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**A Traditional Ukrainian Easter Divine Liturgy
from St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church**



**will be broadcasted on GX94 Radio
Easter Sunday, April 12th
10:00 am - 11:30 am**

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

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Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!

Христос Воскрес!
Воїстину Воскрес!



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Please Note:

Due to the Covid-19 Quarantine
There are **NO** public services being held at the Church at this time
The Parish Office is Closed
However, if there is an **emergency**, please call Fr. Leonid 306-783-4594

The Blessing of Paschal/Easter Food at Home *(In case of necessity)*

Leader: + Glory to the holy, consubstantial, life-creating, undivided Trinity, now and forever, and ever.

All: Amen.

Christ is risen from the dead! Trampling death by Death, and to those in the tombs He granted life. (3x)

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

O holy Lord, Father almighty, eternal God, + bless and sanctify this bread with Your heavenly blessing, so that it may be for the health of body and salvation of soul to all who partake of it, and that it may be a safeguard against all illness and enemy assaults, through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your only-begotten Son, the Living Bread, Who came down from heaven, giving life and salvation to the world, Who lives and reigns with You in union with the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

O Lord, Jesus Christ, our God, look upon this lamb and all these other meats, +bless and sanctify them as You blessed and sanctified the ram which Abraham offered to You, and the lamb which Abel offered to You in sacrifice; bless and sanctify these meats, as You blessed and sanctified the fattened-calf which You ordered to be slain for Your prodigal son, when he returned again to You; so that just as he was considered worthy to enjoy Your goodness, so also may we who eat of these meats, blessed and sanctified by You, enjoy your goodness, and obtain your holy cross and resurrection from the dead on the third day: For You are our true food and the Giver of all good things which You Yourself bless and sanctify; and we give glory to You, together with Your eternal Father, and Your all-holy, gracious, and life-giving Spirit, now and ever, and forever.

All: Amen.

Leader: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

O God, our Lord and Master, Creator of all things; +bless this cheese and butter, these eggs and all the other, foods here present; and preserve us in Your goodness, so that, as we eat of Your gifts which You so readily bestow upon us, we may be filled, with Your indescribable goodness, for the sake of the glorious Resurrection on the third day from the dead of our Lord Jesus Christ: For Yours is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and forever, and ever.

All: Amen.

The leader sprinkles the paschal foods with holy water, saying aloud:

O, Lord, today, we unite ourselves with our church ministers and ask that these paschal foods be blessed and sanctified by the sprinkling of this holy water, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

All sing: Christ is risen from the dead! Trampling death by Death, and to those in the tombs He granted life. (3x)

READINGS FOR RESURRECTION SUNDAY

EPISTLE: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (1: 1 - 8)

In my first account, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up to heaven, having first instructed the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit. In the time after his suffering he showed them in many convincing ways that he was alive, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking to them about the reign of God. On one occasion when he met with them he told them not to leave Jerusalem: "Wait, rather, for the fulfillment of my Father's promise, of which you have heard me speak. John baptized with water, but within a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." While they were with him they asked, "Lord, are you going to restore the rule to Israel now?" His answer was: "The exact time it is not yours to know. The Father has reserved that to himself. You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes down on you; then you are to be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, yes, even to the ends of the earth."

GOSPEL: John 1: 1 - 17

In the beginning was the Word; and the Word was in God's presence, and the Word was God. He was present to God in the beginning, through him all things came into being, and apart from him nothing came to be.

Whatever came to be in him, found life, life for the light of men. The light shines on in darkness, a darkness that did not overcome it.

There was a man named John sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the light, so that through him all men might believe.

But only to testify to the light, for he himself was not the light. The real light which gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and through him the world was made, yet the world did not know who he was. To his own he came, yet his own did not accept him. Any who did accept him he empowered to become children of God. These are they who believe in his name. Begotten not by blood, nor by carnal desire, nor by man's willing it, but by God.

The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we have seen his glory; the glory of an only Son coming from the Father, filled with enduring love.

John testified to him by proclaiming: "This is he of whom I said, The one who comes after me ranks ahead of me, for he was before me." Of his fullness we have all had a share -- love following upon love. For while the law was given through Moses, this enduring love came through Jesus Christ



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)

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This is an excerpt from Bishop Bryan Bayda's letter dated April 2, 2020:

"Our pioneers and ancestors kept the faith even though, at times, they seldom celebrated the sacraments in churches because of external circumstances or oppression. Let us hear God speak to us through their example and learn from them as they strengthened their domestic churches – by interior and external faith." (Bishop Bryan Bayda)

ATTITUDE - Maintain an active attitude of constant discernment, both secular and sacred

ACTION - Allow the indwelling Trinity to develop your Interior Life and your Domestic Church. Pruning helps the branch to bear more fruit. Move from maintenance to mission!

You are invited to preach in word and deed a Domestic Church Mission over the upcoming days! Therefore, mindful of the mystery of the pandemic and its ultra-infectious properties, in addition to the previous directives:

1. In the Eparchy of Saskatoon, there is to be no public veneration in a church during Holy Week, including the shroud on Holy Friday, and Easter because of COVID 19.

a. WHY? In the Eparchy of Saskatoon, it is reserved to the clergy to venerate and carry out the services in our churches and share them online. Understandably, faithful may not have a physical or electronic means to join in, but this is because of numerous complications and risks of sanitizing, marshalling people in lines, etc. In the end, it is still participation but in a different way. Other bishops have made directives for their faithful but their circumstances have different variables.

b. ALTERNATIVELY: faithful can celebrate the service at home, with parallel symbols and gestures that normally would take place (willows, Shroud, Cross on Doors, Pascha) and do them coinciding with a televised or live-streamed service. Encounter Christ in your family or in the person who is caring for your personal needs. *"For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I among them."* MT18:20

2. Clergy are to prepare their parishioners to receive parts of the services in printed or online form as much as possible. Read the Gospels so to participate in these mysteries of Christ's Life and love for us. Reflect with Jesus and the Theotokos about the mystery of His suffering, death and resurrection and yours.

3. All faithful are encouraged to make a sincere Act of Contrition. This, of course, refers to the situation when "a penitent sincerely regrets his/her sins, not out of fear of God's just punishment; but because of having offended our loving Lord." Ask your local parish priest how to do this, or check online.

4. All faithful are encouraged to make a sincere Spiritual Communion. Ask your local parish priest how to do this or check online.

5. There are to be no pedestrian gatherings at churches or halls for the sacramental blessings of willows or food in a pedestrian fashion.

a. WHY? While the blessing of Christ through the Pope or Bishop or Priest is sacramental and of great value, your blessing is also important.

b. ALTERNATIVELY: The Pope blessed over electronic platforms. Have your willows or food blessed by the bishop or priest over electronic platforms also. And though your blessing is not sacramental in the same sense, God is calling laity to experience this, given the circumstances. Try to discover your dignity and worth when Christ, through you, blesses your family and items for your home. Share in Christ's priesthood since you have been baptized in Christ.

c. Discover how Christ wants to use you in more at-home ways to bless: your belongings and gifts from God; your brother, your sister, your parents by your actions and words. When you forgive you bless. Through your love, kindness and compassion you bless (and not just with water). **You are empowered to express your baptismal priesthood in Christ!** Encounter Him through confession and forgiveness in your daily life from one another on a one-to-one basis. This is a preparation for a sacramental confession with a priest who at a later time, on behalf of the entire Body of Christ, will provide an encounter with Christ on a sacramental level.

d. Discover how Communion with Christ sacramentally in the Eucharist should be enhanced by desire, by spiritual communion several times a day, every day. The opportunity has perhaps never been more timely. **Receiving the Eucharist physically at church is prepared by many spiritual communions daily at home or elsewhere in your life.** As a parent, child, relative or friend, spiritually commune with Christ for others, thus, expressing your baptismal priesthood in Christ when interceding for others!

e. Experience the crescendo that should take place before attending a parish service. (A metaphor from secular life: practices and the regular season games make the playoffs and the championship game that much more meaningful).

To appreciate the presence of Christ in the entire Church, the Body of Christ, focus on the Domestic Church and **the role God calls you to play in your church as a missionary disciple**, a branch of the larger vine. Like a team is strengthened by each member that physically trains or deepens their personal commitment, so does your spiritual prayer and domestic development enhance the Body of Christ. God is present in the entire Body of Christ where in our parishes we sacramentally receive the Eucharist. This is preceded by a reverence for God's presence in Scripture; God celebrated in our domestic churches; God's presence celebrated in our personal lives; and God encountered in the poor. Kindly read the following passage slowly, as if God is reading it to you:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit and so prove to be my disciples. As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full." (John 15:1-11 (ESV) 1)

In Christ,

Bishop Bryan Bayda, CSSR

Eparch of the Eparchy of Saskatoon

THE EASTER BASKET



In earlier times, meat and dairy products were excluded from the daily diet during the entire season of the Great Fast. As the end of the strict fast approached, the people showed their joy and gratitude by taking their food to Church to be blessed and eaten after the Easter Divine Liturgy. As we celebrate Easter, the Feast of New Life, we bless the food that sustains our physical life. The foods traditionally blessed for Easter are: Pascha (Easter bread), Babka (sweetbread), ham, sausage, butter, cottage cheese, eggs, horseradish, salt and pysanky (decorative and symbolic purpose only). The meaning of such variety of foods is interesting.

PASCHA - The Easter Bread, Pascha, is a large, round loaf of bread made of white flour. It is elaborately decorated with a braided cross and many rosettes. The Pascha symbolizes the joy of the New Life that is given to us by Jesus Christ.

BABKA (BABA) - The Babka is a tall, cylindrical, sweet bread enriched with raisins, butter, eggs. Saffron is added for coloring (orange-yellow). It is decorated with a simple cross. The Babka symbolizes the richness of eternal life.

HAM - The richness of this meat is symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter. Sometimes lamb or veal are used but these meats must be cooked well in advance so that the festivity of the day will not be burdened with the preparation.

KOBASSA - A spicy garlic sausage of pork products is indicative of God's favor and generosity.

CHEESE - Cottage Cheese, bland in taste, reminds us of the moderation that we should cultivate in our daily lives.

EGGS - Hard-boiled eggs are used. The father or the eldest in the family, if the father is not present, traditionally divides the first egg at the Easter breakfast table and shares it with each member of the family invoking an Easter blessing and greeting. The egg is symbolic of Christ's Death and Resurrection, that is, new life emerges from what appeared to be lifeless.

PYSANKY - These eggs are beautifully decorated with symbols derived from nature and later adapted to the Christian way of worship. The intricate patterns are applied with a stylus dipped in melted beeswax. The egg is dipped into successive dyes.

BUTTER - This favorite dairy product may be shaped into a lamb or decorated with whole cloves or peppercorn in the form of a cross. The butter reminds us of the goodness of Christ which in turn we should share with others.

SALT - The salt helps us to recall that we are committed to be followers of Christ and carry out His word: "You are the salt of the earth..."

HORSERADISH - The horseradish mixed with grated beets is symbolic of the Passion and Death of Christ. It reminds us of the bitterness of sin and of difficulties which we must undergo throughout our earthly life.

CANDLE - The candle, made of beeswax, is placed in the basket and lit during the blessing celebration. It is symbolic of Christ "the light of the world" who brought us the glorious good news of New Life.

COVER - The embroidered cover reminds us of Christ's shroud (white linen) and of our Baptismal robe (kryszma). Being cleansed with the Baptismal waters, we celebrate the joy of New Life by putting on the kryszma.

Act of Spiritual Communion by St. Alphonsus Liguori

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.

I embrace You as if You are already there and unite myself wholly to You.
Never permit me to be separated from You.

Amen.

READINGS FOR THE UPCOMING WEEK

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

Resurrection Sunday

Acts 1:1-8 ~ John 12:1-18

MON April 13 Bright Monday

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

TUE April 14 Bright Tuesday

Acts 2:14-21 ~ Luke 24:13-35

WED April 15 Apostle Aristarchus

Acts 2:22-26 ~ John 1:35-51

THU April 16 Martyr Agapia

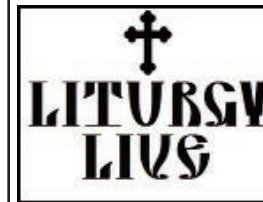
Acts 2:38-43 ~ John 3:1-15

FRI April 17 Priest Martyr Simeon

Acts 3:1-8 ~ John 2:12-22

SAT April 18 Venerable John

Acts 3:11-16 ~ John 3:22-23



Livestream/Online Services Through Our Parishes in Eparchy of Saskatoon

**Especially now during this time of the COVID-19 Pandemic,
please join us for Divine Liturgies and Holy Week Services as
we pray together from our homes.**

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