



# Exaltation of the Holy Cross

## Ukrainian Catholic Parish

Українська Католицька Парафія Воздвиження Чесного Хреста

### Sundays:

- 9:30 am Rosary
- 10 am Divine Liturgy

### Wednesdays:

- 9 am Divine Liturgy

### Most Major Feasts\*:

- 10 am or 7 pm Divine Liturgy

(\* It's always best to check the calendar in this bulletin for upcoming special events & feasts.)

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## Sunday, March 31, 2024

Pascha!



## Christ is Risen!

## Христос воскрес!

**Welcome everyone to Holy Cross!** We are happy to celebrate with and see both the regulars and the visitors, our family, friends and neighbours. It is an exciting time for our parish, not only are we celebrating this the greatest of all Feasts, but we in a new phase of parish life with a "new to us" priest. We are actively working on expanding and rejuvenating our community with young families, refocusing on our mission, reaching out to more people and starting new initiatives all for the Glory of God!

It is our hope that today is the beginning (or continuation) of your being part of this community. Let's grow together!

**Hall Rentals:**

call Lisa at: 780-222-9155  
 or email: hallrental@ehcucp

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**Membership:**

email: membership@ehcucp

**Funeral Dinners:**

Call Cheryl: 780-456-2828

*Reminder: To receive member rates for funerals/memorials the deceased person must have been a fully paid up member of Holy Cross Parish for the past 22 consecutive months. Deceased children of fully paid up members are also entitled to member rates however child must be a dependant or under the age of 18.*

**Parish Pastoral Council:**

Parish Priest – Fr. Bo Nahachewsky  
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**Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist:**

- Contact Fr. Bo, at least a month in advance if possible

**Weddings:**

- Contact Fr. Bo, at least a year in advance if possible

**Funerals:**

- Contact Fr. Bo, as soon as you are able.

**Confessions:**

- Sundays from 9 till 9:30 with Fr. Bo
- First Sundays of the month with Fr. Myron before and during the Liturgy
- or anytime, just call Fr. Bo to arrange it.

# Thank you Gentlemen!



Members of both our Men's Club and Knights of Columbus went out and found a lot of Pussy Willow branches for us to bless on Palm Sunday. These beautiful first flowers are waved triumphantly on this day in northern places like this because, we tend not to have many Palm trees around. May God bless you all abundantly for your work.

## Thank you Choir! and Ladies' Club! and Lectors! and Altar Servers! and Greeters! and Cleaners! and Flower Getters! and Sign Changing Reminder-ers! and Everyone!

There are sooooooo many things that have been prepared to make this Paschal season so beautiful and profound, by so many people. You are all so wonderful I can not thank you enough. May God bless everyone who helped in every and any way.

## Yes, Fr. Bo made a mess. Isn't it joyful!

Please do not clean up any of the flower petals or confetti. Fr. Bo will be vacuuming on Monday. Besides, Nobody should do work on this the Lord's day that can wait till Monday.

Indeed some of it will travel around the building, but eventually even the furthest corners will get cleaned up. In the meantime, enjoy the festive reminder that Christ is Risen, and Death has been defeated for you by our Lord.





## **Bishop's Easter Message: Easter: A time of waiting.**

**Our waiting for God, and God waiting for us.**

Easter Message from Bishop David Motiuk

### **Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!**

Today, we celebrate the glorious Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Today, we rejoice in Christ's victory over sin and death. Today, all things are filled with joy.

Easter is a time of waiting. Our waiting for God, and God waiting for us.

### **The spirituality of waiting**

Waiting. Henri Nouwen, in his book *Finding My Way Home*, offers a reflection on the spirituality of waiting. The waiting for God and the waiting of God. We are waiting. God is waiting.

The beginning of Luke's gospel sets the scene for some thoughts on the waiting of God, while the final chapters of the same gospel provide the landscape for his reflections about the waiting of God. The story of Jesus' birth introduces us to five people who are waiting – Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, Simeon and Anna – while the story of Jesus' death and resurrection reveals to us a God who is waiting.

### **Our waiting for God**

In our personal lives, waiting is not a very popular pastime. Waiting is not something we anticipate or experience with great joy and gladness! In fact, most of us consider waiting a waste of time. It is a dry desert between where we are and where we want to be.

Yet, what is impressive is that all the figures appearing on the first pages of Luke's gospel are waiting. Zechariah and Elizabeth are waiting. Mary is waiting. Simeon and Anna are waiting. The whole opening scene of the good news is filled with people

waiting. And right from the beginning all these waiting people in some way or another hear the words, "Do not be afraid. I have something good to say to you." These words indicated that Zechariah, Elizabeth, Mary, Simeon and Anna are waiting for something new and good to happen to them.

### **The nature of waiting**

Waiting, as we see it in these people, is waiting with a sense of promise. "Zechariah, your wife Elizabeth is to bear you a son." "Mary, listen! You are to conceive and bear a son." "It had been revealed to Simeon by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord" (Lk 1:13, 21 and 2: 26). Those who were waiting had each received a promise that gave them courage and allowed them to wait. They received a seed that had started to grow.

This is very important for us because we too can wait only if what we are waiting for has already begun to happen for us. Waiting is never a movement from nothing to something. It is always a movement from something to something more. Zechariah and Elizabeth, Mary, Simeon and Anna were living with a promise. It was a promise that nurtured them, fed them, and enabled them to stay where they were. By their waiting, the promise could gradually unfold and realize itself within them and through them.

Our spiritual life is a life in which we wait, actively present to the moment, expecting that new things will happen to us, new things that are far beyond our own imagination.

### **God's waiting for us**

In the passion and resurrection of Jesus, we recognize the waiting of God. This is the second aspect of waiting that also deeply affects our spiritual lives. The end of Jesus' life reveals God as a waiting God, giving us an example of another kind of waiting.

### **From action to passion**

Have you ever noticed that the central word in the story of Jesus' arrest is "to be handed over"? This is what happened in Gethsemane. Jesus was handed over by Judas. This drama of being handed over radically divides the life of Jesus into two.

The first part of Jesus' life is filled with activity. He speaks; he preaches; he heals; he travels. But immediately after Jesus is handed over, he becomes the one to whom things are being done. He's being arrested; he's being led to the high priest; he's being taken before Pilate; he's being crowned with thorns; he's being nailed to the cross. Things are being done to him over which he has no control. This is the meaning of passion – being the recipient of other people's actions....

## Easter: A time of waiting...

Passion is a kind of waiting – waiting for what other people are going to do. Jesus went to Jerusalem to announce the good news to the people of that city. And Jesus knew that he was going to put a choice before them: Will you be my disciple, or will you be my executioner? There is no middle ground here. Jesus went to Jerusalem to put people in a situation where they had to say “yes” or “no.” This is the great drama of Jesus’ passion. He had to wait for their response. What would they do? Betray him or follow him?

And this is also the mystery of Jesus’ love. Jesus in his passion is the one who waits for our response. Precisely in his passion, his waiting for our response, the intensity of his love and God’s love is revealed to

us. In Jesus’ passion, death and resurrection, the glory of God is being revealed to us. And together now we begin to understand that precisely in this waiting some new hope, new peace, and even new joy are gradually emerging. The glory of God is being revealed to us.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection, let us rejoice. God is indeed waiting for us. We are waiting for God. Something is about to happen to us that is far beyond our own understanding; far beyond our imaginings.

On this holy day of the Resurrection of our Lord, I pray that God’s grace and love fills your heart, and that of your family and friends, and brings joy and peace to all people.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!



To the Reverend Fathers, Religious Sisters, Venerable Monastics, Seminarians, & Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

“Peace be with you! ... put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” (John 20:26-28)

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Dearly Beloved in Christ!

In the midst of the joy of the Resurrection, the Evangelist John presents us with the encounter of Thomas and the Risen Lord. (Jn. 21:24-29) Thomas could not accept the good news from the other disciples, who told him they had seen the Lord. Thomas had witnessed the tragedy of the last several days in Jerusalem, which ended with the death of Jesus on the cross. How could anyone hold out for a better conclusion to the final days of Jesus? If Jesus could not save himself, how could his followers expect him to bring salvation to them?

As we enter into the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ, many will find it difficult to feel joy in this feast day, even questioning where is salvation for this world in which we live today? This past February we

marked the tragic anniversary of the war in Ukraine. How many of our brothers and sisters have fled their homes, uprooted their lives, and tragically died due to the cruelty of an unprovoked war? After initial promises of help, it seems Ukraine will be left to defend itself against uneven odds. With this background of war in Ukraine, Gaza and elsewhere throughout the world, it will be difficult to sing with joy: “Let God arise and let his enemies be scattered, and let those who hate him flee from before his face.” (cf. *Easter Matins*)

Although Canada is not at war with any outside nation or political force, we see battles being fought in our parliament and in our hospitals and care homes, for the protection of life from conception through to natural death. More effort is seemingly being made through abortion and MAiD to end life, rather than to support and nourish it, especially in its most vulnerable states. In place of a culture of life, we face a culture of death. How hard it will be to sing: “Christ is risen from the grave, as He foretold, granting us everlasting life and mercy without measure.” (cf. *Easter Matins*)

The celebration of Easter occurs traditionally in our churches and then continues in our homes. How do we celebrate in our homes with our families, when we see social support for family life waning? For many there will be little festive joy if there are no jobs to provide income, and little revenue to pay the utility, medical and grocery bills. And then there is the increasing number of people who have no homes and must live on the streets. It will be difficult to pray at the blessing of our Easter baskets: “For You are our true food and the Giver of all good things which You yourself bless and sanctify ...”. (cf. *Blessing Easter Food*)

So how did the Apostle Thomas resolve his dilemma of faith? What led him to profess his belief...

# Easter Message of the Ukrainian Catholic Bishops of Canada continued

... in the Lord Jesus? Thomas is given the opportunity to encounter at the same time the one and the same Jesus, who was both crucified and who had risen from the grave. In another words, the Resurrected Jesus is the same Jesus who suffered on the cross. By allowing Thomas to touch his wounds, Jesus shows him that suffering and Resurrection are intertwined. The Resurrection does not eliminate all suffering, rather it gives meaning to suffering and makes it bearable even in the worst of times. And thus, we have hope!

Dearly Beloved in Christ!

Our joy in the Risen Christ is not a joy that eliminates the troubles and pain in this life. Rather, Jesus suffered, died and rose from the dead out of love for us, giving us a foundation of hope in the midst of our trials. In providing Thomas an opportunity to reinforce his faith, Jesus first says to him: "Peace be with you!" This is the same divine peace that the Risen Lord offers to all of us in celebrating his Resurrection, even in the midst of our trials and tribulations.

Although we will not have the same opportunity as Thomas did to touch the painful wounds of Christ, Jesus certainly thought of us when He told Thomas: "Blessed are those who have not seen but believed." It is this same belief in the Risen Lord, that has been the foundation of our Ukrainian nation since the time of its baptism, over a thousand years ago. It is this same belief in the Risen Lord, that has sustained our pioneer Ukrainian settlers since their arrival in the Canadian wilderness over one hundred years ago. And it is

this same belief in the Risen Lord, that has enabled so many of our people to find hope in their lives, burdened with health issues, family strife, and economic hardships in this land of plentiful blessings.

This Easter season it is our fervent prayer that all will find hope and joy in the Resurrection of the Lord. Let us take to heart the prayer found in the Resurrection Matins: "Come, all you faithful, and let us bow to the holy Resurrection of Christ, since through the cross, joy has come to all the world. Ever praising the Lord, let us extol his Resurrection, since He, having endured the crucifixion, has destroyed death by his death!" (cf. *Easter Matins*)

May the blessing of the Risen Lord descend upon you this Easter season and bring you the hope and joy that is so much needed in our world today.

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

+ Lawrence Huculak, OSBM Metropolitan Archbishop of the Archeparchy of Winnipeg

+ David Motiuk Bishop of the Eparchy of Edmonton

+ Bryan Bayda, CSsR Bishop of the Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada

+ Michael Kwiatkowski Bishop of the Eparchy of New Westminster

+ Michael Smolinski, CSsR Bishop of the Eparchy of Saskatoon

+ Andriy Raby Auxiliary Bishop of the Archeparchy of Winnipeg

+ Michael Wiwchar, CSsR Bishop Emeritus of the Eparchy of Saskatoon

+ Stephen Chmilar Bishop Emeritus of the Eparchy of Toronto and Eastern Canada

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## EASTER PASTORAL LETTER OF HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV



UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH  
SVIATOSLAV SHEVCHUK  
MAJOR ARCHBISHOP OF KYIV-HALYCH

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

O my Saviour, living and unconsumed sacrifice!  
As God, you offered yourself willingly to the Father,  
And you raised with you the forefather of all, Adam,  
Having risen from the tomb.  
Ode 6, Paschal Canon

Christ is Risen!

Beloved in Christ!

As we celebrate Christ's Pascha again amid the horrors of a full-scale war, now in its third year, we enter ever deeper into the great mystery of sacrifice offered by the Lord Jesus for our salvation. The Son of God, becoming man, gives...

## **Easter Pastoral Letter of his Beatitude Sviatoslav continued**

... back to the Father that which is the most precious — his life! The essence of Pascha's power, the only thing capable of overcoming violence, abuse, and death, is revealed to us in the voluntary self-sacrifice of Christ. This is beautifully stated in the anaphora of the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great: "And when He had descended through the Cross into Hades, so that He might fill all things with Himself, He loosed the pangs of death, and rose on the third day, and paved the way for all flesh by the resurrection from the dead, for it was not possible for the Prince of life to be mastered by corruption."

### ***O my Saviour, living and unconsumed sacrifice!***

Today, our hearts are filled with the joy of the resurrection of Christ, who emerges in radiance from the grave. The empty tomb reveals to us the fullness of life in the Lord to which we are called in the joy of God's children. This joy is given to all who see in the wood of the cross the door to renewed life in the resurrection. Because Christ, being the living God, out of great love for us, chose to voluntarily accept suffering, crucifixion, and death, in order to resurrect fallen human nature with himself, and to give us eternal life in his resurrection. By uniting with Christ crucified on the cross, we receive the fruit of his sacrifice in the resurrection from the dead.

In proclaiming this Paschal Mystery, the Church today also directs us to our forefather Adam, whom Christ, in his resurrection, frees from the shackles of hell, and reveals to us the truth—that for humankind life after death really exists! In the person of Adam all humanity is depicted—past, present, and future. The risen Christ is the one who gives meaning to the fullness of human history, which leads from sin and the fall, slavery and bondage, to repentance, conversion, liberation, and salvation. In celebrating Christ's Pascha, today we reach beyond the limits of our time and space, and enter into the eternity of God. In the Risen Christ, we can boldly say: "Behold, now is a favourable time, behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2).

### ***As God, you offered yourself willingly to the Father!***

The resurrection of the Son of God demonstrates that his voluntary self-sacrifice is not the end but a new beginning of life for each of us. Christ's voluntary death on the cross is terrible, real, but life-giving, because it is a "living and unconsumed sacrifice." Indeed, we are not called to death and nothingness but to life and joy in God. Whoever sacrifices oneself not for the purpose of fulfilling

one's own ambitions, personal goals, or human intentions but gives oneself voluntarily to the Father — is already risen! In this is found the essence of every true sacrifice—to give the Creator one's everything, that is, to return to God that which is God's because we are the creation of his hands! That is the meaning of human life itself: we received it as a gift from God and we are called to return it to him alone! By sacrificing ourselves to the Father, we complete ourselves fully in God's eternal love. By giving ourselves we do not lose anything, but on the contrary, we rise together with Christ! That is why we often repeat in our liturgical services: "let us commend ourselves, and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God." In the Risen Christ, the value and purpose of every human self-sacrifice is revealed.

Today, Ukraine is a victim-sacrifice of Russia's criminal war against our people. We often ask ourselves: is our fight really worth such a high price? Over these past years for what do we sacrifice that which for us is the most precious: our sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, fathers and mothers; our cities and villages, our land and everything we possess? For what purpose do we live and die today? In response to this cry of anguish and tears of Ukraine, today the Risen Saviour comes forth from the empty tomb as a "living and unconsumed Sacrifice." It is He, the Victor, who speaks to us today in the voice of fallen heroes: "We fell so that you may live! We sacrificed our lives as an offering to God and to you! In our sacrifice the Lord's Pascha is proclaimed!" Our victory over the enemy is as certain and inevitable as the day that always follows the night, as the dawn of that morning when Christ was risen, changing the weeping and tears of the myrrh-bearers into the peace and joy of every person who today proclaims to the whole universe: "Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life!"

### ***You raised with you the forefather of all, Adam, having risen from the tomb!***

In his resurrection, Christ destroyed death and fear before those who carry it. The Apostle to the Nations states that it was through the fear of death that the devil held the human race in his slavery: "Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery" (Heb. 2:14-15). The Lord destroyed this fear once and for all, destroyed the power of the devil, the bearer of death, and that is why we call out to him today: My Saviour!

Today Ukrainians sense that in the third full-scale year of a ten-year war, which, in fact, has...

## **Easter Pastoral Letter of his Beatitude Sviatoslav continued**

... been going on for centuries, the time has come to destroy once and for all, in Europe and the world, the realm of deathly fear, carried by the insatiable Russian slavemaster and colonizer, to destroy the rule of those who for centuries kept in this slavery to fear our people and other enslaved nations. Today in Ukraine, the one who rains death onto the field of life is losing power. The power of Christ's Pascha put an end to the power of the devil, the author of slavery, insolence, falsehood, and violence. Indeed, in Christ we voluntarily give ourselves to the Father as a living and life-giving sacrifice. Today in the Paschal Victory the pascha of Ukraine is fulfilled. Today, Christ rises in our struggle against evil, in our efforts, in the flesh and blood of our people, in order to raise up humanity of the third millennium and give hope to the world – for in Ukraine, Christ is Risen!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ! On this radiant day, one of victory of life over death, good over evil, truth over falsehood, I urge you to abide in the faith, hope, and love that the Risen Lord brings us. In the joy of the Resurrection, I greet our military heroes, sons and daughters of Ukraine, who defend us at the frontlines, are ready to sacrifice everything out of love for their land and their people. We believe in your God-given strength, we revere your resistance to evil, over which we shall inevitably prevail.

I greet all those who have suffered from the war—physically, materially, morally. Let today's feast above all feasts, and festival of festivals, be for you a balm in your suffering. In a special way, I embrace with my paternal love the families of the fallen, expressing my personal gratitude and the gratitude of all God's

people to you, as you bear in the depths of your heart the indescribable pain of losing your son or daughter, brother or sister, husband or wife, father or mother. I embrace the wounded. You carry the seeds of resurrection together with Christ, for He too carried the wounds of the crucifixion on His hands and feet. May the joy of Pascha pave the way to your physical and moral healing. To the families of our prisoners and those missing in action, who are celebrating Easter today in tears, I express my compassion, support and prayerful closeness. To all those who have been deprived of their homes by the war and expelled from their hometowns or villages, to all internally displaced persons, and to all those who found temporary sanctuary outside their homeland, I wish you spiritual comfort and confidence, that where the Risen Lord is, there we are always at home.

I embrace all children, adults and the elderly, men and women—and my wish for you is that in sharing the Easter basket, you may experience profound joy, God's mercy and blessings. I embrace with a fatherly love all the volunteers and workers involved in works of charity, our clergy, religious, and faithful in Ukraine and throughout the world, and I sincerely wish you all 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 Feastday of the Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos

March 25, 2024 A.D.

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# **Blessed Breakfast**

**Next Sunday, April 7, after the 10 am  
Divine Liturgy we will have our annual  
Blessed Breakfast and YOU are  
invited.**

**Get your tickets today between the  
two Easter Services. This is your last  
chance, so... get yours today!**



## Parish News:

# Xpuctoc! Bockpec!

- **Blessed Breakfast** Sunday April 7 after the 10 am Divine Liturgy Tickets: Adults - \$20.00/\$8.00 Child. They are available after today's Liturgy and briefly on Easter Sunday only between the two services. After Easter Sunday, tickets will not be easy to find (if there are any left) and if you can find one, you will pay extra.

- On Wednesday April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm: **Let's share some ideas for our parish to consider**

I am proposing that we have an informal discussion with whomever wishes about the directions we would like to see our parish move in. Come let's share some good ideas, and make stuff happen.

- **Are you interested in joining our parish officially?** Speak to J'lynn. If you don't know who she is, talk to Fr. Bo and he'll introduce you to her, or get you in contact with her. Benefits of membership include, reduced rental rates, a warm fuzzy feeling, a nice box of envelopes, and much more.
- **May 4 & 5 - Our First Solemn Communion Weekend**
- **Hey Young Adults:** Let's meet some time during the second week after Easter to plan our next session. Would a Tuesday or Wednesday evening work?
- Holy Cross Ladies' Club is **looking for a casual cook** for our parish. The position requires flexibility as functions/events occur on an as needed ongoing basis. Please get in touch with either Heather Gauthier at 780 982-4189 or Dianne Kluk at 780 242-1534 for further information.
- **Any 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversaries?** Let us know so that we can congratulate you and give you a plaque. Call Diana Horyn at 780-455-9926
- We are **recording our Liturgies** for those who are not able to come in person to church. Please note that the **recorded Liturgies** are not intended to be an option for those who simply want to stay at home.
- **Come join our Choir.** They are an awesome group! If you are interested just introduce yourself!

- **BINGO !!** The team of bingo volunteers needed to host our monthly bingos is in dire need of new volunteers willing to step up and support this reliable fundraiser. Please call our volunteer chairperson, Darlene @ 780-476-8797.

## Would you like to help be a Greeter / Coffee Hour person?

We would love your help as part of one of the coffee hour / welcoming teams. These are the people who greet you at the door, hand out the bulletins and also make the coffee, tea and juice for the fellowship after the Liturgy.

We would really appreciate your presence and energy. Simply call Diana Horyn at 780-455-9926.

### Who is the group this Sunday you wonder?

"Group A" is on this weekend, however because there is no coffee, their main job is ushering.



## Grief as a Journey

This is a 10 week grief support group for those searching for support in their grief over the loss of a loved one. Using video presentations and group discussion, we will build community, gain a better understanding of what we are experiencing, and give and receive support and encouragement while journeying through mourning.

**DATES & TIMES:** Tuesdays, April 16 – June 11. Time will be determined according to the group preference.

\*Please note that the starting date has changed from April 9 to April 16\*

**LOCATION:** Edmonton Eparchy Pastoral Centre, 9645 – 108 Ave

**COST:** \$20.00 to cover materials

**REGISTER:** 780-424-5496 or [Bernadette.mandrusiak@eeparchy.com](mailto:Bernadette.mandrusiak@eeparchy.com)



# Men's Club Easter Blessed Breakfast Raffle

Apr 7th, 2024.

## Basket # 1

- 1 x Liquor bottle from Rig Hand Distillery + Tasting tour (up to 30 pers)- Value - 350\$
- 1 x Widynowskis Sausage Gift Card - Value 25\$
- 4 x Calaway Amusement Park Passes - Value 220\$
- 1 x Family Pass: Alberta Railway Excursion - Value 460\$
- 6 x Mini-Golf pass- Value 80\$
- 1 x Family pass Reynold - Alberta Museum - Value 60\$
- 1 x Liquor bottle Fort Distillery - 40\$
- 2 x Kubasa Mundare sausage house- 25\$
- 1 x Salisbury Greenhouse gift card - 25\$
- 1 x Shumka gift card - 25\$
- 1 x 12 Pack of beers - 30 \$
- 1 x Family Pass Ukrainian village - Value 80\$
- 1 x BBQ Schack Restaurant-Value 55\$

**Total Value = \$1475**

## Basket # 2

- 4 x Passes from Monster Mini Golf Edmonton - Value 60\$
- 1 x Edmonton Elks CFL fan Pack Value - 80\$
- 1 x Paintball pass - Value 450\$
- 2 x Liquor bottle Fort Distillery - 80\$
- 1 x Family Pass Ukrainian Village - Value 80\$
- 1 x Old Spaghetti Restaurant - Value 25\$
- 5 x Edmonton Riverhawks tickets - 200\$
- 1 x Shumka gift card - 25 \$
- 1 x Family Pass Royal Alberta Museum- 50\$
- 1 x Bottle Red wine - Value 20\$
- 1 x Widynowskis Sausage Gift Card - Value 25\$
- 1 x Family pass Reynold - Alberta Museum - Value 60\$
- 1 x Salisbury Greenhouse gift card - 25\$

**Total Value - \$1180**

**Tickets will ONLY be for sale at the Blessed Breakfast on Apr 7th.**

**1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10**

Note: Funds raised will go towards the nonprofit organizations the Men's Club support annually.



# Kid's Bulletin Page

Kids: you are important and we love you. This page is for you.



## Next Couple of Weeks at Holy Cross Parish

Note: If you are looking for the readings of the day, or the type of fasting required (if any) please check the online parish calendar on our website, or your liturgical calendar.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><b>31</b></p> <p><b>Pascha. Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.</b></p> <p>No Rosary today</p> <p><b>8 am Resurrectional Matins and Liturgy Bilingual followed by the Blessing of Easter Baskets!</b></p> <p><b>10 am Resurrectional Matins and Liturgy in English followed by the Blessing of Easter Baskets!</b></p> <p>No Coffee Hour</p> <p><b>2 pm Divine Liturgy at St. Michael's Extended Care</b></p>	<p><b>1</b></p> <p><b>Bright Monday.</b> Our Venerable Mother Mary of Egypt (527-65). Bright Week.</p> <p>No Ladies' Club meeting</p> <p>Fr. Bo will be resting most of this day, however at some point he plans to come and vacuum.</p> <p>3:30 Appointment</p>	<p><b>2</b></p> <p><b>Bright Tuesday.</b> Our Venerable Father Titus the Wonderworker. Passing into Eternal Life (1959) of Blessed Mykola (Nicholas) Charnetsky, Exarch of Volhynia and Confessor. Bright Week.</p> <p><b>10:30 am Divine Liturgy at Venta Care Centre</b></p> <p>Anointing of the Sick at Venta Care Centre</p> <p>Often Fr. Bo Visit's Ann Fitzgerald School on Tuesday Afternoons</p>	<p><b>3</b></p> <p><b>Bright Wednesday.</b> Our Venerable Father and Confessor Nicetas, Hegumen of the Monastery of Medicius (824). Bright Week.</p> <p><b>9 am Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>4</b></p> <p><b>Bright Thursday.</b> Our Venerable Fathers Joseph the Hymnographer (886) and George of Maleum. Bright Week.</p> <p>Often Fr. Bo Visit's St. Matthew's School on Thursday Mornings</p> <p><b>1 pm Clergy Deanery Meeting</b></p> <p>If you have anything for the bulletin please send it to Fr. Bo by the end of this day.</p> <p>Thursdays are typically Fr. Bo's Day off.</p> <p>5:30 Appointment</p>	<p><b>5 No fasting!</b></p> <p><b>Bright Friday.</b> Holy Martyrs Theodulus and Agathopedes and Those with Them (c. 305). Bright Week.</p>	<p><b>6</b></p> <p><b>Bright Saturday.</b> Repose of Our Holy Father Methodius, Teacher of the Slavs (885) and our Holy Father Eutychius, Archbishop of Constantinople (587). Bright Week.</p> <p><b>2pm First Solemn Communion</b></p>
<p><b>7</b></p> <p>Second Sunday of Pascha.</p> <p><b>Thomas Sunday.</b> Our Venerable Father George, Bishop of Mitylene (829-42). Passing into Eternal Life (1919) of Blessed Josaphata Hordashevskia, First Superior of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate. Acts 5:12-20. John 20:19-31.</p> <p><b>9:30 am Rosary</b></p> <p><b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b></p> <p>Yes. Sunday School but... <b>No, Coffee Hour but instead we will have</b></p> <p><b>EASTER BLESSED BREAKFAST</b></p> <p><b>2 pm Divine Liturgy at St. Michael's Extended Care</b></p>	<p><b>8</b></p> <p>Holy Apostles Herodion, Agabus, Rufus, Asyncretus, Philegontus and Hermes. Acts 3:19-26. John 2:1-11.</p> <p><b>10 am Bible Study</b></p>	<p><b>9</b></p> <p>Holy Martyr Eupsichius (360-63). Acts 4:1-10. John 3:16-21.</p> <p><b>10 am Clergy Conference</b></p> <p>Often Fr. Bo Visit's Ann Fitzgerald School on Tuesday Afternoons</p> <p><b>Possible Young Adults Meeting?</b></p>	<p><b>10</b></p> <p>Holy Martyrs Terence, Pompeius and others with them. Acts 4:13-22. John 5:17-24.</p> <p><b>9 am Divine Liturgy</b></p> <p><b>6 pm Casual but Important Parish Idea Sharing Night. Everyone is invited.</b></p>	<p><b>11</b></p> <p>Holy Priest-Martyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamos in Asia (81-96). Acts 4:23-31. John 5:24-30.</p> <p>Often Fr. Bo Visit's St. Matthew's School on Thursday Mornings</p> <p>If you have anything for the bulletin please send it to Fr. Bo by the end of this day.</p> <p>Thursdays are typically Fr. Bo's Day off.</p> <p>5:30 Appointment</p>	<p><b>12</b></p> <p>Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Bishop of Parios (741-75). Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Acts 5:1-11. John 5:30-6:2.</p> <p>5:30 Appointment</p>	<p><b>13</b></p> <p>Holy Priest-Martyr Artemon and those with him (284-305). Acts 5:21-33. John 6:14-27.</p> <p><b>2pm First Solemn Communion</b></p>
<p><b>14</b></p> <p>Third Sunday of Pascha. <b>Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women.</b> Our Holy Father Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome (655). Newly Revealed Martyrs Anthony, John and Eustathius (1342). Acts 6:1-7. Mark 15:43-16:8.</p> <p><b>9:30 am Rosary</b></p> <p><b>10 am Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>15</b></p> <p>Holy Apostles Aristarchus, Pudens and Trophimus (54-68). Acts 6:8-7:5, 47-60. John 4:46-54.</p> <p><b>10 am Bible Study</b></p>	<p><b>16</b></p> <p>Holy Virgins and Martyrs Agapia, Irene and Chionia (284-305). Acts 8:5-17. John 6:27-33.</p> <p>Often Fr. Bo Visit's Ann Fitzgerald School on Tuesday Afternoons</p>	<p><b>17</b></p> <p>Our Venerable Father Simeon of Persia (341). Venerable Acacius, Bishop of Melitene (431-50). Acts 8:18-25. John 6:35-39.</p> <p><b>9 am Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>18</b></p> <p>Our Venerable Father John, Disciple of Gregory the Decapoltan (c. 842). Acts 8:26-39. John 6:40-44.</p> <p>Often Fr. Bo Visit's St. Matthew's School on Thursday Mornings</p> <p>If you have anything for the bulletin please send it to Fr. Bo by the end of this day</p>	<p><b>19</b></p> <p>Our Venerable Father John the Ancient Hermit (c. 800). Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Acts 8:40-9:19. John 6:48-54.</p> <p>5:30 Appointment</p>	<p><b>20</b></p> <p>Our Venerable Father Theodore Trichinas (that is, the one who wears a hair shirt). Holy Anastasius of Mt. Sinai (686). Acts 9:20-31. John 15:17-16:2.</p> <p><b>2pm First Solemn Communion</b></p> <p><b>11 We go spy on St.</b></p>

# Changeable Parts for Pascha's Divine Liturgy!

## Instead of Holy God (Page 31)

All you who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia! (3)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen. ...you have put on Christ! Alleluia!

All you who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia!

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### Prokeimenon:

This is the day which the Lord has made;\* let us rejoice and be glad in it.

**verse:** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

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### Epistle: 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 during 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."

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### Alleluia verses:

When you rise, You will have compassion on Sion.

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.

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### Gospel John 1:1-7:

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.

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### Hymn to the Mother of God

And the angel cried out to the Woman full of grace, Hail immaculate Virgin. Again Hail for on the third day Your Son was risen from the dead.\* Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen over you. Cry out now and rejoice, O Sion. And you the pure One, the Mother of God, exult in the resurrection of the One to Whom you gave birth.

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### Communion Hymn

Receive the Body of Christ;\* taste the fountain of immortality.\* Alleluia, alleluia,\* alleluia.

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### 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.

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### 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.

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### Instead of "May our mouths be filled..." we sing:

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

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### Instead of "Blessed be the name of the Lord..." we sing:

Christ is risen from the dead,\* trampling death by death,\* and to those in the tombs\* giving life. (3x) *Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Give the blessing.*

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### At the End:

Christ is risen from the dead,\* trampling death by death,\* and to those in the tombs\* giving life. (3x *First by the clergy, then the people, then half by the priest and the other half by the people*)

*Priest:* And to us He grants life eternal...

*People:* Let us bow to His resurrection on the third day.