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Welcome to our Parish! Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

Квітна Неділя

**Blessed is he who
comes in the name of
the Lord! Hosanna in
the highest heaven!**

**Благословенний, хто
йде у Господнє Ім'я!
Осанна на висоті!**

Today we, too, hold high our branches like the people of Jerusalem and, like them, we cannot contain ourselves, but we must shout "Hosannah" with unbridled joy! Why? Because, salvation is so near now! Our salvation and redemption and the resurrection is now so near! Our Ukrainian folk tradition,



we would swat (tap) a friend or family member saying, "Не я б'ю, верба б'є, за тиждень Великдень!; Будь великий, як верба, а здоровий, як вода, а багатий, як земля!" "I don't strike you, the willow branch strikes you, in a week it will be Easter!". It's kind of like a wake-up call or an encouragement not to become drowsy or lazy now, but stay the course! Keep with the spiritual and penitential program of Lent the Great Fast. As we will soon arrive at a joy that by far surpasses that of the Messiah entering the holy city! Now we enter that mystical adventure of Passion Week. In the next couple of days, everything take an unexpected turn... a downward spiral into unthinkable darkness. Even Jesus' closest followers will fall into fear and confusion. Will we... stand among the crowd that will change our shout from "Hosannah" to "Crucify Him!?" How could that be possible? Will we choose sin and the world and power and prestige instead of sticking with the small group of a few women and a young man who will stay with Jesus all the way through Passion Week and eventually stand, at the foot of the Cross - come what may?! Dare to stay with Jesus as much as possible this Holy Week... there will be services, but also times to set up and take down, time to help (if help is needed) or just to sit in a corner of our vast church contemplate our relationship with God and, as the Apostle Paul says, "**work out our own salvation with fear and trembling**" (Philippians 2:12) before the Lord comes again, soon, in glory!

A BIG THANK YOU! To everyone who came out to participate in our 2023 Lenten Mission. Having His Excellency Bishop Andriy Rabyi guiding our Mission over three days (24-26 March) was a real blessing! He not only gave us storehouses of thought for the betterment of our lives, but he spent a lot of time in the Confessional each day and gave time to answer all of our questions during the fellowship lunches. We thank Bishop Andriy and we also want to thank the many who made it a smooth, memorable experience... the singers and Sr Michaila and Simeon who led them; the Sharon and the readers; Janet and Frances and the Ladies who prepared the wonderful snacks and Sunday brunch; the Bobelyak and Natyna families that provided transportation, the visiting confessing Priests Fr. Ihor and Fr. Walter; The Cross-bearer and servers George, Greg and Dominic; the "palamari" Myron and Jimmy; those who asked questions; and all our parishioners and guests that attended—seeking a deeper and more active life in Christ! What an uplifting weekend! So, the greatest thanks go to our Lord, Who blessed us with these special days!

Parish News & Events:

1. **TODAY! Our Men's Club** warmly invites you and yours to its **Pancake Breakfast right** after the 10:00 Divine Liturgy. Adults: \$8.00 Children 7-17: \$6.00 Children 6 and under: FREE. **Our UCWL will be selling baking as well!**

2. **Lenten offerings: things to know** The envelope in your box titled "**Lenten Offering**" will go towards helping the over-15,000 Ukrainian war refugees who have arrived in Winnipeg. Other envelopes called "**Lenten Mission**" may still be found at the back of our church. These are the monies used to help cover the stipend for our Bishop Andrij who gave us a most refreshing Lenten Mission last week.

3. Myron Fedoruk tells us that **it was a joy again to bring to Winnipeg Harvest 88 lbs of foods you donated.** They are very grateful, and you have gained graces by performing the corporal work of mercy of "feeding the hungry". God bless all donors!

4. **Come help with perogy-making this week.** It's Bright Week, so come "bright and early" and bring your brightest smiles! **April 12th & 13th** (we start at 9 am on Wed., then on Thursday come anytime in the morning to pinch them).



5. Another warm invitation: The children who practice dance every Monday in our auditorium now invite you to watch them perform! "**The dance section of the Monsignor Dobriansky School of Music and Dance** has the following performances lined up: 1) Sunday April 23rd @ 2 pm at the Ukrainian Labour Temple (McGregor) together with other groups ("Yunist" concert) ... Admission \$10 (% & under free) 2) Monday May 1st @ 6 pm here at the Church Auditorium of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish (965 Boyd Ave)." Please come and support them!

6. For your information: The 2022 **Christmas Angels -- donations** that were made in memory of our dear departed, whose names were placed on a special Christmas tree this past Christmas -- brought in a modest profit of \$255. In keeping with tradition, \$120 of this was given (via Joanne Lewandowsky) to help support the CKJS nightly radio Rosary . The rest is earmarked for our BVM Catechism program. Many thanks for your support!

7. Would you like an outside job this summer? Our parish is looking for a **grounds person** to cut the grass, water the flowers, etc. Paid position; set your own hours. Call the office, or talk to Father after service.

News & Events Elsewhere:

8. **TODAY at our Cathedral (Sts. Volodymyr & Olga): Bake sale 11:00 AM to 2 PM** (pasky, pyrohy, holubtsi; crafts, misc. bakings)

9. On Sunday, **April 16**, a **Jericho Walk** will be held -- a time of quiet prayer as participants walk around the Parliament Building downtown. 2 PM to 3:30 PM



10. **The 23rd Annual Walk for Mary** will be held on **Sunday, May 28th, 2023** at Holy Eucharist Parish, Watt & Munroe. Join us in walking and praying together on the Feast of Pentecost. Registration starts at 1:30 followed by the walk setting off at 2 PM. Pledge forms are available at archeparchy.ca (under "Events") and in our own parish office. For more info, call 204-669-3666 or email zenova@mymts.net.

11. **UKRAINIAN PARK 50/50 RAFFLE TICKETS** 50% of the pot on June 1, 2023. 100% of the net proceeds will be invested into the infrastructure of the park for the children's summer camps and so much more! Visit our Archeparchial Website for more details and to buy tickets online. https://www.archeparchy.ca/news_details.php?news_id=1259

12. Mark your calendars and sign up for: **Ukrainian Park Catholic Children's Camp: WILD AND FREE!** Grab your compass and your gear for a trek into the wild. Put your survival skills to the test, get sand between your toes, and eat marshmallows under the stars. Explore the Ukrainian Catholic faith through the eyes of Daniel and his friends who discovered how God's wild love set them free over and over. The first week of camp is **July 2 - 9th for Grades 7 to 10**. The second week is **July 9 - 16th for Kindergarten to Grade 6**. Cost is \$350/week. **Register online at archeparchy.ca** under Ministries/Children's Camp. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram: [@ukrparkcamp](https://www.facebook.com/ukrparkcamp). **Interested in being a lifeguard, counsellor, counsellor in training, or adult volunteer?** Other questions? Contact Sophia Korban, Camp Administrator, at 204-979-5924 or childrenscamp@archeparchy.ca.

13. On April 17th, 2023, Oseredok Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Centre in partnership with the Canadian Museum for Human Rights presents **The Sound of Ukraine -- an immersive concert** with Tymur Polianskyi and Lizzy Hoyt! This one-night only event features a piano performance by renowned Ukrainian pianist and composer Tymur Polianskyi joined by award-winning mezzo-soprano and fiddler Lizzy Hoyt.

Join Oseredok for this exciting musical opportunity at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights, 85 Israel Asper Way at the Forks. **Doors open at 6:30 PM, concert begins at 7 PM. Tickets are \$50 and are available for purchase in-person in our boutique, over the phone, or online.**

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISH
EASTER DINNER
ВЕЛИКОДНІЙ ОБІД
 Sunday, April 23
 following the
 10 am. Divine Liturgy

ADVANCE TICKET SALES ONLY

Adults--\$17.00
 Children (6 to 12 years) --\$ 7.00
 Children (5 & under) -- Free

Tickets can be purchased when you come to church on **Sundays** before and after the 10:00 am. Divine Liturgies or by contacting
Janet @ 204-582-5932
 or jkuchma@mymts.net

BUT... there is a DEADLINE
 for purchasing **tickets**
 ... **Monday, April 17, 2023**

Just an idea.... What if we all prayed to the **Holy Spirit** to inspire us with the names (or faces) of a few people that we can **share** Easter with this year. Maybe boil a few more eggs and add another little Pascha and, come **Easter**, invite that person(s) to your brunch table or take them something to where they live...

Seven Oaks Sadok Inc. Daycare provides quality, licensed childcare while preserving the Ukrainian language, culture, customs, and religion. We welcome all children from all backgrounds & religious denominations, offering: **Full day Preschool** (ages 2-5) **Nursery School** (ages 2-5) **Morning Program:** 9:00-11:20 **After Kindergarten:** 11:30-3:20 • **Before & After School programs** (ages 6-12). Location: R.F. Morrison School, Winnipeg. For more information or to register, call (204) 995-7614 or email cynthia_sadok@live.ca



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Parish Easter 2023 Schedule:

April 6 -- Holy Thursday

10:00 AM -- Divine Liturgy, Washing of the Feet
Confessions throughout day on request
7:00 PM -- Matins of the Passion of Christ
(the "12 Gospels")

April 7 -- Good Friday

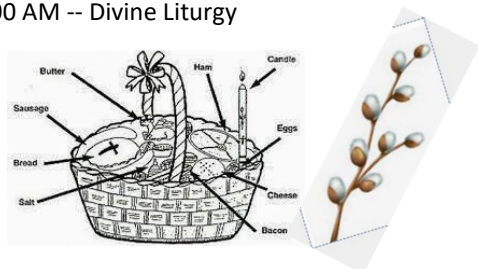
10:00 AM -- Plashchanytsia Service
7:00 PM -- Jerusalem Matins

April 8 -- Holy Saturday

9:00 AM -- Divine Liturgy
2PM, 3PM, 4PM -- Blessing of Food

April 9 -- EASTER SUNDAY -- ВЕЛИКДЕНЬ

6:30 AM -- "Nadhrobne", Resurrectional Matins
Resurrectional Divine Liturgy
10:00 AM -- Divine Liturgy



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Checklist for your Ukrainian Easter Basket:

("Basket" can be: 1) a real wicker basket, with or without a handle, with an embroidered cloth covering the food. OR 2) a large plate with a small tablecloth wrapped around it and the food, tied at the top with a knot to make it easy to carry.)

Crucial (and what they represent):

Paska & Babka -- "Christ, the living Bread"
Eggs -- tomb of Christ, from which will burst out the Risen Lord, our "Son-shine; new life" (*hardboiled; some decorated or dyed, some not*)
Ham or bacon -- "Old Testament sacrificial animals"

Ring of garlic sausage (kubasa) -- "God's generosity"
Cottage cheese -- "need for self-control" (*ie. bland taste*)
Butter (*real*) -- "burial ointment of Christ" (*optional: shape it into a lamb*)
Beets -- "blood shed by Christ during His Passion"
Horseradish -- "the bitterness of the Crucifixion"
Salt -- "Jesus reminds us to be the salt of the earth"

Optional add-ins:

Candle -- "the light of Christ" **Pysanky** -- "family unity; prosperous year" **Twig of myrtle**.... **Chocolate**.... **Cloves** -- (pushed into the cheese or butter in the shape of a cross)

Schedule of Services April 2 to April 9, 2023

Sun., April 2

Palm Sunday

Квітна Неділя

Titus the Wonderworker
Blessed Nicholas Charnetsky

9:20 am - 3rd Hour & Rosary (немає СБ о год. 8:00)
10:00 am - Divine Liturgy... all parishioners
11:15 AM - MEN'S CLUB PANCAKE BREAKFAST



Mon., April 3

Venerable Nykyta

Acts 10:34-43 / Matthew 24:3-35

7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For +Msgr. Michael Buyachok

by brother Bohdan Buyachok

Tues., April 4

Venerable Joseph

Ephesians 1:1-9
Matthew 24:36-26-2

7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy ... For +Anna, Petro, Stefania, Kateryna,

Yaroslav, Maria, Volodymyr, Maria, Mykhaylo, Yosyf, Volodymyr

by Anna Geryluk

Wed., April 5

Martyr Teodulus

1 Corinthians 2:6-9
Matthew 26:6-16

7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary

8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy... For +Senko Bachynsky

by Michael Bachynsky & family

Thurs., April 6 - Holy Thursday

1 Corinthians 11:23-32

Gospels: several

10:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy, Washing of the Feet

Confessions available on request throughout the day -- contact Fr. Michael

7:00 p.m. -- Matins of the Passion of Christ (the "12 Gospels")

Fri., April 7 -- Good Friday

10:00 a.m. -- Plashchanytsia Service

7:00 p.m. -- Jerusalem Matins



Sat., April 8 -- Holy Saturday

Romans 6:3-11

Matthew 28:1-20

9:00 a.m. -- Divine Liturgy

2 p.m., 3 p.m., 4 p.m. -- BLESSING of EASTER FOODS

1-5 PM - Meditation and Confessions (in between blessings)

Sun., April 9

EASTER! The RESURRECTION of Our Lord ВЕЛИКДЕНЬ ГНІХ!!!

6:30 AM -- "Nadhrobne", Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy

10:00 AM -- Divine Liturgy... all parishioners

Can you Spare a Prayer?

There is one more week of Lent... we can still "pray and give alms". Besides praying for and visiting those in nursing homes, **please kindly remember these in your prayer**, and visit or call:

Eugene Szun (7 Oaks) Helen Dolski (St. Boniface), Antonina Witrowich (home) Дякуємо!

There is a movie that has this great scene: A coast guard crew goes out to sea one stormy night on a rescue mission. Suddenly, all the lights in the entire town go out! All the people in town know that the ship has no way of finding its way back. Suddenly, with one accord, everyone jumps into his car and drives to the harbour... and turns on his car's lights, aimed towards the water. The ship's crew with great relief steers the ship and its rescued men safely into the harbour.

THAT IS OUR JOB THIS LENT! We have to "shine our lights" towards our family members to help them come back to God.



VIGIL LAMPS

Sanctuary Lamp/Вічна Лямпа -- In loving memory of our Mother, Baba and Great Grandmother

Helen Moncek who passed away 23 years ago (April 6, 2000) from Bernice Minsky & families

Christ Icon -- In loving memory of my husband **Onufrey (18 years) -- Bernice Minsky**

Mother of God Icon -- In loving memory of our father and grandfather **Onufrey Minsky. Love, your children and grandchildren.**

Request Vigil Lamp at least a week ahead...a beautiful way of praying, knowing the candle burns for a week for your intention.



Donations from March 26, 2023:

Sunday collection: **\$1165**
(40 env.)

Church Needs **\$ 350**

Candles: **\$ 157.80**

Seminary \$-

Vichna Lyampa. **\$ 20**

Lenten offering **\$ 30**

Ukraine: **\$-**

Easter flowers: **\$ 75**

Envelopes: **\$ 10**

Lenten Mission: **\$845**

Дякуємо за вашу щедрість!

Please pray for the sick and shut-in members of our Blessed Virgin Mary parish, and be in touch with them when you can (cards, short telephone conversations, visits).

"Lord God, please be present to all the ill, infirm and elderly of our parish. You love each and everyone...."

River East Care Home: Edward Holowich **Maples Care Home:** Anna Paslawsky, Eleanor Harik

Beacon Hill: Helen Naherny **Holy Family Home:** Lorraine Putasnick, Adam Romanchuk, Fr. Yakowchuk, Mary Henkewich, Helena Dubik, Mary Kozelko