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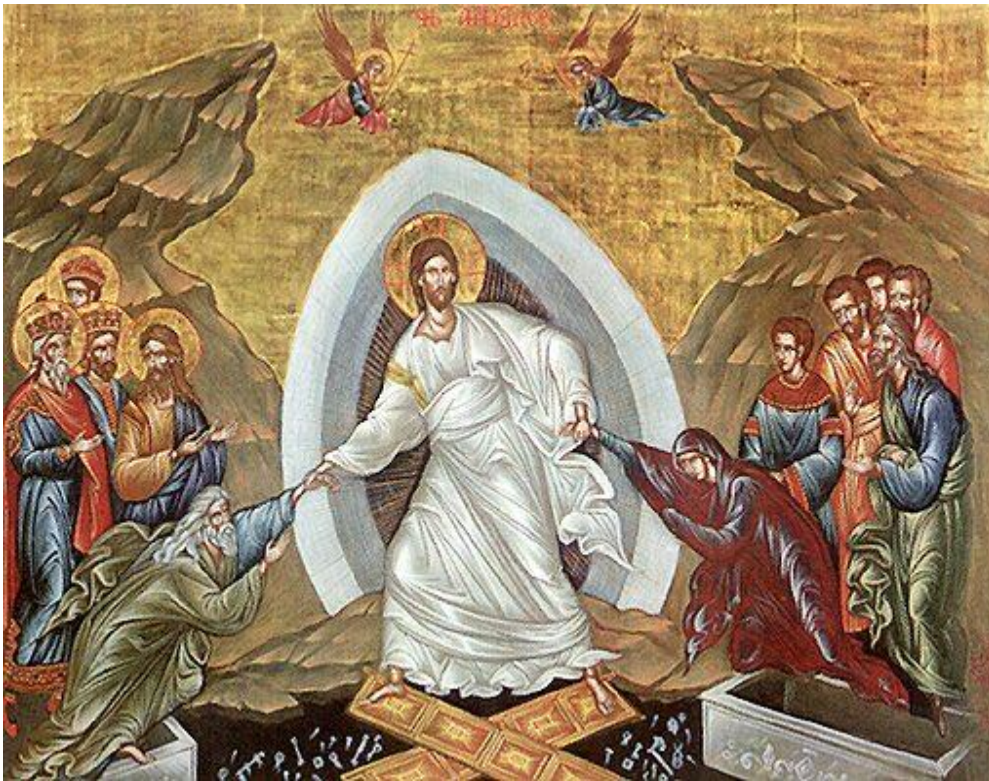
### **EASTER SUNDAY**

***Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ*** – March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016 A.D.



**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

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.



In the Eastern Catholic Churches the feast of Easter is officially called Pascha, the word which means the Passover. It is the new Passover of the new and everlasting covenant foretold by the prophets of the Old Testament. It is the eternal Passover from death to life and from earth to heaven. It is the Day of the Lord proclaimed by God's holy prophets, "the day which the Lord has made" for his judgment over all creation, the day of His final and everlasting victory. It is the Day of the Kingdom of God, the day "which has no night" for "its light is the Lamb."

(Book of Revelation 21:22-25).

“...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”

***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*

***Christian Greetings during Easter Season:***

Christ Is Risen! - Indeed He Is Risen!  
Chrystos Voskres! - Voistynu Voskres!  
Христос Воскрес! - Воістину Воскрес!

Christ is among us! - He is and will be!

## ***Liturgical Propers:***

*Text from "The Divine Liturgy: An Anthology for Worship"; Pg. 501. The Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom*

**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.

**Troparion:** *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.**

**GRATITUDE**

\* to all the ladies and gentlemen who voluntarily worked and helped in preparation for Easter celebration at various parish projects: participated in Holy Week services, decorating the church, processions and Plashchanytsia/Holy Shroud guarding!

\* to all our parishioners, guests, visitors and all people of the good will who by their kindness, time, donations, knowingly and unknowingly, organize and lead praying with rosaries, attend services during the week, share their time and work at the parish projects, clean the church, prepare coffee and sweets, look after and graciously support our Christian, Catholic parish community! Thank you very much! May the Almighty God generously bless and reward your care, time 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!”** (*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 Mr. Sam Daneliuk on his birthday today (Mar. 27<sup>th</sup>), to Mr. Joe Mychaluk on his birthday on Thursday (Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>), to Mr. Todd Flodstrom on his birthday on Thursday (Mar. 31<sup>st</sup>), and to all our parishioners, guests, visitors, family members and all those who celebrate Easter, their birthdays, name-days, wedding anniversaries and any other special anniversaries this week – Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!

**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. HAVE A VERY BLESSED AND JOYFUL EASTER / BRIGHT WEEK!**

**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.

**III. REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR:** yourselves, Most Reverend Bishop Severian Yakymyshyn, Fr. Steven Basarab, Fr. Serabion ElMakary, Steve and Bernice Usipuik, Ann Kuz, Ann Derzak, Dave and Mary Emery, Elsie Kinaschuk, John Kolody, Joseph Mychaluk, Zonia Rurka, Eugene Palsitt, Adeline Palsitt, Orest Hrycewich, Myron and Myrna Wizniak, Bill and Elsie Zachary, Matt Dmyterko, Allan and Sharon Ludwig, Steve and Jesse Pawlyshyn, Joe and Olga Burkatsky, Orest Kociuba, Kalyna Kociuba, Allan Bodnaruk, Maria Chorny, Katrien Sobhy, Marg Musey, Jacob and Ann Dressler, Rosemary Pellizzon, Bronie Huska, Peter Huska, Mary Borrett, Stanley and Roma Nowakowski (Bishop Ken's parents), Larry and Valray Necember, Lawrence and Ping Beaton, Red Mackay, Les Blain, Theresa Munro, Michelle New, Randy Hamilton, Adam Laniel, Cryss O'Donnell, Rose Ostopowich (Fr. Joe Ostopowich's mother), members of our parishes and those who are not able to join actively in our community, your families, relatives, friends; especially the shut-in or those in the hospitals, 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 for 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.

\* **Fr. Pavlo will be away at Clergy Annual Retreat & Conferences** that will take place at the Immaculate Shrine of Mary Retreat Centre in Cache Creek, BC from Tuesday, Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> to Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. In case of pastoral emergency, call Sacred Heart Cathedral or Our Lady of Perpetual Help Roman Catholic Church in Kamloops, BC.

\* **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 10) is not a fasting day. Let us celebrate and rejoice in Jesus Christ's Glorious Resurrection!

\* **Sister Angelica Hodowansky, SSMI is taking a group to Ukraine Aug. 22 -Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016** ... Lviv -Ternopil-Carpathian Mountains- Kyiv, as well as Zarvanytsia and Hoshiv with time for relative visits (optional). If interested, please, see Fr. Pavlo for more information.

\* **Easter Dinner/Spilne Sviachene** – this pot-luck parish annual dinner will take place at our church hall on Thomas Sunday (April 3<sup>rd</sup>) after the Divine Liturgy. Please, call our parish UCWLC ladies if you have any questions or suggestions.

\* **Sunday (Mar. 20<sup>th</sup>) collection:** \$ 510.00

\* **Average Joe Men's Retreat on April 8-9, 2016** will be presented by Graham Osborne, along with Father Andrew, Father Derrick and Father Paul. Graham is the Adult Faith Education Coordinator for St. Mary's Parish for the Archdiocese of Vancouver and also comes highly recommended by the past director of the Office of Evangelization for the Archdiocese, Kyle Neilson. Please see poster for more information, and if you are able could you please print off the poster and post it.

The talks will be: Talk 1: Men as Teachers of the Faith in Their Families; Talk 2: Why be Catholic? Part 1: Men as Defenders of the Faith; Talk 3: Why be Catholic? Part 2: Answering Those Tough Questions Catholics Get Out There.

Friday will begin with Holy Mass at 6 pm and include dinner, one talk, Confession available and all night Adoration. Saturday will include Holy Mass, 2 talks, meals, the option to trap shoot and a pig roast for dinner. When registering please specify if you would like to take part in the trap shoot. The town of Cache Creek has the options of golfing and hiking also. If anyone is interested in putting these options together, please let me know. Retreat will close after dinner on Saturday evening. There is the option to stay Saturday night if you choose, at the extra cost of \$40.00.

\* **2016 Fundraising Banquet and Silent Auction:** Guest Speaker : Anastasia Pearse National Campus Life Network  
Topic: The Pro-life Movement of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century on **Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016**  
Doors open at 5:30 - Dinner at 6:30 at OLPH Parish Centre, 635 Tranquille Rd.  
Tickets; \$25 Call Maybelle: 376-4161; or [778-220-5584](tel:778-220-5584)

Anastasia Pearse is the Executive Director of National Campus Life Network, a pro-life organization that equips and empowers university students as they share their life-saving message on university campuses. She has personally trained and educated hundreds of university and high-school students from Ontario to BC speaking at conferences, youth retreats, banquets, BC March for Life, and taking part in debates on campus. Anastasia holds a Masters of Leadership degree from Trinity Western University.



**EASTER MESSAGE OF  
HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV**

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

*Christ is Risen!*

*The first-born male from the virginal womb – Christ,  
who, as a man, has been called Lamb  
and unblemished, not having the stain of sin.  
He is our Pasch and, as true God, is called perfect.*

Paschal Canon, Ode 4, Second Hymn

*Beloved in Christ!*

Once again we gather in Ukraine and throughout the world to greet one another on the glorious feast of our Lord's Resurrection: "Christ is risen!" This joyful greeting for us Christians is the beginning and end of our preaching, the core of our faith, the foundation of our hope, and fulfillment of our love. Although this is already the third time that we celebrate Christ's Pasch in the context of a new way of the cross for the Ukrainian people—war and cruelty by the forces of evil—time and again this feast renews us in the joy and hope of God's children, assured of God's victory over diabolical treachery, mendacity, and malice.

*The first-born male from the virginal womb – Christ, who, as a man, has been called Lamb*

How mysterious is the depth of divine mercy to humankind! Our Lord "did not utterly turn away from His creature, which He made, nor did He forget the work of His hands" (see Anaphora of St. Basil the Great). At a critical moment in human history the Eternal God, Creator of the Universe, quietly, without great fanfare, entered into human history in an unheard of and unexpected manner. The Only-begotten Son of God became the first-born of the Virgin from Nazareth so that, as the only Holy and Pure One, without the stain of sin, He might offer Himself as a sacrifice for our salvation.

Does God truly require human sacrifice? Certainly not! It is we, created in the image and likeness of God, who need to offer our life to God, order our life according to His commandments, and acknowledge before God that everything we are belongs to Him. The only One who was capable of offering such a perfect sacrifice to God the Father was the God-man, Jesus Christ, the Immaculate Lamb, who, even though He was Innocent, offered Himself to God on behalf of all humankind, and thus opened for us the path to eternal life by His resurrection from the dead.

*He is our Pascha and, as true God, is called perfect.*

The Pasch-Passover of the Old Testament remembers a remarkable event, when the Almighty Lord liberated His chosen people from Egyptian bondage, and the angel of death "bypassed" every home, which was marked on its doorpost by the blood of the paschal lamb. That is, in fact, the first meaning of the Hebrew word for the feast, *pesach*, which conveys the image of divine punishment "passing over," or "passing by." Thus, when we sing that Christ is "our Pasch," we magnify the One, through whom we have been given the possibility to avoid the consequences of our sins, provided we make a determined decision to leave the captivity of sin and passions, repent and follow His Gospel. For He has saved us by His own blood! "Know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you" (1 Peter 1:18-20).

Not all are able to receive this message of salvation. To speak of the Christ-Lamb, crucified on the cross, in today's world seems as problematic as it was in the times of the earliest Christians. This was St. Paul's understanding when he wrote: "For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart'" (1 Corinthians 1:18-19). Even though Christ's Gospel is being preached now for almost two thousand years, often it seems that the world, even one that calls itself "Christian," still understands only the language of riches, affluence, power, weaponry, and might. Manifestations of the folly of

the mighty of this world never disappear from the arena of history. They take on different forms: empires, reichs, unions, federations, led by individuals, who propose themselves instead of God, and impose on others their own depravation as a measure of truth.

However, in every generation there will also be those, who understand God's ways, know how to be gentle lambs of God in the history of their people, who follow God's gentleness, humility, meekness, spirit of sacrifice, who understand that not only do crosses and suffering pass, but that without them there is no resurrection. In our circumstances among such individuals are thousands of the best sons and daughters of our people, who sacrifice their lives for our freedom and independence. Precisely in the Risen Christ, our Unblemished Lamb, we come to understand the paschal value of their pure sacrifice, which leads us out of the house of captivity, the meaning of Ukraine's suffering at the start of the new millennium.

Most often, it is in weakness and infirmity that God's power and God's wisdom is revealed. What is important is not to allow oneself to be tempted, or deceived, or discouraged in our fight, for that, against which we struggle, is merely a manifestation of the unclean spirit, who shakes, falls to the ground, foams at the mouth and convulses, for it knows that by the blood of the unblemished Paschal Lamb its end is near (see Mark 9:17-27). The Risen Christ, who through suffering and death carries us over to resurrection and eternal life, comes to us today showing us the wounds on His glorified body. As then he spoke to his frightened apostles, so today he says to us, his disciples: "Why are you troubled, and why do doubts arise in your hearts?" (Luke 24:38).

How much have we already experienced the "impossible" made possible for those, who firmly kept their faith in the Risen Lord! Seventy years ago the evil one decided once again to crucify our people and drag our Church into the grave. However, to the surprise of the entire world, she rose and became stronger than at any time in her history. At the Lviv pseudo-sobor of 1946 the enemy attempted to forcibly separate us from unity with the successor to the apostle Peter. Today we are living witness to how the blood of the martyrs and confessors of our Church has forever sealed this Catholic unity and become a force of resilience and resurrection for Ukraine, a force for the unity of its people, and a catalyst for social renewal. Indeed, through such a witnessing of faith in the resurrection an authentic unification of the Churches of Ukraine is possible, a restoration of the unity of the Churches of Kyivan Christianity, which we have received as an inheritance from Prince Volodymyr, equal-to-the-apostles.

Beloved in Christ! The Risen Lord calls us to perfection. Indeed, He Himself is the only source of every perfection—our Saviour, who completes and makes precious and lasting the fruit of our efforts. If we are still far from perfection, if our state is not yet that of which we dream, we do not have reason to abandon our effort: to build, live and struggle for God and Ukraine, for Christ is our Pasch.

I greet all of you with today's feast, or rather, with Christ's spiritual victory this day over the power of the enemy and the realm of evil. Once again to all of you, in Ukraine and throughout the world, I send my heartfelt festive greeting, and sincerely wish you the blessings of the Resurrection of our Lord, 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 March 20, 2016 A.D.

**PASTORAL LETTER  
OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS IN CANADA  
ON THE OCCASION OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

Christ is Risen!

Indeed He is Risen!

*“And He granted us eternal life...”*

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

On that first Easter morning, the myrrh-bearing women went to the tomb of Our Lord to perform one more act of love: to complete the burial ritual—which was hastily performed owing to the approaching Sabbath—and to anoint Jesus' body with aromatic spices.

As they approached the tomb, suddenly “there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightening and his clothing white as snow.... The angel said to the women, ‘Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, he has been raised from the dead’” (Matthew 28: 2-7).

And we, in turn, this Easter cry out with joy over and over again, “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life!”

Life. New life. Resurrected Life.

This is the day of the Resurrection. Christ, our God, has brought us from death to life, and from earth to heaven. He who is the author of life could not be contained by the chains of death. Christ descended into the realm of death, and broke the bonds of those held captive there. He arose from the tomb on the third day.

We too were once dead, held spellbound by the sin of Adam and Eve, who dared to equate themselves with God. Having been expelled from Paradise, we were held ransom by death itself. O Christ, yesterday we were buried with you, but today we rise, resurrected with you. Yesterday we were crucified with you on earth, O Saviour. Now glorify us with you in your heavenly kingdom.

Jesus is the salvation of the world. And in saving the world, Jesus leads us back to life.

Life. New life. Resurrected Life.

Jesus, the Giver of Life, brought Adam and Eve back to life. And he leads us back to life, to immortal life, to eternal life. “God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life” (John 3: 16).

And so, what should our response be this Easter to the saving-act of Our Lord, who endured his passion, crucifixion, and death upon the cross for our sake? He who pays the ultimate price with his own life that we may be freed from sin and death and inherit eternal life?

In our response, let us echo the words of Pope Francis, who writes in his letter, *The Joy of the Gospel*:

“I invite all Christians, everywhere, at this very moment, to a renewed personal encounter with Jesus Christ, or at least an openness to letting him encounter them.

“The Lord does not disappoint those who take this risk; whenever we take a step towards Jesus, we come to realize that he is already there, waiting for us with open arms.

“Now is the time to say to Jesus: ‘Lord, I have let myself be deceived; in a thousand ways I have shunned your love, yet here I am once more, to renew my covenant with you. I need you. Save me once again, Lord, take me once more into your redeeming embrace.’

“No one can strip us of the dignity bestowed upon us by this boundless and unfailing love. With a tenderness which never disappoints, but is always capable of restoring our joy, he makes it possible for us to lift up our heads and to start anew.

“Let us not flee from the resurrection of Jesus, let us never give up, come what will. May nothing inspire more than his life, which impels us onwards! (*Evangelium gaudium*, 3).

May the joy of the Resurrection grant you and your family new life, love and hope today, tomorrow, and for ever.

May the blessings of the Lord be upon you!

Christ is Risen!

Indeed He is Risen!

- + Lawrence Huculak, Metropolitan Archbishop of Winnipeg
- + Michael Wiwchar, Bishop Emeritus of Saskatoon
- + Severian Yakymyshyn, Bishop Emeritus of New Westminster
- + David Motiuk, Eparchial Bishop of Edmonton
- + Stephen Chmilar, Eparchial Bishop of Toronto
- + Ken Nowakowski, Eparchial Bishop of New Westminster
- + Bryan Bayda, Eparchial Bishop of Saskatoon

### **On the terrorist attacks in Brussels on March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2016**

On Holy Tuesday in Brussels evil showed its horrid face through a cowardly attack on the innocent. By assailing Europeans and assaulting hospitable and open Europe terrorists seek to push the continent into throes of fear. Why? Because fear is a great manipulator, a wicked tool of control. Brussels is the nerve center for united Europe whose countries witnessed the horrors of the World War II and decided to eliminate war between neighbors: to rid themselves of fear of the other, to open hearts and demilitarize borders. This openness is a great grace and gift of Europe to the world. And as every openness, it can be exploited as a vulnerability by those blind to the grace of peace.

As in November of last year we are united in mourning.

Our first reaction is deep sorrow at the death of the victims and sincere spiritual solidarity with their families and friends.



May the Lord receive into His peace the innocents who have been ruthlessly slain. May He comfort the bereaved and heal the injured. May His Passion commemorated by Christian Europe this week be a sign of His full immersion into the suffering of humanity and of His boundless mercy.

Brussels, the European capital, Belgium and the whole continent whose culture of openness, welcome, solidarity, and tolerance flow from the font of Christ's Gospel have been brutally flogged in the days of the Lord's suffering.

Terrorism seeks to kill and kills so as to terrorize. It strikes arbitrarily at innocent individuals seeking to condemn us all to the dungeons of fear. We fail with human reason to understand and accept such tragedy. At the same time embracing each other as we rely on the Lord, who with His death conquered death, we resolve to resist and vanquish this onslaught on our most fundamental values and the core of our European identity – the sacredness of human life itself.

We will not be suppressed!

We will not hate!

We will foster the identity of our culture and continent knowing that what we cherish most is comes at great cost.

The cross of the victims and their families is a cross that we are asked to carry with them. And carry it we will – with unwavering faith in the Resurrection and the life that it bears. Jesus repeated so often: "Do not fear"! Let our prayer embrace the victims and their families. Let our European resolve bolster the posture of leaders that bear responsibility in this time of crisis. Let us name our fear and boldly put it in its place.

The bounty of the Lord and our solidarity is greater than violence, hatred, and fear.

We will work for justice and we will be carriers of peace. In this according to our Lord's injunction we will be wise as *serpents* and innocent as *doves* (Mt. 10:16).

We will embrace the wisdom of the cross and the scandal of the crucifixion – the ultimate victory over violence, sin, and every death

Christ is risen! May those who suffer rise in Him. In our suffering let us lift up our hearts to the Lord.

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### **Liturgical celebrations during week:**



Mon., Mar. 28<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **Marie Manuel**

Tue., Mar. 29<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **Clair Steward**

Sunday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016 – 9:30 a.m. Rosary (Eng.)

– 10:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners.** (Eng./Ukr.)

Panakhida: + **Joanne** (40<sup>th</sup> Day Memorial Service is requested by the Family) (Eng./Ukr.)

*After the Liturgy will be distributing of the Artos /the Blessed Easter Bread and myrovania/blessing with Holy Oil. Spilne Sviachene / Parish Easter Lunch is followed at the church hall.*

– 4:00 p.m. – Blessings of graves at Hillside cemetery (Kamloops, BC).

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.

### **Pastoral Ministry and Sacraments:**

**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:** please make an appointment to meet with the parish priest. **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 to arrange a time.

### **Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:**

You are a member of the Catholic Church (*Orthodox faithful are 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.*

**Bequests and Wills:** In your kindness please remember The Most Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Kamloops, BC in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to The Most Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church at 109 Tranquille Road, Kamloops, BC V3B 3E8 the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_ (or \_\_\_\_% of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the church/parish, its needs and pastoral ministry."