

Christ is among us!
He is and will be!



Христос посеред нас!
Є і буде!

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 6 • Fifth Sunday of Lent	Hebrews 9: 11-14 ~ Mark 10: 32-45
5:00 pm (Sat.) Health and blessings for Walter Gwozd.....	Matt and family
8:30 am God's Blessings for St. Joseph's Parishioners.....	
10:00 am (HFH) †Olga Lewicki.....	Olga Palmer
11:00 am † Ann Zulak.....	Joseph, Jo-Anne, Matthew, and Alexa
6:00 pm Stations of the Cross-UKR	
Monday, April 7 • Venerable George	Colossians 3: 12-16 ~ Luke 11: 34-41
8:00 am Health of Mary Ryczak.....	St. Joseph's Choir
11:00 am (Bethany) †Nick Jaman.....	Joanne and Henry
Tuesday, April 8 • Apostle Herodian	1 Thessalonians 5: 14-23 ~ Mark 8: 30-34
8:30 am God's Blessings and good health for Terry Kasian.....	Darlene & Duane Dahl
11:00 am (Bethany) †Tamara, †Osypa, †Maria, †Olena, †Nazar, †Natalia.....	N.N.
Wednesday, April 9 • Martyr Euphrosyne	Ephesians 4: 7-13 ~ Luke 12: 16-21
8:00 am God's Blessings for Phyllis Sianchuk.....	a friend
10:00 am (HFH) †John Hryciw (40th).....	Family
7:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy and Anointing	
Thursday, April 10 • Martyr Terence	Galatians 4: 4-7 ~ Luke 18: 18-27
8:00 am Health of Jack Riley.....	Jean Rubel
11:00 am †Vance Kuzia.....	Vivian and Isadore Burdeniuk
Friday, April 11 • Priest Martyr Antipas	Ephesians 2: 4-10 ~ Matthew 4: 1-11
8:00 am †Jean Roshko.....	Joanne Kullman
11:00 am (Bethany) God's Blessings and good Health for Olha.....	Karnaoukh family
6:30 pm Lenten Akaphist	
Saturday, April 12 • Lazarus Saturday	Hebrews 12:28 - 13:8 ~ John 11: 1-46
7:30 am (HFH) †Yurko, †Ivan, †George, †Sam, & co.....	John Turko
8:30 am God's Blessings and good Health for Dan Mitchler.....	Phyllis Trach
Sunday, April 13 • Palm Sunday	Philippians 4: 4-9 ~ John 12: 1-18
5:00 pm (Sat.) †Anne Kowalyk (40th day).....	UCWLC
8:30 am God's Blessings for St. Joseph's Parishioners.....	
10:00 am (HFH) Health of Michael Hryniuk.....	mother Stella
11:00 am †Helen and †John Lukie, †Mary and †Wally Pindera.....	Lukie Family

SUNDAY COLLECTION March 30, 2014 THANK YOU! 169 envelopes \$ 3,773.00
 Open Collection \$ 31.25 ; Vigil Lamps \$ 131.00 ; Outreach \$115.00 ; Church in Ukraine \$ 1,125.00 ;
 Easter Flowers; \$ 215.00 ; Share Lent \$ 100.00 ; Mission \$ 45.00 ;
 Building & Capital Maintenance Fund \$300.00
 We gratefully acknowledge the family of † **Helen Burtnick** for their Fellowship donation (\$150)

Parishioners who need a ride to Divine Liturgy 5:00pm Saturday (ENG), 8:30am Sunday (UKR), are asked to please call Josie & Rudy 694-8763 or 797-4639 no later than 6:00 pm the evening before.

Parishioners and Guests: We have recently purchased an AED Defibrillator that is kept by the Shrine door, in case anyone has a SCA (Sudden Cardiac Arrest) in church. We also have purchased a portable oxygen tank (which is also kept by the Shrine door)

ST. JOSEPH'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Українська Католицька Парафія Святого Йосифа

250 JEFFERSON AVENUE WINNIPEG, MANITOBA R2V 0M6

APRIL 6TH 2014 • FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
6 КВІТНЯ 2014 • П'ЯТА Неділя Посту

PASTORAL CARE - REDEMPTORISTS
PASTOR: FATHER BOHDAN LUKIE, CSSR
ASSISTANT: FATHER FRANK SZADIAK, CSSR
FATHER LEONARD RATUSHNIAK, CSSR
Pastor of ST. ANDREWS PARISH

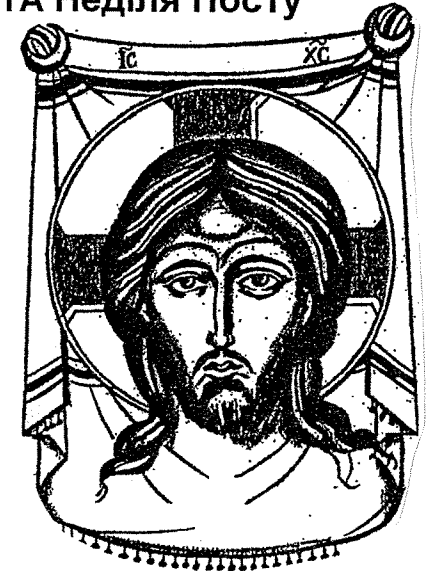
SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY
 5:00 PM SATURDAY (ENGLISH)
VESPERS SATURDAY 4:15-5:00 PM
 8:30 AM (UKRAINIAN) • 11:00 AM (ENGLISH)
DAILY DIVINE LITURGY
 8:00 AM MONDAY - FRIDAY • 8:30 AM SAT.
Holy Days
 8:30 AM (UKRAINIAN) • 7:00 PM (ENGLISH)

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SHRINE - MUSEUM - GIFT SHOP
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 SUNDAY: AFTER DIVINE LITURGIES
 MONDAY: CLOSED
 TUESDAY – FRIDAY: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM
 SATURDAY: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
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Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

The parish of St. Joseph extends a warm welcome to all our guests. We are pleased that you have come to pray with us. May the Lord bless you!

СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ! СЛАВА НА ВІКИ!

Парафія святого Йосифа сердечно вітає всіх гостей, які прибули до нас на Богослуження. Нехай Бог вас благословить!



**From the
Pastor's Desk**

Dear Beloved Parishioners and Guests,

I have a confession to make – Monday was a quiet evening, honestly, no appointments... as I glanced at the morning paper, I saw a brief review of a new *'biblical'* movie entitled **Noah**. Since I do want to know what's out there, I went to the late show to hopefully enjoy it & review it. I truly wasted \$8 and almost three hours of my time!

All of us are quite familiar with Noah and the Ark from our limited knowledge of the Holy Bible, but never have I seen such a disgraceful mockery of any biblical story which absolutely had not any real connection with the Holy Scriptures. The *"Creator"* is portrayed as a revengeful merciless *'being'* and Noah himself, as a self-proclaimed psychopathic prophet who justifies the drowning and the killing of his family and the whole human race. Had I done a little research which I normally do I should have been prepared to be less disgusted and even less angry! The producer *Darren Aronofsky* of the movie *"Noah"*, a **self-professed atheist** says he is proud of the fact that he's taken a story inspired by "god's" word and turned it into something so secular and he added: *"This is the least biblical biblical film ever made!"*

The Washington Post review states: *"This is, as you've gathered, an immense, weird, ungainly, often laughably overwrought and silly movie"*. And I personally add: *"a disgusting, disgraceful and distortion of the whole Noah story"* Do not waste your precious time watching - I forced myself to see the whole movie and then judge it!

There – it's off my chest and into your thoughts! So let me write about things more spiritual as we celebrate our Lenten season – which truly is flying by! We are pleased that many of you do attend our prayerful services – be it the **Stations (Fri & Sun)**, the **Pre-Sanctified Liturgy (Wed)** and the **Sorokousty (Sat am)** This truly is a precious and spiritual journey towards our Easter celebrations. Again, we have printed the **Holy Week** schedule – keep it on your frig door and plan to participate...


Whoops! Forgot to mention this – back at our **Annual Meeting** in Feb., we happily elected many new members to our **Parish Council**, who have volunteered to offer their talents, time and energy for the leadership of our Church. We are most thankful for parishioners who have served in the past, who continue to serve and for new members who have stepped forth. We humbly thank you and pray for you!

Speaking of **gratitude**, we truly wish to thank all the Knights & Men's Club (and the ladies for desserts!) for the delicious **Fish Fry** they diligently prepared each Friday. Many hours of work by many parishioners bring much joy to all our guests!


May we participate, as a family, in the various **Lenten Services**.

God will bless you and yours!

<p>April 5th April 6, 2014</p> <p><i>Epistle Readers</i> 5:00 pm Saturday W. Lukie 8:30 am Sunday M. Marcinkow 11:00 am Sunday H. Stockburn</p> <p><i>Ushers</i> 5:00 pm Saturday D. Sumka S. Sumka 8:30 am Sunday P. Iwanuck V. Solman 11:00 am Sunday M. Samec I. Werbovetski</p> <p><i>Vigil Lamps</i> <u>Mar 31- Apr 13, 2014</u> I. Lukie W. Lukie</p>	<p>April 12th Palm Sunday April 13, 2014</p> <p><i>Epistle Readers</i> 5:00 pm Saturday D. Sumka 8:30 am Sunday Parish Choir 11:00 am Sunday P. Washchysyn</p> <p><i>Ushers</i> 5:00 pm Saturday D. Dahl D. Dahl 8:30 am Sunday R. Macsymach P. Prystupa 11:00 am Sunday G. Fallis G. Lasko</p> <p><i>Vigil Lamps</i> <u>Apr 14 - Apr 27, 2014</u> E. Yarish K. Zawortny</p>
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St. Joseph's Seniors Perogy Bee 
Tues April 8 & Wed April 9th
 We need your help to peel, pinch, or pack.
Call Millie 589-3518 to place your order.
 Perogies \$4.50/dozen.
All Parishioners are encouraged to help.

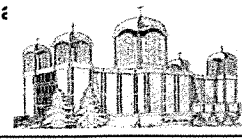
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN USHERING OR READING THE EPISTLE???
 We are looking for volunteers to usher at Divine Liturgies on Saturday evenings at 5:00 pm and Sundays at 8:30 am & 11:00 am. We are also seeking volunteers to read the Epistle at all three Divine Liturgies. Please call the office 204-339-4512 for more info, or to volunteer. Thank You.

 Remember in your prayers those who are in hospitals, care homes, or those who are physically unable to join us at liturgical services. Let us reach out to those who are less fortunate than ourselves. If you, or someone you know, would like a visit from a Eucharistic Minister, please contact the Parish Office.

The Catholic Foundation of Manitoba 2014 Annual CARITAS AWARD DINNER
 Honouring Actionmarguerite, St. Joseph's Residence, and Holy Family Home
Wednesday, April 30, 2014
 ~ Winnipeg Convention Centre ~ Reception 6 pm, Dinner 7 pm ~
Tickets \$95 (\$30 tax receipt/individual)
 Call Catholic Foundation office 204-233-4268 or St. Joseph's Parish office 204-339-4512
 Email: cfmb@mts.net Visit: catholicfoundation.mb.ca

Upcoming at St. Joseph's:

- Apr 06 Sun Catechism 10am & Adult Spiritual Study** (last of the series) 10 am
Pysanky and Paskas 12 - 3 pm;
- Apr 07 Mon UCWLC meeting** following Lenten service 7:00 pm
- Apr 08 & 09 Perogy Bee** 9:00 am
- Apr 09 Wed Altar Servers 5:30 pm; Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7 pm**
- Apr 10 Thur Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting 7:00 pm**
- Apr 11 Fri Fish Fry (last one of Lent) 4:30 - 6:30 pm** followed by **Lenten service 6:30pm**
- Apr 12 Sat Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy 8:30 am; choir practice 10:00 :**
- Apr 13 Sun Palm Sunday-Choir sings at 8:30am Liturgy, Catechism 10am;**
- Apr 14- 20 Holy Week and Easter weekend services - please see insert**
- Apr 14 Mon Knights of Columbus meeting** following Pre-Sanctified Liturgy



Community Events - 2014 - Mark the Date!

Sun Apr 6 - Sts. Vladimir & Olga Cathedral Annual Spring Tea, 1pm, opener -Dr. Andrea Babick

Sun Apr 6 - K.U.C.A. YOUTH WINTER GAMES ANNUAL WIND-UP -Canad Inn-Garden City 2100 McPhillips St. " Splasher's Indoor Pool and Waterslide" - Limited # of Tickets - \$5 each child - 5-12 yrs: 1pm to 3pm ; 13-16 yrs 3pm to 5pm ; 1 1/2 hr pool & slide time, with complete buffet . Every child must have proper Swim Suits; Towels & Change Room is supplied. Contact Bro. Robert Erstelle 204-339-3837 or Email: coltsp@shaw.ca

Mon April 14 -(Part 1) & Tues April 15 (Part 2) - Mission 2014: The Gift of Forgiveness; 6pm EDT on Vision TV (repeated at 10pm EDT)

Wed Apr 16 - Dementia: "Options in Community Living" Meadowood Manor, 577 St. Anne's Rd 7-8:30pm Free Presentation by Alzheimer Society-Register with Maria 943-6622 x203

Wed Apr 30 - The Catholic Foundation of MB 2014 Caritas Award Dinner -honouring Holy Family Home, St. Joseph's Res., at Winnipeg Convention Centre- 6pm & Dinner 7pm-Tickets \$95.

Sat May 3 & May 10 - Two-Day Workshop: Living with Alzheimer's Disease or Other Dimentias; at Riverwood Square, 1778 Pembina Hwy, 9am-2pm; Cost: \$25/person; Register: 943-6622 x203

May 2, 3, 4, 2014 Catholic Conference "Called by Name...Healed by Love"

at St. Norbert Community Centre, 3450 Pembina Hwy;

Doors open Fri May 2 at 6:30pm; Sat & Sun 8:00 am;

Speakers Archbishop Albert LeGatt, Fr. Marc Drouin, Sr Nancy Kellar, Deacon Larry Oney.

Please pick up pamphlet at back of church for presentation schedule.

Adult \$55 ; Family \$115 ; Teen Track on Saturday \$20 ; (\$5 more at the door for all registrants)

Conference Registration: CCRS of Manitoba, 204-895-7544, www.catholicrenewalservices.com

Email : ccrs@catholicrenewalservices.com

Alpha Omega Women's Alumnae Scholarship Program

Alpha Omega Women's Alumnae is an organization of university graduates of Ukrainian descent. This year we will be offering 4 bursaries of \$1,125.00 each to women (residents of Manitoba) of Ukrainian heritage who are entering full-time first year studies in a degree program at any accredited university.

Two bursaries of \$1,125.00 will be provided by Alpha Omega Alumnae and two bursaries will be provided in memory of a long time organization member, Pat Oster, through donations of family and friends.

Please find ~ Bursary Application Form, Guidelines, and Application requirements at:

www.aolum.wordpress.com Deadline for applications: May 5, 2014

Applications for **Enrolment to Immaculate Heart of Mary School** are being accepted.

Immaculate Heart of Mary School is a **Nursery to Grade 8 Co-ed, Ukrainian Catholic school**, that offers strong academic, spiritual, cultural, arts and athletic programs. If you are interested in having your child educated in a Christian environment, please inquire to book your own personal tour.

Phone: 204-582-5698 ; E-mail: ihms@ihms.mb.ca ; More info: www.ihms.mb.ca

Schedule of Easter Services 2014

- 12 APRIL** LAZARUS SATURDAY
8:30 am • Divine Liturgy
- 13 APRIL** PALM SUNDAY - Regular Sunday Schedule
- 14 APRIL** HOLY MONDAY
7:00 pm • Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts
- 15 APRIL** HOLY TUESDAY
7:00 pm • Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts
- 16 APRIL** HOLY WEDNESDAY
7:00 pm • Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts
Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick
- 17 APRIL** HOLY THURSDAY
7:00 pm • Vespers & Divine Liturgy
- 18 APRIL** GOOD FRIDAY - day of strict fast
9:30 am • Passion of our Lord • 12 Gospels
2:30 pm • Vespers - Holy Shroud
7:00 pm • Jerusalem Matins – "HOOSLI" Choir
- 19 APRIL** HOLY SATURDAY
2:00 pm • Vespers & Divine Liturgy followed by
paska blessing at 3:30, 4:30, 6:00 pm
- BRIGHT WEEK**
ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС! ВОІСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС! CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!
8:30 pm • Resurrection Matins • Easter Divine Liturgy (Eng)
- 20 APRIL** PASCHA – EASTER SUNDAY
7:30 am • Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy (Ukr)
10:00 am • Divine Liturgy (Eng)
- 21 APRIL** BRIGHT MONDAY & TUESDAY
- 22 APRIL** 8:30 am • Divine Liturgy (Ukr)
7:00 pm • Divine Liturgy (Eng)
- 27 APRIL** THOMAS SUNDAY & First Solemn Holy Communion (11 am)
Regular Sunday Schedule: Saturday 5:00 pm;
Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00 am





The children of the Parish, who have registered for the afternoon of **Pysanky and Paskas! Sunday, April 6, 12 - 3 pm** in the Church basement.

This is an opportunity for you to try your hand at **writing pysanky** and making a small **paska** for your Easter baskets.



Special Services during the Great Fast

Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts at 7:00 pm on Wednesdays, beginning March 5th

The Way of the Cross: 6:30 pm Fridays (English) and **6:00 pm Sundays** (Ukrainian)

ANNUAL LENTEN FISH FRY - 4:30 PM EVERY FRIDAY NIGHT DURING THE GREAT FAST

Sponsored by **Knights of Columbus Father Shyshkovich Council #8925**

St. Joseph's - April 11 - Last one of the Lenten season

* Followed by **Lenten Stations of the Cross (Eng) 6:30 pm**



Halibut fish(2pc) served with fries, coleslaw, dinner roll: adult-\$9.00* ; child-\$4.50(1pc fish)
Clam chowder \$4.00; **Deep fried or boiled perogies** (6) served with onions and sour cream\$5.00
Combo plate: 3 perogies & 1 pc fish & coleslaw **\$7.00***
 Extra fish \$4.50/piece; **French fries** \$2.00 single order; **Beverage and dessert** (silver collection)
Spaghetti Plate: (Meatless Sauce) Adult - **\$4.00***; Child - **\$2.00***

The Traditional Eastern Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian



O Lord, and Master of my life, keep from me the spirit of indifference and discouragement, lust of power and idle chatter. (prostration)

Instead, grant to me, your servant, the spirit of wholeness of being, humble-mindedness, patience and love. (prostration)

O Lord and King, grant me the grace to be aware of my sins and not to judge my brother or sister; for You are blessed now and for ever and ever. Amen. (prostration)

Scripture Readings during the Sixth Week of Great Lent Apr 7- Apr 11

Monday: Isaiah 48:17 - 49:4 ; Tuesday: Isaiah 49: 6-10 ;

Wednesday: Isaiah 58:1-11 ; Thursday: Isaiah 65: 8-16; Friday: Isaiah 66: 10-2



Welcome to Outreach

We will be putting together **Easter Hampers** on **April 15th**. If you know of anyone who may need a hamper, please call **Iris @ 339-2325 before April 10th**.

New members are most welcome at our next meeting on May 6 at 6:30pm in the church hall. Come!

"As often as you did for one of my brothers, you did it for me."



U R Youth - Sunday Session - Sunday, April 6, 10am - 11am in the **St. Joe's Youth Room**

Contact Christina for more details: cmsikorsky@hotmail.com (for Gr 8-12)

All you need is His Love! - **Palm Sunday Twilight Retreat and Potluck** (for Young Adults 18-35 yrs)

April 13, 2014, 3 pm - 8 pm at **The Welcome Home, 188 Euclid Ave.**

Sr. Darleane Pelechaty, SSMI and **Sr. Ruth Aney, SSMI** will lead us on journey of reflection - exploring the potential for love to transform our lives! Please bring your favourite potluck dish and **RSVP by Wed April 9 to Michelle 204-799-1060, rymc SSR@gmail.com**

We will have prayer, reflection, discussion, a potluck supper, a take-home-surprise, a Fun & Reflective Day!



May 1 - 16, 2014 at The Welcome Home in Winnipeg, MB

Experience 2 weeks that could very well change your life!

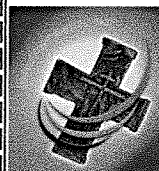
Young adults ages 18- 35yrs: Enjoy community life, learn about Redemptorist spirituality, volunteer in various inner-city organizations and relax during a weekend lake retreat!

For more info or to request an application, contact

Michelle at rymc SSR@gmail.com ☎ **799-1060 Application Deadline is April 4th!**



North American Redemptorist Dialogue



Join **young adults (18-35yrs)** and **Redemptorists** from across North America as we unravel the Great Mysteries of Redemption in Canadaigua, NY, **July 28-Aug 1, 2014.**

Experience other cultures, celebrate Eucharist, share your faith and enjoy good times in a tranquil retreat setting. If you've ever done S.E.R.V.E...Dialogue is the next step! For more info, contact Michelle 204-799-1060, rymc SSR@gmail.com

Marian Pilgrimage



Join **Fr. Volodymyr Bashutskyy** for a Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes, with **Barcelona**, from **September 14 to September 23, 2014.**

Book by April 15 and save \$250.00 per person!

For more info: **Fr. Bashutskyy 204-582-7535** or Martha Baniyas 204-949-0199 (The Great Cdn Travel Co) Please see brochure at back of church or email: bvmchurch@gmail.com

Blessed Virgin Mary Church, 965 Boyd Ave will be celebrating their second Annual Memorial Divine Liturgy and Panakhyda Service for deceased clergy and parishioners on **Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 10 am.**

If you are planning to attend this service for your deceased loved ones who were parishioners of Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, please contact **Fr. Volodymyr Bashutskyy by Sunday, April 27, 2014 at 204-582-7535** or email BVMChurch@gmail.com and let us know how many family members will be attending. Refreshments will be served following the service.

Good teacher of the young and innocent and Source of knowledge and wisdom, guide our youth along the path of truth, strengthen them in the virtues, teach them to desire greatness and to follow the calling of the Most High, always growing in wisdom and the Grace of God.

Faithful: Most Holy Mother of God, save us!
Presvjata Bohorodytse, spasy nas!

O Mother of mercy, ask of the Most High God, complete and righteous peace for our lands, not only protection from armed conflict, but also liberation from hatred and discord, from malice and the desire for vengeance. Bring us to a peace founded on truth, justice, forgiveness and love.

Faithful: Most Holy Mother of God, save us!
Presvjata Bohorodytse, spasy nas!

O Mother of God and Protectress of the Ukrainian lands! In haste, we gather under the mantle of your mercy, and we implore your help and in you alone do we set our hope. Accept us all under your protection, bless us and preserve us as your chosen community. By your prayers, make us proficient adherers of the commandments of Christ. Abide with us always as the merciful and kind one who loves us all; and in the present life be our warm defender and helper, expelling the battalions of our adversaries and setting us on the way of salvation. For we have no other helper, we have no other hope, except you, Most Pure Virgin! Come to our aid; we set our hopes on you and you are our glory: for we are your servants, that we may not be disparaged now, always and for ever and ever.

Faithful: Amen.

Priest: The blessing of the Lord be upon you with His grace and love for mankind, always, now and for ever and ever.

Choir: Amen.

Priest: Glory to you, O Christ our God, our hope, glory be to you.

Choir: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen. Lord, have mercy. (*thrice*). Give the blessing.

The Priest delivers the Sunday dismissal. Choir: Amen.

April Renewal of the Consecration of Ukraine to the Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God

“Continuing the ministry of my great predecessors of the See of Kyiv-Halych, in communion with the our entire Church in Ukraine and throughout the world, I, Patriarch Sviatoslav, desire to renew the Act of Consecration of the Ukrainian People to the all-powerful Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos.”

The **Act** of the placing of Ukraine under her Protection will take place on Sunday, 6 April 2014 in all the churches of our Church in Ukraine and throughout the World. His Beatitude Sviatoslav will lead from the Patriarchal Cathedral in Kyiv; all Bishops will lead this Consecration from their Cathedral churches; and priests within their parish churches following each Divine Liturgy.

His Beatitude reminds us that back in his day, the pious **Prince Yaroslav the Wise** (1019-1054) dedicated the people of Kyivan-Rus' to the Protection of the Most Holy Virgin Mary in **1037**. This dedication was renewed at Zarvanytsja in **1995** by **+Myroslav-Ivan Cardinal Lubachivsky**.

The UGCC Primate is calling for this act of renewing the Consecration to the Protection of the Theotokos, because of the great tribulation that all the people and our entire country are experiencing at this time due to the occupation of part of our land by the Russian forces – a situation that fills our hearts with anxiety for the future, uncertainty and fear. The letter states, **“taking into consideration these new historical circumstances, I want to direct your spiritual eyes toward the Mother of God and in response to her loving and caring presence in our lives - to place all of us in her motherly care.”**

*“By this Act we solemnly recognize God’s watchfulness over us, we express our love toward the **Mother of God**, our readiness to fulfil all that her Son and our Lord Jesus commands us; and our desire to serve God and our nation only in the light of God’s law. We will observe this consecration personally and communally, petitioning our Lord for His blessing upon our long-suffering nation through the intercession of the Theotokos”, states the Pastoral Letter. “She joins us in the unending praise of the Most High, while at the same time, as a loving mother she continuously intercedes for us before the Lord”.*

The Primate of the UGCC wrote that, *“I invite and call upon all Bishops, Priests, Monks and Nuns and Faithful of our Church to persevere in trust and prayer to Mary, the Mother of God, so that, always kept under her protection, and after the struggles and accomplishments of the Great Fast, we would arrive at the radiant Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ to be witnesses to and participants in the renewal of our dear homeland!”*

His Beatitude Sviatoslav noted: *“We proposed to our brothers of the Orthodox Churches of Ukraine to also perform such acts of consecration, since at the time when Prince Yaroslav the Wise initiated them - the Kyivan Church was undivided.”*

Liturgical Ceremony for the Consecration of the Ukrainian Nation to the Protection of the Most Holy Mother of God

Choir: Tropar (Tone 4)

Let us sinners humbly and diligently have recourse to the Mother of God.* Prostrate in repentance, let us cry out from the depth of our soul:* O Queen, in your compassion, come to our aid!* Make haste, for we are perishing from the multitude of our sins.* Do not turn away your servants empty-handed,* for we have no protection besides you.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
Now & forever & ever. Amen**

Unworthy as we are,* we shall never cease to proclaim your power, O Mother of God.* If you no longer intercede for us,* who will deliver us from so many misfortunes?* Who will keep us free?* We shall never leave you, O Queen O blessed Lady,* you always save your servants from every calamity.

Priest: Let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

Prayer of Consecration of Ukraine to the Protection of the Most Holy Theotokos

The Priest aloud says the following prayer

Most Holy, Most Pure, Most Blessed Virgin Mother of God. To the sorrowful, you are a great intercessor, quick to help, the salvation and support of humanity and the unwavering Protectress of the whole world.

Before your throne, we give glory to you with confident hope that you will implore for us mercy and grace, active assistance and defence at this time of tribulation; not because of any merit of ours, upon which we cannot depend, but because of the immeasurable goodness of your motherly heart.

Therefore, today we hasten to you and fervently implore you: With the mantle of your mercy, cover your Church and our whole people that cry out to you.

Faithful: Most Holy Mother of God, save us!
Presvjata Bohorodytse, spasy nas!

We are distraught by dire experiences and they fill our souls with great sorrow; appease them with the peace of your Son and God, O immaculate Virgin. Take away our soulful storm of grief; for you, Bride of God, all-pure one, gave birth to Christ, the Prince of Peace.

Faithful: Most Holy Mother of God, save us!
Presvjata Bohorodytse, spasy nas!

To us, who cry out to you, reveal the depths of your mercy and obtain for us the forgiveness of all our sins, for you, for whom praises are sung, gave birth to the Kind-hearted One – the Saviour of us all.

Faithful: Most Holy Mother of God, save us!
Presvjata Bohorodytse, spasy nas!

O God-loved Theotokos, the only ever-virgin, help those who lay upon their beds of pain and suffering; heal the wounded, wipe away the tears of the mournful, protect the wanderers, and comfort those who are persecuted; be a willing intercessor for all who call upon you.

Faithful: Most Holy Mother of God, save us!
Presvjata Bohorodytse, spasy nas!

Bride of God, who gave birth to the Lord our *Helmsman*, give us courageous and wise leaders of Church and society; by your prayers obtain for them the light of the Holy Spirit so that enlightened by it they would guide along the ways of truth the People of God that call out to you in faith.

Faithful: Most Holy Mother of God, save us!
Presvjata Bohorodytse, spasy nas!

Powerful Commander and Leader of heavenly legions, you who by raising your hands in prayer, conquer enemies and overcome all aggressors, strengthen our soldiers, grant them the strength and courage to defend with an unyielding shield their people that calls out to you.

Faithful: Most Holy Mother of God, save us!
Presvjata Bohorodytse, spasy nas!

O immaculate Mother of the Word Incarnate! Bless all of our families; grant us temporal wellbeing and health, and especially – the Grace of God and a virtuous Christian life

Faithful: Most Holy Mother of God, save us!
Presvjata Bohorodytse, spasy nas!