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"Preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ in today's world."*

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Служби Божі/Divine Liturgies

Неділя/Sunday: 8:30 am in English

10:30 am (sung) in Ukrainian

У Свята/Holy Day of Obligation

10:30 am and 7:00 pm

Щодня/Daily Scheduled

7:30 am in Chapel

Сповідь/Confessions: 15 minutes before

Divine Liturgy - Or by appointment during the week

Baptism by appointment

Anointing of the Sick/Hospital Visits/

Eucharist for the sick - any time

**Marriages - the arrangements with the priest
have to be made months before the marriage**

Funerals - by arrangement

оо. Василяни/Basilian Fathers serving the

Parish:- Father Serafym Grygoruk, OSBM

Administrator Email: serh70@outlook.com

Father Joseph Pidskalny, OSBM - local Superior

Most Rev. Severian Yakymyshyn, OSBM

Bishop-Emeritus

**Христос Воскрес! Воістину
Воскрес!**

**Парафія Покрови Пресвятої
Богородиці** вітає всіх гостей, приятелів
та парафіян, які беруть участь у цій
Службі Божі.

**Воскресіння Господа Нашого
Ісуса Христа**



**Resurrection of our Lord,
Jesus Christ**

Acts 1:1-8

John 1:1-17

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

**The Protection of the Blessed Virgin
Mary Parish** welcomes all guests, friends,
and Parishioners participating in this
Divine Liturgy.

НИНІ: Неділя, 1 квітня: Великдень - 7:00 рано - Воскресна Утреня, Торжественна Служба Божа Мировання та Свячення Пасок
- 10:30 рано - Служба Божа, Мировання та Свячення Пасок

2 квітня: Світлий понеділок

- 9:30 рано - Воскресна Утреня й Служба Божа

3 квітня: Світлий вівторок - 9:30 рано - Воскресна Утреня й Служба Божа

8 квітня: Томина неділя- 8:30 рано - Служба Божа

- 10:30 рано - Служба Божа. - 12:00 по обіді - Спільне свячене в Парафіяльному залі. Заохочуємо всіх Парафіян взяти участь, як одна родина, у цій події. (Ціна квитка: - 15 доларів для дорослих; 10 доларів для студентів; віком 12 років і нижче – безплатно)

Sunday Donations March 25, 2018 - \$2,419.00

**ПАСТИРСЬКЕ ПОСЛАННЯ ВЛАДИК
УКРАЇНСЬКОЇ КАТОЛИЦЬКОЇ
ЦЕРКВИ КАНАДИ
З НАГОДИ ХРИСТОВОГО
ВОСКРЕСІННЯ 2018**

Всесвітлішим, всечеснішим і преподобним отцям, преподобним ченцям і черницям, дорогим у Христі семінаристам та мирянам Української Католицької Церкви у Канаді:

Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес!

Дорогі брати і сестри у Христі,
*Хоч і до гробу зійшов Ти,
Безсмертний, та адову зруйнував Ти
силу, і воскрес як переможець,
Христе Боже, жінкам мироносицям
звістивши: Радуйтеся, і Твоїм
апостолам мир даруєш, падшим
подаєш воскресіння. (Кондак Пасхи)*

Кожна людська особа прагне вічного життя. Все, чим ми живемо у повсякденному житті, вказує на те, що кожен з нас створений для багато більшого, ніж того, що ми могли б зустріти в звичайному, а часом і незвичайному житті. Отримавши так багато, ми маємо нескінченне бажання нашого неосяжного Бога.

Моя душа умліває, бажаючи ввесь час присудів твоїх. (Пс. 119: 20) Коли ми призупинимось, щоб роздумувати про це прагнення наших сердець, ми знаходимо цю спільну, природну таємницю, яка об'єднує все людство. Справді, спасіння для всіх нас є як особистим так і спільним для кожного з нас.

У той же час існують і сили, які не об'єднують все людство. Ми є свідками чітких та виразних дій жадібності, насилля та егоїстичних сердець, що криють в собі несказанні думки, які ведуть до жахливих наслідків довкола нас. Маємо бодай два приклади небезпеки для людської гідності: сприяння закону про самогубство в Канаді, або війна, що триває в Україні. Розподіл і руйнування ведуть нас до запитання: "Як люди можуть вдаватися до таких спокус і так мало уділяти уваги людській гідності?"

Ісус Христос дає зміст всім речам. Як місіонерські учні, ми покликані ділитися цією осмисленістю з іншими особами, сім'ями та парафіями. Будучи свідомими нашої власної гріховності і Божого

прощення, ми повинні сказати, що життя - більше, ніж просто земне існування страждань, коли люди хочуть вбити себе внаслідок депресії, або хронічних захворювань. Ми повинні показати їм надію. Ми покликані бути знаком людської гідності, коли ми супроводжуємо інших у їхній боротьбі за те, щоб бути кращими людьми, щоб бути більш схожими на Христа, пропонуючи співчуття та милість в нашому спільному прагненні Істини, особи Ісуса. Плутанина моралі та цінностей у суспільстві є бурхливим морем, коли ми розглядаємо питання гендерної ідентичності, самогубство за допомогою пом'якшуючих обставин, сприяння до смерті когось, або ж примушування погодитися на аборт, коли подається заяву на федеральну допомогу для літньої зайнятості. Маємо потребу плекання довіри, смирення, терпіння та любові, які ми повинні віднаходити в наших живих парафіях. Піклуватися про тіло і душу кожної людини, згідно євангельських цінностей - це те, що ми повинні пропонувати іншим. Це є плодом засвоєння Писань, участі в таїнствах церкви, плід спільної молитви, плід служіння та благодійної праці.

Таким чином, осмисленість у Христі є те, що дає мету життю. Він є присутнім для нас у всьому, що ми

відчуваємо. Він – з нами! Ми є тими, які будучи запрошені до зустрічі з Христом, повинні стати знаком надії для інших, щоб ми разом проголошувати: «Христос Воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував!» Нехай Христос, який мешкає в наших серцях, у наших сім'ях та у наших живих парафіях, дарує всім життя. У Світлий Празник Воскресіння Господа Нашого Ісуса Христа, ми молимося, щоб Божа любов наповнювала ваші серця, а через вас серця всіх.

Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес!

Щиро ваші у Христі,
+ Лаврентій Гуцуляк, ЧСВВ,
Митрополит і Архієпископ
Вінніпезький
+ Михайло Вівчар, ЧНІ, Єпископ-
емерит Саскатунський
+ Северіян Якимішин, ЧСВВ,
Єпископ-емерит Нью-
Вестмінстерський
+ Давид Мотюк, Єпарх Едмонтонський
+ Степан Хміляр, Єпарх
Торонтонський
+ Кен Новаківський, Єпарх Нью-
Вестмінстерський
+ Браєн Байда, ЧНІ, Єпарх
Саскатунський

Maintenance Work for the Exterior of the Church

Dear Parishioners and Friends. Last Fall our parish did extensive maintenance work on the church exterior, at an overall cost that will surpass \$300,000.00. There is still some work to be done in the Spring.

St. Mary's Parish is asking for your assistance in funding this project. All donations are tax-deductible. "Convenience Envelopes" can be found in the front entrance of the church.

To date our parish has received \$47,278.00 towards our renovation and maintenance project. We are very grateful for your generosity in helping us defray the costs of this undertaking. May the Lord bless you for your kindness. Thank You!

TODAY: Sunday, April 1: Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ

- 7:00 a.m. - Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy, Myrovannia - Anointing with Holy Oil, Blessing of Paschal Food
- 10:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy, Anointing with Holy Oil, Blessing of Paschal Food

April 2: Easter Monday

- 9:30 a.m. - Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy

April 3: Easter Tuesday

- 9:30 a.m. - Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy

April 8: THOMAS Sunday

- 8:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy
- 10:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy
- 12:00 p.m. - "Sviachene" Parish Easter Dinner in the Parish Hall. We encourage all Parishioners to participate as one family in this event. (Ticket: - adults - \$15; students - \$10; age 12 and under – free)

>> **Wed., April 11**, at 7:00 PM – Parish Council Meeting in the Boardroom.

Парадасти / Graveside Services

Saturday, April 14

Ocean View Cemetery - 2 p.m.

Sunday, April 15

Gardens of Gethsemani – 2:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 22

Forest Lawn Cemetery - 2 p.m.

Saturday, April 28

Forest Lawn Cemetery - 2 p.m.

>> Please find Letters from our Bishops at the entrance of our church.

>>- **Saturday, April 7 at 10:30 AM - Eternal Memory!** Funeral Divine Liturgy and Panachyda in church for the late Sophia Trylowsky. We extend condolences to her husband Bohdan and Family.

>>Fr. Jim Nisbet Catholic Bible Seminar

Hear Biblical scholar and inspirational speaker Fr. Jim Nisbet in person at our Parish on April 27, 28 & 29, 2018, presenting the First Book of Samuel. For more information and registration, pick up a copy of the seminar flyer in the church vestibule or go on line at: [<http://biblestudies4.wixsite.com/biblecentre/registration>] or ask Deacon Howard or Adrian.

Daffodil Dash

St. Mary's Parish is again participating in the *Daffodil Dash* a fundraiser by the *BC Cancer Society*. We have a registered team and would love to have you support us on the leisurely 5km walk on **Sunday, April 29 at 9:30 AM**, near Science World. We hope you will be able to support us with your donation as well.

For more details, please contact Barbara by email: bjballhorn@gmail or phone: 604.323.4115.

**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.

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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 in 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.

**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