



The Most Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Easter Sunday

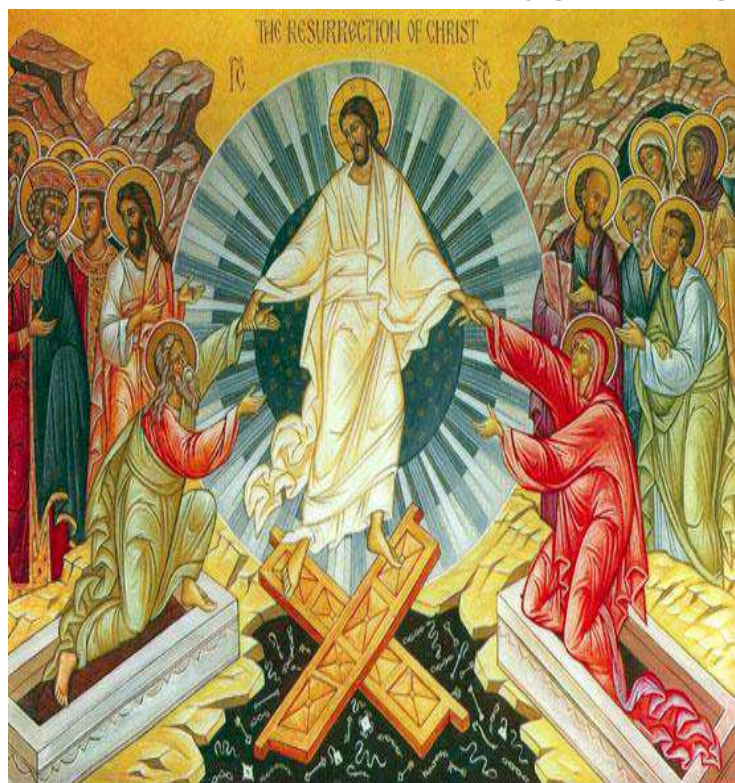
Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ – April 16th, 2017 A.D.

Christ is risen from the dead, conquering 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

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.



"Dear brothers and sisters, Christ died and rose once for all, and for everyone, but the power of the Resurrection, this passover from slavery to evil to the freedom of goodness, must be accomplished in every age, in our concrete existence, in our everyday lives." - Pope Francis

"...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 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: church yard clean up, 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, share their time and work at the parish projects, organize socials, clean the church, look after and graciously support our Christian, Catholic parish community! Thank you very much! May the Almighty God always keep you in His tender care by generously blessing and rewarding your care, time and generosity!

CONGRATULATIONS

* May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in many, happy and blessed years of life to Mr. Joseph and Mrs. Elsie Mychaluk on their 59th Wedding Anniversary (April 19th), to all our parishioners, guests, visitors, your family members who celebrate their heavenly patrons' feast-days/name-days and especially to everyone who celebrate their birthdays, anniversaries or any other important events 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



ANNOUNCEMENTS 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, RESTFUL EASTER CELEBRATION AND FRUITFUL, HEALTHY AND SAFE 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.

REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: yourselves, Most Reverend Bishop Severian Yakymyshyn, Fr. Steven Basarab, Fr. Edward Evanko, Monsignor Jeremiah Desmond, Fr. Serabion ElMakary, Steve and Bernice Usipuik, Ann Kuz, Ann Derzak, Dave and Mary Emery, Elsie Kinaschuk, John and Mildred Kolody, Joseph Mychaluk, Zonia Rurka, Eugene Palsitt, Adeline Palsitt, Orest Hrycewich, Myron and Myrna Wizniak, Elsie Zachary, Matt Dmyterko, Allan and Sharon Ludwig, Jesse Pawlyshyn, Olga Burkatsky, Orest Kociuba, Kalyna Kociuba, Allan Bodnaruk, Maria Chorny, Katrien Sobhy, Marg Musey, Kathleen 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, Theresa Munro, Michelle New, Martin Schinkelwitz, Claud and Eva Gosselin, Adam Laniel, Cryss O'Donnell, Rose Ostopowich (Fr. Joe Ostopowich's mother), Sandra and Mike Jones, Peter Balla, 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!

* **Blessing and distributing** of willow branches and myrovania / blessing with Holy Oil of all the faithful is After the Liturgy today.

* **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, Apr. 18th to Friday, April 21st, 2017. In case of pastoral emergency, call Sacred Heart Roman Catholic 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!

* **Easter Dinner/Spilne Sviachene** – this pot-luck parish annual dinner will take place at our church hall on Thomas Sunday (April 23rd) after the Divine Liturgy. Please, call our parish UCWLC ladies if you have any questions or suggestions.

* **Sunday (Apr. 9th) faithful offerings/donations:** \$ 639.00 in Kamloops; \$ 255.00 in Grindrod.

* **The Mass of Chrism** will be celebrated at **10 am on Tuesday, April 11th, 2017** at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Cathedral.

 * **We invite you to our Pro-Life Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction**, on April 29th, 6:30p.m., at the OLPH Parish Centre, 635 Tranquille Rd. in Kamloops, BC. *You will hear first-hand stories on adoption and end-of-life care.* Tickets: \$30; phone 778-220-5584


* **PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND:** Oct. 12-24, 2017 Walk in the footsteps of Jesus; an unforgettable experience with Fr, Joe Ostapowich, Sr. Angelica SSMI, brother & sister pilgrims. For details and price call Mrs. Myrna Arychuk at [604 - 617 - 7200](tel:604-617-7200)

* **The Father Le Jeune 4th Degree Assembly** will be having their regular meeting on Thursday, Apr. 20th at 7:00 pm at the Le Jeune Manor. All 4th degree members encouraged to attend.

* **Divine Mercy Sunday – on April 23rd at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Cathedral.** Confessions start at 2:00 PM: The Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be sung 2:30 – 2:45pm, Mass at 3:00pm celebrated by Bishop Joseph: **Divine Mercy Sunday** is a very special Sunday when Jesus offers us the total forgiveness of all sins and punishment to any soul, who goes to Confession and receives Him in Holy Communion, on that day.

* **FAITHFUL GIVING...** Remember that we never take a day off or a vacation from God, or from our obligation to attend Divine Liturgy on Sundays. When traveling, working 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. Please remember as well, that while parishioners may be away and on vacation, the parish 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 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*)

 * **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 Epistle, holding the candles during the Gospels readings, processions, parish cleaning, projects, etc.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: to help out with weekly cleaning in the church and organizing of coffee social after the Divine Liturgy on Sundays, work-bees, etc. If you can help out, please, let us know.

Contact Fr. Pavlo or Mr. Matt Dmyterko for more information. You will be amazed how “BEING” can make a difference!

Camp Saint Volodymyr 2017 on August 20-27, 2017. The purpose of camp is to provide an opportunity for youth to experience God through nature and the companionship of others. Children will experience Ukrainian language and culture during camp along with games, religious activities, hikes, sports, arts and crafts, camp fires, water activities and other summer camp activities. This marks the 34th year of our Ukrainian Catholic Summer Camp. Camp will take place in Kelowna at the OAC facility. Camp offers a wide range of activities for campers aged 7-15 (as of December 31, 2017). Registration will be available online via Eventbrite “Camp Saint

Volodymyr 2017.” Early bird registration Ends July 6th, 2017. **WAYS TO HELP VOLUNTEER** Camp St. Volodymyr is a nonprofit camp, run on a volunteer basis. If you are interested in helping at this year’s camp as a counsellor, chef, arts & crafts or cultural coordinator please contact Jennifer. Applications forms for counsellors are due May 15, 2017. All volunteers will be subject to a criminal records check and must sign the camp code of conduct. **For more information contact Jennifer Caldwell @ 604.220.0584 or jennsawka@hotmail.com.** Visit our webpage via www.nweparchy.ca **DONATE:** We are always happy to accept food donations of vegetables, fruits, cereals, and treats for children such as cakes, cookies, as well as monetary donations. Tax receipts can be issued with donations of \$25 or more.

EPARCHY OF NEW WESTMINSTER VIBRANT PARISH APPEAL SHARE YOUR HEART



“...We need your urgent and immediate support to guarantee the viability of our Eparchy for future generations of your children and grandchildren. We want to ensure the survival of pastoral services including the celebration of the sacraments in the Ukrainian Catholic tradition, such as Divine Liturgies, Baptism, Marriages, Funerals and the great Feasts, which means so much to us...”

+Ken (Eparchial Bishop of New Westminster)

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The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy (Diocese) is getting ready to welcome Archbishop Cyril Vasil' S.J. from the Vatican 16-23 April.



His Grace, Most Reverend Archbishop Cyril Vasil', S.J. will be visiting the Eparchy (Diocese) of New Westminster from 16-23 April. Archbishop Vasil' is the Secretary of the Congregation for Oriental Churches in the Vatican. The Congregation for Oriental Churches is the office in the Vatican that assists the Eastern Catholic Churches, including the Ukrainian Catholic Church in its relationship with the Pope and the Vatican. The head of the Congregation is known as the Prefect and the prefect of the Congregation is Cardinal Sandri. Archbishop Vasil' is the second person responsible for the day-to-day work of the Congregation.

This will be Archbishop Cyril's first visit to British Columbia. He will be arriving in Vancouver on Easter Sunday in the afternoon.

While in the Vancouver area he will have an opportunity to visit our parishes in the Lower Mainland and meet with our clergy and religious and lay-faithful. On Easter Monday, 17 April Archbishop Cyril and Bishop Ken will celebrate Divine Liturgy (Mass) at Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic parish at 10:00 am and on Tuesday, 18 April Archbishop Cyril and Bishop Ken will celebrate Divine Liturgy at Holy Eucharist Cathedral in New Westminster at 8:30 am.

From 18-21 April Archbishop Vasil' will join Most Reverend Ken Nowakowski, bishop of New Westminster for Ukrainian Catholics in BC & Yukon and the clergy of the Eparchy of New Westminster at their annual clergy spiritual retreat in Cache Creek.

On Saturday morning 22 April Archbishop Cyril and Bishop Ken will celebrate Divine Liturgy at 8:00 am at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic parish in Kamloops. On Sunday 23 April Archbishop Cyril and Bishop Ken will celebrate Divine Liturgy at St. George's Ukrainian Catholic parish at 10:00 am in Prince George. Both bishops will be returning to Vancouver Sunday evening.

It will be a very exciting time for the clergy and lay-faithful of the Eparchy of New Westminster to be able host such a distinguished guest from the Vatican.

Archbishop Cyril Vasil was born on 10 April 1965 in Slovakia. He was ordained a priest in 1987 and holds a doctorate in Eastern Canon Law and held the position of Rector of the Pontifical Oriental Institute in Rome until his appointment as Secretary of the Oriental Congregation. He was consecrated an archbishop on May 7th 2009.



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!

Like a yearling lamb, our blessed crown, Christ, was sacrificed of his own will for all, a Pasch of cleansing.

And from his tomb he shines on us again, the splendid Sun of righteousness. - From Ode 4, Paschal Canon

Beloved in Christ!

Today throughout the whole Universe the joyful good news resounds with one voice: “Christ is risen!” In these words are found the power and profession of the central truth of the Christian faith. “Truly He is risen” is the response of those who believed in the resurrection of our Savior and in His victory over hell and death. Our faith in the Risen One is our faith in that resurrection which we all can personally experience. Indeed, it is because of our faith that we become Christians, that is, partakers in the eternal life of our Divine Savior, who today emerges from the sealed tomb in glory. It is for this reason that St Paul the Apostle affirms: “if you confess

with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved (Rom 10:9-10). We celebrate an event to which the holy apostles bore witness. Through the grace of the Holy Spirit in our paschal services we can experience that which was experienced by the women myrrh-bearers at the tomb and by the apostles who personally encountered the risen Savior and were His witnesses to the ends of the earth. Today, on this light-filled feast, let us once again unite ourselves to Him and proclaim to Him in the words of the Apostle Thomas: “My Lord and my God” (Jn. 20:28).

Like a yearling lamb, our blessed crown, Christ. Who is this Christ, whom we find risen from the grave? First of all, He is the incarnate God who conquered death and whom the gates of Hades could not contain. Our Paschal Matins service likens Jesus Christ to the paschal lamb, offered in sacrifice for the liberation and salvation of the chosen people. On that first paschal night, the death-bringing angel in Egypt passed by those whose house was marked by the blood of the paschal lamb, and then began the exodus of the chosen people from slavery to freedom. The risen Lord Jesus Christ is our true paschal Lamb, as St. John the Theologian attests when in the words of the Baptizer already at the beginning of the Gospel he bears witness to Jesus: “Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (Jn 1:29). Indeed, He is the One, who this night with His light dispelled the darkness of the slavery of sin and leads behind Him all of us from death to life and from earth to heaven.

If in our Holy baptism we have mystically died and risen with Christ, if we partake of His Body and Blood, that is, if we consume the Pascha of the New Covenant, and are signed by the blood of Christ, then death bypasses us, “passes over,” and the doors of heaven are opened before us. Each time we pray the Divine Liturgy we become partakers of the resurrection, that is, of that life which today shines upon us from the empty tomb. And this life of the Risen One is a blessed crown for us, children of God, a sign of our dignity and our vocation to be His witnesses in the world and proclaimers of His Gospel.

Was sacrificed of his own will for all, a Pasch of cleansing; To celebrate the Christian Pascha for us today means to be capable to rise up and awaken to action by the power of the Risen One, that is, to be capable of personal paschal self-sacrifice for the good of one’s people, their freedom, and a better future. Gazing at the faces of our Ukrainian soldiers-heroes, who gave up their lives for their people, we can rest assured that the Heavenly Father accepts their sacrifices in the name of His Son. Indeed, in them through the risen Christ we already have victory over evil and a healing of spiritual and bodily wounds.

To celebrate the Christian Pascha for us today means to carry the victory of life to where death rules. To sincerely confess that Christ is “truly risen” means to believe that through our personal commitment and effort it is truly possible to overcome corruption and untruth in our society, that the kind of country we will have depends, in fact, on us: will it die, a victim of the merciless powers of this world, or will it stand up, awaken, be renewed and arise to an authentic life worthy of a person created in the image of God.

Christ, who today breaks the chains of death and emerges from the tomb, is our exodus from slavery. He purifies us from sin, from addiction, from circumstances, temptations and manipulations of a small group, whose members consider themselves the stewards of this world. He cleanses us from all that imprisons us and takes away our life. He, the risen Lord, is our exodus from our historical circumstances: in Him we will find victory in the war and overcome those who instigate and support it. Christ is also our gateway, our door (see Jn 10:7, 9). He is our way, truth and life (see Jn 14:6). He grants us freedom for the fullness of life, of love of God and neighbor, of building our own future in our God-given land. In the light of Christ’s resurrection let us not allow ourselves to be fooled by empty words and false promises, nor by the helplessness of those who lack faith in the truth and justice of the Gospel, and who only complain about their own fate.

And from his tomb he shines on us again, the splendid Sun of righteousness. Difficulties and discomforts are the experience of every pilgrim on the paschal path. Let us not seek to avoid toil and personal sacrifice on this path to victory. We often are tempted to distance ourselves from the reality that surrounds us, shift responsibility on others, are quick to see evil rather than good, seek a “victim” upon which we might transfer all our burdens. We select for ourselves not a pure Lamb who calls us to personal participation in the victory over evil, but a scapegoat upon which we place all our sins, weaknesses, fears, our unwillingness to take upon ourselves responsibility for the fate of our people. We would like for someone to do everything for us, look for “someone” who will take our difficulties upon himself and who will pay the price for our welfare, so that our adversities might “pass over us” without our personal effort. We hear when people whisper: “Let others go and defend the Fatherland, but I want to feel secure. Let others change the county where I live for the better, as long as I myself don’t have to change.” Christ, on the other hand, calls us to a different way of life. He rose from the dead in order to bring about a change in us, first of all, to move and raise me first, and through me everything and everyone in my surroundings. If I want a better society, country, world, then first of all I myself must become a better person. And the day of this great transformation, when our Sun rises, is indeed today! Today is our Great Day, our *Velykden!* Let us become great in our risen Savior. Christ has shone forth from the grace and is our Sun of righteousness. Enough complaining, it is time to act! The Sun is rising and new day is dawning. In the light of its rays we are given an opportunity today, this very day and time. Let us not waste it!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ. I greet you all with today’s glorious feast of Christ’s Resurrection, with the day of liberation from death and evil, and of the opening of the door to life, hope, and love. I wish you all the peace of Christ, that peace which is given us by Christ’s victory over evil and untruth, that peace for which every Ukrainian heart longs in the midst of war. Once again to all of you, in Ukraine and throughout the world, I send my heartfelt greetings. I sincerely wish every Easter blessing, 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!

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2017 Easter Pastoral Greetings of Bishop Ken Nowakowski

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

"Pascha is approaching - the defeat of sin and the end of death, Easter is coming, and with it a new life and rebirth. This is why St. Paul says: '...the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far-gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.' (Rom. 13: 11-12). May that light of Easter embrace our souls, not as a fleeting moment of happiness, but as rebirth and life granted by the power of God." (Ukrainian Catholic Confessor of the faith Patriarch Josyf Slipyj).

When Patriarch Josyf reflected on these words of St. Paul to the Romans he reveals the urgency that with which we must run to the empty tomb of Christ and receive the great news that Christ is Risen!

Each Easter morning in our Eastern Catholic parishes throughout the world our priests pronounce the famous Easter homily of St. John Chrysostom, Archbishop of Constantinople and we hear the following timeless words:

Christ is Risen, and you, o death, are annihilated! Christ is Risen and the evil ones are cast down! Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice! Christ is Risen and life is liberated!

So, dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ do not delay, do not prolong your sleep but run to the Cross, wash your sins away and sing joyfully today that our Lord Jesus Christ is not dead, but is Risen! Call your family send a message to your friends who need to know that you are witnessing to the Resurrection of our Lord.

"Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life!" May Christ who dwells in our hearts, our families and in our vibrant parishes, give life to all. On this Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord, I pray that God's love fills your heart and, through you, the hearts of all.

+Ken (Nowakowski)

2017 PASTORAL LETTER OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA ON THE OCCASION OF THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

*To the Very Reverend Clergy, Monastics and Religious Sisters and Brothers,
Seminarians and Laity of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada:*

"Pascha is approaching - the defeat of sin and the end of death, Easter is coming, and with it a new life and rebirth. This is why St. Paul says: '...the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light.' (Rom. 13: 11-12). May that light of Easter embrace our souls, not as a fleeting moment of happiness, but as rebirth and life granted by the power of God."

(Confessor of Faith Patriarch Joseph)

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We greet you all in the joy that is Easter, a joy that is so profound and existential, that it permeates our very being as Christians. For we, the community of children of God, through the mystery of Baptism have been indelibly signed by the death and resurrection of our Lord. And even though we live this life here on earth for as many days and years as is granted us by the grace of God, we are already reborn to eternal life through our Lord Jesus.

An awareness of living in time and space, but already being part of eternity, is what distinguishes the martyrs, confessors, venerables and saints of every category and walk of life: already being "there" even as we are here, tasting the Kingdom of God in this life, while at the same time awaiting its fulfillment. And so today as we proclaim: "Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen" we are also proclaiming that Jesus is alive and we are alive in Him.

In this spirit of paschal celebration it is providential that this year we are celebrating the 125th anniversary of the birth of our noble Confessor of Faith Patriarch Joseph Slipyj, a priest and scholar, educator and Rector, Bishop and Metropolitan, prisoner and exile, Patriarch and symbol for the Ukrainian people. Father Joseph Slipyj accepted the call of the Church to serve as bishop in particularly difficult and challenging times, as war was breaking out in 1939. In his Memoirs he described his doubts and hesitation: "it is not an honor or merit but first of all a hard burden." (Spomyny-Memoirs, page 136). But Father Slipyj was reassured by another man of profound faith, Metropolitan Andrey Sheptytsky, who had great confidence in his choice for successor. Arrested by the Soviets in 1945 only six months after becoming the Metropolitan-Primate of our Church, he never lost faith in the Risen Lord nor did he falter as chief shepherd of the Crucified Church in the underground, never doubting that her moment of resurrection would come. And even when he was released after 18 years of imprisonment, and exiled to the West at the age of 71, he never forgot his responsibilities towards his wounded and persecuted flock behind the Iron Curtain, while at the same time bringing new life and energy to the Church in the diaspora, calling for the creation of a Synod of Bishops of our entire Church, united in one Patriarchate. His broad vision and tireless work certainly bore fruit in his lifetime. But he would not witness the greatest fruit of his labors, that is, the rebirth of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church in Ukraine, which would begin in earnest a mere five years after his death in Rome in 1984. For the last 25 years our Church in Ukraine has been able to proclaim freely and openly "Christ is Risen!" and in the present situation of invasion and

war our proclamation must resound even louder. If Patriarch Joseph's life has taught us anything, it is that we reach the stars through hardship, which was the message of his episcopal motto ("Per aspera ad astra"). Here in Canada we too have hardships, possibly of a different nature, though no less challenging. We live in a society where godlessness seems to be the norm and where the sanctity of human life seems to be under an even greater threat than in Ukraine. His Beatitude Sviatoslav recently stated that he worries more about our priests and laity here, than about those on the front line. The challenges and hardships we may have faced during our Lenten journey pale in comparison to the challenges our faith faces each and every day, as we and our children are bombarded by values that run counter to the teaching of the Gospel. Now is the time to surrender these challenges and hardships to the Risen Lord. We need not forget or deny them, but with trusting hearts let every part of our being be risen, revived and brought to life in Christ.

This year also marks 150th anniversary of the Confederation of Canada. As Canadians we enjoy many blessings and freedoms not found elsewhere in the world, but as a society we seem to increasingly believe that we are the creators of our own good fortune. We continue to sing "God keep our land glorious and free," but do we really mean it? The Feast of the Resurrection is a wonderful time for us as Canadians and Christians to remember that our Heavenly Father is the "source of every perfect gift coming down from above," the greatest of which is our life in the Risen Christ, and that we are called to bear witness to this before our fellow citizens in word and action. As Patriarch Josyf reminded us in the words of Saint Paul, we must "put on the armour of light" which protects us from the works of darkness and evil. By our own lives through the power of Resurrection we can make a difference in our world. By every thought, word, and deed let us witness to the Resurrection in the 21st century. For this is the calling we received from Jesus, "let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

"Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life!" May Christ who dwells in our hearts, our families and in our vibrant parishes, give life to all. On this Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord, we pray that God's love fills your heart and, through you, the hearts of all.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+ Lawrence Huculak, OSBM, Metropolitan Archbishop of Winnipeg
 + Michael Wiwchar, CSsR, Bishop Emeritus of Saskatoon
 + Severian Yakymyshyn OSBM, 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, CSsR, Eparchial Bishop of Saskatoon

Liturgical celebrations during Easter week:

Mon., Apr. 17th – 10:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **Roland Pelletier** (requested by Mrs. Katherine Blain)

Tue., Apr. 18th – 9:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **Kierstin Mujcin** (requested by Mrs. Katherine Blain)

Sat., Apr. 22nd – 8:00 a.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners.**

– 3:45 p.m. 1st Hour Service (Eng.) (*Service at Saints Peter and Paul Parish in Grindrod, BC*)

– 4:00 p.m. The Divine Liturgy: **God's blessings for all parishioners.** (Eng./Ukr.)

Sunday, April 23rd, 2017 – 9:30 a.m. Rosary (Eng.)

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

– 4:30 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:** 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 or to **meet with parish priest, please call or email Fr. Pavlo in advance to arrange a time and a day.**

***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.**