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Welcome to our Parish! Вітаємо Вас у нашій парафії

EASTER!
RESURRECTION of Our Lord

April 9, 2023

ВЕЛИКДЕНЬ
Воскресення ГНІХ

ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Blessed Virgin Mary Parish wishes **you**, your **family** -- and everyone **near and dear to you** and **all those in your life** -- a truly glorious, uplifting and life-changing Easter celebration! We have made it through the Lenten season and probably through many other more difficult challenges over the past year. We pause in this church on this Easter Sunday to contemplate the greatest feast of the year and the key event that highlights our Christian Faith. Our God, the one and only God, sent God the Son, our one and only Saviour Jesus Christ, to come into the world to live like one of us among us...then to die for us...and then rise from the dead on the third day. This God of ours sacrificed His life for the sake of His Creation. What God so loves his creatures that He is willing to offer himself as the only possible repayment for their sin? Jesus did this willingly (albeit with the same fears and anguish that we would experience), because of His unconditional and boundless love for each and everyone of us.

The typical Easter Icon for the Ukrainian Catholic Church really depicts the Descent into Hades/Hell. As we look at the detail the Icon below, we can observe a few things: The golden panels under his feet are the gates of Hades, which He has broken and torn apart. Keys and locks are floating in the abyss below, symbolizing that He has entered and conquered both death and Hades. The two figures whom Christ has grasped and is pulling from tombs are Adam and Eve. This gesture symbolizes His victory which redeems all mankind, even back to the beginning. Christ freeing Adam and Eve out of Hades depicted in this icon can be seen as a visual metaphor for the mercy that God offers to all people, to all sinners who in genuine repentance and humility are lifted up out of darkness. Christ pulling up Adam and Eve is symbolic of our own dependence upon God, of our reliance on Him for everything, especially our salvation. We have no strength to "free" ourselves by our own means, but rather we need God's helping hand. **The source of our strength is always God.** God offers us hope and never fails to love us, no matter how greatly we may fail in our weaknesses, even when we have fallen as low as Adam and Eve. Yes, the Resurrection of our Lord and the whole Easter Event is a new beginning for all Humankind and for each of us. Let us take this to heart!

This EASTER.... now!... today!... let us outstretch our hands and allow the Lord to grab hold of us and - once and for all - pull us out of the darkness in which we sometimes dwell, or out the pit into which we have fallen and can't seem to get out. Allow Him to pull us into **New life and live this life now only for Him and His Will!**



Parish News & Events:

- ONLY ONE Divine Liturgy** -- at 10 AM -- will be celebrated the **Sunday after Easter, on Apr. 16th** (as Father will be assisting with services in Rosa, MB) **AND the Sunday after that, on Apr. 23rd** (as it is our Parish Easter Dinner, and we should all be together). [However, we hope to return to celebrating two Sunday Liturgies after that.]
- Come help with perogy-making this Bright Week** -- come "bright and early" **April 12th & 13th** bringing your brightest smiles! We start at 9 am on Wed., then on Thursday (come anytime in the morning) pinch them.
- Our parish is looking for a **permanent groundskeeper**.

This is a paid position, and involves shovelling snow, ice removal in the winter, mowing the lawn in the summer; generally maintaining the landscape and property year-round. For info, contact Father Michael directly. Resumes to be sent to: bvmchurch@gmail.com by April 18, 2023.

Monsignor Roman Dobriansky School of Music and Dance



Blessed Virgin
Mary Ukrainian Catholic Parish, Wpg

The dancers of the **School** invite you to the following upcoming concerts:

- "Spring Concert"** at the Ukrainian Labour Temple (591 Pritchard) on Sunday **April 23rd @ 2 pm** [go right after our Parish Easter Dinner!] Admission \$10 (5 & under free), and:
- "2023 WINDUP"** at the Auditorium of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish (965 Boyd) on Monday **May 1st @ 6 pm** [then stay for 'Mayivky']

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.



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



News & Events Elsewhere:

- 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
- 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.
- 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
- Mark your calendars and sign up for: **Ukrainian Park Catholic Children's Camp: WILD AND FREE!** Grab

<---- Excellent turnout at our **Pancake Breakfast** last week!

Dmytro Sikora ----> checks out the **panagia** worn by Bishop Andriy, who during his Q & A session after his mission talk in our church recently, removed it to pass around for all to inspect closer up.





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Agape vespers
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 Ash Wednesday
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 Easter Monday
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Good Friday
 Holy Week
 Jerusalem
 Jesus
 Jewish Passover
 Last Supper
 lunisolar calendar
 Octave of Easter
 Palm Sunday

Paschal Full Moon
 pentecost
 resurrection
 spring
 Sunday
 Sunrise Service
 transfiguration

Did the Risen Jesus Appear FIRST to His Mother?

Q. Wouldn't Jesus have appeared to His mother after His resurrection? Why is there no biblical account of that event?

A. Biblical commentators have long speculated about this matter. Some think that Jesus didn't appear to Mary because her faith required no evidence of that sort for His resurrection. Others conjecture that the encounter happened, but knowledge of the event is not necessary for our salvation, so the Gospel writers passed over the incident in silence.

It is almost impossible to believe that Jesus would **not** have appeared to Mary first, given that she was His mother, she had suffered so much with Him and for His sake, and her role in the plan of redemption He was fulfilling was unequaled... The Evangelists remained silent about the event either because their immediate audience would have assumed it took place, or because the encounter was so intimate and profound that it was ... best left a private matter between the Son of God and His mother.

Our Lent and Easter Quiz BY DAVID O'BRIEN

This quiz can help you, your students, and your students' families review knowledge about our Catholic faith.



- "The Spirit drove Jesus out into the _____, and he remained there for forty days, tempted by Satan" (Mark 1:12-13).
a) synagogue b) desert c) city d) school
- Giving up candy or TV for Lent makes God love us.
True | False
- In Spanish, the word for Lent is _____?
a) Tentación b) Desierto c) Lento
d) Cuaresma
- While Jesus was in the desert, Satan tempted him to sin instead of following _____ will.
a) God's b) Mary's c) the Pope's d) Moses'
- _____ is a 40-day retreat for the entire Church.
a) Easter b) Mardi Gras c) Lent d) Christmas
- Lent was originally a special time for prayer and fasting for people preparing to be baptized and become Catholics.
True | False
- _____ is when we disobey God, hurt others, and hurt ourselves.
a) Eating candy b) A mistake
c) Sin d) Laziness
- The main purpose of Lent is to give up something we like for 40 days. True | False
- Many saints, such as St. _____ the Baptist, lived in the desert so they could focus on God and avoid worldly temptations.
a) Thomas b) Bonaventure c) Paul d) John
- _____ is a Lenten practice of sharing one's riches with those in need.
a) Prayer b) Almsgiving c) Fasting
d) Confession
- When the women disciples went to Jesus' tomb on Easter morning, they found the stone rolled away but they did not find his _____ (see Luke 24:2-3).
a) cross b) other disciples c) mother
d) body
- The resurrection of Jesus happened on the first day of the week, which was _____.
a) Saturday b) Monday c) Sunday d) Friday
- The Easter Triduum includes Holy Thursday, Good _____, and Easter Sunday.
a) Friday b) Monday
c) Tuesday
d) Wednesday
- One focus of the Holy Thursday Mass is the commemoration of the Last _____.
a) Supper b) meal c) teaching d) miracle
- Jesus washed the disciples' feet at the Last Supper (see John 13:1-20). True | False
- How many Masses are celebrated at your parish on Holy Thursday?
a) 5 b) 3 c) 2 d) 1
- Holy Thursday is sometimes also called _____ Thursday.
a) Service b) Maundy c) Last Supper
d) Foot Washing
- The Good Friday service includes an opportunity to venerate the _____.
a) cross b) Eucharist c) altar d) relic
- The _____ was the central message of hope the first Christians brought to the world.
a) miracle of the loaves and fishes b) priesthood
c) teaching of Jesus d) resurrection of Jesus
- Every Sunday of the year is considered a "little Easter Sunday" celebration. True | False



"The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.'" Matthew 28:5-6

"Easter is the only time when it's perfectly safe to put all your eggs in one basket."
— Evan Esar

May you feel Christ's love this Sunday as we celebrate the rise of Jesus. Happy Resurrection Day!

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Need the answers? Just check with a (smarter) friend!

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**BE STRONG
IN THE LORD
AND IN THE
POWER OF
HIS MIGHT**

EPHESIANS 6:10

**It takes effort and
good-will to
keep things on the
rails... but
sometimes you have
to walk away**

Our Holy Father asked
the Catholic Church in all

countries to meet regularly for some time in a "Synodal" process of reflection for the space of a couple of years. Some (like our Ukrainian Catholic Church which has been meeting in Synods for decades) have, -- hopefully - - been doing so with real faith, and good will. Over the past years, not only bishops have been meeting, but they have been asking for more and more input from the laity, and if done with respect, and a desire to make the Lord known to all and loved by all, this can be a very good thing.

However, over the past two years, it seems as if we have been hearing ever worse news about the holy Catholic Church in **Germany**, with regard to its "Synodal Way". This "Synodal Way" was supposed to be a meeting of honest and faith-filled minds and hearts, **but on February 22, 2023 four good women had had enough: They quit.**

These were no "ordinary" women... though of course there is no such thing as an "ordinary woman". But these four Catholic women were highly-educated: two theology professors, a philosopher and a respected Catholic journalist.

The Synodal Way "is casting doubt on central Catholic doctrines and beliefs..." They accused the organizers of ignoring the Vatican's repeated warnings and interventions... and of using "pressure tactics".

"The resolutions of the past 3 years have not only called into question essential foundations of Catholic theology, anthropology as well as Church practice, but have reformulated and in some cases completely redefined them. **We cannot and will not share responsibility for that.**"

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Commentary: What if more of us -- calmly, respectfully, but seriously -- refused to participate in anything and everything that we knew, or sensed, was "not right"?

For instance, do you belong to a Board or Committee (hospital, school, library, workplace?) that is making not only poor, but anti-God decisions time after time? Are you a grandparent who is expected to drive your grandchild to an objectionable event? Are you someone being coerced into helping with, or even just attending a wedding of a Catholic to someone who will very likely not bring up children in the Catholic faith? There are dozens of examples of times when we -- if we truly are serious about trying to come closer to God, and wish to bring others to Him -- must step back and say, "NO! I want no part of this. I will not do it." Like those brave women, who walked away from a prestigious Synod and possibly damaged their careers, we, too, can take courage and say: **"We cannot and will not share responsibility for that."** *Guest writer*

Everyone Loves a Good Story: "Just in Time for Easter"

The **Dogwood tree** is a beautiful little tree that explodes in white blossoms each spring and is a favorite blooming tree. It grows across the South and is popular as a yard tree, but it also grows wild in the woods across the region.

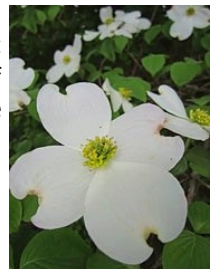
The legend holds that the tree was once very large, like a Great Oak tree, and because its wood was strong and sturdy, it provided building material for a variety of purposes. According to the story, it was the dogwood tree that provided the wood used to build the cross on which Jesus was crucified.

Because of its role in the crucifixion, it is said that God both cursed and blessed the tree. It was cursed to forever be small, so that it would never grow large enough again for its wood to be used as a cross for a crucifixion. It's branches would be narrow and crooked--not good for building at all.

At the same time, however, the tree was blessed so that it would produce beautiful flowers each spring, just in time for Easter. To remember God's promise to the tree it is said he gave it a few traits so that whoever looks upon it will never forget.

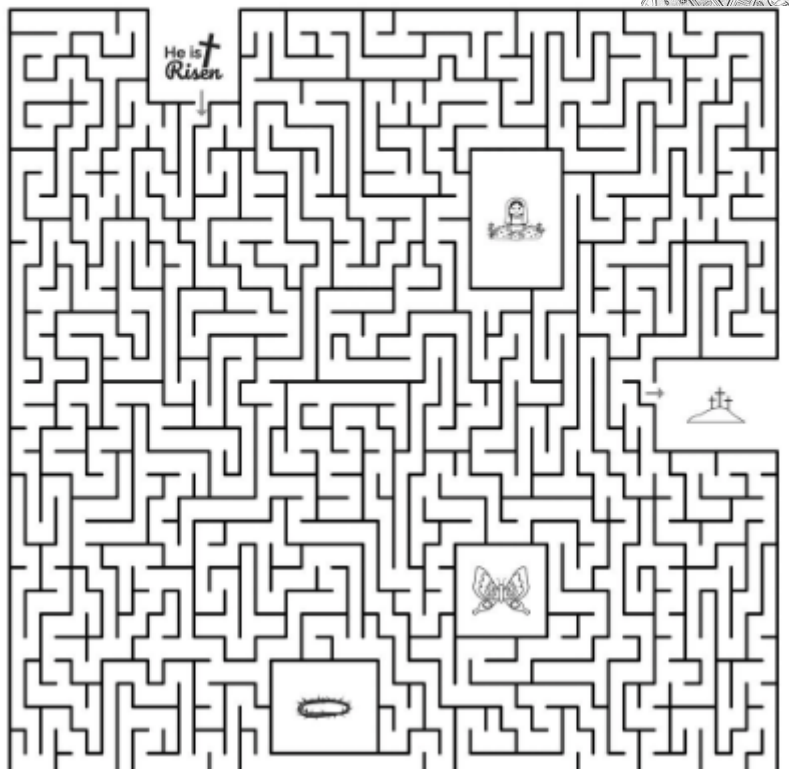
The petals of the dogwood actually form the shape of a cross. Upon close examination, it can be seen that the blooms of the tree always have four petals. The middle of the Dogwood flower has a tight grouping of resembling a "crown of thorns." And the tips of each of the petals are indented, as if they bear a nail dent. There are even colors in the petals that bring to mind the drops of blood that spilled during the crucifixion. So there you have it. Happy Easter!

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Resurrection Sunday Labyrinth

Find your way through the maze



Schedule of Services April 9 to April 16, 2023

Sun., April 9 **EASTER! The RESURRECTION of Our Lord ВОСКРЕСІННЯ ГИХ!**

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

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

Mon., April 10

BRIGHT MONDAY
Acts 1: 12-17, 21-26
John 1: 18 - 28

8:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
9:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

-- for all parishioners



Tues., April 11

BRIGHT TUESDAY
Acts 2: 14 - 21
Luke 24: 12 - 35

8:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
9:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy

-- for all parishioners

Wed., April 12

Confessor Basil
Acts 2: 22 - 36
John 1:35-51

7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy.... Blessings for Kutcher family by anon.

Thurs., April 13

Martyr Artemon
Acts 2:38-43
John 3:1-15

7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy.... For +poor souls in Purgatory by Dmytro Sikora



Fri., April 14

Pope Martin
Acts 3:1-8
John 2:12-22

7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy.... For +Sr. Cherubima, SSJ by SSJ

Sat., April 15

Apostle Aristarchus
Acts 3:11-16
John 3:22-33

7:20 a.m. - 1st Hour & Rosary
8:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy.... For +Irene Dobush (1 yr.) by sister Jean Zalitach

Sun., April 16

St. Thomas Sunday Томина Неділя
10:00 AM -- Divine Liturgy bilingual (only one Divine Liturgy today)

So why are there "two Easters"? Easter is celebrated by Christians in the west on the **first Sunday after the first full Moon occurring on or after the vernal equinox** as determined by the Gregorian calendar. Since the vernal equinox will this year occur on Monday, March 20, 2023 and the following full "Pink Moon" will rise on Thursday, April 6, 2023 the date of Easter Sunday is Sunday, April 9, 2023.

Easter on the "old calendar" has a slightly different way of being calculated. It takes place on the **Sunday after the first full Moon after the Jewish festival of Passover**. Passover is always on the day of the full Moon, which this year is Thursday, April 6, 2023. So Easter on the "old calendar" -- the Julian calendar -- is this year on **Sunday, April 16**.

The date of Easter can sometimes be the same for both calendars, something that last happened in 2017 and will next happen in 2025.



VIGIL LAMPS

Sanctuary Lamp/Вічна Лямпа -- In loving memory of my sister and *chocha* Irene Dobush, who passed away one year ago, April 15. *Love Jean Zalitach and family.*

Christ Icon -- awaiting your intention

Mother of God Icon -- For **Maria Gorbay**: May the good Lord give you strength, mercy and love to face your illness. *Your Prayer Partner*

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Sunday collection: **\$2980**
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Ukraine: **\$40**
Easter flowers: **\$ 70**
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In memory of +John Kutcher: **\$465**
Food pkg. for Ukraine: **\$1000**
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...."

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