



*** *Easter Sunday* ***

Pascha / Великдень

Resurrection of Our Lord

*** **Sunday, April 1st, 2018** ***

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Easter Season Greeting

Christ Is Risen! - Indeed He Is Risen!

Chrystos Voskres! - Voistynu Voskres!

Христос Воскрес! - Воістину Воскрес!

Parish Liturgical Services

Easter Sunday, April 1 ** 8:00 AM ****** *Paschal Procession, Easter Matins, Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. After the Liturgy - blessing of Artos and blessing of Easter Foods.*

Bright Monday, April 2 * 10:00 a.m. ***** *Divine Liturgy*

Bright Tuesday, April 3 * 10:00 a.m. ***** *Divine Liturgy*

Bright Wednesday, April 4 * 9:00 a.m.** *Div. Lit.: +Bernice Usipuk - UCWLC*

Sunday, April 8 – Thomas Sunday ** 9:30 a.m. ** **Rosary** (Eng.) *** **10:00 a.m. ***** *Divine Liturgy (Eng./Ukr.). After the Liturgy distributing of the Artos (the Blessed Bread), anointing with blessed oil and “Spilne Sviachence”/Parish Easter Lunch.*



Liturgical Instruction: After the priest exclaims “Blessed is the Kingdom” and we have responded “Amen,” the priest sings the following Troparion once and the people repeat it. Then the priest sings 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, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life. (3x)

First Antiphon

Verse 1: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.

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".

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!

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.

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, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving 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 (Soloist): 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 ...

Entrance Verse:

In the churches bless God, the Lord from the fountains of Israel.

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

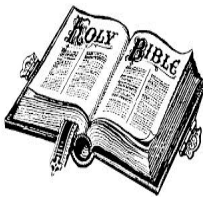
+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

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!

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).



Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1:1-8):

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from

now.’ So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’

Alleluia, Tone 4: When You rise, You will have compassion on Sion.

verse: 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.

A reading of the Gospel according to St. John (Jn 1:1-17):

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, ‘This was he of whom I said, “He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.” ’) From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth 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! (3x).

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

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

Instead of "Let our mouths...": Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life (3x).

Instead of "Blessed be the name of the Lord...": Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life (3x).

"Christ is risen" is sung again once (using a simple chord chant) instead of "Glory be to the Father..." at the dismissal.

Then the Troparion "Christ is risen" is sung as in the beginning of the Liturgy, but with an additional ending.

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life (3x).

And to us He has granted life eternal; we bow down before His resurrection on the third day.*



**** ANNOUNCEMENTS ****

A warm welcome - to all parishioners, your families, visitors and guests. Thank you for joining us in this Divine Liturgy. Have a blessed week!

“O day of Resurrection! Let us beam with celebration, and embracing one another, let us say: Brothers & Sisters! And to those who hate us, let us forgive everything because of the Resurrection, and then let us sing thus: Christ is risen from the dead, by death he conquered death and to those in the graves He granted life.”
Paschal Stychira

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ!

May our resurrected Lord fill Your hearts with joy, peace and love, and grant You many blessings and graces as we celebrate this glorious time of Pascha!

In Christ ! - Fr. Andrzej & Family



Please Pray for health of ... John K., Jessie P., Brandon, Chad, Vanessa & Nathan N., Joe M., Anne D., Joyce & Joe K., Gordon B., Rose K., Edward H., Bishop Severian, Maria S., Maria & Ihor Z., Joe S., Clay B., Ana W., Fr. Jeffery S., Lawrence & Ping B., all the sick brothers and sisters in our families and our parish community.

Please let Fr. Andrzej know if you would like to add names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.



Thank you to all our Volunteers – Дякуємо – our sincerest gratitude to all parishioners for your hard work in preparing our church for celebration of the great



feast of Pascha/Velykden. May God bless you and reward you abundantly!

Kneeling during the Easter Season – a reminder that traditionally from Easter Sunday 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 Pascha (April 6)** is not a fasting day. Let us feast and rejoice!

Easter Dinner – will take place at the Most Holy Trinity parish next **Sunday, April 8th** after the Divine Liturgy.

Next Monthly Catholic Youth Meeting – will take place on Bright Friday, April 6th at 7:00 p.m. at Holy Family RC parish.

Clergy Annual Retreat & Conference – will take place in Cache Creek from **Tuesday, April 10 to Friday, April 13th**.

“Christ Our Pascha” - Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church – Part three of the presentation on this great spiritual resource of our Church will take on **Sunday, April 15th** during our coffee time after the Divine Liturgy.

Monthly Parish Council Meeting – will take place on **Tuesday, April 17th, 2018** at 7:00 p.m. at the parish hall.

Announcement from the Kamloops Pro-life Society
- We invite you to our Pro-life Fundraising Dinner and Silent Auction, Saturday, April 21, 6:30 p.m., at the OLPH Parish Centre 635 Tranquille Rd. **Dr. Christopher Inegbedion**, psychiatrist, will be speaking on 'Life Choices'. **Tickets: \$30.** Phone [778-220-5584](tel:778-220-5584) or [250-376-4161](tel:250-376-4161).

The Most Holy Trinity Parish Stewardship: Sunday, March 25 - \$553.00 ***** *May God bless and reward you for your generosity & support.*



Special Petition for Divine Liturgy:

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.

Pastoral Ministry and Sacraments:

Reconciliation: on Sundays and Holy Days: before Divine 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.

Anointing of the Sick (Holy Unction): Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing or to meet with parish priest, please call or email Fr. Andrzej in advance to arrange a time and a day.

Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:

1. 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.



**2018 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:

Christ is Risen!

Indeed He is Risen!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Though You went down to the grave, O immortal Lord, You destroyed the power of Hades and rose victorious, Christ our God. You who said "Rejoice" to the myrrh-bearing women; give peace to Your apostles and offer resurrection to the fallen. (Easter Sunday Kondak)

Every human person longs for eternal life. Everything about how we live our daily lives points to how each of us was created for so much more than what we might encounter in our routine, and at times not-so routine, lives. After receiving so much, we still have an infinite desire for our infinite God. *My soul is consumed with longing for your ordinances at all times. (Ps. 119:20)* When we pause to reflect on this yearning in our hearts, we find this common, natural mystery uniting all of humanity. Indeed, salvation is both personal and communal – for each of us and for all of us.

At the same time, there are also forces that do not unite all of humanity. We witness both subtle and bold acts of greed, coercion and selfish hearts harbouring unspeakable thoughts that lead to horrible results all around us. The danger to human dignity with assisted suicide laws in Canada or the war that continues in Ukraine are but two examples. Division and destruction lead us to ask, “How can people give into such temptation and have such little regard for human dignity?”

Jesus Christ gives meaning to all things. As missionary disciples, we are challenged to share this meaningfulness with others as individuals, as families and as parishes. By recognizing our own sinfulness and God’s forgiveness, we must say there is more to life than just the earthly existence of suffering when people wish

to kill themselves owing to depression or chronic illness. We must show them hope. We are called to be signs of human dignity as we accompany others in their struggles to be better people, to be more like Christ, offering compassion and mercy in our common pursuit of the Truth, the person Jesus. The confusion of morals and values in society is a turbulent sea when we consider gender identity issues, suicide versus palliative care and letting one die, or being forced to agree to abortion if you apply for federal assistance for summer employment. What is needed is a harbour of trust, humility, patience and love that should be found in our vibrant parishes. Care for the body and soul of every person according to gospel values is what we must offer others. This is the fruit of internalizing the scripture, of partaking in the sacraments of the church, the fruit of common prayer, the fruit of service and charitable works.

Thus, meaningfulness in Christ is what gives purpose to life. He is present to us in all we experience. He is with us! We are invited to encounter Christ and then be a sign of hope to others so that together we proclaim, *“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, in our families and in our vibrant parishes, give life to all. On this Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, 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



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**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 is 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.