



Saint Basil the Great Ukrainian Catholic Parish Парафія Св. Василя Великого УГКЦ



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Easter Parish Bulletin—Пасхальний Парафіяльний Вісник

April 12, 2026— 12 квітня, 2026



Christ is Risen!

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.” — Psalm 118:24

Happy Easter to all of you!

With this short message, I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude. First of all, to Deacon Leon and Deacon Ivas for being at my side throughout Passion Week and the Paschal celebrations.

A special thank you to everyone who participated in the 48-hour prayer vigil from Good Friday to Easter Sunday; to all who prepared the tomb, cleaned the church, and brought flowers; to those who prepared the Easter baskets; and to everyone who took part in the Easter services.

May the Lord bless you all abundantly. Truly, we are blessed to have each of you as part of our parish family.

Today is St. Thomas Sunday—a day when we gather together to continue celebrating the joy of Easter as one parish community. **You are all warmly invited to our Spilne Svyachene Easter Dinner (potluck style) immediately following the Divine Liturgy.**

On behalf of Metropolitan Lawrence, Bishop Andriy, Deacon Leon, Deacon Ivas, and myself, I extend sincere gratitude for your generous and heartfelt GIFT OF LOVE. May the Risen Lord bless you a hundredfold for your kindness and generosity.

Wishing you all a blessed and joyful Easter season.

~Fr. M

Христос Воскрес!

«Це день, що його створив Господь; радіймо і веселімося в нім!» — Псалом 118:24

Щасливих і благословених Великодніх свят усім вам! Цим коротким словом хочу висловити щирю вдячність. Насамперед дякую Леону та дякую Івасю за те, що були поруч зі мною протягом Страсного тижня та пасхальних богослужінь.

Особлива подяка всім, хто взяв участь у 48-годинному молитовному чужанні від Страсної п'ятниці до Великодньої неділі; усім, хто приготував гріб, прибрав церкву та приніс квіти; тим, хто готував пасхальні кошики; а також усім, хто долучився до Великодніх богослужінь.

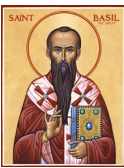
Нехай Господь щедро благословить кожного з вас. Справді, ми благословенні мати вас усіх у нашому парафіяльному житті.

Сьогодні — Неділя святого апостола Томи, день, коли ми знову збираємося разом, щоб продовжити святкування Пасхи як одна парафіяльна родина.

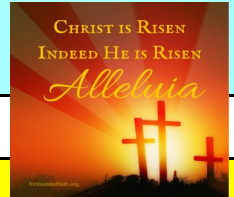
Щиро запрошуємо всіх на наш Пасхальний обід (потлак) одразу після Божественної Літургії.

Від імені Митрополита Лаврентія, владики Андрія, дякона Леона, дякона Івася і від себе особисто висловлюю щирю вдячність за ваш щедрий і сердечний ДАР ЛЮБОВІ. Нехай Воскреслий Господь сторицею винагородить вас за вашу доброту і щедрість. Бажаю всім вам радісного і благословенного Пасхального часу!

~o. M



ST BASIL'S LITURGICAL SCHEDULE



	Time	Feast or Intention, requested by
April 12, St. Thomas Sunday Artos & Myrovannja	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM 2:30 PM 8:00 PM	Children's Catechism Rosary Divine Liturgy with Anointing and distribution of Artos Health & Birthday Blessings for Rostyslav & Vasyi Cherevati by Cherevati family followed by Parish Easter Dinner (potluck) Morden Свята Літургія та Мировання та роздача Артоса Rosary—Jesus Prayer — Live stream on Facebook
April 13, Monday	<u>9:00 AM</u> <u>8:00 PM</u>	Divine Liturgy Blessings for Victor Lemke by Godmother Cheryl Cuzzolini Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook
April 14, Tuesday	<u>9:00 AM</u> <u>5:30 PM</u> <u>8:00 PM</u>	Divine Liturgy for the soul of Helen Kachur (1 year Jan. 14) by Alfred & Sylvia Wohlmuth & Family TESTEMONIAL BANQUET for METROPOLITAN Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook
April 15, Wednesday	<u>9:00 AM</u> <u>6:40 PM</u> <u>8:00 PM</u>	Divine Liturgy Blessings for Andrew Lemke by Godfather John Cuzzolini LECTIO DIVINA Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook
April 16, Thursday	<u>9:00 AM</u> <u>6:00 PM</u> <u>8:00 PM</u>	Divine Liturgy God's Blessings for Mary Issigonis & family by Janet & Wayne Hemingway MOVIE NIGHT "CHOSEN" Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook
April 17, Friday	<u>9:00 AM</u> <u>8:00 PM</u>	Divine Liturgy for the souls of Jackie & Rick Cycon by Rob & Natalia Hotel & Family Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook
April 18, Saturday	<u>8:00 PM</u>	Rosary—Jesus Prayer —Live stream on Facebook
April 19, Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing women	9:00 AM 9:30 AM 10:00 AM 2:30 PM 8:00 PM	Children's Catechism Rosary Divine Liturgy Health & God's Blessings for of all the family of Martin & Mary Zimrose & Norma Maryniak by Alex Zimrose followed by Coffee House by YOUTH Morden Rosary—Jesus Prayer — Live stream on Facebook



**God's Blessings for your
Happiest Birthday!!!**

- Darla Caliquiri (12),**
- Elsie Galay (13),**
- Mariia Ripka (13),**
- Ivanna Ratushna (15),**
- Sofiia Ripka (16)**

МНОГАЯ ЛІТА !!!



Ushers and Greeters Welcome
April 12—Sylvia Smelski & Marlene Dunsford

April 19—Sylvia Smelski & Marlene Dunsford
 April 26—Steve & Shelly Seremet
 Knowing Jesus is the best gift you can receive. His power and love can fill you when you encounter Him.
 Please join Father Mykhaylo for the Lectio Divina/ Catechism classes and the teachings of the church on Wednesdays at St. Basil's

Tatsa counters

- April - Leona Solomon, Wanda Prychitko and Noelle Richardson
- May—Joanne Pitura, Wanda Prychitko & Mariana Korbylo
- June—Orest & Ariel Kulchyski and Linda Gardner

Church Custodians

April—David Shumski, Donna Olynyk, Mariyka Hrynshyn
 Dear Parishioners, Please contact me, Diane Pinuta 204-774-1350 to help clean the church for a month in 2026

EPISTLE READING *Читання Апостола: якщо ви бажаєте читати раз у місяць в укр. м—прошу повідомити до офісу чи священника. Це буде завжди 3-тя неділя місяця. Epistle readers:*

- April 12—Linda Labay, April - 19—Ivan Horodetskyy, April 26—Gerry Skochyles,
- May 3—Martin Nechwediuk, May 10—Tony Sklar, May 17—Lesia Dukas

Next School of Catechism / Lectio Divina will be on WEDNESDAYS, April 15 at 6:40 PM— Let's grow in our faith together. Also we still keep on our online Zoom meeting

Meeting ID: 860 6773 0650 Passcode: Jesus

The Parish office is open according to this schedule:



- ⇒ **Wednesday (April 15) from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**
- ⇒ **Thursday (April 16) from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.**
- ⇒ **Wednesday (April 22) from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**
- ⇒ **Thursday (April 23) from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.**
- ⇒ **Tuesday (April 28) from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM**
- ⇒ **Friday (May 1) from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM.**

For any notices for the bulletin, please email to the parish office by Wednesday.
Parish Office Email: parish@saintbasilwpg.ca. Parish Office: 204-837-4180

SANCTUARY LIGHT burns eternally to indicate the presence of the Holy Eucharist. In the tabernacle.
For the soul of Jeffery Krykolowich by Pat Krupa

The Sanctuary light can be reserved, please contact the office at 204-837-4180.



Sympathies

Our sincerest sympathies are extended to **Sam & Sylvia Szwaluk & family** on the passing of their sister –in-law & aunty
+Lesia Szwaluk.

May God grant her eternal rest in His Holy & Heavenly Kingdom and His blessings and strength to all his family in the days ahead.

Вічна Пам'ять!



PEROGIES FOR SALE

Please call Phyllis at 204-832-0175 to buy your perogies.
\$8.00 per dozen for potato & cheese

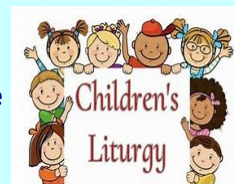
First Holy Confession & Solemn Holy Communion 2026: on Sunday, May 3rd, 2026 at 10 am

Parish Family Picnic: June 21st, following the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

St. Basil's Summer Camp 2026: will be held in August



CHILDREN'S LITURGY—every first Sunday of the month. Renewal Committee suggested to continue to celebrate Children's Liturgy once a month. That will include the leading of responses by Youth (Veronica Hotel will be in charge), the reading of the Epistle (so if your child would like to read please notify parish office—Lesia Dukas). Also children will go with donation baskets—and when is a time will serve Coffee House - Дитяча Літургія у 1шу неділю місяця. Якщо ваша дитина хоче читати Апостол—повідомте офіс або мене.



LAST WILL & TESTAMENT: Leaving a bequest is a process of giving a donation through your will. It is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. It can be as small or as large a donation as you wish. It is important that you talk to your lawyer about the process. In your kindness please remember St. Basil the Great Ukrainian Catholic Parish in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: "I

give, devise, and bequeath to St. Basil the Great Ukrainian Catholic Church at 202 Harcourt St, Winnipeg, MB, R3J 3H3 the sum of \$_____ (or _____% of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the church/parish and it's needs and pastoral ministry.



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

Tropar, tone 7: Though the tomb had been sealed,* from the tomb You arose, O Life and Christ our God.* Though the door had been locked,* You appeared among the disciples, O Resurrection of all;* and thus You restored an upright spirit for us* 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!

Kondak, tone 8: Thomas placed his restless hand* into your life-giving side, O Christ our God;* and since You entered, although the doors were locked,* he cried out to You with the other apostles:* "You are my Lord and my God!" **Prokimen, tone 3:** Great is our Lord and mighty in power; to his wisdom there is no limit.

Verse: Praise the Lord, for he is good; sing praise to our God, for he is gracious.

Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (5: 12 - 20) In those days through the hands of the apostles, many signs and wonders occurred among the people. By mutual agreement they used to meet in Solomon's Portico. No one else dared to join them, despite the fact that the people held them in great esteem. Nevertheless more and more believers, men and women in great numbers, were continually added to the Lord. The people carried the sick into the streets and laid them on cots and mattresses, so that when Peter passed by at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. Crowds from the towns around Jerusalem would gather, too, bringing their sick and those who were troubled by unclean spirits, all of whom were cured. The high priest and all his supporters (that is, the party of the Sadducees), filled with jealousy, arrested the apostles and threw them into the public jail. During the night, however, an angel of the Lord opened the gates of the jail, led them forth and said, "Go out now and take your place in the temple precincts and preach to the people all about this new life."

Alleluia Verses: Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Savior. For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.

Gospel: John 20: 19 - 31 On the evening of the first day of the week, even though the disciples had locked the doors of the place where they were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood before them. "Peace be with you," he said. "When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. At the sight of the Lord the disciples rejoiced. "Peace be with you," he said again. "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." Then he breathed on them and said: "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive men's sins, they are forgiven them; if you hold them bound, they are held bound." It happened that one of the Twelve, Thomas (the name means "Twin"), was absent when Jesus came. The other disciples kept telling him; "We have seen the Lord!" His answer was, "I will never believe it without probing the nail prints in his hands, without putting my finger in the nail marks and my hand into his side." A week later, the disciples were once more in the room, and this time Thomas was with them. Despite the locked doors, Jesus came and stood before them. "Peace be with you," he said; then to Thomas: "Take your finger and examine my hands. Put your hand into my side. Do not persist in your unbelief, but believe!" Thomas said in response, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus then said to him: "You became a believer because you saw me. Blest are they who have not seen and have believed." Jesus performed many other signs as well -- signs not recorded here -- in the presence of his disciples. But these have been recorded to help you believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, so that through this faith you may have life in his name.

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!* Exalt now and be glad, O Sion!* And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight* in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn: Glorify the Lord O Jerusalem; praise your God, O Zion! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим що в гробах, життя дарував.

Тропар, глас 7: Хоч запечатаний був гріб,* як життя із гробу возсіяв Ти, Христе Боже,* і хоч замкнені були двері,* ученикам ти представ, як воскресення всіх,* дух правий через них обновлюючи нам,* по великій Твоїй милості.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові: і нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Кондак, глас 8: Допитливою дисницею* життедайні Твої ребра Тома провірив, Христе Боже,* бо хоч замкнені були двері, як Ти увійшов,* він із іншими апостолами кликав до Тебе:* "Господь мій і Бог

Прокімен, глас 3: Великий Господь наш і велика сила його, і розумові його немає міри.

Стих: Хваліте Господь, бо добрий! Співайте Богу нашому, бо милий!

Апостол: Діянь Святих Апостолів Читання. (5: 12 - 20) Тими днями руками апостолів робилося багато знаків і чудес у народі. Всі вони перебували однодушно у притворі Соломона, і ніхто сторонній не наслідуювався до них пристати; однак народ хвалив їх вельми. Віруючих дедалі більше й більше приставало до Господа, сила жінок і чоловіків; так, що й на вулиці виносили недужих і клали на постелях і на ліжках, щоб, як ігме Петро, бодай тіль його на когонебудь з них упала. Сила людей збиралась навіть з довколишніх міст Єрусалиму, несучи хворих та тих, що мучили нечисті духи, і вони всі видужували. Устав тоді первосвященик, і всі ті, що були з ним, (то була секта садукейів,) і повні заздрощів, наклали руки на апостолів і викинули їх до громадської в'язниці. Але вночі ангел Господень, відчинив двері в'язниці й, вивівши їх, мовив: "ідіть і, ставши в храмі, говоріть до народу всі слова життя його."

Стихи на Алілуя: Прийдіте, радісно заспіваймо Господеві, воскликнім Богу, Спасителеві нашому.

Бо Бог великий Господь і цар великий по всій землі.

Євангелія: Від Йоана 20: 19 - 31

Коли настав вечір того самого дня, першого в тижні, а двері були замкнені там, де були учні, зі страху перед юдеями, прийшов Ісус, став посередині і каже їм: "Мир вам!" Сказавши це, показав їм руки й бік. І зраділи учні, побачивши Господа. І знову Ісус їм каже: "Мир вам! Як мене послав Отець, так я посилаю вас." Сказавши це, дихнув на них і каже: "Прийміть Духа Святого. Кому відпустите гріхи, відпустяться їм; кому ж затримаєте, затримаються. Тома ж, один з дванадцятьох, на прізвище Близнюк, не був з ними, коли прийшов Ісус. Інші учні йому сказали: "Ми бачили Господа." Він відповів: "Як не побачу на його руках ран від цвяхів і не вкладу мого пальця у місце, де були цвяхи, і коли руки моєї не вкладу в його бік, не повірю!" По вісьмох днях учні його знову були в домі, і Тома був з ними. Увіходить Ісус, а двері були замкнені, і стає посередині, і каже: "Мир вам!" Потім каже до Томи: "Вклади твій палець сюди, і глянь на мої руки. І простягни твою руку, і вклади її у мій бік. І не будь невіруючий, але віруючий!" Тома відповів і сказав до нього: "Господь мій і Бог мій!" Каже йому Ісус: "Тому що ти бачив мене, віруєш. Щасливі ті, які не бачили, і увірували!" Багато ще і інших чудес учинив Ісус на очах своїх учнів, що їх не записано в цій книзі. А ці записано, щоб ви увірували, що Ісус є Христос, Син Божий, та, увірувавши, щоб мали життя в його ім'я.

Ангел звістив Благодатній: "Чиста Діво, радуйся! І знову кажу, радуйся! Твій Син воскрес на третій день із гробу, і мертвих воскресив." Люди, веселіться! Світися, світися, новий Єрусалиме, слава бо Господня на Тобі засяяла! Радій нині і веселися, Сіоне, а Ти, чиста Богородице, втішайся воскресінням Сина Твого.

Причасний: Похвали, Єрусалиме, Господа, хвали Бога твого, Сіоне. Алілуя! Алілуя! Алілуя!

“Christ is risen...” replaces: “Blessed is he who comes...,” “We have seen the true light,” “May our mouths be filled,” “Blessed be the name of the Lord,” and “Glory be to the Father...” at the dismissal.

At the conclusion of the Liturgy, “Christ is risen...” is sung three times, with the addition of “And to us He grants life eternal, let us bow to his third day resurrection.”

St. Thomas Sunday and the Meaning of the Artos

Томина Неділя та Значення Артоса

St. Thomas Sunday, also known as Antipascha, is celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. It continues the joy of the Resurrection and reminds us of the encounter of the Apostle Thomas with the Risen Christ—a moment that transforms doubt into faith.

A special tradition of this day in the Eastern Church is the Artos. The word artos simply means “bread,” but it carries deep spiritual meaning. This leavened bread, often marked with a cross or icon of the Resurrection, symbolizes the Risen Christ—the Bread of Life—who remains present among His people.

During Bright Week, the Artos is kept in the church as a visible sign that Christ, though risen from the tomb, has not abandoned His disciples. Just as Christ appeared to the apostles after His Resurrection, so the Artos reminds us that He is still with us, nourishing us spiritually and leading us as His Church.

On St. Thomas Sunday, the Artos is blessed and distributed to the faithful. This act is deeply symbolic: as the bread is shared, we are reminded that the joy of the Resurrection is not meant to be kept to ourselves, but to be shared with others. It is also a sign of unity—one bread, one community, one faith in the Risen Lord.

For us today, the Artos is an invitation. It calls us to move from doubt to faith, like St. Thomas, and to recognize Christ alive and present in our midst. It reminds us that Christ is our true nourishment, our hope, and our life.

As we receive the Artos, may we receive Christ Himself—with faith, gratitude, and a renewed commitment to live as witnesses of His Resurrection.



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Sunday, April 26 at 11:30am
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Living the Resurrection

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of our faith. It is not only a событие from the past, but a living reality that changes everything. Christ's victory over death means that sin does not have the final word, suffering is not meaningless, and death is not the end. In Him, we are given new life, new hope, and a new beginning.

Easter is important for us because it reminds us who we are — children of God, called to live not in fear, but in faith; not in darkness, but in light. The Risen Lord invites each of us into a personal relationship with Him, where our lives can be renewed and transformed.

To prepare our hearts for the Risen Christ, we are called to open ourselves to Him. This means turning away from sin, seeking forgiveness, and making space for prayer and silence. It means letting go of resentment, choosing love, and trusting God even in difficult moments. A prepared heart is a humble and open heart — ready to receive the gift of new life.

As we celebrate Easter, let us not only rejoice in words, but allow the Resurrection to take root in our daily lives. Let us become witnesses of hope, carrying the light of Christ into our homes, our families, and our world.

Christ is risen! Indeed, He is risen!



EASTER 2026



"URBI ET ORBI" MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE LEO XIV

EASTER 2026

The Holy See, Central Loggia of St Peter's Basilica, Sunday, 5 April 2026

Source: (<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/messages/urbi/documents/20260405-urbi-et-orbi-pasqua.html>)

Summary of Letter submitted by Dcn. Rev. John (Ivas) Babick

“Brothers and sisters,

Christ is risen! Happy Easter!

[...] Easter is the victory of life over death, of light over darkness, of love over hatred. It is a victory that came at a very high price: Christ, the Son of the living God (cf. Mt 16:16), had to die — and die on a cross — after suffering an unjust condemnation, being mocked and tortured, and shedding all his blood. As the true immolated Lamb, he took upon himself the sin of the world (cf. Jn 1:29; 1 Pet 1:18–19) and thus freed us all — and with us, all creation — from the dominion of evil.

[...] This strength, this power, is God himself for he is Love who creates and generates, Love who is faithful to the end and Love who forgives and redeems.

Christ, our “victorious King,” fought and won his battle through trusting abandonment to the Father’s will, to his plan of salvation (cf. Mt 26:42). Thus he walked the path of dialogue to the very end, not in words but in deeds: to find us who were lost, he became flesh; to free us who were slaves, he became a slave; to give life to us mortals, he allowed himself to be killed on the cross.

The power with which Christ rose is entirely nonviolent. It is like that of a grain of wheat which, having rotted in the earth, grows, breaks through the clods, sprouts, and becomes a golden ear of wheat. It is even more like that of a human heart which, wounded by an offense, rejects the instinct for revenge and, filled with compassion, prays for the one who has committed the offense.

[...] Yes, Christ’s resurrection is the beginning of a new humanity; it is the entrance into the true promised land, where justice, freedom, and peace reign, where all recognize one another as brothers and sisters, children of the same Father who is Love, Life, and Light. In the light of Easter, let us allow ourselves to be amazed by Christ! Let us allow our hearts to be transformed by his immense love for us! Let those who have weapons lay them down! Let those who have the power to unleash wars choose peace! Not a peace imposed by force, but through dialogue! Not with the desire to dominate others, but to encounter them!

We are growing accustomed to violence, resigning ourselves to it, and becoming indifferent. Indifferent to the deaths of thousands of people. Indifferent to the repercussions of hatred and division that conflicts sow. Indifferent to the economic and social consequences they produce, which we all feel. There is an ever-increasing “globalization of indifference,” to borrow an expression dear to Pope Francis, who one year ago from this loggia addressed his final words to the world, reminding us: “What a great thirst for death, for killing, we witness each day in the many conflicts raging in different parts of the world!” (Urbi et Orbi Message, 20 April 2025).

Christ passed through death to give us life and peace: “I leave you peace; I give you my peace. Not as the world gives it, I give it to you” (Jn 14:27). The peace that Jesus gives us is not merely the silence of weapons, but the peace that touches and transforms the heart of each one of us! Let us allow ourselves to be transformed by the peace of Christ! Let us make heard the cry for peace that springs from our hearts! [...]

On this day of celebration, let us abandon every desire for conflict, domination, and power, and implore the Lord to grant his peace to a world ravaged by wars and marked by a hatred and indifference that make us feel powerless in the face of evil. To the Lord we entrust all hearts that suffer and await the true peace that only he can give. Let us entrust ourselves to him and open our hearts to him! He is the only one who makes all things new (cf. Rev 21:5). **Happy Easter!**

A FEW NOTES FOR BRIGHT WEEK & THE PASCHAL SEASON

- We greet one another during the entire Paschal Season (40 days) with the joyful proclamation: “Christ is risen!” and the response: “Indeed, He is risen!”
- During Bright Week, the Holy Doors and the Deacons’ doors of the iconostasis (which we do not have at the present time) remain open, symbolizing the empty tomb of our Lord and Savior and the victory of life over death.
- During Bright Week, all prayer—both in church and at home—is offered with special joy and solemnity, reflecting the radiant feast of the Resurrection.
- During Bright Week, the Church lives fully in the joy of Pascha; therefore, our prayer life is simplified and centered on the mystery of the Risen Christ. Any funerals that may take place during this time are celebrated with a Resurrectional character.
- During Bright Week, we do not read from the Psalter, for what was foretold has now been fulfilled in Christ’s Resurrection.
- During Bright Week, there is no fasting, as we celebrate the presence of the Risen Lord among us, rejoicing as at a great and holy feast.
- Throughout the Paschal Season, and extending until Ascension, we do not kneel or make prostrations, for we stand upright in the dignity of the Resurrection, as witnesses to new life in Christ.
- During the Paschal Season, our entire Christian life is renewed—we are called to live as people of the Resurrection: with faith, hope, and love.
- During the Paschal Season, we are invited to carry this joy into our homes, our families, and our daily lives, becoming living witnesses of Christ’s victory.
- And most importantly of all:

Let us embrace one another with love and forgiveness.

Let us share the joy of the Resurrection with all—family, friends, and even those who may have wronged us. For this is the day the Lord has made, the day of new life, the day of victory over death.

Let us live as people of the Resurrection, bearing light, peace, and hope to the world.

Fr. Mykhaylo



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Empowering Independence:

A Practical Guide to Aging Well

Tuesday, April 21, 1 pm

Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church, Parish Hall
1001 Grant Avenue, Winnipeg

Learn how small and simple everyday changes can make a big difference in how well you age! This upbeat session covers easy tips for fall prevention, staying active, eating well, managing medications, and using local resources to support your independence.

Presenter:

Vicki Russenholt, Accredited Fall Prevention Educator, Victoria Lifeline



“Vicki shared valuable, easy-to-understand information without pressure, using real-life stories that truly resonated with our residents. We are grateful for her insights and the positive impact she made.”

—Christine F., Wellness Coordinator, Senior Living



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Active Aging



Nutrition



Resources

Perogy Supper

FRIDAY, APRIL 24th, 2026

From 4 to 7 p.m.



Eat in or Take out

Large plate (9 perogies) - \$12

Small plate (5 perogies) - \$9

Includes dessert: ice cream, pie, & coffee, tea and drinks



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Frozen perogies can also be purchased.

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Knights of Columbus

K.U.C.A.

2026 Youth Winter Games



KUCA

Event	Date	Location	Time
Awards Banquet (All Participants)	April 18 Saturday	Sts. Peter and Paul Parish Hall (390 Marion Street)	6:00 pm to 10:00 pm

** Sign in: 30 Minutes prior to Start Time

"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO PLAY WITH A PURE HEART, FOR THEY WILL REFLECT THE GLORY OF GOD"

Fr. Yaroslav, KUCA Chaplain

“For I Have Given You an Example”: Holy Thursday at BVM Church

On this Holy Thursday, a special solemnity took place at Blessed Virgin Mary (BVM) Ukrainian Catholic Church in Winnipeg. The faithful, clergy and bishops gathered to commemorate the mystical events of the Upper Room – the Last Supper and the Washing of Apostles’ Feet.

Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak celebrated the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great, joined at the altar by Bishop Andriy Rabiyy and Deacon Ivas’ Babick. Concelebrating alongside them were exactly twelve priests of the Winnipeg Deanery.

The Institution of the Eucharist and the Priesthood

Holy Thursday stands as the foundational moment for two inseparable Holy Sacraments: the Holy Eucharist and the Holy Priesthood. In the Ukrainian Catholic tradition, we recall that Christ, the Great High Priest, did not simply replace the Old Testament Passover; He fulfilled it, transforming the Paschal meal into the New Covenant of His own Body and Blood.



A Word of Gratitude to the Clergy

At the conclusion of the services, Bishop Andriy addressed the gathered clergy and the faithful. He offered a heartfelt word of gratitude to the priests and deacon for their tireless dedication and their continued “Yes” to their vocations.

In a world that often overlooks the quiet, daily sacrifices of pastoral ministry, the Bishop

emphasized that the clergy’s faithful response to the call to serve is what keeps the light of the Gospel burning brightly in our parishes. He noted that, like the Apostles before them, those in holy orders are called to live dual realities: to be steadfast witnesses to the Resurrection, and compassionate servants to the weary. *Source: <https://archeparchy.ca/2026/04/03/for-i-have-given-you-an-example-holy-thursday-at-bvm-church/>*



Matins of Passion—12 Gospel, Holy Thursday, April 2

GOOD FRIDAY at ST. BASIL'S CHURCH

The Holy Shroud, or Plaschanytsia, is one of the most powerful and moving symbols of Holy Friday. It represents the body of Jesus Christ laid in the tomb after His crucifixion. As we come forward to venerate it, we are not simply honoring an image—we are standing at the very mystery of Christ's sacrifice.

The Plaschanytsia reminds us that God's love is real, personal, and sacrificial. Christ did not suffer in a distant or symbolic way—He truly gave His life for each one of us. His wounds speak of a love that held nothing back.

But the Holy Shroud is not only about death—it is also about hope. It is placed before us in silence, yet it points beyond the tomb. It reminds us that suffering is not the end, and that even in our darkest moments, God is at work preparing new life.

For us, as children of God, the Plaschanytsia invites a personal response. It calls us to reflect: Do I recognize how deeply I am loved? Do I bring my own wounds, struggles, and burdens to Christ? Am I willing to trust Him, even in moments of darkness?

When we kneel before the Holy Shroud, we place our lives into the hands of Christ. We unite our pain with His, knowing that He understands us completely. And we rise with hope, because the One who was laid in the tomb is the same One who rises in glory.



The Plaschanytsia teaches us that love goes to the end—and beyond it. And as we walk with Christ from the tomb to the Resurrection, we are reminded that we, too, are called to live as people of faith, hope, and love.

SUNDAY LITURGY

9:00 a.m. Children's Catechism

9:30 a.m. Rosary

10:00 a.m. English/Ukrainian
Office Hours (Weds& Thurs.)

5:00 pm – 8:00 pm

CONFESSIONS Before Liturgies

BAPTISM By appointment

FUNERALS By arrangement

MARRIAGES: By appointment at least
six months in advance

All our Church services are live-streamed to Facebook page and YouTube channel regularly. Photographs from special Parish events will be submitted to our website & other social media sources. If you have any questions or disagreements, please contact our Parish Office. Thank you for understanding. Respectfully ~ Fr. Mykhaylo



Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion

You are a member of the Catholic Church; You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently; You attend Divine Services regularly; Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church; 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). You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel. 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 welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing. For those who are divorced and living common-law the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist cannot be received. You are welcome to come for a blessing. (If you are divorced with a Church annulment, and remarried in the Church you are more than welcome to receive the Holy Sacraments.)***



PLEASE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR: Dobrodiyka Olga, Dobrodiyka Tillie Z., Ed T., Stanley S, ALL UKRAINIANS in time of WAR, John S., Fran C, David K., Ed & Sylvia P., Mary P., Luba H., Jack M., Alexander Z., Virginia M., Mary I.Z., Bryce G, Alex Z., Shane M., Ruthie P., Ed T, Wayne G., Rose O., Charlene G., Natalie B , Olga B, Adele H., Frances Y., Marilyn S., Jason D., David & Helen K ., Stella B ., Adele G... and all members of our parish family and those who are not able to join actively in our community, your families, relatives, friends, neighbors, governments and armed forces, especially the shut-in or those in the hospitals, traveling, working or studying, nursing and senior homes, seeking God's answer to their prayers or those rejoicing with God's answer; your spiritual fathers, those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries; those called to their eternal reward and for the family they leave behind; widows and widowers, orphans, homeless, those who love us and those who hate, use & hurt us; and all people who have asked us pray for them. Please, also in your kindness keep praying those daily for vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Remember to ask for special blessings to all Christian families and yourselves! **REMINDER for families of individuals, who are admitted to hospital - If you or a family member is admitted to hospital and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call our parish rectory office to make this request. Your pastor may have no other way of knowing that you are in hospital, as per privacy legislation.**

