



***** Thomas Sunday *****

2nd Sunday of Pascha

Our Venerable Father John the Ancient Hermit (c. 800)

**** Sunday, April 19th, 2020 ****

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Easter Season Greeting

Christ Is Risen! - Indeed He Is Risen!

Chrystos Voskres! - Voistynu Voskres!

Христос Воскрес! - Воистину Воскрес!

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***The Most Holy Trinity Parish Public Liturgical Services
Postponed Until Further Notice.***

Fr. Andrzej & his family will continue to celebrate daily services and offer their prayers for the intentions of parishioners of the Most Holy Trinity parish.

Please join Holy Eucharist Cathedral (New Westminster) or St. Nicholas parish (Victoria) Facebook page for live-streamed coverage of liturgical services

www.facebook.com/stnicholasvictoria

<http://www.stnicholasparish.org/index.php>

<https://www.facebook.com/holyeucharistcathedral/>

Youtube https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCPp1JaDotIj_4h3aAJq0Srg

Holy Eucharist Cathedral schedule:

Sunday, April 19 * Bilingual Div. Lit. at 9:00 a.m.**

Tuesday-Saturday, April 21-25 *** Bilingual Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.

Saturday, April 25 *** Vespers at 6:00 p.m.

Sunday, April 26 *** Bilingual Div. Lit. at 9:00 a.m.



After the priest has exclaimed, "Blessed be the Kingdom..." and the people have responded, "Amen," the clergy sing the Paschal Troparion once and the people repeat it. Then, the clergy sing the first half, and the people conclude it.

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

Troparion, Tone 7: While the tomb was sealed, O Christ God, You dawned as life from the sepulchre, and while the doors were shut, You came to Your disciples, the Resurrection of all, renewing a right spirit in us through them, according to Your great mercy.

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

Kontakion, Tone 8: With his searching hand, Thomas explored Your life-giving side, O Christ God. For when You entered while the doors were shut, he called out to You with the rest of the Apostles: You are my Lord and my God!

Prokeimenon, Tone 3: Great is our Lord and great is His strength; * and of His knowledge there is no end.

verse: Praise the Lord, for a psalm is good; may praise be sweet to our God.

Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 5:12-20):

In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and



those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured. Then the high priest took action; he and all who were with him (that is, the sect of the Sadducees), being filled with jealousy, arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and tell the people the whole message about this life."

Alleluia, Tone 8: Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God our Saviour.

verse: For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.

Gospel: John 20:19-31:

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."



But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."

Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing, you may have life in his name.

Hymn to the Mother of God

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! Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn - Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem. * Praise your God, O Sion. * Alleluia, alleluia, * alleluia. (Psalm 147:1)

Instead of “Blessed is He Who comes...” we sing:

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...” we sing:

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

Instead of “May our mouths be filled...” & “Blessed be the name of the Lord...” we sing three times:

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

At the dismissal, instead of “Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.” we chant: Christ is risen from the dead, * trampling death by death, * and to those in the tombs * giving life.

After the final Amen, the priest, with cross raised on high, exclaims “Christ is risen” thrice and we respond “Truly, He is risen” each time. Then, the Troparion “Christ is risen” is sung as at the beginning of the Liturgy, but with the addition:

“And to us he has granted life eternal;* we bow down before his resurrection on the third day.”



Prayer before Holy Communion

I believe o Lord and confess that You are truly Christ, the Son of the living God, who came into the world to save sinners of whom I am the first.

Accept me today as a partaker of Your mystical supper, O Son of God, for I will not reveal Your mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief I confess to You:

Remember me, O Lord, when you come into Your kingdom.

Remember me, O Master, when You come into Your kingdom.

Remember me, O Holy One, when You come into Your kingdom.

May the partaking of Your holy mysteries, O Lord, be not for my judgment or condemnation but for the healing of soul and body.

O Lord, I also believe and profess that this, which I am about to receive, is truly Your most precious Body and your life- giving Blood, which, I pray, make me worthy to receive for the remission of all my sins and for life everlasting. Amen.

O God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

O God, cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me.

I have sinned without number, forgive me o Lord.

***** ANNOUNCEMENTS *****

“Rejoice in your hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.” Romans 12:12

“Suddenly I heard these words in my soul: My daughter, I assure you of a permanent income on which you will live. Your duty will be to trust completely in My goodness, and My duty will be to give you all you need. I am making Myself dependent upon your trust: if your trust is great, then My generosity will be without limit (Diary 548)... The soul that trusts in My mercy is most fortunate, because I myself take care of it (Diary 1273)” - St. Faustina Kowalska



Please Pray for health of ... All those affected by the coronavirus, and Stan K., Fr. Josaphat T., Olga P., Sharon B., Zonia R., Brian K., Maria Z., Jayne & Ernie P., Jessie P., Lawrence & Ping B., Allan N.,



Moris P., Mary W., Bill Ch., Piotr & Jadwiga W., Sam D., Ray O., Mary E., Sharon & Al L., Joe S., Jeanne R., Emily H., Lisa M., Michael L., Greg H., Melynda S., Dorothy N., Gloria N., Ann D., Joyce K., Suzanne C., Clay B., Maria W., Anne D., Rose K., Maria S., all sick brothers and sisters in our families and 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.

Christ is Risen! Blessed Pascha! – we wish many God’s blessings to all our Brothers & Sisters in Christ who today, Sunday, April 19th are celebrating Easter/Pascha according to the Julian calendar. Christ is Risen!

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.

Sincerest Condolences. Christ is Risen! – we extend our prayers & condolences to Mr. John Chaplin as he mourns the death of his mother-in-law Verna who died last weekend. May Verna’s soul rest in peace. Christ is Risen!

God’s blessings and our prayers – are extended to Mrs. Mildred Kolody and her family, as on Monday, April 13th they marked the 1st anniversary of death of their beloved John. May John’s soul rest in peace. Christ is Risen!



Catechetical Recourses on line in English & Ukrainian

1. Royal Doors with daily readings and reflections, UGCC Catechism online, articles, etc

<https://www.royaldoors.net/>

2. Formed: Christian movies, TV shows, prayers, etc.

<https://watch.formed.org/browse>

3. Dynamic Catholic. Beautiful resource for the whole family with Catechism for children, marriage enrichment programs, etc.

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/>

1. Живе ТВ.

<https://zhyve.tv/>

2. Дивен Світ.

<https://dyvensvit.org/>

3. Катехизм УГКЦ.

<i>The Gospel of Luke</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Psalm(s)</i>
20:9-19	April 19	April 25	Ps 119:121-136
20:20-26	April 26	May 2	Ps 119:127-152



All our sins and illnesses, pandemics and fears are overcome by God's love. In due time, he will break the closed door of the quarantine, eliminate our fear, and call on us to proclaim to the world, as the apostles once did, that "Christ is risen!"

His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Father and Head of the UGCC, wrote this in his [Easter Pastoral Letter](#).

The Head of the UGCC emphasized that this year, in spite of the particular circumstances in which we celebrate Pascha, no one can stop our joyous movement towards the Light, "so that with faith in the resurrection of Christ we might greet one another with the jubilant and resounding 'Christ is Risen!'"

"In the face of a global pandemic, people suddenly saw that we were all weak and mortal. The coronavirus has become a deadly danger for the rich and the poor. The whole world has found itself as if bound together by the chains of hell. The fear of becoming ill and dying, the pain of losing loved ones and friends, the darkness of loneliness and despair in conditions of forced isolation, the ruin of new methods of communication and the collapse of world economic systems have become our common universal chains. As shackles restrict a slave, so have the strict rules of quarantine - the only possible way to fight this deadly disease - suddenly restricted all humanity: airports have ceased to operate, trains have stopped running, borders between nations, having almost receded from our consciousness, once again have been reasserted as impenetrable iron gates," said the Head of the Church.

Further, the Head of the UGCC encourages: "In response to the darkness of separation and the fear one has of the other, as a possible carrier of the virus of death, on this night we encounter the living risen Christ, who passes through all closed quarantine doors, in order to encounter us, his disciples. All of our sins and illnesses, pandemics and fears are conquered by God's love. The physical chains of the present time have no power before the spiritual freedom

of faith and spirit, before eternal life, given to us in Christ Jesus."

According to him, in celebrating Pascha, "we believe and already see that the present pandemic will surely end, and humanity will emerge the better for it, with a sense of solidarity and unity among us, with a deeper understanding of the meaning and calling of human life."

His Beatitude Sviatoslav greeted and blessed all: "the well and the sick, the strong and the weak, the young and the old, parents and children. . I especially greet and bless our doctors and medical staff—all who heroically care for the sick and those needing assistance in these extraordinary circumstances."

"May the risen Christ transform this moment of weeping and pain, universally experienced by all humankind, into the paschal joy of victory over illness and death, just as this morning he transformed the weeping of the Myrrh-bearing women into joy! May he grant us in every moment the gift of victory over sin, and a rebirth of love and hope through an increase in our lives of the divine gift of eternal life, which we all received in Baptism! I sincerely wish each of you a blessed Easter feast, a tasty sharing of our traditional blessed egg, and a Paschal joy that is full of light," wished the spiritual leader of Ukrainians.

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