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Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women **May 1, 2022** Неділя Мироносиць

Welcome to our Parish! Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії

Just ~~What~~ did they see!?

Christ is Risen! Христос Воскрес!

This Sunday is the Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women - kind and yet heart-broken souls that went out to the tomb of Jesus with the same bravery and determination by which they stood at the cross. As horrific and painful as it must have been for the women to stand there, helpless, watching Jesus die a terrible death, they too would not be deterred from doing the right thing in assuring that Jesus was properly interred according to their religious and cultural traditions. This is the least that family and friends can ensure for a deceased loved one—that he be commended to the Lord God with a proper religious burial, in spite of the influences of the pagans who didn't believe, and hateful people who thought that Jesus didn't deserve a proper funeral.

But what did the women find!?!? In today's Gospel reading, we hear that the tomb was already opened! There was an Angel who assured them that Jesus has

risen! They were also given a message to tell the Apostles that the tomb was open and empty and that Jesus has risen! They did; and yet the Apostles found it

hard to accept. We can give them a break - to a certain degree - because, it's not every day that you know that your friend died and was buried, but now... is alive!? The Gospel of Luke says that Peter immediately went out to check for himself. What did he see? An empty tomb except for the burial shroud (*plashchanytsia*) lying there. In John's Gospel it tells of Peter and John who both ran to the Tomb upon hearing the news of the Women and they both saw the same thing: an empty, peaceful tomb, with nothing there but the burial cloth left behind.

"Run" to the tomb before leaving church today and stand there marveling at the empty tomb as did the Myrrh-bearing women and the Apostles. What does this mean? So death is conquered? I need no longer fear death? What will that mean for me now and the way I will live the rest of my (*short*) earthly life in Christ!?

This Saturday - the Centennial edition of our annual special Memorial Liturgy... Next Sunday - Mothers' Day! **- Fr. Michael**



1. Check in at our Archeparchial Website - both 'News' and 'Events' - www.archeparchy.ca
2. **UCWLC meets today** after the 10 AM Divine Liturgy *in the Parish Centre*. Go through the tunnel.
3. Parish Council meets **tomorrow** (Monday, May 2) at 5:30 PM in the boardroom (Parish Office)
4. **Congratulations to baby Mayla who is baptized today!** Her proud parents are **Brett and Sara Gustafson**, and proud Dido is **Robert Parashin**. Please pray that she grows up to become strong in her faith, and to do much for the Lord and His People!
5. Sincere condolences and our prayer to the Shandroski/Dobush/Zalitch family on the passing of their mother/grandmother **Irene Dobush**, and to the Ciekliniski family on the passing of their father/grandfather **Ivan Ciekliniski** this week. May God grant them eternal rest, and eternal memory. *Вічна їм пам'ять!*
6. **MAY DEVOTIONS! Маївка! Молебен!** Yes, the beautiful month of May is here, during which we honour Our Blessed Mother, the Mother of God and the Patroness of our church. During this Homecoming Year, do you think you have it in you to come to the devotions **EVERY SINGLE EVENING of May, at 7 PM**, just as we used to? Bring your children — **Children of Mary** indeed! -- who will be encouraged to take turns giving special short readings.
7. May 3 & 4th — Come and pay Our Lady a special visit at St. Joseph's church on Jefferson: A travelling **statue of Our Lady of the Cape** (from the shrine of Cap-de-la-Madeleine, Quebec) will be visiting on these days, and the church and Velychkovsky shrine will be open from 10 AM so that you can pray with her. (Did you know that the shrine in Cap-de-la-Madeleine is the OLDEST pilgrimage site in North America, not counting Guadalupe in Mexico?)
8. Hot off the press! This past Thursday, two new appointments were made with regard to our Ukrainian Catholic bishops in Canada: **Bishop Bryan Bayda, C.Ss.R.**, who until now has been the bishop of Saskatoon plus the Administrator (ie. temporary) of Toronto, now becomes the Bishop of Toronto and Eastern Canada. Our **Metropolitan Lawrence Huculak, OSBM**, besides continuing in his role as Metropolitan of all Canada, now takes on the added (temporary) role of Administrator of the Saskatoon eparchy. Please pray for both of them, and for all our clergy.
9. Solemn Holy Communion children meet at church from 9-10 AM. for all of May. Solemn Holy Communion will occur this year on **June 5** (confessions prior, on June 4). Please pray for all of our catechism children.
10. **Spring Clean for Ukraine!** Please put things aside, and we'll let you know in a bit where to bring them. Happy De-cluttering! *Blessed Virgin Mary UCWLC*.
11. **BOOK SALE next week** May 8 (Mother's Day) after each Divine Liturgy — wonderful books! Amazing books! Many book are out of print and will never be available again. Leave in the cryroom OR bring to the parish office during this week. Proceeds go toward our 100th Anniversary Homecoming expenses in June.
12. **Church Photo Directory** — This is the year of our 100th anniversary as a parish family, and it's time to have a nice, professional photo taken of each family for a new directory. Look at our last one (10 years ago) — so many changes since then! We ask you to please, please sign up at the back of the church for your own time slot when you see the sheets. The actual photography days will be **June 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11th** (ie. leading right into our Homecoming weekend). This way, the books will be ready for pick-up and enjoyment just before our banquet in October. Your participation in this is a real service to our parish, and to our parish office, as it uses the books often. There is no cost to you — you get a book free! — unless you choose to buy one or more photos. and the parish itself is not charged. Information brochures are coming.
13. **Thanks to those** who have been dropping in on Friday afternoons to help run off and fold the bulletin (and stuffed those Easter eggs last week, and...): Pat Korch, Bob Halayda, Diana Kochanski Kornik. It's a huge help! Anyone is welcome to drop by between 2 and 3.
14. **The National Week for Life and the Family** runs May 8-15th. See the **website** for inspiration
▶ <https://lifeandthefamily.com/> Here are some suggestions: 1) Help plant 100,000 pink and blue flags to commemorate the 100,000 babies lost IN CANADA ALONE to abortion. Show up at St. Boniface Cathedral grounds at 9 AM on Thursday, May 12. 2) Help take the same flags down that night, starting at 8 PM. 3) Say a short prayer with your family at a set time every day, for those eight days. 4) Plan a one-morning excursion to Steinbach on May 28 for the official Manitoba pro-life walk. Buses leave Wpg. and will bring you back for only \$10 return. Call 204-326-5433
15. **OPEN HOUSE of SILOAM MISSION** on Saturday, May 14th, 2022 from 10 to 2 PM. (Maybe come join Sr. Michaila who wants to be there at 11) 300 Princess St. **Buhler Centre Main Entrance**
16. The **22nd Annual Walk for Mary** will be held on **Sunday, May 22** at Holy Eucharist Parish, Please join us in *Walking and Praying together for peace and democracy in Ukraine*.

HIRE , SWAP, BARTER, and BUY CORNER

1. St. Nicholas Church has **perogies** for sale at \$6 per dozen. Pick-ups are on Wednesdays. To order please phone Sophie at 204-633-8783.
2. **UKRAINAIN/ENGLISH INTERPRETERS NEEDED!** Send resume recruiting@cantalk.com. info at www.cantalk.com.
3. **Season passes for Ukrainian Park** are \$20 this year; 48hr notice needed. Pay via e-transfer at parkdi-rect@archeparchy.ca
4. Book sale — outside! (weather permitting) after Divine Liturgies **May 8**.
5. **Oseredok has quite a few (paid) positions available for the summer and beyond. Check their website!**

Donations from Sunday, April 24th:

Sunday collection **\$850** (31 envelopes)
Candles: **\$62.45**
Church needs (building upkeep): **\$790**
Lenten offering: **\$80**
Easter offering: -
Vigil lamps: -
Flowers: -
For 100th Anniversary 2022 Celebrations: **\$100**
For Ukraine humanitarian aid: **\$30**
Expenses: \$4078 (clergy salary, fire ext. check, lighting replacement, Lenten mission)

THANK YOU! Blessed Virgin Mary Men’s Club

We are grateful the **Men’s Club** for their generous organizing the gathering and distribution of **PUSSY WILLOWS** on Palm Sunday! Collection baskets were left out for goodwill offerings with the announcement that proceeds would go toward helping the devastated people of Ukraine. Thanks to the Men and your generosity **hundred\$** were collected and donated for Ukraine: **\$304!!** God bless you all!

CENTENARY UPDATE CORNER:

Here’s what we know so far:

1. **Doors Open 2022 (May 28)**
 2. **Homecoming Weekend (June 11 & 12)**
 3. **Centenary Banquet Oct. 16 at Canad Inns Garden City** — next meeting May 4 in parish boardroom at 10:30 AM.
4. **Volunteers needed!** If there is no insert in this bulletin, for sure there will be one next week. Look at the spots for which we need help, and call the contact person listed.

Annual MAY MEMORIAL SERVICE THIS WEEK!

Our Centenary celebrations include our annual Memorial Service this coming Saturday, May 7, 2022



at 10 AM. You and your family are invited for the Divine Liturgy and Panakhyda prayer service, where we will pray for our late clergy and parishioners of our parish. Please let us know how many of your family members will be attending by phoning 204-582-7535 or emailing the parish. Refreshments will be served. following the service.

Donate, Volunteer, but especially... PRAY FOR UKRAINE Daily

SPECIAL ENVELOPES AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH - HELP FOR UKRAINE BY DIRECT HUMANITARIAN AID and/or HELP FOR REFUGEES IN EUROPE AND HERE IN WINNIPEG!
<https://forms.gle/RE7T2fiJ2q5Gyu2j7>

 **THANK YOU TO ALL PARISHIONERS FOR YOUR EXTRAORDINARY KINDNESS ONCE AGAIN—THROUGH THE CLERGY “GIFT OF LOVE” This past EASTER!**
The special gift is shared with our Archeparchial Pastor - Metropolitan Lawrence who will express his gratitude at a later date.
Your kindness is very much appreciated! God bless you all!
- Fr Michael

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ON-GOING EVENTS:
Sundays: Catechism online classes end today. Plan for in-person classes in the fall!
Mondays: Church open for adoration 2 -3 PM
Music/Dance School: 6-8 PM resumes in the fall.
Wednesdays: Church open for adoration 2-3 PM
Fridays: Please come help run off the bulletin and maybe help with a few more odds and ends. 2-3 PM.

Schedule of Services May 1- May 8, 2022

Sun., May 1 **SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN— Неділя Мироносиць—**

8:00 am - Divine Liturgy- For a special intention (anon.)
 9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary
 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy... For all parishioners / в наміренні всіх парафіян
UCWL meeting

Mon., May 2 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
 Athanasius the Great 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **For health of John Kutcher**
 Acts 6:8-7:5; 47-60 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God *by friends*
 John 4:46-54

Tues., May 3 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
 Venerable Theodosius 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **+Rev. Edward Kwiatkowski**
 Acts 4:1-10 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God *by Denise, Karen, David, Jem and friends at Kildonan Horizons 1/3*
 John 3:16-21

Wed., May 4 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
 Martyr Pelagia 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **+Roxanna Nakonechny**
 Acts 8:18-25 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God *by auntie Phyllis*
 John 6:35-39

Thurs., May 5 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
 Martyr Irene 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **+Joe & Virgie Kenny**
 Acts 8:26-3 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God *by Phyllis*
 John 6:40-44

Fri., May 6 7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
 Venerable Job 8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy..... **+Helen Moroz, Catherine Buyachok,**
 Acts 8:40-9:19 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God **Stephanie Bilij** *by SSJ*
 John 6:48-54

Sat., May 7 (NO 8 AM Liturgy) **- Centenary Year Event -**
 Apparition of the Holy Cross 10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy **Memorial Service for all our Dear Departed**
 Acts 9:20-31 7 PM — Moleben to Mary, Mother of God **Parishioners since our founding 100 Years Ago**
 John 15:17-16:2

Sun., May 8 **SUNDAY OF SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC Неділя Розслабленого**
 8:00 am - Divine Liturgy... For all parishioners / в наміренні всіх парафіян
 9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary
 10:00 am - Divine Liturgy... For good health and happiness for John Kutcher (family)

SOME HELPFUL PARISH CONTACTS...

Pastor, Parish Priest: Rev. Michael Kwiatkowski, JCOD 204-582-7535

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Men's Club President - John Natyna 204-339-9366

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Catechism Coordinator - Teresa Hryndzio 204-334-4298

Church Auditorium Rental - 204-582-7535

Please pray for the sick and shut-in members of our Blessed Virgin Mary parish family, and be in touch with them when you can.

"O God Our Father, We ask You to restore to physical health those of our parishioners who are weakened with illness, give peace of mind to those troubled with worry and comfort to those discouraged with problems. Help them find in them the days of their strength, a faith and trust in You and a love for one another to guide them through any health challenges or troubles they may face. Amen."

Heritage Home: Edward Holowich
Holy Family Home: Stephania Demkiw, Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk
Maples Care Home: Anna Paslawsky, Eleanor Harik

VIGIL LAMPS



Sanctuary Lamp - Lord, You dearly loved your Mother, **Bless all Mothers** always with all the grace they need... Strength, Comfort and Conviction in their Vocation
Christ Icon – Lord, bless our **Centenary** as an amazing **RENEWAL** of our Parish
Mother of God Icon – For Health of Marilyn Wright, by Marianne Kasprick

Please let us know your Vigil Lamp intention at least a week ahead of time. What a beautiful way of prayer, knowing that the candle burns for a week for your intention.