

ST. MICHAEL'S SUMMER CAMPS 2019 AT MADGE LAKE:

St. Michael's Camp is a Ukrainian Catholic Youth Camp for all to enjoy. We have a variety of camping programs for youths, teens, and families. Kids return summer after summer to rekindle old friendships and make new ones.

LITTLE MIKE'S FAMILY CAMP (7 & under accommodate with family) July 4-7 (co-ed) YOUTH CAMP (AGE 8-13) July 7-13 (co-ed) July 14-20 (co-ed) **TEEN CAMP** (AGE 13-16) July 21-27 (co-ed) DAY CAMP (9:00 AM - 12 Noon) July 29-31 (co-ed)

Please visit our website for more information at: www.stmichaelscamp.com or to complete the online registration go to: http://www.stmichaelscamp.com/camps/register/.

DATE	Тіме	EPISTLE	CANTOR	USHERS	ORGANIST
SAT APR 13	5:00 pm English	Dan MacLean	Saturday Evening Group	Dennis Benko Carl Pacholka	
Sun Apr 14 Willow /Palm Sunday	9:00 am Ukrainian	Harry Kardynal	Colette Karapita	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood	
	11:00 am English	Terry Ruf	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Terry Ruf Nadia Ruf	Iris Skehar
SAT APR 20	8:00 pm English	Dolores Oucharek	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Tom & Julie Abrametz Fred & Sharla Schrader	Iris Skehar
Sun Apr 21 Resurrection Easter Sunday	8:00 am Ukrainian	Lorne Stechyshyn	Colette Karapita	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood	
	10:30 am English	Gwen Bilyk	Laurie Fedorowich Ron Wizniak	Robert Rusnak Kathy Rusnak	Iris Skehar

SUNDAY	Received in 134 Regular Envelopes	\$ 2,414.00
COLLECTION	Loose Collection	\$ 180.00
	Received in 8 Other Envelopes	\$ 115.00
APR 7, 2019	Received in 8 Other Envelopes	\$ 412.00

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The parish community of St. Mary's extends a warm Welcome - Вітаємо

to everyone who is with us today, especially all visitors. We are pleased that you have come to pray with us this Sunday. May the Lord bless You.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE UKRAINIAN REDEMPTORISTS

Fr. Bohdan Lukie. CSsR - Pastor Fr. Raymond Lukie, CSsR - Assistant Pastor Fr. Methodius Kushko, CSsR - Assistant Pastor

OFFICE Hours Monday - Friday **10:00 am** - 12:00 pm 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

> Office 306-783-4594 Info Line 306-782-0654

SICK CALLS - Anytime

BAPTISMS & MARRIAGES* by Appointment *Please contact the pastor at least six months before the wedding date.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts - 7:00 pm

THURSDAY

Vespers & Divine Liturgy - 7:00 pm GOOD FRIDAY

Passion of Our Lord - 12 Gospels - 10:00 am Laying of the Shroud & Vespers - 2:30 pm Jerusalem Matins - 7:00 pm

HOLY SATURDAY

Vespers & Divine Liturgy - 2:00 pm Blessing of Easter Foods - 3:30 & 4:30 pm Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy (Eng) - 8:00 pm RESURRECTION SUNDAY

Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy (Ukr) - 8:00 am Easter Divine Liturgy (Eng) - 10:30 am

Beloved Parishioners and Guests.

We live in Holy Saturday!!! Most of our lives are spent in Holy Saturday. In other words, most of our days are not filled with the unbearable pain of a Good Friday. Nor are they suffused with the unbelievable joy of an Easter. Some days are indeed times of great pain and some are of great joy, but most are...in between.

Most of our days are, in fact, times of waiting, as the disciples waited during Holy Saturday. We're waiting. Waiting to get into a good school. Waiting to meet the right person. Waiting to get pregnant. Waiting to get a job. Waiting for diagnosis from the doctor. Waiting for things



at work to improve. Waiting for the results of our physical therapy to help us feel better. Waiting that relationship to improve. Waiting for life just to get...better. But there are different kinds of waiting!

There, eq., is the wait of despair. Here we know--at least we think we know--that things could never get better, that God could never, ever do anything with our situations. Nothing will, or could, ever change. Thomas Merton once wrote this on despair: "Despair is the ultimate development of a pride so great and so stiff-necked that it selects the absolute misery of damnation rather than accept happiness from the hands of God and thereby acknowledge that He is above us and that we are not capable of fulfilling our destiny by ourselves." In other words, despair says "I know better than God. Nothing good can ever come from this."

This may be the kind of waiting that forced the fearful disciples to hide behind closed doors on Holy Saturday, cowering in terror. Of course they could be forgiven; after Jesus was executed, they were probably in danger of being rounded up and executed by the Roman authorities. (Something tells me, though, that the women disciples, who overall proved themselves better friends than the men during the Passion, were more hopeful.)

To take a recent example, you may remember that the days before the papal conclave that elected **Pope Francis** saw a lot of that kind of waiting... The **church** with all of its problems—sexual abuse scandals, financial mis-management in the Curia, a sense of increasing irrelevance—was doomed, we were told over and over! The doubters, the College of Cardinals would never, ever be able to elect anyone who might do things differently, who could shake things up, who could give the church a sense of renewal. Since the cardinals were all cut from the same cloth and so hidebound, we were told, they would never be able to make any kind of bold decision. The notion that the Holy Spirit might work within that group was set aside, rejected, and even laughed at. The Holy Spirit? Please! The idea that a new pope might approach things differently, speak differently, act differently than his predecessors? Please!

Then there is the wait of passivity, as if everything were up to "fate." In this waiting there is no despair, but not much anticipation of anything good either. It's the wait of "Whatever."

This is also not the waiting what we are called to. We are called to the wait of the Christian, which is called **Hope**. It is an active waiting; it knows that, even in the worst of situations, even in the darkest times, God is powerfully at work. Even if we can't see it clearly right now. The disciples' fear after Good Friday was understandable; but we know how the story turned out, who know that Jesus will rise from the dead, who know that God is with us, who know that nothing will be impossible for God, are called to wait in faithful Hope. And to look carefully for signs of the New Life that are always right around the corner-- to look, just like a few of the disciples were doing on Holy Saturday.

Because change is always possible, Renewal is always waiting, and **Hope** is never dead. Thoughts of Fr. James Martin SJ



PARKLAND RIGHT TO LIFE GENERAL MEETING Thursday, April 25th 7:30 pm *please note change of date* at St. Gerard's Basement (CWL Room)



A Traditional Ukrainian Easter Divine Liturgy

will be broadcasted on GX94 Radio

Easter Sunday, April 21st 10:00 am - 11:30 am

The program will consist of Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy & Easter hymns.

The Radio Broadcast on GX Radio is very costly. We are always very appreciative of our organizations -K of C, UCBC and UCWLC who continue to support this endeavour every year. If families or individuals are interested in contributing to this wonderful annual tradition, please come by the Parish Office with your contribution or place an envelope in the collection plate clearly marked for the Radio Broadcasts.

COVENANT OF CARE ABUSE AND MISCONDUCT PROTOCOL

The Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saskatoon Covenant of Care Abuse and Misconduct Protocol is designed to ensure that all allegations of physical and sexual abuse and other misconduct are handled responsibly, transparently and with all due care and attention. To speak to someone about a concern please contact your Pastor, Parish Coordinator of Care (PCC) Geraldine Koban at 306-782-0270 or Deb Larmour, Eparchial Coordinator of Care at (306)653-0138 ext. 228 or email: covenantofcare@skeparchy.org



More information is available on the Eparchial Website, www.skeparchy.org



CHRIST THE TEACHER CATHOLIC SCHOOLS EVENTS FOR APRIL 15- 19

	SACRED HEART	ST. ALPHONSUS	St. Mary's	ST. MICHAEL'S	St. Paul's	ST. THEODORE'S
Mon	Student Led Conferences 4:00 - 7:00 pm		Stations of the Cross 10:45 am	French Jr. Concert 9:30 am		
TUES	Student Led Conferences 4:00 - 7:00 pm	School Oratory Competition 9:00 am	St. Mary's Oratory 9:15 am	English Oratory 9:15 am SCC Hot Lunch	St. Paul's Oratory 9:10 am	Open Lit Night – 7pm Dessert Theatre - \$5.00 each (optional)
WED		Gr. 4 Band Tryouts City Wide Badminton Tournament @ St. Michael's Student-Teacher Hockey Game	Orientation (am) Gr. 4 Swimming(pm) City Wide Badminton Tournament @ St. Michael's Student-Teacher Hockey Game	Gr. 4 Band Tryouts Special Needs Lunch City Wide Badminton Tournament Student-Teacher Hockey Game	Mom's Pantry pick up 3:30 - 5:00 pm	orders due
Thurs		Holy Thursday Celebration 10:45 am	Holy Thursday Celebration 10:45 am			
FRI	Good Friday No School Easter Break Begins	Good Friday No School Easter Break Begins	Good Friday No School Easter Break Begins	Good Friday No School Easter Break Begins	Good Friday No School Easter Break Begins	Good Friday No School Easter Break Begins

St. Mary's Parish Pre-authorized Giving Plan (PAG)

The Pre-Authorized Giving (PAG) Program enables you to make donations to the parish on a monthly or semi-monthly basis right from your bank account. It eliminates the need of having the correct amount of cash on Sunday and/or from having to write a cheque.

For more information or to enroll, please see the pamphlets at the church entrances or at the Parish Office.

YORKTON DISTRICT PARISHES				
Schedule of Services in the Yorkton Pastoral District **Please note: this schedule is subject to change, please check regularly**				
BEAVERDALE	Sunday, April 14	11:30 am	Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Willows	
	Friday, April 19	11:00 am	Laying of the Shroud	
	Saturday, April 20	7:00 pm	Easter Divine Liturgy & Food Blessing	
CALDER	Sunday, April 14	10:00 am	Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Willows	
	Friday, April 19	3:00 pm	Laying of the Shroud	
	Sunday, April 21	9:00 am	Easter Divine Liturgy & Food Blessing	
INSINGER (St. Nicholas)	Friday, April 26	7:00 pm	Laying of the Shroud(Julian Calendar)	
	Saturday, April 27	7:00 pm	Easter Divine Liturgy & Food Blessing	
MELVILLE	Sunday, April 14	9:00 am	Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Willows	
	Friday, April 19	3:00 pm	Laying of the Shroud	
	Sunday, April 21	9:00 am	Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy	

WILLOW (PALM) SUNDAY

APRIL 14, 2019

The theme of Sunday is always Resurrection.

We invite you to refrain from kneeling during the Divine Liturgy.



Today's special liturgical parts & readings are found in the Tropars, Kondaks, Epistle & Gospel Readings booklets that are found at the entrances of the church. Readings for Next Sunday: Epistle - Acts 1:1-8 Gospel - John 1:18-28

This Week at St. Mary's				
SUN	9:00 am & 11:00 am	Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Pussy Willows		
	9:45 am	First Solemn Holy Communion Class		
MON	7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts		
	7:00 pm	Ukrainian Catholic Brotherhood Meeting - canceled		
TUES	6:30 pm	Confessions		
	7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts		
WED	6:30 pm	Confessions		
	7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts & Anointing		
THU	Holy Thursday			
	7:00 pm	Vespers, Last Supper Divine Liturgy & Washing of Feet		
FRI	Good Friday			
	10:00 am	·		
	·	Vespers & Enthronement of the Holy Shroud		
	4:00 pm			
	7:00 pm	Jerusalem Matins		
	8:00 pm	All Night Vigil continues		
SAT	Holy Saturday			
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		Easter Divine Liturgy at Gladstone Seniors' Residence		
	2:00 pm			
	·	Blessing of Easter Foods (at St. Mary's Cultural Centre)		
	8:00 pm	Resurrection Matins & Easter Divine Liturgy (English)		

OFFICE Hours - the Parish Office will be closed on Good Friday, April 19th.

WEDDING PLANS ??- If you are planning to be married at St. Mary's or any of the Yorkton District parishes, *please contact Fr. Bohdan (306-783-4594) at least six months before the wedding date.*

DEADLINE for submissions to the bulletin is Tuesdays at 4:30 pm.



EMAIL BULLETIN - If you would like to have the Bulletin emailed to you please send your request to: **cssrmonastery@sasktel.net**

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, APRIL 14

	Oondai, Air	VIC 1-
Willow (Palm Sunday)		Philippians 4:4-9 ~ John 12:1-18
MON Apr 15	Apostle Aristarchus	Acts 10:34-43 ~ Matthew 24:3-35
7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	
TUES Apr 16	Martyr Apagia	Ephesians 1:1-9 ~ Matthew 24:36-26:2
7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	
WED Apr 17	Priest Martyr Simeon	1 Corinthians 2:6-9 ~ Matthew 26:6-16
7:00 pm	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	& Anointing of the Sick
THU April 18	Holy Thursday 1 (Corinthians ~ 11:23-32 ~ Matthew 26:2-20;
	John 13:3-17; Matthew 26	6:21-39; Luke 22:43-44; Matthew 26:40-27:2
7:00 pm	Vespers, Last Supper Divine Litu	rgy & Washing of Feet
FRI April 19	Good Friday	

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FRI April 19	Good Friday		
10:00 am	Passion of Our Lord - 12 Gospels		
2:30 pm	Vespers, Enthronement of the Holy Shroud		
7:00 pm	Jerusalem Matins		
SAT April 20	Holy Saturday	Romans 6:3-11 ~ Matthew 28:1-20	

2:00 pm Vespers & Divine Liturgy

8:00 pm Resurrection Matins & Easter Divine Liturgy (English)

DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS - If you are making an offering for this service by cheque, please make your cheque payable to: Ukrainian Catholic Mission

In accordance with the New **Eparchial Stipend Schedule (effective November 1, 2017), the suggested **stipend (offering)** for a Divine Liturgy Intention is now **\$20.00**.

THE UKRAINIAN HOUR: Access 7, 8:30 am on Saturdays and Sundays with Fr. Methodius Kushko & Colette Karapita. Upcoming topic will be April 14: Lazarus Saturday and Willow Sunday.

ADORATION TO THE BLESSED SACRAMENT - There will be no Adoration for Tuesday, April 16th & Tuesday, April 23rd.



Divine Mercy Sunday April 28th

Jesus asked Sr. Faustina that the Feast of the Divine Mercy be preceded by a Novena to the Divine Mercy. This Novena starts on Good Friday, April $19^{\rm th}$.

"On each day of the Novena you will bring to My Heart a different group of souls and you will immerse them in this ocean of My Mercy...On each day you will beseech My Father on the strength of My Passion for the graces for these souls"

Saint Mary's Building Fund Donations



In Memory of Anne Dobko

Clarence & Jan Schmidt \$50.00

Balance of the Fund to date: \$330,398.78 Thank you very much

Donations may be given anytime.

All funds collected will be used for the future renovations of our church. Building Fund Envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church

St. Mary's Church Donations

On Occasion of 75th Anniversary John & Sarah Popowich

\$ 500.00

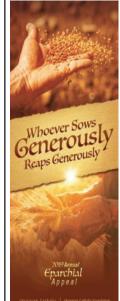
Thank you very much

CHURCH DONATIONS- To ensure that your donation is properly recorded and acknowledged, please mark your envelope and the memo line on your cheque "In memory of..." or "On the occasion of..."

All Night Vigil - Good Friday

Please consider spending an hour in vigil at Our Lord's Tomb on Good Friday The sign up sheet is in the East Entrance





It is hard to fathom that we are about to embark of our 5th Annual Eparchial Appeal. Thanks to your generosity, prayers and kind support in the last four years, the Eparchial Appeal has been very successful in raising just over \$700,000 to fund Eparchial Ministries, which are so crucial to the growth and preservation of faith in the Ukrainian Catholic Church and Vibrant Parishes. Thank you for helping to strengthen our families. Thank you for helping to form and nurture missionary disciples. Thank you for helping to empower, train and mentor our youth. Thank you for helping promote the protection of life and God-given dignity for each human person.

The Eparchial Appeal is crucial to the sustainability of these Eparchial Ministries. These are programs that cannot be offered by individual Parishes because of limited resources, both financial and human. That is why it is so critical that the Faithful of our Eparchy continue to collectively ensure the Eparchy can provide these Eparchial Ministry programs throughout our Parishes.

The 2019 Annual Eparchial Appeal will kick off on the April 27th/ 28th weekend when detailed information regarding the Appeal will be presented.

Within the next two weeks you will be receiving your Eparchial Appeal Letter Package in the mail, which will contain detailed information on the various Eparchial Ministries and Programs supported by the 2019 Annual Eparchial Appeal.

Now more than ever, it is so important to feed the spiritual needs of our people. Please consider your support of the 2019 Annual Eparchial Appeal. Your generosity will be rewarded in many ways.

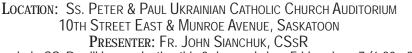
Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan. www.ucfsask.org



CANTORS' WORKSHOP FOR EPARCHY OF SASKATOON JUNE 7 & 8, 2019

FRIDAY - 6:30-9:30 PM AND SATURDAY - 9:00 AM-9:00 PM







Father John Sianchuk, CSsR, will be conducting this 2-day workshop Friday, June 7 (6:30 - 9:30 pm) and Saturday, June 8 (8:30 am - 9:00 pm). This workshop is intended for cantors seeking refresher/more detail on course offerings, and lead singers who are seeking the knowledge to become cantors in their parishes. Limited space of 40 participants

Workshop Content – in English

Leading the Divine Liturgy; Resurrection Tones; Moleben Services; Panakhyda Service

Material Provided with the Workshop

- Books with musical notation for the material covered
- Music for the material covered (please specify on registration form CD/USB

Cost of Workshop

• The funding for this workshop is provided by the *Ukrainian Catholic Foundation of Saskatchewan* and the Eparchy of Saskatoon, through the Annual Eparchial Appeal initiative.

Full details and registration forms are available on the Ss. Peter & Paul Church website: www.sspp.ca; the Eparchial website: www.skeparchy.org; by contacting Andrea Swann by email at: aswann@sasktel.net; or by contacting your parish priest or parish office.

<u>Deadline for Registration</u>: Friday, May 10th - NO registrations will be accepted postmarked **after May 10th**.

Musée Ukraina Museum Inc. 2019 Lottery Winners for January

\$20.00 Winners: Mike & Morgan Elemans-Calgary(AB),Pat Sundahl-Edmonton(AB), James Bartko-Saskatoon, Jennifer & Jeff Downing-Saskatoon, Ron & Leona Kalinocha-Prud'homme, Elsie Blischak-Weyburn, Mary Tachynsk-Edmonton(AB), Jeff Wawryk-Yorkton, Helen Krakowski-Wadena, Mark, Zena, Meagan, Sarah Kuzie-Wynyard, Adam & Sharon Bogucki-Saskatoon, Joann Starosta-Regina, Linda Jackson-Battleford, Marlene Jones-Regina, Gary Seime-Wakaw, Irene Stachyruk-Wynyard, Mike Chirpilo-Saskatoon, Regina Funeral Home-Regina, Johnny Balaniuk-Yorkton, Michelle Fedorowich-Etobicoke(ON), Phyllis Huchkowsky-Moose Jaw, Anne Hilkewich-Alvena, Shirley Oleskiw-Regina, Bil & Sylvia Krywulak-Yorkton \$50.00 Winners:Grant & Elaine Bunko-Calgary(AB),Linda Hryhoriw-Canora, Audrey Mushtaler-Lloydminster(AB),Adam & Sharon Baguski Saskatoon Bogucki-Saskatoon. \$100.00 Winner: Duane Serack-Harris. \$200.00 Winner: Joselyn Small-Saskatoon. \$250.00 Winner: Patti Kindrachuk-Saskatoon.

Musée Ukraina Museum Inc. 2019 Lottery Winners for February

\$20.00 Winners: Lawrence & Ursula Popovitch-Bruno, Sharon Tkachuk-Saskatoon, Anne Chomyn-Regina, Richard Kraushaar-Rosetown, Elizabeth Kazymyra-Regina, Mary Romanchuk-Prince Albert, Phyllis Viczko-Yorkton, Janice Poniatowski-Saskatoon, Kevin & Yayoi Chorney-Vancouver(BC), Candice Gossen-Saskatoon, Cornelia & Bruce Bobinski-Saskatoon, Oleh Shkapyid-Weyburn, Sonia Starling-Yorkton, Anne Chomyn-Regina, Carol Baker-Saskatoon, Leonard Stefanyshyn-Prince Albert, Alvin & Georgina Harambura-Runnymede, Anne Krenosky-Regina, Bryer Horn-North Battleford, Lana Husulak-Saskatoon, Alla Krasutska-Saskatoon. \$50.00 Winners: Evolve Behytka Wynward, Jane Charney Ituna, Albert & Bayling Broyest Prince Albert, Bayling Broyest Bringe Broyest Broyest Bringe Broyest Broyest Broyest Bringe Broyest Broyest Broyest Broyest Broyest Broy Winners: Evelyn Robutka-Wynyard, Jane Chorney-Ituna, Albert & Pauline Provost-Prince Albert, Bev Holowatuk-Yorkton. \$100.00 Winners: Nicole Janeczko-Regina, Leo Thompson-Buffalo Narrows. \$300.00 Winner: Julie Bartsch-Wakaw.

Congratulations to all the winners!

There are still 306 chances to win cash prizes in the 2019 Calendar Lottery! Lottery License #RR18-0279



St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church YORKTON SCHEDULE OF EASTER SERVICES



SATURDAY, APRIL 13

5:00 pm (English) - Divine Liturgy & blessing of Pussy Willows

SUNDAY, APRIL 14 - WILLOW SUNDAY

9:00 am (Ukrainian) - Divine Liturgy & blessing of Pussy Willows 11:00 am (English) - Divine Liturgy & blessing of Pussy Willows

MONDAY, APRIL 15

7:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

TUESDAY, APRIL 16

6:30 pm - Confessions

7:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

6:30 pm - Confessions

7:00 pm - Presanctified Liturgy & the Sacrament of Anointing

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 - HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 pm - Vespers, Last Supper Divine Liturgy & Washing of Feet

FRIDAY, APRIL 19 - GOOD FRIDAY

10:00 am - Passion of Our Lord - 12 Gospels

2:30 pm - Vespers - Enthronement of the Holy Shroud

7:00 pm - Jerusalem Matins

SATURDAY, APRIL 20- HOLY SATURDAY

10:30 am - Easter Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Easter Foods at Gladstone Seniors' Residence

2:00 pm - Vespers & Divine Liturgy

3:30 pm & 4:30 pm - Blessing of Easter Foods

8:00 pm - (English) Resurrection Matins & Easter Divine Liturgy

SUNDAY, APRIL 21 - RESURRECTION SUNDAY

8:00 am - (Ukrainian) Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy & blessing of Easter Foods

10:30 am - (English) Easter Divine Liturgy

MONDAY, APRIL 22 - FRIDAY, APRIL 26 - BRIGHT WEEK

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy





BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOLY WEEK

HOLY WEDNESDAY

This is the third day of the "Bridegroom Days" during which we stress that we be ready for Jesus the Bridegroom who comes to us in the middle of the night. We are warned not to be caught asleep when He comes. We are to await expectantly to experience the Saving events of Jesus' Death and Resurrection. On this day we recall when Mary Magdalene expressed her love for Jesus, who forgave her her great sins, by pouring precious ointment upon us today. During the Presancified Liturgy, we are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This Sacrament, which is usually given only to those gravely ill, is given once a year to all the faithful during this Service. This Sacrament is for the healing our bodies and for the forgiveness of all our sins. A great way to prepare our selves for the next few days. We should approach this sacrament always with a repentant heart.

HOLY THURSDAY

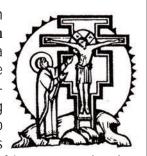
On this day we recall the Lord's Last Supper with his apostle during which several important events occur. First, Jesus offers to the apostles His Body and Blood under the form of bread and wine. During this meal He washes their feet. During the meal Judas decided to betray Him while Peter promised never to deny Him, but later does. We celebrate this event through the evening Liturgy, where we partake of that same Last Supper and receive His Body and



Blood. In the washing of the feet we learn the lesson to wash our neighbours' feet, to serve the needs of others. We are warned not to be like Judas who receives the Eucharist and immediately goes to betray the Master.

GOOD FRIDAY

This is a day of Prayer and Fasting. There are three major Services today. In the morning we celebrate Matins. Here we hear the accounts of the Passion of Jesus. There are twelve readings of the Gospel. The Word of God is a living Word which finds a home in our hearts. We enter into Jesus' Life as He is arrested, denied, tried, condemned, mocked, crucified and buried. To emphasize the power of the Word to enlighten us, parishioners turn turns holding candles for the Readings, the priestly vestments are changed from light to dark, the Gospel is announced by bells and later by clackers, a Cross is planted in the middle of the Church to remind us of the way of Salvation and of Jesus' tremendous love



In the Afternoon we celebrate Vespers - the Burial of Jesus. Again we hear an account of Jesus' Passion and through the hymns meditate on the meaning of the crucifixion. We have burial procession with the Holy Shroud, the Plashchanystya. As we process through the church we join this burial and meditate on the wonder of God's love, on the forgiveness that Jesus bestows upon us from the Cross, on the mystery of God entering death and being buried. We bow profoundly before our Lord and on our knees we venerate the Holy Shroud. From now until Easter, we begin a Vigil, a profound time of prayer and silence in the Church and we sit before this Mystery of God's Love.

In the evening we celebrate Jerusalem Matins. We never lose sight that it is God who has fulfilled all these events. It is the Risen Lord who has undergone his death, burial and entrance into Hades and who has utterly destroyed the power of Death. This Service is first a meditation of the Mystery of the Lifegiving Christ. As we sit before the Holy Shroud, seeing Jesus buried, we proclaim him as the One filled with life. This service gives us the meaning of all Christian funerals, life beyond the grave. As the service progresses we begin to hear the resurrection theme breaking through. We have a procession with the Holy Shroud through the Church. This time it is not a funeral procession, rather it symbolizes Christ in Hades, going through Hades and waking up Adam and Eve and all the dead to announce his coming and to raise them up back to life. He walks among us to wake us up so that we too may be billed with the new resurrected Life. This service is profoundly beautiful.

HOLY SATURDAY

During the Service we celebrate in the afternoon, we already inaugurate the Resurrection. The Service begins with a proclamation of the destruction of Hades, that Hades could not hold Jesus among the dead because He is Life itself and with Him it loses all those it held in captivity over the ages. Before our eyes the whole church changes. The priest's vestments change from dark

to bright. The altar vestments change. To emphasize the new life that spring forth from the grave, fresh flower petals are strewn throughout the church. Also as a symbol of our baptism into new life, we are all sprinkled with Holy Water scented with rose water. As all this happens the congregation keeps singing "Arise, O God..." The Lord has responded to our plea. Then we hear the Gospel of Resurrection. Afterwards, we begin to bless the special Easter food, the Easter basket.

EASTER

The Celebration begins with Easter Matins. As we stand before the gates of heaven, we begin to proclaim the Tropar "Christ is Risen..." The priest then knocks on the doors of the Church with his hand cross, symbolizing Christ who broke down all barriers which separate from God and opens the gates of paradise for us. As we continue to sing "Christ is Risen..." we all enter the Church, foreshadowing the day when we shall enter fully into the Kingdom of God once we too have passed through death. The celebration continues with joyous hymns, ringing of bells, greeting on another, receiving the Eucharist



The Gospel is proclaimed in several languages and with the ringing of bells. We continue to celebrate this day for eight days up until Thomas Sunday. Therefore, it is called the Great Day - "Velykden".