Christ is among us! He is and will be!



Христос посеред нас! € і буде!

LITURGITINIE	
Sunday, March 15 ◆ 4th Sunday of Lent 5:00 pm (Sat.) † Dan Mitchler	Hebrews 6: 13-20 ~ Mark 9: 17-31
8:30 am God's blessings for St. Joseph's Parishioners	betty & Stillley
10:00 am (HFH) † Jean Michalishyn	
11:00 am For vocations to the priesthood and religious life	n.n.
6:00 pm The Way of the Cross (Ukr)	
Monday, March 16 ● Martyr Sabinus	Romans 12: 1-3 ~ Luke 6: 31-36
8:00 am Good health for brother George	
Tuesday, March 17 • Venerable Alexis	Ephesians 4: 14-16 ~ Luke 6: 24-31
8:00 am † Edith Kotyk	Peter and Joan Washchyshyn
11:00 am (Bethany) God's Blessings for Sister Patricia Lacey	Bethany Home
Wednesday, March 18● St. Cyril	Ephesians 4: 17-25 ~ Luke 7: 36-50
8:00 am † Mykola, † Sofia, † Tekla, † Ivan	
10:00 am (HFH) † Mary Lukie	
7:00 pm Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	
Thurs, March 19 ● Martyr Chrysantus	Ephesians 4: 25-32 ~ Luke 13: 1-9
8:00 am Health of Larry Liska	
11:00 am (Bethany) God's Blessings for Natalia, Olexcander and	
Friday, March 20 ● Fathers of Sabbas 8:00 am † Dan Mitchler	2 Corinthians 5: 10-15 ~ Luke 12: 42-48
11:00 am (Bethany) † Bishop Michael Hrynchyshyn CSsR	
6:30 pm The Way of the Cross (Eng)	,
Saturday, March 21● Akathist Saturday	Hebrews 9: 24-28 ~ Mark 8: 27-33
7:30 am (HFH) † Fr. Joseph Denischuk CSsR	Winnipeg Community
8:30 am † Parishioners and † Families of St. Joseph's ~ follows Sunday, March 22• 5th Sunday of Lent	ed by Sorokousty
5:00 pm (Sat.) † Andrew and † Sophia (40th day)	
8:30 am God's blessings for St. Joseph's Parishioners	
10:00 am (HFH) † Mary Bodykevich	HFH Ladies' Auxiliary
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SUNDAY COLLECTION March 8, 2015 THANK YOU! 150 envelopes \$ 3,636.00 Open Collection \$ 109.00; Vigil Lamps \$ 137.00; Outreach \$220.00;

Church in Ukraine \$ 1070.00; Share Lent \$ 140; Easter Flowers \$ 30; Easter Offering \$10.00 We gratefully acknowledge the family of † Mary Lukie for their fellowship donation (\$250). The Van Committee gratefully acknowledges the donation (\$500) from the Men's Club.

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH Українська Католицька Парафія Святого Йосифа

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MARCH 15TH 2015 . FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

15 БЕРЕЗНЯ 2015 • ЧЕТВЕРТА 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)

8:30 AM (UKRAINIAN) • 11:00 AM (ENGLISH)

DAILY DIVINE LITURGY

8:00 AM MONDAY - FRIDAY • 8:30 AM SAT.

VESPERS SATURDAY 4:15 - 5:00 PM STARTING SEPT 13, 2014

Holy Days

8:30 AM (UKRAINIAN) ● 7:00 PM (ENGLISH)

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BLESSED VASYL VELYCHKOVSKY, CSSR BISHOP - MARTYR

SHRINE - MUSEUM - GIFT SHOP HOURS OF OPERATION

SUNDAY: AFTER DIVINE LITURGIES
MONDAY: CLOSED

TUESDAY - FRIDAY: 10:00 AM - 5:00 PM SATURDAY: 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

SHRINE DIRECTOR: FR. JOHN SIANCHUK, CSSR SHRINE ADMINISTRATOR: MARY JANE KALENCHUK
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DEVOTIONS TO BLESSED VASYL 7:00 PM WEDNESDAY

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!

Dear Beloved Parishioners and Guests,

May we warmly welcome Fr. Taras, our youngest Redemptorist & who is presently serving in St. Peter & Paul's Saskatoon parish. He is conducting a program for our young people and is also sharing the Word From the Pasto of God with us this weekend. Fr. Taras, we are happy to have you here!



Enclosed in the next couple of bulletins is our Holy Week and Easter schedules please keep this handy and please do participate in many of our precious services.

All through Lent we try to focus on the gracious generous love of Jesus who came unto earth, lived among us, suffered and died for us and we take great comfort in the living words of Jesus: "I am the Way, the Resurrection and the Life! He who believes in Me and keeps my commandments will never die, but will live forever." What a precious life-giving and hope-filled promise for each of us who choose to believe and live our Christian lives!

We therefore, as sisters and brothers in Christ, make a special effort during Lent to identify with Him, to deepen our love and faith in Him by 'prayer and fasting'. We try to spiritually experience the various liturgical services, either as an individual or hopefully, as a family of God.

The Passion Week with its most beautiful and, even painfully thought-provoking services, through which we re-live the Suffering, the Crucifixion and the Death of Jesus Christ, is such an important week in our spiritual journey. Let us try to personally experience and fervently pray many of these unique prayerful services.

And then as we joyfully and splendidly celebrate the glorious feast of the Resurrection of Christ; our "Velykyden", we loudly proclaim: "Christ is risen from the dead conquering death by death and to those in the tombs, granting life." We thus announce to the world that we are a People of Hope, a People of Joy, a People of the Resurrection!

It is the Living Jesus who reminds us to keep our lives in perspective, to strongly and sincerely believe that life truly has meaning and purpose as we strive to live like Christ and be Christ to one another.

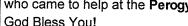
We are a Resurrectional People who are encouraged to live life to the fullest here on earth by sharing our blessings and gifts with each other, by bringing joy and love and happiness to all. We thus become Christ to one another and verily, receive Jesus' promise of **Eternal Life!**

Now that I am back from my Parish Missions, I do anticipate sharing our famous Fish Fry and prayerful services with you. As Jesus shared with us: "We can't live \(\frac{1}{2} \). with bread alone, we also need the spiritual Bread of Life!"

March 14th March 15, 2015	March 21st March 22, 2015	
<u>Epistle Readers</u> 5:00 pm Saturday D. Sumka	Epistle Readers 5:00 pm Saturday G. Winch	7
8:30 am Sunday Parish Choir	8:30 am Sunday C Sikorsky	
11:00 am Sunday Children's Liturgy	11:00 am Sunday P Washchyshyn	
<u>Ushers</u> 5:00 pm Saturday J. Hykawy M. Hykawy	<u>Ushers</u> 5:00 pm Saturday J. Tchir D. Dahl	,
8:30 am Sunday Z. Hudyma L. Hudyma	8:30 am Sunday D. Gnutel E. Gnutel	
11:00 am Sunday G. Fallis G. Lasko	11:00 am Sunday P. Samorodny B. Wowczuk	
<u>Vigil Lamps</u> <u>March 2 - March 15,</u> <u>2015</u> J. Kendall E. Zwarych	<u>Vigil Lamps</u> Mar 16 - March 29, 2015 V. Kohut P. Kohut	

St. Joseph's Parish thank all

who came to help at the Perogy Bee.



Please keep April14th & Wed, April 15th open for the next Perogy Bee.

Call Mary 339-1296 to place your order-\$5/dz

St. Joseph's Parishioners are all encouraged to attend ...

Our Annual General Meeting Sunday, Mar 22, 2015 1:00 pm

A Light Lunch will be available after 11:00 am Liturgy and then the meeting will follow.

PLEASE PICK UP YOUR copy of the 2014 ANNUAL REPORT (in the church)

This is a wonderful opportunity for YOU to express your concerns and how you see the direction of the parish. What programs would YOU like to see incorporated. eg Shall we continue with the windows?

Church Cleaning on Saturday March 28 at 9:30 am after 8:30 am Liturgy. Parishioners, please come out to help beautify our Church for Easter.

Upcoming at St. Joseph's:

Mar 15 Sun Choir sings 8:30 am Liturgy; Catechism 10 am; Adult Study 10 am- Monastery; Children's Liturgy 11am; Kids' Pysanky workshop; Way of the Cross (Ukr)6 pm

Mar 18 Wed Seniors liturgy 10:30 am, followed by meeting and birthday party. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 7pm

Mar 20 Fri K of C Halibut Fish Fry 4:30pm-6:30 pm; Way of Cross 6:30 pm) (Eng)

Mar 21 Sat Sorokousty following Divine Liturgy at 8:30 am

Mar 22 Sun Catechism 10 am; Adult Study 10 am; Annual General Meeting 1pm; Way of the Cross (Ukr)6 pm

Mar 25 Wed Feast of Annunciation Liturgy 8:30 am & 7pm

(Last) K of C Halibut Fish Fry 4:30pm-6:30 pm; Way of Cross 6:30 pm) (Eng)

Mar 28 Sat Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy 8:30 am; CLEANING OF CHURCH

Mar 29 Sun Palm Sunday! Last Adult Study 10 am - Monastery; NO catechism Holy Week—Come to the services nightly! Please see insert.





Children & Parents/Grandparents of the Parish...Pysanky Workshop Sunday March 15 ~ noon - 3 pm in the hall ~ Pysanka supplies provided! and Pizza lunch (\$2 per slice) Maryann at leemaryann@shaw.ca or 797-5758

St. Joseph's Van Committee needs your help! They are looking for drivers to transport our faithful parishioners to Divine Liturgy on Saturday at 5pm or on Sunday for 8:30 am! Female drivers are more than welcome to apply, too! The more drivers that there are on the list, your turn to drive is less often! Please give Rudy a call 694-8763.

Community Events

- Sun Mar 15 ~ Ladies of Immaculate Conception Church, Cooks Creek (Hwy 212 at Zora Rd) 44th Annual Spring Tulip Tea; 1:30-3:30 pm; Bake Sale~Raffle~Silent Auction
- Sat Mar 21 or Apr 4~Oseredok presents Family Pysanka Workshops 1:30-4:00pm; To Register Call 942-0218 or email ucec@mymts.net Fees: \$8 members, \$12 non-members
- Sun Mar 22 to May 24~Art Exhibition commemorating 200th Anniversary of the Birth of Taras Shevchenko at Oseredok; Opening Sun, Mar 22 at 2pm 184 Alexander Av. East
- Tues Mar 24 ~KC St. Josaphat Council Lecturer Series 6:45pm at Selo Villa, 114 McGregor St BI Emilian Kowcz-Video presentation by Fr. Taras Kowcz, Grandson of Bl. Emilian: Pre-register with Peter Prystupa 667-3850 or p prystupa@hotmail.com
- Sat Mar 28 ~ Candle Light Service for your loved ones at Green Acres Chapel, Hwy #1 East at 1 Green Acres Lane at 7pm. Info: 237-7899
- Sun Mar 29 ~ Holy Redeemer Parish, 264 Donwood Dr. NK presents a play at 7pm; The Passion of Jesus Christ. (Free will offering)
- Sun Mar 29 ~ Sts. Vladimir and Olga UCWLC's Spring Tea ~ 1pm-3pm ~ 115 McGregor St ~ Official Opener: Lesia Szwaluk, Ex Director Ukr Cdn Foundation of Taras Shevchenko
- Sun Mar 29 ~ St. Basil's Palm Sunday Tea ~ 1pm-3pm ~ 202 Harcourt St~ Sr. Janice Soluk SSMI will open the tea. Home Baking, Raffle, Silent Auction.
- Thur Apr 9 ~ Annual Interfaith Model Passover Seder 6-9:30pm at Congregation Shaarey Zedek, 561 Wellington Ave. Tickets: Adults \$25, Children \$12 (12yrs & under) Call 487-9623
- Wed Apr 22 ~ The Catholic Foundation of MB ~ Caritas Dinner honoring the service of all Consecrated Women Religious in MB; 6pm at the RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg; \$95.
- Thur Apr 30 ~ STEP INTO SPRING Fashion Show in support of St. Anne Ukr Church 'Beautifund' 7pm, St. Anne Parish, 35 Marcie St. Doors open at 6:30pm. Fashions by Nygard; Wine, Cheese, Tortes, Door prizes & 50/50 Draw. Tickets \$25 call Jane or Anne 667-9588

K.U.C.A. WINTER GAMES					
Ball Hockey (Outdoors)	March 28 2015	St. Joseph's Parish	5-10yrs: 12:30 to 2:30 pm	Council #8925	
			10-16yrs: 2:30 to 4:30 pm		
Awards Wind-up	April 18 2015	St. Nicholas Parish	5:30 to 9:30 pm	All KUCA Councils	

Proposed Parish Council for 2015 Elected / Appointed Members

- Harry Szkwarek 1. President 2. 1st Vice-President

- Ken Bailey

3. 2nd Vice-President - Wayne Derlago

4. Secretary - Olga Strashok, Joanne Malenko

5. Financial Officer - Stephen Sumka - Don Cilinsky 6. Investment Committee 7. Coordinator of Altar Servers - Mary Ann Lee

8. Coordinator of Apos/Relig. Ed. - Norm & Sandy Dobson

9. Coordinator of By-Laws - Ron Lukie, Dennis Wawrykow,

Peter Waschvshyn, Walter Lukie

10. Coordinator of Catechism - Michelle Thiessen 11. Coordinator of Fellowship - Frances Stelman

- Michael Ryczak, Teresa Wawrykow 12. Coordinator of Liturgical Com

13. Coordinator of Operations - Jim Keller, Rick Kendall

14. Coordinator of Publicity - Duane Dahl

15. Coordinator of Sick Visiting - Joan Washchyshyn, Jeanette Kendall, Andrea Boitson, Nicolette Jaman

16. Coordinator of Youth - Michelle Thiessen

17. Coordinator of Ch. Decorating - Fr. Bohdan 18. Coordinator of Parish Vision - Fr. Frank 19. Coordinator of Bl. Vasyl Com. - Vlad Solman

- Rudy Macsymach, Kay Zawortny, Peter Chubaty 20. Coordinator of Van

21. Members at Large - Eileen Kuzenko, Gary Lukie,

Wendell Kolsun, Ivyan Michalchyshyn

Parish Council Executive

Past President - Don Cilinsky - Harry Szkwarek President First Vice - Ken Bailey Sec. Vice · - Wavne Derlago

- Olga Strashok, Joanne Malenko Secretary

Financial Sec - Stephen Sumka

Operations - Jim Keller, Rick Kendall

Parish Organizations

(a) Men's Club - Dave Gnutel (b) Senior Club - Alicia Topor (c) Youth Club - Michelle Thiessen

(d) UCWLC - Pat Pavcek

(e) K of C - Dennis Wawrykow, Michael Kiernicki

(f) Choir - Orysia Hull (g) Out Reach - Iris Smellie

Non-Voting Members

Mark Galarnyk, Susan Grabau, Kathy Hinther Auditors:

Controllers: Neil Fraser, John Hykawy, Frank Hrechka, Ron Cinch

Zorian Hudyma, Ed Ozubko, Steve Prokop, Nick Tymchyshyn



Fri. March 27, 6:30 pm ~ Simply Sweet Fun Night ~ prepare to wear aprons...It's an evening of Cupcake Wars!

Palm Sunday Young Adult (18-35 yrs) Retreat~Sun. March 29~3pm-6pm~ Facilitated by Metropolitan Lawrence "What are we watching and waiting for during this Holy Week?" We will conclude with a potluck supper, so bring your favourite dish! This retreat will be at Bethany House, the residence of the Sister Servants of Mary Immaculate, 131 Aberdeen Ave. To Register contact Michelle 799-1060 rymcssr@gmail.com or Tamara 338-7801 ext 6.

S.E.R.V.E.

Summer Endeavour in a Redemptorist Volunteer Experience April 30—May 15, 2015

Two weeks of service with

the Ukrainian Redemptorists

The Welcome Home

For young adults, 18-35 yrs.

Contact Michelle for an application 204-799-1060 or rymcssr@gmail.com

<u>Easter hampers</u> will be prepared and delivered the week before Easter Sunday. If you know of anyone who may need a hamper, please call **Iris** at **339-2325** by **March 24th**.

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

Thur, Mar 19—Sun, Mar 22, 2015
Lenten Mission 2015
at Blessed Virgin Mary Church
965 Boyd Ave

with Fr. John Sianchuk, CSsR

Mission "Called to Witness the Faith"

Thur. Mar 19 7 pm- Stations of the Cross Fri. Mar 20— 7 pm- Sorokousty

Mar 21— 7 pm- Akathist to Mother of God Coffee & Fellowship after Services on Fri,

Mar 20 & Saturday, March 21.

Sun, Mar 22 - 10:00 am Divine Liturgy & Mission, followed by a light luncheon.

Opportunity for Confession at all services.

Mon. Mar 23—Wed. Mar 25, 2015

Lenten Mission 2015

at St. Anne 's Church

35 Marcie St (off Gilmore Ave)

with **Fr. Bo Nahachewsky,** who is Assistant Pastor of St. Stephen Protomartyr Ukr Church in Calgary.

Mission "How wonderfully faithful and lovingly patient our God is with us.

7:00 pm

"Journey with Fr. Bo as he recalls how God has patience with his people throughout history and our own personal lives."



Special Services during the Great Fast



<u>Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts</u> at 7:00 pm on <u>Wednesday</u>

March 18



<u>Liturgy and Sorokousty</u>, the service of intercession for our deceased ancestors at <u>8:30 am on Saturday</u>, March 21

Please provide a list of **† family names** (if we do not already have from past years) along with the **blue Sorokousty envelope** from your Sunday offering box, & place in the collection plate.

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 Shyshkowich Council #8925

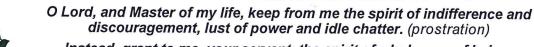
March 20, March 27, 2015

Menu: Halibut fish(2pc) with fries, coleslaw, dinner roll: adult-\$9.50*; child-\$4.75*(1pc fish)
Clam chowder \$4.00; Deep fried or boiled perogies (6) with onions, sour cream & coleslaw \$5.25*
Combo plate: 3 perogies & 1 pc fish & coleslaw \$7.25*

Extra fish \$4.75/piece; French fries \$2.00 single order; Beverage and dessert (silver collection)

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The Traditional Eastern Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem the Syrian



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)

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Scripture Readings during the Fifth Week of Great Lent Mar 16 - Mar 20

Monday: Isaiah 37:33 - 38:6; Tuesday: Isaiah 40: 18-31; Wed: Isaiah 41:4-14; Thursday: Isaiah 42: 5-16; Friday: Isaiah 45: 11-17

Your **Share Lent Donation** and **Church in Ukraine Donation** is receipted at St. Joe's, then the total amount from the parish is forwarded to our Metropolitan, who sends to C.N.E.W. to aid our people in Ukraine as well as the Church in Ukraine.

Pope Francis' Prayer Intentions for March

The Holy Father's Universal prayer intention is: "That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person."

His intention for **Evangelization** is "That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always."



Українська Католицька Церква Святого Йосифа St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church Schedule of Services 2015 Розпорядок Богослужень



28 MARCH	LAZARUS SATURDAY 8:30 am • Divine Liturgy		28 БЕРЕЗНЯ 29 БЕРЕЗНЯ	Лазарева Субота 8:30 ранку • Служба Божа Квітна Неділя звичайний недільний розпорядок
29 MARCH 30 MARCH	PALM SUNDAY - Regular Sunday Schedule HOLY MONDAY 7:00 pm • Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts	The Resurrection	30 БЕРЕЗНЯ	Великий Понеділок 7:00 вечора • Літургія Передосвячених Дарів
31 MARCH	Holy Tuesday 7:00 pm • Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts		31 березня	Великий Вівторок 7:00 вечора • Літургія Передосвячених Дарів
01 APRIL	HOLY WEDNESDAY 7:00 pm • Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick		01 квітня	Велика Середа 7:00 вечора • Літургія Передосвячених Дарів Таїнство Єлеосвячення
02 APRIL	Holy Thursday 7:00 pm • Vespers & Divine Liturgy		02 квітня	Великий Четвер 7:00 вечора • Вечірня і Служба Божа
03 APRIL	GOOD FRIDAY - day of strict fast 10:00 am • Passion of our Lord • 12 Gospels 2:30 pm • Vespers - Holy Shroud 7:00 pm • Jerusalem Matins – "Hoosli" Choir		03 квітня	Велика П'ятниця - строгий піст 10:00 ранку • Страсті • 12 Євангелій 2:30 по полудні • Вечірня • Плащаниця 7:00 вечора • Єрусалимська Утреня - хор " <i>Гуслі</i> "
04 april	Holy Saturday 2:00 pm • Vespers & Divine Liturgy • followed by paska blessing at 3:30, 4:30, 5:30 pm Bright Week 8:30 pm • Resurrection Matins • Easter Divine Liturgy (ENG)	04 квітня	Велика Субота 2:00 по обіді • Вечірня і Служба Божа • свячення пасок 3:30, 4:30, 5:30 вечора Світлий Тиждень 8:30 вечора • Воскресна Утреня і Служба Божа (анг)
05 APRIL	PASCHA – EASTER SUNDAY 7:30 am • Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy (UKR) 10:00 am • Divine Liturgy (ENG)	Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес!	05 квітня	Пасха - Великдень 7:30 ранку • Воскресна Утреня і Служба Божа (укр) 10:00 ранку • Служба Божа (анг)
06 APRIL 07 APRIL	BRIGHT MONDAY & BRIGHT TUESDAY 8:30 am • Divine Liturgy (UKR) 7:00 pm • Divine Liturgy (ENG)	Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!	06 квітня 07 квітня	Світлий Понеділок і Вівторок 8:30 ранку • Служба Божа (Укр) 7:00 вечора • Служба Божа (АНГ)
12 APRIL	THOMAS SUNDAY - Regular Sunday Schedule Saturday 5 pm; Sunday 8:30 am & 11:00 am		12 квітня	Томина Неділя - звичайний недільний розпорядок Субота 5:00 вечора; Неділя 8:30 ранку ; 11:00 ранку

In the evening we celebrate Jerusalem Matins. We never lose sight that it is God who has fulfilled all these events. It is the Risen Lord who has undergone his death, burial and entrance into Hades and who has utterly destroyed the power of Death. This Service is first a meditation of the Mystery of the Lifegiving Christ. As we sit before the Holy Shroud, seeing Jesus buried, we proclaim him as the One filled with life. This service gives us the meaning of all Christian funerals, life beyond the grave. As the service progresses we begin to hear the resurrection theme breaking through. We have a procession with the Holy Shroud through the Church. This time it is not a funeral procession, rather it symbolizes Christ in Hades, going through Hades and waking up Adam and Eve and all the dead to announce his coming and to raise them up back to life. He walks among us to wake us up so that we too may be filled with the new resurrected Life. This service is profoundly beautiful.

Holy Saturday

During the Service we celebrate in the afternoon, we already inaugurate the Resurrection. The Service begins with a proclamation of the destruction of Hades, that Hades could not hold Jesus among the dead because He is Life itself and with Him it loses all those it held in captivity over the ages. Before our eyes the whole church changes. The priest's vestments change from dark to bright. The altar vestments change. To emphasize the new life that spring forth from the grave, fresh flower petals are strewn throughout the church. Also as symbol of our baptism into new life, we are all sprinkled with

Holy Water scented with rose water. As all this happens the congregation keeps singing "Arise, O God....". The :Lord has responded to our plea. Then we hear the Gospel of Resurrection. Afterwards we begin to bless the special Easter food, the Easter basket.

Easter

The Celebration begins with Easter Matins. Weather permitting we will begin with a procession around the Church, symbolizing the pilgrimage of life. Then as we come before the main doors of the Church, symbolizing the gates of heaven, we begin to proclaim the Tropar " Christ is Risen...". The priest then knocks on the doors of the Church with his hand cross, symbolizing Christ who broke down all barriers which separate from God and opens the gates of paradise for us. As we continue to sing "Christ is Risen..." we all enter the Church, foreshadowing the day when we shall enter fully into the Kingdom of God once we too have passed through death. The celebration continues with joyous hymns, ringing of bells, greeting one another. receiving the Eucharist. The Gospel is proclaimed in several languages and with the ringing of bells. We continue to celebrate this day for eight days up until Thomas Sunday. Therefore it is called the Great Day -'Velykden'.



BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF HOLY WEEK

Holy Wednesday

This is the third day of the "Bridegroom Days" during which we stress that we be ready for Jesus the Bridegroom who comes to us in the middle of the night. We are warned not to be caught asleep when He comes. We are to await expectantly to experience the Saving events of Jesus' Death and Resurrection. On this day we recall when Mary Magdalene expressed her love for Jesus, who forgave her her great sins, by pouring precious ointment on His feet. In return Jesus pours precious ointment upon us today. During the Presanctified Liturgy, we are invited to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. This Sacrament, which is usually given only to those gravely ill, is given once a year to all the faithful during this Service. This Sacrament is for the healing of our bodies and for the forgiveness of all our sins. A great way to prepare our selves for the next few days. We should approach this sacrament always with a repentant heart.

Holy Thursday

On this day we recall the Lord's Last Supper with his apostles during which several important events occur. First, Jesus offers to the apostles his Body and Blood under the form of bread and wine. During this meal He washes their feet. During the meal Judas decides to betray Him while Peter promised never to deny Him, but later does. We celebrate this event through the evening Liturgy, where we partake of that same Last Supper and receive His Body and Blood. In the

washing of the feet we learn the lesson to wash our neighbor's feet, to serve the needs of others. We are warned not to be like Judas who receives the Eucharist and immediately goes to betray the Master.

Good Friday

This is a day of Prayer and Fasting. There are three major Services today. In the morning we celebrate Matins. Here we hear the accounts of the Passion of Jesus. There are twelve readings of the Gospel. The Word of God is a living Word which finds a home in our hearts. We enter into Jesus' Life as He is arrested. denied, tried, condemned, mocked, crucified and buried. To emphasize the power of the Word to enlighten us, parishioners take turns holding candles for the Readings, the priestly vestments are changed from light to dark, the Gospel is announced by bells and later by clackers, a Cross is planted in the middle of the Church to remind us of the way of Salvation and of Jesus' tremendous love.

In the Afternoon we celebrate Vespers - the Burial of Jesus. Again we hear an account of Jesus' Passion and through the hymns mediate on the meaning of the crucifixion. We have a burial procession with the Holy Shroud, the Plashchanystya. As we process through the church we join this burial and mediate on the wonder of God's love, on the forgiveness that Jesus bestows upon us from the Cross, on the mystery of God entering death and being buried. We bow profoundly before our Lord and on our knees we venerate the Holy Shroud. From now until Easter, we begin a Vigil, a profound time of prayer and silence in the Church and we sit before this Mystery of God's Love.