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### **Sunday, April 23, 2023**

Third Sunday after Pascha. Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women; The Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr, Victory-bearer and Wonderworker George



#### Greatmartyr, Victorybearer, and Wonderworker George

The Holy Great Martyr George the Victory-Bearer, was a native of Cappadocia (a district in Asia Minor), and he grew up in a deeply believing Christian family. His father was martyred for Christ when George was still a child. His mother, owning lands in Palestine, moved there with her son and raised him in strict piety.

When he became a man, Saint George entered into the service of the Roman army. He was handsome, brave and valiant in battle, and he came to...



His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk is a true inspiration to millions around the world. He is a man of great faith, courage, and vision who has dedicated his life to serving others and promoting the message of love, compassion, and peace. In this blog post, we will take a closer look at who he is, his background, and his incredible contributions to the world.

Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk was born on May 5, 1970, in Stryi, a small town in western Ukraine. He grew up in a Ukrainian Greek-Catholic family and was ordained a priest in 1994 after studying philosophy and theology at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv. In 1999, he received a doctorate in theology... continued on page 4

... the notice of the emperor Diocletian (284-305) and joined the imperial guard with the rank of comites, or military commander.

The pagan emperor, who did much for the restoration of Roman might, was clearly concerned with the danger presented to pagan civilization by the triumph of the Crucified Savior, and

CATHY GIORGE

CEST MENTYL

intensified his persecution against the Christians in

the final years of his reign. Following the advice of the Senate at Nicomedia, Diocletian gave all his governors full freedom in their court proceedings

against Christians, and he promised

them his full support.

Saint George, when he heard the decision of the emperor, distributed all his wealth to the poor, freed his servants, and then appeared in the Senate. The brave soldier of Christ spoke out openly against the emperor's designs. He confessed himself a Christian, and appealed to all to acknowledge Christ: "I am a servant of Christ, my God, and trusting in Him, I have come among you voluntarily, to bear witness concerning the Truth."

"What is Truth?" one of the dignitaries asked, echoing the question of Pontius Pilate. The saint replied, "Christ Himself, Whom you persecuted, is Truth."

Stunned by the bold speech of the valiant warrior, the emperor, who had loved and promoted George, attempted to persuade him not to throw away his youth and glory and honors, but rather to offer sacrifice to the gods as was the Roman custom. The confessor replied, "Nothing in this inconstant life can weaken my resolve to serve God."

Then by order of the enraged emperor the armed guards began to push Saint George out of the assembly hall with their spears, and they then led him off to prison. But the deadly steel became soft and it bent, just as the spears touched the saint's body, and it caused him no harm. In prison they put the martyr's feet in stocks and placed a heavy stone on his chest.

The next day at the interrogation, powerless but firm of spirit, Saint George again answered the emperor, "You will grow tired of tormenting me sooner than I will tire of being tormented by you." Then Diocletian gave orders to subject Saint George to some very intense tortures. They tied the Great Martyr to a wheel, beneath which were boards pierced with sharp pieces of iron. As the wheel turned, the sharp edges slashed the saint's naked body.

At first the sufferer loudly cried out to the Lord, but soon he quieted down, and did not utter even a single groan. Diocletian decided that the tortured one was already dead, and he gave

orders to remove the battered body from the wheel, and then went to a pagan temple to offer thanks.

At this very moment it got dark, thunder boomed, and a voice was heard: "Fear not, George, for I am with you." Then a wondrous light shone, and at the wheel an angel of the

Lord appeared in the form of a radiant youth. He placed his hand upon the martyr, saying to him, "Rejoice!" Saint George stood up healed.

When the soldiers led him to the pagan temple where the emperor was, the emperor could not believe his own eyes and he thought that he saw before him some other man or even a ghost. In confusion and in terror the pagans looked Saint George over carefully, and they became convinced that a miracle had occurred. Many then came to believe in the Life-Creating God of the Christians.

Two illustrious officials, Saints
Anatolius and Protoleon, who were
secretly Christians, openly confessed
Christ. Immediately, without a trial, they were

beheaded with the sword by order of the emperor.

Also present in the pagan temple was Empress Alexandra, the wife of Diocletian, and she also knew the truth. She was on the point of glorifying Christ, but one of the servants of the emperor took her and led her off to the palace.

The emperor became even more furious. He had not lost all hope of influencing Saint George, so he gave him over to new and fiercesome torments. After throwing him into a deep pit, they covered it over with lime. Three days later they dug him out, but found him cheerful and unharmed. They shod the saint in iron sandals with red-hot nails, and then drove him back to the prison with whips. In the morning, they led him back to the interrogation, cheerful and with healed feet, and the emperor asked if he liked his shoes. The saint said that the sandals had been just his size. Then they beat him with ox thongs until pieces of his flesh came off and his blood soaked the ground, but the brave sufferer, strengthened by the power of God, remained unyielding.

The emperor concluded that the saint was being helped by magic, so he summoned the sorcerer Athanasius to deprive the saint of his miraculous powers, or else poison him. The sorcerer gave Saint George two goblets containing drugs. One of them would have quieted him, and the other would kill him. The drugs had no effect, and the saint continued to denounce the pagan superstitions and glorify God as before.

When the emperor asked what sort of power was helping him, Saint George said, "Do not imagine that it is any human learning

which keeps me from being harmed by these torments. I am saved only by calling upon Christ and His Power. Whoever believes in Him has no regard for tortures and is able to do the things that Christ did" (John 14:12). Diocletian asked what sort of things Christ had done. The Martyr replied, "He gave sight to the blind, cleansed the lepers, healed the lame, gave hearing to the deaf, cast out demons, and raised the dead."

Knowing that they had never been able to resurrect the dead through sorcery, nor by any of the gods known to him, and wanting to test the saint, the emperor commanded him to raise up a dead person before his eyes. The saint retorted, "You wish to tempt me, but my God will work this sign for the salvation of the people who shall see the power of Christ."

When they led Saint George down to the graveyard, he cried out, "O Lord! Show to those here present, that You are the only God in all the world. Let them know You as the Almighty Lord." Then the earth quaked, a grave opened, the dead one emerged from it alive. Having seen with their own eyes the Power of Christ, the people wept and glorified the true God.

The sorcerer Athanasius, falling down at the feet of Saint George, confessed Christ as the All-Powerful God and asked forgiveness for his sins, committed in ignorance. The obdurate

emperor in his impiety thought otherwise. In a rage, he commanded both Athanasius and the man raised from the dead to be beheaded, and he had Saint George again locked up in prison.

The people, weighed down with their infirmities, began to visit the prison and they there received healing and help from the saint. A certain farmer named Glycerius, whose ox had collapsed, also visited him. The saint consoled him and assured him that God would restore his ox to life. When he saw the ox alive, the farmer began to glorify the God of the Christians throughout all the city. By order of the emperor, Saint Glycerius was arrested and beheaded.

The exploits and the miracles of the Great Martyr George had increased the number of the Christians, therefore Diocletian made a final attempt to compel the saint to offer sacrifice to the idols. They set up a court at the pagan temple of Apollo. On the final night the holy martyr prayed fervently, and as he slept, he saw the Lord, Who raised him up with His hand, and embraced him. The Savior placed a crown on Saint George's head and said, "Fear not, but have courage, and you will soon come to Me and receive what has been prepared for you."

In the morning, the emperor offered to make Saint George his co-administrator, second only to himself. The holy martyr with a feigned willingness answered, "Caesar, you should have shown me this mercy from the very beginning, instead of torturing me. Let us go now to the temple and see the gods you worship."

Diocletian believed that the martyr was accepting his offer, and he followed him to the pagan temple with his retinue and all the

people. Everyone was certain that Saint

George would offer sacrifice to the gods. The saint went up to the idol, made the Sign of the Cross and addressed it as if it were alive: "Are you the one who wants to receive from me sacrifice befitting God?"

The demon inhabiting the idol cried out, "I am not a god and none of those like me is a god, either. The only God is He Whom you preach. We are fallen angels, and we deceive people because we are jealous."

Saint George cried out, "How dare you remain here, when I, the servant of the true God, have entered?" Then noises and wailing were heard from the idols, and they fell to the ground and were shattered.

There was general confusion. In a frenzy, pagan priests and many of the crowd seized the holy martyr, tied him up, and began to beat him. They also called for his immediate execution.

The holy empress Alexandra tried to reach him. Pushing her way through the crowd, she cried out, "O God of George, help me, for You Alone are All-Powerful." At the feet of the Great Martyr the holy empress confessed Christ, Who had humiliated the idols and those who worshipped them.

Diocletian immediately pronounced the death sentence on the Great Martyr George and the holy Empress Alexandra, who followed Saint George to execution without resisting. Along the way she felt faint and slumped against a wall. There she surrendered her soul to God.

Saint George gave thanks to God and prayed that he would also end his life in a worthy manner. At the place of execution the saint prayed that the Lord would forgive the torturers who acted in ignorance, and that He would lead them to the knowledge of Truth. Calmly and bravely, the holy Great Martyr George bent his neck beneath the sword, receiving the crown of martyrdom on April 23, 303.

The pagan era was coming to an end, and Christianity was about to triumph. Within ten years, Saint Constantine (May 21) would issue the Edict of Milan, granting religious freedom to Christians.

Of the many miracles worked by the holy Great Martyr George, the most famous are depicted in iconography. In the saint's



native city of Beirut were many idol-worshippers. Outside the city, near Mount Lebanon, was a large lake, inhabited by an enormous dragon-like serpent. Coming out of the lake, it devoured people, and there was nothing anyone could do, since the breath from its nostrils poisoned the very air.

On the advice of the demons inhabiting the idols, the local ruler came to a decision. Each day the people would draw lots to feed their own children to the serpent, and he promised to sacrifice his only daughter when his turn came. That time did come, and the ruler dressed her in her finest attire, then sent her off to the lake. The girl wept bitterly, awaiting her death. Unexpectedly for her, Saint George rode up on his horse with spear in hand. The girl implored him not to leave her, lest she perish.

The saint signed himself with the Sign of the Cross. He rushed at the serpent saying, "In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Saint George pierced the throat of the serpent with his spear and trampled it with his horse. Then he told the girl to bind the serpent with her sash, and lead it into the city like a dog on a leash.

The people fled in terror, but the saint halted them with the words: "Don't be afraid, but trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and believe in Him, since it is He Who sent me to save you." Then the saint killed the serpent with a sword, and the people burned it outside the city. Twenty-five thousand men, not counting women and children, were then baptized. Later, a church was built and dedicated to the Most Holy Theotokos and the Great Martyr George.

Saint George went on to become a talented officer and to amaze the world by his military exploits. He died before he was thirty years old. He is known as Victory Bearer, not only for his military achievements, but for successfully enduring martyrdom. As we know, the martyrs are commemorated in the dismissal at the end of Church services as "the holy, right victorious martyr...."

## Through the Prayers of the Virgin Martyrs Agape, Irene and Chionia, O Lord Jesus Christ, Have Mercy on Us and Save Us.

These explanations of the lives of the Saints are taken from oca.org

#### Who is Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk?

... from the Pontifical University of St. Thomas Aquinas in Rome.

In 2011, Patriarch Shevchuk was elected as the head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, becoming the youngest Patriarch in the history of the Church. Since then, he has been a tireless advocate for the rights of the Ukrainian people and a vocal proponent of interfaith dialogue and social justice issues.

Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk is a man of many talents and accomplishments. Not only is he a respected spiritual leader, but he is also an accomplished violin player who graduated from a school of music, with Antonio Vivaldi being his favorite composer. He joined the underground seminary before the Ukrainian Catholic Church's legalization and underwent

formation in both Buenos Aires and Lviv. While pursuing his graduate studies, he served Ukrainian immigrants in Greece. Patriarch Shevchuk received his doctorate in theology from the prestigious Pontifical University of Saint Thomas Aquinas (Angelicum) in Rome, finishing Summa Cum Laude. Before becoming Patriarch, he served as a priest in various positions, including prefect, vice-rector, and rector of the Holy Spirit Seminary in Lviv, vice-dean of the Faculty of Theology and Philosophy of the Lviv Theological Academy, chief of staff of the

Curia of the Head of the Church in Lviv, and personal secretary of Lubomyr Cardinal Husar. On January 14, 2009, Pope Benedict XVI appointed him as an auxiliary bishop of the Eparchy of the Protection of the Mother of God in Buenos Aires. He was ordained bishop on April 7, 2009, at the Cathedral of Saint George in Lviv. He became the Apostolic Administrator of the Eparchy in Buenos Aires on April 10, 2010. Besides his many accomplishments, Patriarch Shevchuk is also a polyglot and fluent in English, Italian, Spanish, Polish, Russian, and Greek. Additionally, he knows Latin, Ancient Greek, and Church-Slavonic.

Since becoming Patriarch, Shevchuk has been praised for his strong leadership, pastoral approach, and commitment to social justice. He has expressed a vision of a Church that is open to the world and that engages in dialogue with other faiths and

cultures. Shevchuk has also played a leading role in the Ukrainian democratic and civil society, advocating for human dignity, freedom, and dignity of Ukraine. He has been an important voice for the promotion of Ukrainian language, culture and rights worldwide.

Under his leadership,...



... the Ukrainian Catholic Church has grown and flourished, and he has played a key role in promoting interfaith dialogue and promoting social justice issues in Ukraine and beyond. He has also been a vocal advocate for the rights of Ukrainian migrants and refugees, and has worked tirelessly to provide them with the support and resources they need to thrive in their new communities.

Despite facing numerous challenges and obstacles, Patriarch Shevchuk has remained steadfast in his commitment to serving others and spreading the message of hope and compassion. He is a true inspiration to all of us, and his life and work serve as a reminder of the transformative power of faith, love, and service.

Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk is a leader who has shown great dedication, commitment, and vision in his role as head of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church. His leadership has been transformative, and he has played an important role not only in the spiritual life of his community but also in the civic life of Ukraine and beyond. His story is an inspiration to many, especially young people, who can see in him an example of what can be achieved through dedication, faith, and hard work. As we continue to face challenges and seek to build a more just and peaceful world, Patriarch Sviatoslav Shevchuk's leadership and vision serve as a beacon of hope and inspiration.



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
23 Third Sunday after Pascha. Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women; The Holy and Glorious Great-Marty, Victory-bearer and Wonderworker George Acts 6:1-7; Acts 12:1-11; Mark 15:43-16:8; John 15:17-16:2. IO am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship and Our Parish's Special Budget and Bylaw Meeting!	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 3 pm Helping BCR Catholic School	26 The Holy Priest-Martyr Basil, Bishop of Amasia (c. 322) Acts 8:18-25; John 6:35-39. 6:30 PPC Meeting	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. 11 am Appointment 5:30 pm Appointment	The Holy Apostles Jason and Sosipater; the Holy Martyrs Dadas, Maximus and Quintilianus (286-305); Our Father among the Saints Cyril of Turau (1183) Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat. Acts 8:40-9:19; John 6:48-54.  Il:30 am Easter Celebration with Lamont School Bilingual Program	The Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzicus (313-24); the Venerable Memnon the Wonderworker Acts 9:20-3 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. 10 am Divine Liturgy followed by fellowship and	The Holy Prophet Jeremiah (625-585 BC); Coronation of Pochaiv Icon of the Mother of God (1773); Passing into Eternal Life (1951) of Blessed Klymenti (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	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.	The Holy Martyr Pelagia Acts 10:34-43; John 8:12-20. 5:30 pm Appointment	The Holy and Glorious Martyr Irene (321-23); Our Venerable Father Nicephoras, Hegumen of the Monastery at Medicius Abstention 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



CAMP OSELIA PRESENTS:





Two Exciting Summer Camps:

# July 2-7 & July 9-14, 2023 at Camp Oselia

Wabamun Lake: 45 min West of Edmonton

If you are going into grades 3 to 9 in September, this is your invitation to join other campers on another great summer adventure at Camp Oselia Children's Camp!

In addition to all sorts of challenging and fun activities like archery, canoeing, swimming, campfires, games, crafts and sports, we will journey together on a quest into a medieval Kingdom, complete with jousting, catapults, dragons and swordplay, all while we explore and learn about our faith in God.

We are excited to have you at camp with us for either one week or two. And bring your friends!

This camp and its programming is a ministry of the Ukrainian Catholic Church. However, one need not be Ukrainian or Catholic to attend. Everyone is welcome!!





## From the FreeStore for Ukrainian Newcomers

Dear Dormition Parish,

On behalf of the FreeStore for Ukrainian Newcomers, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your kindness and generosity in allowing us to use your beautiful commercial kitchen. We are incredibly grateful for your willingness to open your doors to Ukrainian Newcomers and making them feel welcome in Canada

In particular, we would like to extend a special thank you to Alex and Helen for being so caring and accommodating in opening the kitchen for us. Your support has meant the world to us, and we cannot thank you enough for everything you have done to help our new friends settle and make a living here in Canada.

Thanks to your generosity, the newcomers from Ukraine have been able to supplement their income while they are getting settled. The use of your kitchen has enabled them to prepare traditional Ukrainian dishes and share them with the local community, helping to bridge the gap between our cultures and bring people together. Thanks to you, there has been over 400 customers, and tens of thousands of varenyky shared with Edmontonians

Once again, we cannot thank you enough for your kindness and support. Your generosity has made a real difference in so many lives, and we will always be grateful for everything you have done.

With deepest appreciation,

Janice and Jorgia, Co-Founders, FreeStore for Ukrainian Newcomers

## What ever happened to our idea of having a Catholic Scouting Group?

Below is a letter (email) that was sent out to the 60+ people who have been interested in this project.

Christ is Risen!

Hello all of you who are still interested in having a Catholic Scouts group in Edmonton.

Well, you have not heard from me for about a year. The reason for this is that every 5 years or so the priests of the Ukrainian Catholic Church get assigned to a parish for another term. I knew that there was a significant chance that I might be moved from Dormition Church, and therefore did not want to get the scouts up and running at this church only to have to drop the project and see it fail.

I now know the new assignment I have be given, and I can start making things happen again... if there still is interest from people like you, and if the new parish is supportive. As of August 1, this summer, I will be the pastor the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, Ukrainian Catholic Church at 9003-153 Ave. Although I think the new parish will be supportive of doing Youth Programming in the



form of Scouts... and likely the building will be even more suitable for such a group... I will first have to get the feel of the parish and figure out if this would be a good fit for them.

So... please be patient a little longer. I have not given up on the project, and I have not dropped off the face of the earth. All good things seem to take some time.

I hope all of you had a blessed Easter season and are well. If you have any ideas or comments, feel free to send me an email at <a href="mailto:fr.nahachewsky@eepachy.com">fr.nahachewsky@eepachy.com</a>

Blessings,

Fr. Bo

Technically the Commissioner of Our Lady's Scouts Group #221.. which exists... but does not function yet.

#### **Budget and Bylaw Approval Meeting after Liturgy**

Today we will have a short meeting so that we can approve (or not) a few decisions that our parish council has decided. The first one is the yearly budget, which will help us with our finances. The second is a change to our bylaws so that they would define voters for parish issues to be 18 years of age or older. Please stay for a few minutes so that we can get this done with sufficient parish members present.

What's the difference between a poorly dressed man on a unicycle and a well-dressed man on a bicycle? Attire.

#### **Parish & Eparchial News**

- **Please pray for** several of our parishioners and family members including (but not limited to) Lilliana, Pauline, Stanley, Fr. Terry, Anne, Brody, Rosann, Jennie, Mickey, Kristopher, Greg, Ross, Ron, Jean, Verna, Miranda, Sarah, Ann & Louis.
- **Happy birthday** to Simon P, Delores N, Eric K, Valentyna K, Hilda Y, and Joseph S, who celebrate(s) his/her/their birthday(s) this week. May God grant you many happy years. Mnohaya Lita.
- Sign up for the Bishop's Mailing List! Stay up to date
  with everything happening around the Ukrainian Catholic Church
  in Alberta with Bishop David's monthly email newsletter by signing
  up for free on the eparchial website at www.eeparchy.com/mail/
- Sign up for our weekly bulletin email list too! See our website.
- Dormition Parish requires volunteers to serve on the following Eparchial Committees:
  - Social Mission Commission: Please visit the Eparchial website for more information regarding the Social Mission Commission https://eeparchy.com/social-mission/ Meetings are generally held bi-monthly via Zoom (or in Person)
  - Camp Oselia Society: The Eparchy requests that all Parishes are required to have a representative to assist the Society with Camp operations and activities. Meetings are generally held quarterly along with the AGM.
- If you are interested in volunteering on a committee, please contact Fr. Bo (780.340.3726) or Alex Schabel (780.908.3339)

- Camp Oselia is looking for adult staff (paid) and volunteers: including clergy, catechists (both Ukrainian and English speaking), program facilitators (artsand-crafts, sports, etc.), cook(s), kitchen volunteers, nurse(s), life-guard(s), night watch, etc. COME BE PART OF THE FUN! Please contact Deacon Cyril if you can help: deacon.kennedy@eeparchy.com
- World Youth Day at Home will take place from June 30 July 2 at Camp Oselia (Friday evening Sunday lunch). World Youth Day at Home is a weekend for youth aged 16-35 with prayer, meals, guest speakers, group discussions, social time, and a concluding Divine Liturgy with Bishop David. Come experience your faith, take this opportunity to learn more about the Church and to talk to people about their unique experience, struggles and hopes. It's also a great opportunity to make new friendships and rekindle old ones. All are welcome, with a special invite to Ukrainian Newcommers. If you would like to come please fill out the form at: <a href="https://eeparchy.com/2023/01/10/why-join-world-youth-day/">https://eeparchy.com/2023/01/10/why-join-world-youth-day/</a>

#### Upcoming Events:

- April 23: Budget and Bylaw Approval Meeting after Liturgy
- April 26: PPC Meeting
- May 16: Clergy Conference
- May 16: Camp Oselia's AGM
- June 2 & 3: Perogy Making Bee
- June 10: Perogy Supper

#### Camp Oselia 50/50 Fundraiser

SO/SD Cash Raffle





Third Sunday after Pascha. Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women; The Holy and Glorious Great-Martyr, Victory-bearer and Wonderworker George

Antiphon 1 & 3 are sung in the Sunday setting through Paschaltide (not the Psalm of Typica and the Beatitudes).

**Troparion:** When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,\* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.\* When You raised the dead from the nether world,\* all the powers of heaven cried out:\* "O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!"

**Troparion:** The noble Joseph took down Your most pure body from the tree.\* He wrapped it with a clean shroud and aromatic spices\* and placed it in a new tomb.\* But on the third day You arose, O Lord,\* granting the world Your great mercy.

**Troparion:** O victorious great-martyr George,\* as a liberator of captives and helper of the poor,\* physician of the sick\* and champion of kings,\* entreat Christ our God to save our souls.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**Kontakion:** You showed yourself a most honourable harvester of godliness,\* for it was God who cultivated you.\* You gathered the sheaves of virtues;\* for, sowing in tears, you reaped in gladness;\* and in shedding your blood, you received Christ.\* By your prayers, O holy one, you grant pardon of transgressions of all.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

**Kontakion:** You commanded the myrrh-bearers to rejoice, O Christ God,\* and ended the grief of our mother Eve by Your Resurrection.\* You ordered the apostles to proclaim to all:\* "The Saviour is risen from the tomb."

#### Prokeimenon:

Save Your people, O Lord, \* and bless Your inheritance.

**verse:** Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

#### Epistle: Acts 6:1-7 (NRSV)

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Неділя 3-я після Пасхи. Мироносиць. **₺**<Св. влкмч., побідоносця і чудотворця Юрія.

**Тропар (г. 2):** Коли зійшов Ти до смерти, Життя безсмертне,\* тоді ад умертвив Ти блистінням божества.\* Коли ж і умерлих із глибин підземних воскресив Ти,\* всі сили небесні взивали:\* Життєдавче, Христе Боже наш, слава Тобі.

**Тропар (г. 2):** Благообразний Йосиф, з древа знявши пречисте тіло Твоє,\* плащаницею чистою обвив,\* і ароматами в гробі новім, покривши, положив;\* та по трьох днях воскрес єси, Господи,\* даруючи світові велику милість.

**Тропар (г. 4):** Подвигом добрим змагався ти, страстотерпче Христовий, Юрію.\* Вірою і мучителів виявив ти нечестя,\* і, як жертву благосприятливу, приніс ти себе Богові.\* Тому й вінець перемоги прийняв ти\* і молитвами твоїми, святий, ти всім подаєш прогрішень прощення.

#### Слава:

Кондак (г. 4): Вирощений Богом, показався ти благочестя робітником найчеснішим,\* снопи чеснот зібрав ти собі,\* бо ти сіяв у сльозах, у радості жнеш;\* а постраждавши до крови, Христа прийняв ти\* і молитвами твоїми, святий,\* усім подаєш прогрішень прощення.

#### І нині:

**Кондак (г. 2):** Радуватися мироносицям повелів Ти,\* плач праматері Єви втихомирив Ти воскресінням Твоїм, Христе Боже,\* апостолам же Твоїм проповідувати повелів Ти:\* Спас воскрес із гробу.

Прокімен (глас 6):

Спаси, Господи, людей Твоїх\* і благослови спадкоємство Твоє.

**Стих:** До Тебе, Господи, взиватиму; Боже мій, не відвертайсь мовчки від мене.

#### Апостол: (Ді 6,1-7):

Тими днями, коли учнів ставало дедалі більше, зчинилось нарікання гелленістів на євреїв, що вдів їхніх занедбано в щоденній службі. Тоді дванадцятеро прикликали громаду учнів і сказали: «Не личить нам лишити слово Боже і при столах служити. Нагледіть собі, отже, з-поміж вас, брати, сімох мужів доброї слави, повних Духа та мудрости, а ми їх поставимо для цієї служби; самі ж ми будемо пильно перебувати у молитві і служінні слова.» Вподобалось це слово всій громаді й вибрали Стефана, мужа, повного віри і Святого Духа, Филипа, Прохора, Ніканора, Тимона, Пармена та Миколая, прозеліта з Антіохії, і поставили їх перед апостолами і, помолившись, поклали на них руки. І росло слово Боже та множилось число учнів у Єрусалимі вельми, і велика сила священиків були слухняні вірі.

#### Alleluia verses:

You have shown favour to Your land, O Lord; You brought back the captives of Jacob.

Mercy and truth have met; righteousness and peace have embraced.

The just man shall flourish like the palm tree; and he shall grow like the cedar in Lebanon.

#### Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8 (NRSV)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses saw where the body was laid.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

#### Hymn to the Mother of God

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

#### **Communion Hymn**

Receive the Body of Christ;\* taste the fountain of immortality.

Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest.

The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;\* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.

Alleluia, alleluia, \* alleluia.

#### The ususal "Christ is Risen"s.

#### Стих Алилуя (глас 8):

Благоволив ти, Господи, землю твою, ти повернув полон Яковів.

Милість і істина зустрілися, правда і мир обцілувалися.

Праведник, як фінік, розцвіте і, як кедр на Ливані, виросте.

#### **Євангеліє: (Мр 15,43-16,8):**

У той час Йосиф Ариматейський, поважний радник, що й сам очікував Божого Царства, прибув і, сміливо ввійшовши до Пилата, попросив тіло Ісуса. Пилат же здивувався, що вже вмер; і прикликавши сотника, спитав його, чи давно помер. Довідавшись від сотника, він видав Йосифові тіло; а Йосиф, купивши полотно, зняв його, обгорнув полотном і поклав його у гробі, що був висічений у скелі; потім прикотив камінь до входу гробу; Марія ж Магдалина й Марія, мати Йосифа, дивились, де його покладено.

Якже минула субота, Марія Магдалина, Марія, мати Якова, та Саломія купили пахощів, щоб піти та намастити його. Рано-вранці, першого дня тижня, прийшли вони до гробу, як сходило сонце, та й говорили між собою: "Хто нам відкотить камінь від входу до гробу?" Але поглянувши, побачили, що камінь був відвалений, — був бо дуже великий. Увійшовши до гробу, побачили юнака, що сидів праворуч, одягнений у білу одежу, — і вжахнулись. А він до них промовив: "Не жахайтеся! Ви шукаєте Ісуса Назарянина, розп'ятого Він воскрес, його нема тут. Ось місце, де його були поклали. Але йдіть, скажіть його учням та Петрові, що випередить вас у Галилеї: там його побачите, як він сказав вам." І вони, вийшовши, втекли від гробу, бо жах і трепет огорнув їх, і нікому нічого не сказали, бо боялися.

#### Замість Достойно:

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

Світися, світися, новий Єрусалиме, слава бо Господня на тобі возсіяла. Радій нині і веселися, Сіоне. А ти, Чистая, красуйся, Богородице, востанням рождення твого.

#### Причасний:

Тіло Христове прийміть, джерела безсмертного споживіть.

Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його на висотах.

В пам'ять вічну буде праведник, злих слухів не убоїться.

Алилуя (х3).

#### Звичаині "Христос воскрес"и