



## CHRIST IS RISEN!

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### "WHAT DOES EASTER MEAN TO YOU?"

Once again the joyous news of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is proclaimed around the world. *"The Lord is risen indeed."* (Luke 24:34). Mankind needs to hear the message of the Resurrection, and you and I need it for our own lives personally.

**What is Easter to you?** Is it a "spring break," Easter Bake Sales, the day to wear a new outfit, Easter eggs, an "egg hunt" for the children, an especially nostalgic church service, blessing of Easter baskets, or a vague tradition celebrating Christ's Resurrection? Let us consider the true meaning of Easter, this Resurrection Reality.

The way things were going, it looked as though Jesus and His ministry were headed for definite defeat. After our Lord had gone to Jerusalem for the final Passover, it suddenly happened — Judas betrayed Jesus, the soldiers arrested Him in the Garden, He was brutally treated like a criminal in a mock trial, and then he was crucified. In a few short hours the disciples of Jesus Christ saw all of their hopes completely shattered.

The followers of Jesus had seen Him do amazing things — even raise the dead. And now he had become the victim of the worst kind of political treachery and religious hypocrisy. We can be very sure that the hours following the crucifixion and burial of Christ were the most disappointing, discouraging and devastating that His followers had ever experienced.

Then something happened. They received word from the women that Jesus was alive. Mary even saw Him. Two men

walking on the road to Emmaus saw Him. Then Jesus appeared to all the disciples at one time. Yes, Jesus was alive. What a difference it made when they saw the Risen Redeemer. Discouragement vanished, and new courage dawned in their hearts. *"The Lord is risen indeed."*

Far too many people who profess to be Christians are living as though Jesus Christ is still dead. A dark cloud of doom hangs over their heads. They look back, and life seems to be a mistake. They look around and life seems to spell defeat. They look ahead and life seems to be filled with misery and uncertainty. This is the way people live when they do not really believe that Jesus Christ is alive. If this is your situation, Beloved Brethren, then be reminded once again of the GOOD NEWS OF EASTER morning — *"The Lord is risen indeed."*

When Jesus died and rose again, He stifled once and for all the greatest problem that mankind faces, the problem of sin. He was our substitute on the Cross where He died for us. And when He rose triumphantly from the tomb, it was proof that God had accepted His sacrifice, and that full and free salvation was now available for all who would trust Him.

The Cross looked like a gigantic defeat, but in reality it was God's greatest victory. To Him, the Cross was a battleground where He met and defeated all the forces of sin and Satan and the world, and He came out of that battle as the Great Conqueror. **Thus the Resurrection means victory.** Men thought that they had won the victory, and for almost three days it seemed that they had, but Easter morning changed everything.

Now you and I share in His victory when we have faith, love and hope in Him, ...

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### Websites:

Ukrainian Orthodox  
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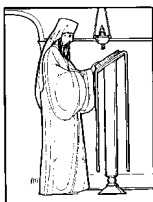
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on the  
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## LITURGICAL SCRIPTURE READINGS

April 2008

Sunday, April 6th

*4th Sunday of Great Fast*  
*St. John of the Ladder*  
Epistle: Heb. 6:13-20;  
Gospel: Mark 9:17-31.

Sunday, April 13th

*5th Sunday of Great Fast*  
*St. Mary of Egypt*  
Epistle: Heb. 9:11-14;  
Gal. 3:23-29;  
Gospel: Mark 10:32-45;  
Luke 7:36-50.

Sunday, April 20th

*Palm Sunday*  
*The Entry of Our Lord*  
*Into Jerusalem*  
Epistle: Phil. 4:1-9;  
Gospel: John 12:1-18.

Sunday, April 27th

*Pascha*  
*The Resurrection of Our Lord &*  
*Saviour Jesus Christ*  
Epistle: Acts 1:1-8;  
Gospel: John 1:1-17.



## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES AT ST. ANDREW'S

Sunday, April 6th

**Bilingual**

Sunday, April 13th

**Bilingual**

Sunday, April 20th

**Bilingual**

Sunday, April 27th

**Bilingual**

Confession @ 9:00 a.m.  
Divine Liturgy commences  
@ 10 a.m.

## WORSHIP SERVICES AT ST. ANDREW'S SELO

Saturday, April 26th

*"Holy Saturday"*

Blessing of Easter Baskets  
@ 6:30 p.m.

Monday, April 27th

*"Bright Monday"*

(Second Day of Easter)  
Easter Brunch

*Fellowship Coffee & Lunch*  
*to follow every*  
*Divine Liturgy.*



## GREAT LENT WORSHIP SERVICES

*"Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts" -*

Wed., April 2nd

- Confession, 8:30 am
- Liturgy, 9:30 am

*"Soul Saturday" - Sat., April 5th*

- Confession, 8:30 am
- Divine Liturgy & Memorial Prayers,  
9:30 am

*"4th Sunday of Great Lent" - April 6th*

- Confession, 9:00 am
- Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am
- Passia @ St. John's Cathedral, 6:00 pm

*"Annunciation of the Ever-Virgin Mary" -*

Mon., April 7th

- Confession, 8:30 am
- Vespers Liturgy, 9:30 am

*"Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete" -*

Wed., April 9th, 6:30 pm

*Vespers & Confession - Sat., April 12th*

- 5:30 pm [Church School Confession &  
Communion Weekend]

*"5th Sunday of Lent" - April 13th*

- Confession, 8:30 a.m.
- Hierarchical Divine Liturgy &  
Ordination, 10:00 am
- Passia @ St. Michael's Church, 6 pm

*"Lazarus Saturday" - April 9th*

- Confession, 8:30 am
- Divine Liturgy, 9:30 am

*"Palm Sunday" - April 20th*

- Confession, 8:30 am
- Divine Liturgy, 10 am (*Blessing of*  
*Pussy Willows to follow*)
- Passia @ St. Andrew's, 6 pm

## LITURGICAL

### Upcoming Memorial Services

April 6th — One Year Memorial for Walter Bayda  
sponsored by Kay and family.

*Ordination of the Order of Priesthood*

**With the blessing of His Eminence  
Metropolitan John, Rev. Deacon Timothy  
Chrapko will be ordained to the Holy Order  
of Priesthood on Sunday, April 13th at St.  
Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church  
(Sobor).**

**9:30 am — Greeting of His Eminence**

## PASSION WEEK

*"Great Wednesday" - April 23rd*

- Holy Unction/Healing Service, 6:30  
pm

*"Great Thursday" - April 24th*

- Confession, 8:30 am
- Vespers Liturgy, 9:30 am
- Matins / Passion Gospels, 6:30 pm

*"Great Friday" - April 25th*

- Vespers / Procession of the Shroud  
(*Plashchanytsia*), 6:30 pm

*"Great Saturday" - April 26th*

- Blessing of Easter Baskets, 6:30 pm  
(@ St. Andrew's Selo for residents &  
families)
- Canon of Great Saturday & Blessing  
of Easter Baskets, 7:30 pm (@ St.  
Andrew's Sobor Parish)

*"Holy Pascha — Radiant Resurrection of  
Christ" - Sunday, April 27th*

- Paschal Matins, 7:00 am
- Paschal Divine Liturgy, 8:00 am  
(*Blessing of Easter Baskets to follow*)

*"Bright Monday" - April 28th*

- Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am (@ Selo)

*"Bright Tuesday - April 29th*

- Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am
- Golden Age Club  
Easter Brunch



**Christ Is Risen!**

**Indeed He Is Risen!**

## IN MEMORIAM!

St. Andrew's Sobor Family Extends their sincerest condolences to:

- ⇒ Bill & Evelyn Lysak and family on the repose of Bill's cousin, Olga Powley;;
- ⇒ Alex & Pauline Lysak and family on the repose of Alex's cousin, Olga Powley;
- ⇒ Alex & Pauline Lysak and family on the repose of Pauline's cousin, Hritz Hryhoriw;
- ⇒ Zenon & Rose Drul and family on the repose of Zenon's aunt, Kay Rozdeba (of Manitoba);
- ⇒ John & Adele Krewusik and family on the repose of Adele's aunt, Anna Kuchmar (of Two Hills);
- ⇒ Mike & Irene Bezruki and family on the repose of Mike's brother, John Bezruki (of Calgary);
- ⇒ Gordon & Liz Haug and family on the repose of Gord's dad, Einar Haug (St. Wallberg, Saskatchewan);
- ⇒ Ollie Sluzar on the repose of her uncle, Fred Hladun;
- ⇒ Walter & Gloria Hladun and family on the repose of Walter's cousin, Fred Hladun.

**ETERNAL BE THEIR MEMORY!**

**WE PRAY THAT THE LORD GOD WILL ESTABLISH THEIR SOUL  
WHERE THE RIGHTEOUS REPOSE**

### Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada Proposed Bylaws

A special parish meeting was held on March 27th to discuss the proposed revised bylaws of the UOCC in preparation for its acceptance at a Special SOBOR of the UOCC to be held in August 2008. All observations, comments or recommended changes of the bylaws must be submitted to our Parish President by Sunday, April 6th.

**ARTOS** - During Easter Week a large round loaf of bread (*prosfora*), representing the Bread of Eternal Life



and called "Artos", is placed under the Icon of Christ. The custom of having this bread in church on Easter dates back to the time of the first Apostles who always left an empty place at the head of the table to honor the memory of Christ. It was their firm belief that He was invisibly present with them. The "Artos" is kept on a special table or stand during Bright Week following Easter Sunday in front of the iconostas. On St. Thomas Sunday, the eighth day after Easter, the "Artos" is blessed by the priest and is then cut up and distributed to the worshippers.

## OUR PARISH BULLETIN BOARD



### NEXT PYROHY SUPPER!

Our next "Pyrohy Suppers" will be held on

**Friday,**  
**April 4th**

from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Bring Family & Friends!  
Dine In or Take Out!

### DONATION ENVELOPES

Should you require more "Offering Envelopes"



contact Gene Luchka (465-1736) or Mark Bartko (469-9921) or fill out the request form in the Church vestibule entrance area.

### SUNDAY FELLOWSHIPS

The Sunday Fellowships are greatly appreciated by the worshipping congregation; therefore we would like to thank those who sponsored or provided these fellowships.

**A most heartfelt thank you to:**

... the months of **March** sponsors:

One Year Memorial Fellowship for Nick Hawreliak — sponsored by the family (March 9th); 40-Day Memorial & Fellowship for Harry Koshman and family — sponsored by the family (March 16th); 25th Anniversary Moleben and Fellowship for Tom

& Christine Haugen — lunch provided by the family (March 23rd); 40-Day Memorial for Charles Labatiuk — sponsored by the family (March 30th).

Those who had made the effort to sponsor or provide a Fellowship Lunch have to be commended.

At the same time we **invite other parish members** to also sponsor an occasional Fellowship.

If you are so inclined, please sign-up on the displayed sheet or contact **Stephanie** (469-1463 or 469-5293). Thank you!

### St. Andrew's Easter Tea & Bake Sale

Additional sales of Pasky & Babky will take place at St. Andrew's Cultural Center on April 6th & April 13th (during Fellowship).



### Special Church Sobor of the UOCC

August 20th - 24th, Saskatoon, SK

**Mark your calendar!!!**





### GREETERS' ROSTER

Listed below is a roster of those who have confirmed "Greeters/Hosts/Ushers" for this month:

April 6th - Ollie Sluzar & Sharyn Johnstone

April 13th -

Bob & Carol Stanicky

April 20th -

Wallace & Marie

Mailman (morning);

William & Mary

Dymaniw (6 pm Passia)

April 27th - HOLY PASCHA

Dobr. Marusia &

Walter Yadowski

May 4th - Steve &

Emilie Gorgichuk

**Many thanks** to those of you who have already volunteered for this ministry.

If you are interested in acting as a 'Greeter', please contact Pauline Lysak (434-4826).

## MORE PARISH BULLETIN BOARD!



### ORTHODOX

#### MEN'S RETREAT OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

The 5th Annual Retreat will be held April 11-13, 2008 at the Sanctum Retreat Centre in Caroline, Alberta. For more information contact Glen Tracey c/o St. Vladimir's Ukrainian Orthodox Congregation in Calgary (403-934-4688).

### CHURCH CLEANING

If you are able to assist with the Pre - Easter Church Cleaning, please contact Vera Tkachyk at 634-5803 or Stephanie McNee at 469-1463 (Church Office) or 469-5293 (Res). The cleaning bee is scheduled for Tuesday, **April 8th** beginning at 9:00 a.m.



### WITH SINCERE THANKS

Thank you to our friends and relatives who sent sympathy cards, phoned us, brought food and flowers to our home as well as baking to the Church for Charles' funeral. Also, thank you to everyone who donated to St. Andrew's Church, Pruth Church or the Alpine Club of Canada in memory of our son, Charles.

-Bill & Natalia Labatiuk

### HOLODOMOR WRITING COMPETITION

Students ages 14 - 19 are invited to write about the Ukrainian famine-genocide of 1932-33 to promote education and awareness. Submissions may be in Ukrainian or in English with monetary prizes awarded. Students may write in any of the following categories: historical short fiction, research essay, poetry, biography/interview of a survivor, newspaper article or editorial. The deadline for submissions is May 30th.

For more information contact Lydia Migus (Ukrainian Canadian Congress — Alberta Provincial Council) at (780) 414-1624. Visit the website for more information or links:

[www.uccab.ca](http://www.uccab.ca)

**Miracles** ... are signs or wonders, a revelation of Jesus Christ's divine love and power. Jesus did not perform miracles in order to amaze the crowds or to prove that He was God. Rather, His miracles reveal God's love and compassion. Jesus' miracles manifest His desire to reunite man with God.

### **"What Does Easter Mean To You?"** — Continued from p. 1

... and when we surrender in obedience to Him. When the first disciples discovered that Christ was alive, it transformed them into courageous servants who joyously began proclaiming the "Good News".

The Resurrection is more than past history, it is a present reality and a present victory for all who believe in the Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ. Now, if the Resurrection means victory for the believers, what does it mean for unbelievers? It means confusion and defeat. The Resurrection of Christ still leaves the unbelieving world in a state of confusion and condemnation. Confused, because they do not know how to explain it, condemned, because they will not believe it.

We who love the Lord Jesus have experienced His Resurrection power in our lives, and we have seen Him change the lives of others. And so, year after year, the unbelieving world celebrates a "religious" holiday in the same empty fashion. But for those of us who know Christ, and know from experience that HE IS ALIVE, Easter is an exciting time of reality. The Lord Jesus Christ is alive. He lives within us (*Galatians 2:20*).

Thank God for the Resurrection Day, the first day of the week, and for the dynamic proclamation, "*He is not here; for He is risen, as He said.*" (Matthew 28:6). Thank God also for the demonstration of the Divine power of our living, loving Lord God in the lives of those who put their trust in Him. Can you honestly say that the Resurrection Reality has brought spiritual victory to your life?

**What does Easter mean to you?** *Have you experienced a "transfiguration" of self during this Great Lent pilgrimage through prayer, fasting, alms-giving, and Scripture readings? Have you confessed your sins and received the Holy Eucharist (Communion)? Are you worthy of participation in the joyous celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection?*

**WHAT DOES EASTER MEAN TO YOU?**



## CHURCH SCHOOLS NEWS

*Glory to Jesus Christ!*

Our schedule for the month of April:

- Classes will be held every Sunday (10 - 11 am) with the exception of Easter Sunday (April 27th) when no classes will be held

**April 12th - Paska & Pysanka Workshop**-1:30 pm  
(Supper will be served)

- Vespers/Confession - 5:30 pm (Church School students along with their parents are encouraged to attend confession).

**April 13th - Church School Confession & Communion / Godparents' Day**

- Confession from 8:30 am
- Greeting of His Eminence Metropolitan John
- Hierarchical Divine Liturgy & Ordination of Rev. Deacon Timothy Chrapko, 10 am
- Parish Brunch 12 noon (Recognition of "First Confession" Students)

Parents! Since this is our bi-annual "Confession & Communion Weekend" for Church School students and their parents, we ask that you be diligent in coming to Confession and partaking in Communion. Likewise, on Sunday, April 13th we will witness the Ordination of Rev. Deacon Timothy Chrapko to the Order of Priesthood; therefore, we would greatly appreciate it if the children would be at Church by 9:00 am to greet His Eminence. We thank you for your support and cooperation.

Yours in Christ,

-*Olga Alexandruk*  
Director

-*Marusia Lakusta*  
Assistant Director



*"Celebrating Our Youth"*

On Sunday, March 2nd we celebrated our Church School Youth whereby the students who served in the capacity of Acolytes (Altar Boys) and Myrrh-bearers were recognized and were awarded with a 'service pin'. The event was a joyous occasion and greatly appreciated. A special thanks to all the students for their service and the to the parents for enrolling the children in the Church School Program.

Rev. Deacon Timothy Chrapko was our guest speaker to whom we also express our sincerest thanks.

*"Sunday of Orthodoxy"*

Our Church School students also celebrated the "Triumph of Orthodoxy" on Sunday, March 16th with a procession of icons and proclaiming the Declaration and Symbol of Faith.

## MORE PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ...

### HOLYROOD SCHOOL UKRAINIAN BILINGUAL STUDENTS

#### BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS @ ST. ANDREW'S

Traditionally, the Ukrainian Bilingual students bless Easter Baskets and share the blessed food with their parents. Thus the students from Holyrood School will bless their Easter Baskets at St. Andrew's Sobor on Tuesday, April 29th at approximately 11 a.m.



That morning, being **Bright Tuesday**, a Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. and will be followed by the blessing of the Easter Baskets in the "Tillie Kurysh Hall". At the same time "Easter" food will be blessed for the Golden Age Club members who will share their blessed food with the students from Holyrood School, their parents and teachers.

We invite all Golden Age Club members to attend the morning Divine Liturgy and to share in the Easter Brunch thereafter!

### Pochaiv Safe House update



The property in Ukraine for the **Klenovi Lyst** Safe House facility has been secured! Without your donations this would not have been possible.

**To date we have collected \$25,581.00** (including \$5,910.00 from out-of-province donations).

**The Wild Rose Foundation grant application be submitted soon to the International Development Program!**

*For more information contact Pauline Lysak (434-4826).*

### Extraordinary Sobor of the UOCC

A Special Sobor of the UOCC will be held on August 22nd - 24th in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. This Extraordinary Sobor will address three issues:

1. Election of a Bishop for our Church
2. Discuss the proposed revised bylaws of the UOCC, and
3. Celebrate the 90th Anniversary of the UOCC.

We are now accepting applications for delegates who wish to represent our Sobor Parish at the "**Extraordinary Sobor**". Submit your name to our Parish President or sign-up at the Church Entrance on the sign-up sheet. As per policy, 80% of your expenses will be covered by the Parish.

# APRIL 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9 am - Golden Age Club Mtg.	2 9:30 am - Liturgy of <i>Pre-Sanctified Gifts</i> 7 pm - Bible Study & last Ukr. Adult Lang. class	3 7:30 pm - Choir Practice	4 5 - 8 p.m. — Pyrohy Supper 6:15 pm - Ukr. Dance Classes	5 <i>Soul Saturday</i> 8:30 am - Confession 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy & Memorial Prayers
6 <i>St. John of the Ladder</i> 6 pm - Passia @ St. John's Cathedral	7 <i>Annunciation of Our Holy &amp; Most Ever-Virgin Mary</i> 9:30 am - Vesperal Liturgy	8 9 am - Golden Age Club Mtg. 7 pm - Bible Study	9 6:30 pm - <i>Canon of St. Andrew of Crete</i>	10 7:30 pm - Choir Practice	11 6:15 pm - Ukr. Dance Classes	12 1:30 pm - Paska & Pysanky Workshop 5 pm - Vespers & Confession
13 <i>St. Mary of Egypt</i> First Confession & Brunch/Godparents' Day; 6 pm - Passia @ St. Michael's Church	14 7 pm - Parish Board Mtg.	15 9 am - Golden Age Club Mtg.	16	17 7:30 pm - Choir Practice	18 6:15 pm - Ukr. Dance Classes	19 <i>Lazarus Saturday</i> 8:30 am - Confession 9:30 am - Divine Liturgy
20 <i>Entry of Our Lord Into Jerusalem - Palm Sunday</i> (Blessing of pussy willows) 6 p.m. Passia at St. Andrew's	21 7 pm - Mtgs. Of Ladies Aux. & Men's Club	22 9 am - Golden Age Club Mtg.	23 6:30 pm - <i>Holy Unction Healing Service</i>	24 <i>Holy Thursday</i> 9:30 am - Vesperal Liturgy 6:30 pm - Matins/ Passion Gospels	25 <i>Holy Friday</i> 6:30 pm - Vespers / Shroud 'Plashchanytsia'	26 <i>Holy Saturday</i> Blessing of Easter Baskets (6:30 pm at Selo; 7:30 pm at St. Andrew's)
27 <i>Holy Pascha</i> 7 am - Paschal Matins; 8 am - Paschal Liturgy	28 <i>Bright Monday</i> 10 am - Divine Liturgy @ Selo	29 <i>Bright Tuesday</i> 9 am - Divine Liturgy & Golden Age Club Easter Brunch	30	<p><u>Sunday Fellowship Roster:</u>                      April 6th ... One Year Memorial for Walter Bayda;                      April 13th ... Church School Brunch    April 20th ...                      April 27th ... Easter Sunday  <b>PLEASE SIGN UP IN THE CHURCH ATRIUM TO SPONSOR A FELLOWSHIP LUNCH</b></p>		

Confession... 9:00 - 9:45 a.m.    Divine Liturgy...10:00 a.m.

Reading of Hours (Youth Sunday)... 9:30: a.m.

Following every Sunday Divine Liturgy, "Fellowship Coffee & Lunch" is served!



**FROM OUR PARISH PRESIDENT**

No report was available for this month's issue.

**Easter's Worship Service**

There is not a brighter and more joyful service of worship than Orthodox Easter. The service begins with a procession around the church with lighted candles in hand and singing: *"The angels in Heaven, O Christ our Savior, sing of Thy Resurrection: enable us on earth with pure hearts to also glorify Thee."* This procession resembles that of the women who brought the myrrh to the Savior's tomb early in the morning to embalm His most pure Body. Having circled the church, the procession comes to a stop before the closed main doors, and here the senior priest begins Matins (an early morning church service) with the exclamation: *"Hail, Holy and consubstantial and life-creating and indivisible Trinity."* Then all the priests and deacons, like the angel who announced Christ's resurrection, sing thrice: *"Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and on those in the graves bestowing life."* Their singing is responded to by a chorus. The senior priest proclaims the prophetic verses of the psalm "Let God arise and His enemies disperse." The choir completes every verse with the troparion: "Christ is risen." The deacon repeats the beginning of the troparion *"Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,"* and the choir ends it: *"And on those in the graves bestowing life."*

At this time the main door of the temple is opened, everyone enters the church, and the deacon proclaims the great Litany. (short petitions with the singing of "Lord, have mercy" This is followed by a triumphal chanting of the Easter canon "The Resurrection Day" composed by Saint John of Damascus. During the singing of the canon, the priests and deacons cense the entire church and greet the congregation with the words: **"Christ is risen!"** To which all respond: **"Truly, He is risen!"**

At the end of Matins, the inspiring sermon of Saint John Chrysostom is read which begins with the words "Whoever is devout ..." Hours are not read but are replaced by the chanting of Paschal hymns. The Liturgy begins right after Matins. Instead of the usual psalms, special antiphons (short prayers with verses) are sung; instead of the Trisagion is sung "As many as have been baptized in Christ." The gospel is read about the everlasting birth of the Son of God from God the Father and the Divinity of Jesus Christ, God the Word (John. 1:1-17), which He has proved through His glorious resurrection. When several priests are present at the service, the Gospel is read in several languages. This reminds us that after Christ's resurrection the Apostles preached to different nations in their native languages.

Instead of the usual song glorifying the Virgin Mary, the following two prayers are sung:

"The Angel proclaimed to the Blessed One: Pure maid, rejoice! And again I say: Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day after death and resurrected the dead. People be merry!"

"Be glorified, be glorified, New Jerusalem (Church of Christ), for over you shineth the glory of God. Triumph and rejoice, Zion (Church of Christ)! And you, Pure one, rejoice in the resurrection of the One you bore."

Behind the ambon the *arthos* (holy bread) is consecrated. This is a special bread with an icon depicting Christ's resurrection. At a following service the *arthos* is broken into pieces and given to the believers to remind them of the resurrected Christ who appeared to the disciples Luke and Cleophas, on their way to Emmaus, and was recognized by them after His breaking of the bread. On the first day of Holy Easter there are consecrated eggs, cheese and butter, and sweet loaves with which believers break their fasting.

During the Easter days all believers greet each other with a brotherly kiss and the words "Christ is risen!" and exchange their colored eggs, which symbolize the resurrection. Throughout the whole Easter week the holy gates stay open as a sign that the resurrection of Christ has opened for everybody the entrance into heaven. Beginning with the first day of Holy Easter up until the Vespers of the Holy Trinity celebration (for 50 days) one should not make a full prostration.

**PROVODY** "Sunday Graveside Services": *Private bookings can be arranged for alternate times or alternate cemeteries by contacting Fr. Victor @ 440-4822, 438-1890 or 974-8636.*

**May 4th** - Edmonton Cemetery, 3 pm  
**May 11th** - Beechmount Cemetery, 2pm  
**May 18th** - St. Michael's Cemetery, 2 pm  
**May 25th** - Evergreen Cemetery, 2 pm  
**June 1st** - St. Stephen Cemetery, 2 pm

**New Orthodox Study Bibles!**

The new Bibles have arrived and are available for purchase in the Church Office!

The cost is \$60.00.

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### Next "Outreach" Issue - April 27th

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Thursday: Pastoral Visitation Day  
Friday: 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

## PASTORAL REFLECTIONS!

### Christ Is Risen!

The day of the Lord's Holy Pascha is a day of special rejoicing and festivity. There is no brighter or more joyous feast for Orthodox Christians than the day of CHRIST'S BRIGHT RESURRECTION.

With what expectations all look forward to it, with what trembling all prepare for it, and with what satisfaction and joy all greet each other when it comes! At the words, "Christ Is Risen" we, ourselves seem to resurrect, our souls come to life, our hearts are exalted. Truly this is the *"Feast of feasts and Triumph of triumphs"*. The Lord's Pascha reigns over all feasts.

The Holy Orthodox Church celebrates the Resurrection of Christ with an all-embracing fullness and with great spiritual joy and calls to this celebration, to spiritual rejoicing, the whole world, the whole of being, all of life.

The Church calls out: *"This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."* And again: *"Let the heavens rejoice in a*

*worthy manner and let the earth be glad, and let the whole world, visible and invisible, keep festival. For Christ our eternal joy is risen!"*

*"Now all things are filled with light: heaven and earth, and the nether regions. So let all creation then celebrate the Resurrection of Christ, by which it is strengthened."*

In the teaching of the Holy Church, the Resurrection of Christ does not touch merely some separate areas of our life, not merely a limited group of people — but it embraces the whole of life, all creation, all that exists.

But for sinners to behold the mystery of the Resurrection, for us to feel the joy of the Holy Pascha, we must cleanse the senses of our soul which are filthy with our sins and iniquities. Therefore the Holy Church, on the bright day of Holy Pascha, appeals to us, her children, and cries out: *"Let us purify our senses, and we shall behold Christ, radiant with the unapproachable light of the Resurrection, and shall hear Him saying clearly, REJOICE! As we sing the hymn of victory."*

*"It is the day of Resurrection, so let us be radiant for the festival, and let us embrace one another. Let us speak, brothers and sisters, also to those who hate us, and in the Resurrection let us forgive everything, and so let us cry: CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD, TRAMPLING ON DEATH BY DEATH, AND ON THOSE IN THE TOMBS BESTOWING LIFE."*

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With great joy we greet you on the occasion of Christ's Resurrection with these moving words: "Christ Is Risen" in which is revealed the secret of our salvation. We wish you all blessed Resurrection greetings and a