



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE DORMITION

OF THE MOST HOLY MOTHER OF GOD
Парафія Успіння Пресв. Богородиці

Our Mission is to joyfully
bring all people into the
knowledge, love and
service of the Holy Trinity,
Who dwells amongst us.

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Services:

Sunday Divine Liturgy
(Ukr & Eng) at 10 am

Festal Liturgies:

Most Major Feasts at 6 or 7 pm,
*see the calendar section of this
bulletin for details on upcoming
feasts.*

Parish Website:

<http://dormition.eeparchy.com>

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Sunday, April 9, 2023

Pascha

Christ is Risen! Христос воскрес!





You are invited to Dormition Parish's Easter Breakfast

April 16th, 2023

After the 10 am Divine Liturgy.

**Tickets are \$15 for adults
Youth ages 7-17 are only \$5 each
Children 6 and under are free.**

Come and let's celebrate the Lord's Resurrection together!

Dormition UCWLC requests volunteers to help with the Parish Blessed Easter Breakfast, Sunday, April 16, 2023. We have invited the Ukrainian Newcomers who are cooking in Dormition's kitchen to be our guests. Join us on this special occasion to celebrate our church community and to show the Ukrainian Newcomers our compassion and support.

Please volunteer for:

- Saturday, April 15, Hall setup - Contact Greg Ostopowich
- Sunday, April 16, Meal Servers - Contact Virginia Sharek, Diane Woitas, or Helen Sirman
- Sunday, April 16, Clean up crew - Contact Virginia Sharek, Diane Woitas, or Helen Sirman
- Sunday, April 16, Dishwashers - Contact Virginia Sharek, Diane Woitas, or Helen Sirman

Purchase or reserve your tickets today!

or no later than Easter Sunday, April 9th.

Contact - Darlene Puto

2023 PASTORAL LETTER OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF CANADA ON THE OCCASION OF THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

To the Reverend Fathers, Religious Sisters, Venerable Monastics, Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Christ is Risen!

Dearly Beloved in Christ!

Following the ancient tradition, our Church invited us to more intense prayer, penance and charity during the forty days of the Great Fast. This was not a forced imposition to make us sad or irritable. Rather, it was an invitation to transformation. It was a challenge to change our hearts, purify our souls and improve ourselves in order that we would be truly worthy to meet and enjoy the glorious Feast of our Lord's Holy Resurrection.

Just prior to that first glorious Easter morning, there was betrayal, loneliness, suffering, passion and death. Faith was displaced by fear and sadness in the apostles and disciples of Christ. Their hope was buried in the tomb. The seemingly last act of love was the weeping women going to the tomb to anoint the body of Jesus.

Let us recall the event at Emmaus. Two disheartened disciples, Cleopas and Luke, talk sadly along the way about Jesus' passion and death. Unknown to them, our Lord joins them on the road and explains all those things that had to happen. Later, at the "breaking of bread", the two disciples recognized the Risen Jesus, and as the Gospel tells us, "They said to one another, 'Were not our hearts burning inside us as He talked to us on the road and explained the Scriptures to us?'" They rush back to meet the other disciples and are greeted with the joyous news, "It is true. The Lord is risen." (Lk. 24: 32 & 34)

During this whole period of Great Fast preparation, our Church led us gradually to these astonishing Gospel passages announcing the Resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. And every time we hear this "good news" our hearts should burn inside us as we marvel at all these things that were done for our salvation. We cannot remain silent. We cannot just whisper it. We have to shout it out! Not just you and I, but everyone, the whole Church: Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!

The Resurrection of Christ is the greatest proof of God's love for us. Just like the disciples, we too realize that there is no Resurrection without suffering and the cross. Jesus wanted to suffer, die and rise from the dead for our sakes. Christ's victory over death is also our victory because we have been baptized into His death and shall rise with Him in glory. We live according to Christ's Gospel anticipating His blessings and eternal life.

"Were not our hearts burning inside... It is true. Our Lord is risen!" (Luke 24:32&34)

The Resurrection of Christ validates everything He taught and did during His early mission. Faith in the Resurrection leads to life. Our faith in Easter goes beyond the tomb. Yes, we kiss the burial shroud with tears in our eyes. These tears of sadness are transformed into tears of gladness because of our faith in the Risen Christ. Our Lord lives.

We do not just read about the Resurrection once a year or celebrate Easter merely as a historical event. In times of uncertainty, confusion, helplessness and need of protection, we rush to the empty tomb and witness the love that conquered death. This faith has meaning for us today and every day of our lives. Christ's Resurrection is reflected in our lives every time we choose life over death; when we prefer light to darkness; when we choose a life of grace rather than a life of sin; when we put love where there is hatred and indifference and when we choose peace over discord and war.

Particularly today we need to demonstrate this faith to everyone - together, in churches, at our Easter meals, and say, "It is true, Christ is risen!" Just like the two disciples at Emmaus, Mary Magdalene and the myrrh-bearing women, Peter and John and the unbelieving Thomas, we proclaim: "Are not our hearts burning inside us ... It is true! Our Lord is risen!" (Lk. 24: 32 & 34).

There is no doubt that Christ's resurrection constitutes the greatest and most important feast in our Church's calendar. It is the Feast of Feasts, the Holy Day of Holy Days. However, it is possible that not everyone in our congregations will be able to go to their parish church or be home for Easter because they were destroyed or had to flee from it because of the war. Not everyone may be able to share with their loved ones the traditional Easter dinner and the joy of Easter. If you know someone who has no family or relatives close by, please invite them to come to church for Easter worship and then to your home for a meal of paska and other blessed foods. No one should be home alone this Easter! The ongoing war is not an excuse for self-isolation, self-pity and fear. We are people who believe in the Resurrection of Christ, a people of hope and light even in times of darkness. Faith gives strength, perseverance and endurance. Christ has conquered our greatest enemy - death, and we prevail over the powers of evil, all visible and invisible enemies with His help.

On this joyous, solemn and glorious Feast of Easter, we want to assure you of our prayers for great joy, abundant grace, good health and success in your daily...

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...struggles for the good of our families, beloved nations of Canada and Ukraine, and Christ's Church. Let us be grateful for Almighty God's great love for us and all His generous gifts.

May the abundant blessings of the Risen Christ and His promise of peace and eternal life be yours today and always!

+Lawrence Huculak, OSBM Metropolitan Archbishop of Winnipeg, Apostolic Administrator of Saskatoon

+David Motiuk Eparchial Bishop of Edmonton
Apostolic Administrator of New Westminster

+Bryan Bayda, CSsR Eparchial Bishop of Toronto

+Andriy Rabyi Auxiliary Bishop of Winnipeg

Camps: Full of Faith, Friends and Fun... and fantastic food,

Our children and young people are among the most important people in the Church. It is through them that we learn a lot about God's ways.

Let's encourage our young people to become active leaders, with a faith centred world view.

Please consider sending your family's young people to be part of camp, either by attending as a camper, or by volunteering.

MINI CAMP BEFORE CAMP!!



APRIL 21, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Only 2 ½ months until camp starts, and we can't wait!

So... we said, "Let's do a MINI CAMP before CAMP!"

If you are thinking about going to camp this summer and want to experience what it may be like or if you are a seasoned camper and want to hang out with friends and have fun, just like you do at camp, then come out for an evening of food, games and activities!

We will meet at St. Nicholas church (9507 Austin O'Brien Rd) and will be outside for most of the evening. Dress for the weather! If the weather is really terrible, we will go inside the parish hall.

There is no charge and all children ages 7 - 14 are welcome, but we need you to email us at familyandlife@seeparchy.com or call us at 780-424-5496 by April 18 to let us know you are coming. See you then!

Watch the Edmonton Eparchy Website, the Camp Orelia and Camp St. Basil's Facebook pages for more info.



St. Matthew's Catholic School

The Iconography project at St. Matthew's School is now complete. There are about 2500 handprints from all the students and staff on the background of this icon which now stands behind the altar of the school chapel.

Thank you to all those who participated and prayed for us as we focused on the Image of our Lord.

We Are People of the Eucharist

Towards a renewed love for Holy Communion

Reflections on the Eucharist

by Bishop David Motiuk, Eparchy of Edmonton

April 2023

The Washing of the Disciples' Feet

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who died upon the cross for our sins, so that we might have eternal life.

Yet, we could not celebrate Easter without our Lord having first endured his passion. The Resurrection only finds meaning in Holy Thursday and the Institution of the Divine Eucharist and the Washing of the Disciples' Feet; in Good Friday and the passion and crucifixion of Jesus; and in Holy Saturday and the Descent of Christ into Hades.

While Good Friday's service of the Laying Out of the Plaschanytsia – that rectangular piece of cloth on which is painted the body of Christ laid out for burial – is much known and loved by the faithful, the events of Holy Thursday are less known and revered, yet they are of profound spiritual importance. Let us take a moment to reflect upon their meaning and significance in light of the Resurrection.

Earlier we spoke about the Institution of the Divine Eucharist, where Jesus offers us his body and blood as Divine Food for the journey home to the Garden of Eden, to Paradise, to the Heavenly Kingdom.

Yet it is not simply enough to receive Jesus' body and blood. When Jesus instituted the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, he also assumed the role of a servant and washed the feet of his disciples. The Eucharist and the Washing of the Disciple's feet are one and the same movement. We cannot separate one from the other. We eat so that we may serve.

The Gospel of John records the washing of the disciples' feet in this fashion:

"And during supper Jesus... got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him.

"After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, 'Do you know what I have done to you? You call me Teacher and Lord – and you are right, for that is what I am. So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

"For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you" (John 13: 3-5; 12-16).

In many parts of the world, the custom of foot washing was a common practice of hospitality, especially where sandals were

worn. A host would typically greet his guests, then provide water for them to wash their feet or have a servant do so. This practice was intended to honour the person by washing their feet as a sign of humility.

In Jesus' time, we see this same hospitality being extended to him by Mary of Bethany who anoints his feet, perhaps in gratitude for having raised her brother Lazarus from the dead, but also in preparation for Jesus death and burial (see John 12: 1-8).

Elsewhere, Jesus chastises a Pharisee for his lack of hospitality when he fails to provide water for him to wash his feet. Jesus says to Simon:

"Do you see this [sinful] woman? I came into your house. You did not give me any water for my feet, but she wet my feet with her tears and wiped them with her hair... Therefore, I tell you, her sins, which were many, have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love" (Luke 7: 44, 47).

At the Last Supper, Jesus gives his disciples the model of humility. As we read in Matins from Great and Holy Thursday, "He who wraps the heavens with the clouds, now clothes himself with a linen cloth; he who holds the breath of every creature in his hands, now bends his knee to wash the feet of his servants.

"United by the bond of love, the apostles let their feet be washed by Christ, the Lord of the universe; and thus they became the brilliant messengers, proclaiming to the world the Gospel of peace" (Matins, Ode 5, Great and Holy Thursday).

Homework. I invite you to reflect upon the Last Supper and the Washing of the Disciple's Feet and to see them as one unifying moment, not two distinct actions. We partake of Jesus' body and blood so that, in humility, we might serve the needs of others. We eat so that we may serve.

After your reflection, share your thoughts with your family, friends, and fellow Knights.

We are people of the Eucharist.



Dormition Parish Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
9 Pascha: The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord God and Saviour, Jesus Christ Pascha Acts 1:1-8; John 1:1-17. 9 am Resurrection Matins, followed by the Resurrectional Divine Liturgy, followed by the Blessing of Easter Baskets	10 Bright Monday Bright Week. No fasting or abstinence from foods. Acts 1:12-17; 21-26; John 1:18-28. 5:30 pm Appointment Fr. Bo will be taking this day off.	11 Bright Tuesday Bright Week. No fasting or abstinence from foods. Acts 2:14-21; Luke 24:12-35. 11 am Appointment	12 Bright Wednesday Bright Week. No fasting or abstinence from foods. Acts 2:22-36; John 1:35-51. 10 am Spiritual Direction 3:30 Camp Oselia Program Meeting	13 Bright Thursday Bright Week. No fasting or abstinence from foods. Acts 2:38-43; John 3:1-15. 5:30 pm Appointment	14 Bright Friday Bright Week. No fasting or abstinence from foods. Acts 3:1-8; John 2:12-22.	15 Bright Saturday Bright Week. No fasting or abstinence from foods. Acts 3:11-16; John 3:22-33.
						
16 Second Sunday after Pascha. Thomas Sunday; The Holy Virgins and Martyrs Agapia, Irene and Chionia (284-305) Acts 5:12-20; John 20:19-31. 10 am Divine Liturgy followed by Our Parish's Easter Breakfast 	17 Our Venerable Father Simeon of Persia (341); the Venerable Acacius, Bishop of Melitene (431-50) Acts 3:19-26; John 2:1-11. National Association of Vocations and Formations Director's Conference 5:30 pm Appointment	18 Our Venerable Father John, Disciple of Gregory the Decapollitan (c. 842) Acts 4:1-10; John 3:16-21. National Association of Vocations and Formations Director's Conference 11 am Appointment	19 Our Venerable Father John the Ancient Hermit (c. 800) Acts 4:13-22; John 5:17-24. National Association of Vocations and Formations Director's Conference Meeting with D. from the Eparchy of Saskatoon.	20 Our Venerable Father Theodore Trichinas; Holy Anastasius of Mt. Sinai (686) Acts 4:23-31; John 5:24-30. 5:30 pm Appointment	21  The Holy Priest-Martyr Januarius and Those with Him (305-11); the Holy Martyr Theodore of Perga (138-61) Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Acts 5:1-11; John 5:30-6:2. 6 pm Campers Connect	22 Our Venerable Father Theodore of Syceum (613) Acts 5:21-33; John 6:14-27.
23 Third Sunday after Pascha. Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women; The Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr, Victory-bearer and Wonderworker George Acts 6:1-7; Acts 12:1-11; Mark 15:43-16:8; John 15:17-16:2.	24 The Holy Martyr Sabbas Stratelates (?the General?) (364-78) Acts 6:8-7:5, 47-60; John 4:46-54. 5:30 pm Appointment	25 The Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark (54-68) Polyeleos Feast. Acts 8:5-17; 1 Peter 5:6-14; John 6:27-33; Mark 6:7-13. 11 am Appointment 1:30 am Appointment	26 The Holy Priest-Martyr Basil, Bishop of Amasia (c. 322) Acts 8:18-25; John 6:35-39. 6:30 PPC Meeting	27 The Holy Priest-Martyr Simeon, Relative of the Lord; Our Venerable Father Stephen, Bishop of Volodymyr in Volhynia (1094) Acts 8:26-39; John 6:40-44. 5:30 pm Appointment	28  The Holy Apostles Jason and Sosipater; the Holy Martyrs Dadas, Maximus and Quintilianus (286-305); Our Father among the Saints Cyril of Turau (1183) Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Acts 8:40-9:19; John 6:48-54.	29 The Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzicus (313-24); the Venerable Memnon the Wonderworker Acts 9:20-31; John 15:17-16:2.
30 Fourth Sunday after Pascha - Sunday of the Paralytic; The Holy Apostle James, Brother of Saint John the Theologian (c. 44) Polyeleos Feast. Acts 9:32-42; Acts 12:1-11; John 5:1-15; Luke 5:1-11.	1 The Holy Prophet Jeremiah (625-585 BC); Coronation of Pochaiv Icon of the Mother of God (1773); Passing into Eternal Life (1951) of Blessed Klymentii (Clement) Sheptytsky, Archimandrite of the Studites and Confessor Acts 10:1-16; John 6:56-69. 5:30 pm Appointment	2 Our Father Among the Saints Athanasius the Great (373) Acts 10:21-33; John 7:1-13. 11 am Appointment	3 Mid-Pentecost; The Repose of our Venerable Father Theodosius, Hegumen of the Monastery of the Caves at Kyiv and Organizer of the Cenoebitic (Common) Life in Rus? (1074) and the Holy Martyrs Timothy and Maura (286-305) Polyeleos Feast. Acts 14:6-18; Hebrews 13:7-16; John 7:14-30; Matthew 11:27-30.	4 The Holy Martyr Pelagia Acts 10:34-43; John 8:12-20. 5:30 pm Appointment	5  The Holy and Glorious Martyr Irene (321-23); Our Venerable Father Nicephoras, Hegumen of the Monastery at Medicius Abstinence from meat and foods that contain meat. Acts 10:44-11:10; John 8:21-30.	6 The Holy, Just and Long-suffering Job Acts 12:1-11; John 8:31-42. Coronation of King Charles III 11 am Appointment ? Appointment

Kids: Colour this page of Jesus pulling the dead Adam and Eve back to life!

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