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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD EASTER SUNDAY



HOLY MYSTERIES

CONFESSION:

30 min before the Divine Liturgy *or* by appointment

HOLY COMMUNION:

for the sick, by appointment, any time

BAPTISM: by appointment

MARRIAGE: six months notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made

FUNERAL: by appointment

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"Let God's people then recognize that they are a new creation in Christ, and with all vigilance understand by Whom they have been adopted and Whom they have adopted. Let not the things, which have been made new, return to their ancient instability; and let not him who has 'put his hand to the plough' forsake his work, but rather attend to that which he sows than look back to that which he has left behind. Let no one fall back into that from which he has risen, but, even though from bodily weakness he still languishes under certain maladies, let him urgently desire to be healed and raised up. For this is the path of health through imitation of the Resurrection begun in Christ, whereby, notwithstanding the many accidents and falls to which in this slippery life the traveller is liable, his feet may be guided from the quagmire on to solid ground, for, as it is written, 'the steps of a man are directed by the Lord, and He will delight in his way. When the just man falls he shall not be overthrown, because the Lord will stretch out His hand'."

St. Leo the Great - "On the Lord's Resurrection".

"Yesterday I was crucified with Him; today I am glorified with Him; yesterday I died with Him; today I am quickened with Him; yesterday I was buried with Him; today I rise with Him. But let us offer to Him Who suffered and rose again for us ..., the possession most precious to God, and most fitting; let us give back to the Image what is made after the Image. Let us recognize our Dignity; let us honour our Archetype; let us know the power of the Mystery, and for what Christ died." *St. Gregory the Theologian - Homily on Pascha*

***Liturgical Instruction:** After the priest exclaims “Blessed is the Kingdom” and we have responded “Amen,” the clergy sing the following Tropar once and the people repeat it. Then the clergy sing the first half, and we conclude it. This is done every day until the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday.*

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life. (3x)

First Antiphon

Verse 1: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing now to His name, give glory to His praise (Ps 65:2).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.

Verse 2: Say unto God, "How awesome are your works! Because of the greatness of Your strength Your enemies will flatter you" (Ps 65:3).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.

Verse 3: Let all the earth worship You and sing to You, let it sing to Your name, O Most High!

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever. Amen....

Only-begotten Son...

Third Antiphon

Verse 1: Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face (Ps 67:2).

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

Verse 2: As smoke vanishes, let them vanish, as wax melts before the fire (Ps 67:3).

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, ...

Verse 3: So let sinners perish before the face of God, but let the righteous be glad (Ps 67).

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead, ...

The entrance verse is proclaimed after the priest has intoned “Wisdom! Stand aright!”

Entrance Verse: In the churches bless God, the Lord from the fountains of Israel (Ps 67:2)

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead,

Glory be to the Father Now and for ever Amen.

Kontakion (Tone 8): Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One,* yet You destroyed the power of Hades,* and You rose as victor, O Christ God,* calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice!* and giving peace to Your apostles:* You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen.

Instead of "Holy God...": All you, who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia! *(3x) Glory be... Now ... Amen.* You have put on Christ! Alleluia! All you, who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia!

Prokimenon (Tone 8): This is the day which the Lord has made,* let us rejoice and be glad in it. *verse:* Give thanks to the Lord for He is good for His mercy endures forever (Ps 117:1).

A Reading from the Acts (1:1-8): In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he

***Літургійні рубрики:** Після того, як священник виголошує “Благословенне Царство” й люди відповідають “Амінь”, священники співають Тропар один раз, а люди його повторюють. Далі священники співають першу половину, а люди завершують другу. Так робимо щодня, аж до середи перед четвергом Вознесіння.*

Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (х3).

Антифон 1

Стих 1: Воскликніте Господеві, вся земле! Співайте ж імені його, віддайте славу хвалі його.

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Стих 2: Скажіте Богові: Як страшні діла твої, задля великої сили твоєї підлещуються тобі вороги твої (Пс 65,3).

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Стих 3: Вся земля нехай поклониться тобі і співає тобі, нехай же співає імені твоєму, Всевишній (Пс 65,4).

Приспів: Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові. І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Єдинородний Сину ...

Антифон 3

Стих 1: Нехай воскресне Бог і розбіжаться вороги його, і нехай тікають від лица його ті, що ненавидять його (Пс 67,2).

Тропар: Христос воскрес із мертвих

Стих 2: Як іще зає дим, нехай іщезнуть, як тане віск від лица вогню (Пс 67, 3).

Тропар: Христос воскрес із мертвих, ...

Стих 3: Так нехай погинуть грішники від лица Божого, а праведники нехай возвеселяться

Тропар: Христос воскрес із мертвих, ...

Вхідне співаємо, коли священник виголошує “Примудрість, прості”.

Вхідне: В церквах благословіть Бога, Господа, ви – з джерел ізраїлевих (Пс 67,27).

Тропар: Христос воскрес із мертвих, ...

Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові. І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки вічні. Амінь.

Кондак (глас 8): Хоч і у гріб зійшов ти, Безсмертний,* та адову зруйнував ти силу,* і воскрес єси як переможець, Христе Боже,* жінкам-мироносицям звістивши: Радуйтеся,* і твоїм апостолам мир даруєш,* падшим подаєш воскресіння.

Замість Трисвятого: Ви, що в Христа хрестилися, у Христа зодягнулися. Аلیلуя! *(3x) Слава ... і нині.,* У Христа зодягнулися. Аلیلуя! Ви, що в Христа хрестилися, у Христа зодягнулися. Аلیلуя!

Прокімен (глас 8): Це день, що його створив Господь,* возрадуємося і возвеселімся в нім. *Стих:* Сповідуйтеся Господеві, бо він благий, бо на віки милість його.

Діянь Святих Апостолів читання (1, 1-8): Першу книгу я написав, о Теофіле, про все, що Ісус робив та що навчав від початку аж до дня, коли вознісся, давши Святим Духом накази апостолам, яких собі вибрав. Він показував їм себе також у численних доказах живим після

presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’ So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’

Alleluia (Tone 4): *verse:* When You rise, You will have compassion on Sion (Ps 101:14).
verse: The Lord looked down from heaven to earth to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free the sons of those put to death (Ps 101:20).

Gospel: (John 1:1-18)

Instead of “It is truly...”: The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice!

Irmos (Tone 1): Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Verse: Receive the body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality. Alleluia! (3x).
Instead of “Blessed is He...”: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

Instead of “We have seen the true light...”: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

Instead of “Let our mouths...”: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life (3x).

Instead of “Blessed be the name of the Lord...”: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life (3x).

“Christ is risen” is sung again once (using a simple chord chant) instead of “Glory be to the Father...” at the dismissal. Then the Troparion “Christ is risen” is sung as in the beginning of the Liturgy, but with an additional ending.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life (3x). And to us He has granted life eternal; we bow down before His resurrection on the third day.

OUR TRADITION: ARTOS



Near the end of the Easter Service, a single large loaf of bread, the Artos, is brought to the priest. The Artos symbolizes the physical presence of the resurrected Christ among the disciples. The priest blesses the Artos, while it is on the altar with a special prayer and sprinkles it with Holy Water. The Artos is then placed on a small table before the Iconostasis where it remains throughout Bright Week. It is customary, whenever the faithful enter the Temple, for them to kiss the Artos as a way of greeting the Risen Christ. The significance of the

своєї муки, з’являючись сорок день їм і розповідаючи про Боже Царство. Тоді ж саме, як споживав хліб-сіль із ними, він наказав їм Єрусалиму не кидати, але чекати обітниці Отця, що її ви від мене чули; бо Йоан хрестив водою, ви ж будете хрищені по кількох цих днях Святим Духом.

Отож, зійшовшись, вони питали його: «Господи, чи цього часу знову відбудуєш Ізраїлеві царство?» Він відповів їм: «Не ваша справа знати час і пору, що їх Отець призначив у своїй владі. Та ви приймете силу Святого Духа, що на вас зійде, і будете моїми свідками в Єрусалимі, у всій Юдеї та Самарії й аж до краю землі.»

Алилуя (глас 4):
Стих: Ти, воскресши, помилуєш Сіона (Пс 101,14).
Стих: Господь з неба на землю поглянув (Пс 101,20).

Євангеліє: (Ів 1,1-18):

Замість Достойно: Ангел сповіщав Благодатній: Чистая Діво, радуйся. І знову кажу: Радуйся. Твій Син воскрес тридневний із гробу, і мертвих воздвигнув він; люди, веселіться.

Ірмос (глас 1): Світися, світися, новий Єрусалиме, слава бо Господня на тобі возсіяла. Радій нині і веселися, Сіоне. А ти, Чистая, красуйся, Богородице, востанням родження твого.

Причасний: Тіло Христове прийміть, джерела безсмертного споживіть. Алилуя (х3).

Замість Благословен, хто йде в ім'я Господнє: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував.

Замість Ми бачили світло істинне: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував.

Замість Нехай сповняться: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (х3).

Замість Будь ім'я Господнє: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (х3).

Під час відпусту “Христос воскрес” співається один раз (на просту мелодію) замість “Слава Отцю...” Тоді знову співається Тропар “Христос воскрес”, як і на початку Літургії, але з додатковим закінченням.

Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (х3).
І нам дарував життя вічне, поклоняємось його тридневному воскресінню.

OUR TRADITION: ARTOS

Artos is that it serves to remind all Christians of the events connected with the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. While still living on earth, the Lord called Himself the Bread of Life, saying: ‘I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and He who believes in Me shall never thirst’ (John 6:35). After His Resurrection, more than once Jesus appeared to His disciples, ate before them and blessed their own food. On Thomas Sunday, after the Divine Liturgy, the priest says another prayer over the Artos and it is then broken and distributed among the whole congregation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



On this joyful and glorious Day may the Risen Savior fill your hearts with light of Resurrection and richness of His blessings, and guide you in a spiritual renewal and an increase in faith, which will assure your salvation and resurrection into life eternal. *Christ is Risen! – Indeed Risen!* Fr.Andrii & Family

✠ **COMMUNAL DINNER/СПІЛЬНЕ СВЯЧЕНЕ** On **Thomas Sunday, April 28th** after the Liturgy the parish will hold its Communal Dinner (Спільне Свячене). **Please note, there will be only one Divine Liturgy on that Sunday at 10:00am.**

✠ **KNEELING DURING THE EASTER SEASON** – a reminder that traditionally from Easter Sunday until Pentecost we do not kneel during the Divine Liturgy. As a sign of our redemption and final resurrection, we offer our prayers to God while standing.

✠ **ZAHALNYTSIA – Friday after Pascha (April 26)** is not a fasting day. Let us feast and rejoice

✠ **DONATIONS:** Apr. 1st - \$770, Apr. 14th - \$860. May God reward your richly for your generosity. At the AGM financials showed we are in a deficit position. During the first months of this year Sunday collections are below our average collection. Our obligations to the Eparchy as well as maintenance our Church and property must be met. It is the responsibility of parishioners who have missed their weekly donations make them up so we can maintain being a vibrant and active parish.

✠ **IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.** For two days, **April 22 and April 23** Fr. Andrii will be away (in Prince George). For this reason there will be **no services on Bright Monday and on Bright Tuesday.** In case of emergency please call **Fr. Mykhaylo Ozorovych 604-704-5889.**

✠ **FOR SECURITY** reasons the hall will be locked between Masses. The key can be found in the envelope box near the Church entrance door. For those needing to use the hall or bathroom, Kindly Lock the Hall & return key to location.

✠ **PRAYER REQUEST:** pray for the sick and infirmed of our Parish in your prayers: OLIVE NOSATY, MARY SHEMLEY, MARK QU, STELLA ANDRUSIAK, KATRUSIA & JERRY SWERYDA, ANGELA KILLEN, LINDA CHUCHRYN, ANNA MARKIW, RENE HITCHEN, SOPHIE WATSON, PATRICIA PYLYPOW, DIANNA SOROCHUK and those who have asked us to pray for them.

✠ **BEQUESTS AND WILLS:** Leaving a bequest is a process of giving a donation through your will. It is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. It can be as small or as large a donation as you wish. It is important that you talk to your lawyer about the process. In your kindness please remember the Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Church in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: *"I give, devise, and bequeath to the Holy Cross Ukrainian Catholic Parish – 13753 108 Ave, Surrey, BC., the sum of \$_ (or _% of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the parish and it's pastoral activities."*

✠ **A HUGE "Thank You!"** to all those who made the **Great Fast, Great Week, Easter Bake Sale Pascha, &** so vibrant, prayerful and spiritual!

✠ **CONGRATULATION!** May the Almighty God bless **OLGA GAVRYLKO**, who celebrated her Birthdays, with good health and salvation in Many Happy and Blessed Years of Life. Mnohaya I Blahaya Lita!

✠ **2019 ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT** will take place in Deroche from **April 30 till May 3.** On that week there will be no services in the church.

✠ **Next PARISH COUNCIL** – will take place on **THURSDAY, MAY 9th** at 7:00 p.m.

✠ **GRATITUDES TO OUR PARISHIONERS, GUESTS, VISITORS AND ALL PEOPLE OF THE GOOD WILL** who by their kindness share time, talents and treasures, volunteer and organize coffee-socials, make donations, knowingly and unknowingly for the other people thoughtfully care and help our parish community, parishioners welcoming our guests and visitors, help with preparing and making pyrohy, actively participate at different parish projects and programs, looking after and graciously supporting our Christian, Catholic Church community! May the Almighty God bless and abundantly reward your time, care and generosity! "Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor. Send down Your mercy upon all of us!" *(A Prayer from the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom)*

✠ **MARK YOUR CALENDARS! 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST CATHEDRAL.** Celebratory Banquet will take place on Friday June 21, 2019 at Centennial Lodge in Queens Park in New Westminster. For tickets contact **Maria Loutsik at 604 916 6381.**

✠ **REMINDER FOR FAMILIES OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL.** If you or family member is admitted to hospital and you wish to have a priest visit, please be sure to have someone call the rectory to make this request. Your pastor may have no other way of knowing that you are in hospital, as privacy legislation restricts the information that can be given to him by the hospital.

✠ **VACATION.** Fr. Andrii will be away for his annual vacation **from June 28, 2019 to July 12, 2019.** Fr. Joe Ostopowich will substitute him on **Sunday, June 30th** and Fr. Mykhaylo Ozorovych – **on July 7th.** In case of emergency, please contact **Fr. Mykhaylo at 604-704-5889.**

Please, note there will be **ONLY ONE DIVINE LITURGY** at **09:00 am** on Sundays **JULY 7th.**

BASIC GUIDELINES FOR RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

1. *You are a member of the Catholic Church (Orthodox faithful are welcome to receive Communion);*
2. *You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently;*
3. *You attend Divine Services regularly;*
4. *Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church;*
5. *You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy. (water and medicine does not break the fast).*
6. *You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel.*
7. *To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace.*

If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.



CHANCERY OFFICE
EPARCHY OF NEW WESTMINSTER

PASTORAL LETTER OF THE MOST REVEREND KEN NOWAKOWSKI,
BISHOP OF NEW WESTMINSTER
ON THE OCCASION OF THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD 2019

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ!

Christ is Risen!

We have come to the end of our Lenten journey and completed the Great Fast. During Holy Week we have tried to follow Jesus on his way of the Cross. As we listened to the Passion story maybe we told ourselves that, unlike most of the Apostles, we would have followed Jesus to the very end. In actual fact, but for hindsight we too would have been traumatized by His arrest, trial, torture and crucifixion. We too would have thought about all that we had given up to follow the Lord and now had nothing to go back to. Maybe we would have thought about keeping our heads low in order to avoid arrest and possibly suffer a similar fate. And on Sunday morning would we have had the courage to go to the tomb? Only a handful of his female followers did, because for them it was the right thing to do, no matter what! As there was no time to prepare the body of Jesus for burial before the Sabbath, at first light after the Sabbath they rose and went to the tomb to fulfill the burial duties for Him...

We can only imagine the shock and surprise, the depth of emotion and disbelief at finding the tomb empty, the suspicion and even anger at the thought that someone might have stolen His precious body. But when they were told "He is risen!" their emotion slowly turned into realization, understanding and joy: "Oh, this is what He said would happen!" So, they ran to tell the others to let them know what they saw and heard. And, of course, they encountered skepticism and doubt, even though it was what Jesus had foretold.

We encounter that same skepticism and doubt still today when we speak of our Lord's Resurrection, but we are compelled to share the good news that "Christ is risen!" nonetheless. Faced with doubt, the devout women did not stop bearing witness to the Resurrection. We are called to do the same. Let us, therefore, proclaim it with conviction and determination, and let not only what we say but what we do show that we are truly disciples of the Risen Lord.

Let us rejoice that Christ is Risen from the dead and by His death he has conquered death and to those in the tombs giving life!

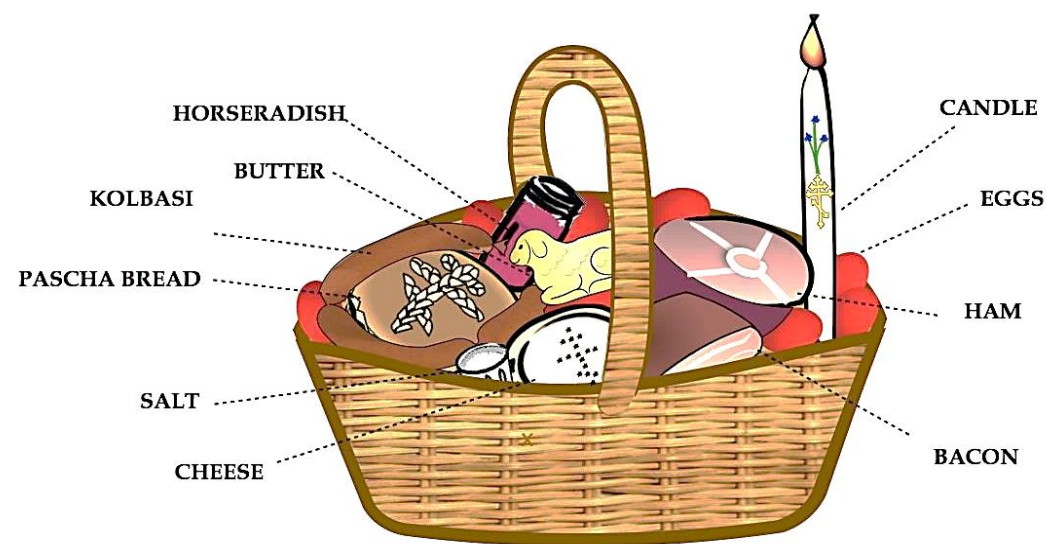
Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

May the blessings of the Risen Lord be with all of you!

+Ken (Nowakowski)

HOW TO PUT TOGETHER A TRADITIONAL EASTER BASKET

"TEXT ADAPTED FROM AN ARTICLE BY FR. BASIL KRAYNYAK, GCU MESSENGER, APRIL, 1979" ILLUSTRATED BY FR. JONATHAN BANNON



PASCHA - The Easter Bread (Pron. Pa-ska.) A sweet yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a cross (+) of dough is placed on top encircled by a plait given it a crowned effect or Greek

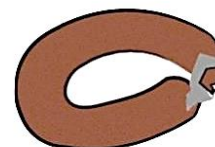
CHEESE - (Rusyn: Hrudka or Sirec) A custard type cheese shaped into a ball having a rather bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things. Also creamed cheese is placed in a small dish and both are decorated with symbols (see Pascha) out of cloves or pepper balls.



HAM - (Rusyn: Šunka - pron. shoon-ka.) The Flesh meat popular with the Slavs as the main dish because of its richness and symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter. Some may prefer Lamb or Veal. This is usually well roasted or cooked as well as other meats so the festivity of the day will not be burdened with preparation and all may enjoy the Feast.



BUTTER - (Rusyn: Maslo pron. ma-slo.) This favorite dairy product is often shaped into a figure of a Lamb or small cross and decorated as the cheese. This reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.



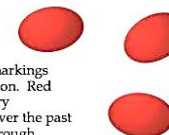
SAUSAGE (Rusyn: Kolbasi-pron. kol-bus-i.) A spicy, garlic sausage of pork products indicative of God's flavor and generosity.

BACON - (Rusyn: Slanina pron. sla-ni-na) A piece of uncooked bacon cured with spices. Symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy to us.



EGGS (Rusyn: Pisanki pron. pi-sun-ki)

Hardboiled eggs brightly decorated with symbols and markings made with beeswax, indicative of new life and resurrection. Red eggs are also traditional date back to a story with St. Mary Magdalene. Having been dyed with onion skins saved over the past year, red shows the color of life and victory that came through Christ's blood.



SALT - (Rusyn: Sol' pron. sol') A condiment necessary for flavor reminding the Christian of his duty to others.



HORSERADISH (Rusyn: Chrin pron. khryn) Horseradish mixed with grated red beets (optional) symbolizes the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection. A bitter-sweet red colored mixture reminds us of the sufferings of Christ.

These articles are placed in a wicker basket. A decorated candle is placed inside and is lit at the time of the blessing. A linen cover usually embroidered with a picture of the Risen Christ or symbol with the words "Christ is Risen" is placed over the food when brought to the Church.

In some places a large Easter Bread (Pascha) is made and brought separately in a large linen cloth. If the origin of the people was from a wine growing area, a sweet wine may be brought



**2019 PASTORAL LETTER
OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA
ON THE OCCASION OF THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

To the Very Reverend Clergy, Monastics and Religious Sisters and Brothers, Seminarians and
Laity of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Canada:

*Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,*

One day during this past month of March, many of us opened the newspaper and saw a disturbing headline: “*City of Montreal to pull Crucifix from Council Chamber!*” The article was distributed by the official agency, *The Canadian Press*, and as such was seen across Canada. The article explained that the city council had decided that after 80 years, it was no longer desirable to have the crucifix hang in the chambers of the city hall. This, the article pointed out, was part of the movement of secularism in the province of Quebec.

This news item was disturbing on its own, but its impact was particularly felt as it came during the time of the Lenten Fast, when Christians around the world were preparing themselves to mark the crucifixion, death, burial and resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Even though most city halls across Canada do not have a crucifix hanging on the wall, and likely never did, there was a certain comfort for Christians to know that in a province that had such a strong Catholic history, the respect and tradition of this important symbol of faith was still found in the heart of city life.

The crucifix, even in its simplest form, speaks eloquently of the great gift of Jesus, the Son of God for all humanity. It relays this message of salvation when it is worn around the neck. It relays this same message of salvation when it stands on the top of a church dome. It speaks not only of suffering and death, but at the same time of resurrection and eternal life.

In our churches we find a special place for the cross of Christ especially on Good Friday, near the symbolic grave that is set up in the heart of the church. The cross stands over the grave of Jesus and reminds us of his great sufferings.

On Easter Sunday morning we again find the empty cross in the heart of the church, as we celebrate the resurrection of Christ. It tells us not only of the triumph of Jesus over suffering and death, but of his glorious rising from the dead. And most importantly it reminds us of the Good News that we too are challenged to suffer and die with Jesus, so that we too will rise to eternal life after our death and burial.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The decision to have a crucifix in public places of our communities may not be a decision that will be up to us to make. However, each of us can make the decision to have a crucifix hang on the walls of our homes.

When people walk into our houses, what kind of homes do they find? What does the interior appearance of our homes say about the people who live there? They may see how well our homes are decorated and arranged, and compliment us on our taste. Or they may see dusty cupboards

and dirty dishes, causing them to think poorly of our personal hygiene. But when people walk into our homes can they tell that they are in the home of a believer in Jesus Christ? Do they feel a sense of religious faith when they enter our homes, by the appearance of a crucifix, or holy icons, or other religious symbols?

As we prepare for these important days of Good Friday, Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday, let us not get caught up only in the decorations associated with these days, that include various figures of the holy cross. Rather, let us make sure we use the holy cross and other religious figures as symbols of our faith in Jesus Christ.

Strengthened by the cross of Jesus and his life-giving resurrection, we send these Paschal greetings to all our faithful in Canada, in Ukraine and throughout the world. We send these Paschal greetings to the sick and the elderly. We send these Paschal greetings to the marginalized and the forgotten. We send these Paschal greetings to those struggling with their faith, those living in doubt and fear. Live in hope, do not be afraid, for Christ is Risen!

Come all you faithful, and let us bow to the holy resurrection of Christ, since through the cross, joy has come to all the world. Ever praising the Lord, let us extol his resurrection, since He, having endured the crucifixion, has destroyed Death by his death! [Paschal Matins]

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

+ Lawrence Huculak, OSBM, Metropolitan Archbishop of Winnipeg

+ David Motiuk, Eparchial Bishop of Edmonton

+ Stephen Chmilar, Eparchial Bishop of Toronto

+ Ken Nowakowski, Eparchial Bishop of New Westminster

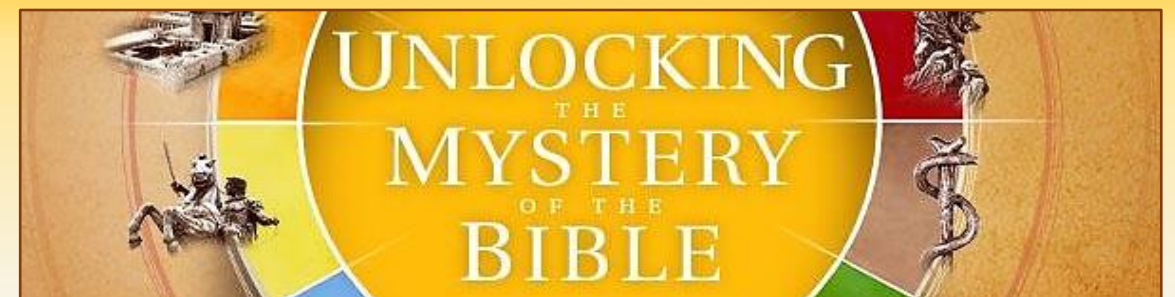
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24/31 March 2019, Third Sunday of Great Lent: The Veneration of the Cross

ALL ARE INVITED TO THE BIBLE STUDY



TUESDAY, MAY 7TH AT 7:00PM (IN THE PARISH HALL)

SCHEDULE FOR THE BRIGHT WEEK

APRIL 24 (BRIGHT WEDNESDAY)

09:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY (Ukr/Eng)

APRIL 25 (BRIGHT THURSDAY)

09:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY (Ukr/Eng)

APRIL 26 (BRIGHT FRIDAY)

09:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY (Ukr/Eng)

APRIL 27 (BRIGHT SATURDAY)

08:30 AM - DIVINE LITURGY (Ukr/Eng)

APRIL 28 (THOMAS SUNDAY)

10:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY (Ukr/Eng),
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