerals and Memorials: by appointment.

Holy Unction (Anointing of the Sick): Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing.

*** Please, contact Fr. Pavlo if you want to have the Divine Liturgies celebrated in your special (such as: In thanksgiving for favours received, the Infirm, General Intentions, the Deceased, Help of the Holy Spirit, for the Travelers, etc.) intentions.**

***Liturgical celebrations during the Easter/Bright Week:***

April 2nd – BRIGHT MONDAY 10:00 a.m. – The Divine Liturgy (Eng./Ukr.)

April 3rd – BRIGHT TUESDAY 9:30 a.m. – The Divine Liturgy (Eng./Ukr.)

April 5th – BRIGHT THURSDAY 9:30 a.m. – The Divine Liturgy (Eng./Ukr.)

April 6th – BRIGHT FRIDAY 9:30 a.m. – The Divine Liturgy (Eng./Ukr.)

April 7th – BRIGHT SATURDAY 4:00 p.m. – The Divine Liturgy (Eng./Ukr.) After the Liturgy will be distributing of the Artos /the Blessed Bread and myrovania / blessing with Holy Oil. Spilne Sviachene / Parish Easter Dinner is after services at the church hall. **(at Christ's Resurrection Parish in Penticton, BC)**

THOMAS SUNDAY on April 8th, 2018 A.D. - ONLY ONE DIVINE LITURGY at 9:00 a.m. (Eng./Ukr.)

After the Liturgy will be distributing of the Artos /the Blessed Bread and myrovania / blessing with Holy Oil.

Spilne Sviachene / Parish Easter Lunch is after services at the church hall. Please, let us know about your attendance at our Parish Easter Lunch by signing up a list located at the entrance to the church in the vestibule, phoning or sending an email to the parish office by April 5th. It will truly help us to know the amount of food to be prepared for the parishioners and guests attending. **A film 'Risen' will be presented at the parish hall after the lunch.**



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