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Parish Bulletin

APRIL 26, 2020

Xристос Воскрес! *Воістину Воскрес!*



Christ is Risen!

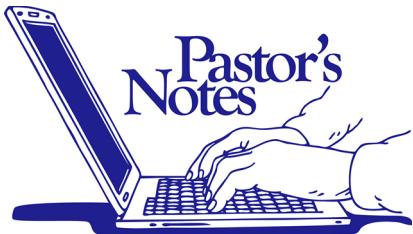
Indeed, He is Risen!

Sunday Divine Liturgy Live Streamed at 10:00 am
YouTube - St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church Winnipeg

Blessed Vasyl Velychkovsky CSsR Devotions Wednesdays 7:00 pm
Youtube - Bishop Velychkovsky National Martyr's Shrine

Христос Воскрес!

Christ is Risen!



Dear Parishioners,

Many years ago, a certain motel chain had a very memorable advertising campaign. At the end of their commercials, one would hear a very friendly and warm voice extending a welcoming invitation to all the road wearied travelers to come spend the night at this particular motel. The concluding line in each of its ads was "*We'll leave the light on for you.*"

The Gospel for Easter, taken from John 1, contains the following line "*the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*"

Of course, this *light* is our risen Lord. This light truly dispels all darkness. Currently, we unfortunately find ourselves in the midst of what could be described as "darkness". The Covid-19 pandemic and the senseless mass shootings in Nova Scotia have changed the lives of so many. For some, it seems that the lights have gone out. It appears to be a "power outage" beyond imagination. And it is in the midst of such "dark" darkness, we who are followers of our Lord, the Light of the world, are called to be "lights" and to leave the "lights on".

There are so many who are currently "lights" in our society. Doctors, nurses, first responders, the support staff at hospitals, and the countless volunteers who are reaching out in so many ways. Being good neighbours, phoning those who are alone, and shopping for those who cannot are being "lights" for others. Following the new social rules out of care and concern for others is also being a "light". And praying to the "Light of the World" will certainly dispel the darkness of the moment and give us the strength to leave the lights on.

To leave the lights on will bring calm to those who are wearied and worn. *To leave the lights on* will allow others to see hope in the midst of darkness. *To leave the lights on* will help others to find their way to a safe place.

Peace & Prayers,
Fr. Dmytro

Christ Is Risen!

Христос Воскрес!

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

*As a sign of the joy of the Resurrection
and to emphasize the fact that we have all been forgiven by the Risen Christ,
we are to stand (to refrain from kneeling) during the Divine Liturgy and other liturgical services,
from Easter Sunday until Pentecost Sunday (May 31).*

DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Condolences are extended to the family and friends on the passing of

+Allen Gillespie,

Grant Eternal Rest, O Lord, to the soul of your servant.

Христос Воскрес! Christ is Risen!



Sunday Divine Liturgy Live Streamed Sunday 10:00 am

Moleben to the Mother of God, Sundays in May 7:00 pm

YouTube—St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church Winnipeg

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Sunday Collection April 19

Sunday Collection	\$525
Miscellaneous Donation	\$1780
Easter Offering	\$1470
Share Lent/Church in Ukraine	\$20

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Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women- Sunday April 26, 2020

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

Христос восткес із мертвих, смертью смерть подолав, і тим що в гробах, життя даруєв

Tropar, tone 2: 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!”

Tropar, tone 2: The noble Joseph took down your most pure body from the Cross.* He wrapped it in a clean shroud,* and with fragrant spices laid it in burial in a new tomb.* But You arose in three days, O Lord,* bestowing great mercy upon the world.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; now and for ever and ever. Amen!

Kondak, tone 2: By your Resurrection, O Christ our God,* You told the women bringing ointment to rejoice;* and You stilled the weeping of Eve, the first mother.* You instructed the women to announce to your apostles.* “The Savior has risen from the tomb.”

Prokimen, tone 6: Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

Verse: To you, O Lord, I call; O my Rock, be not deaf to me

Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (6: 1 - 7)

In those days, as the number of disciples grew, the ones who spoke Greek complained that their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food, as compared with the widows of those who spoke Hebrew. The Twelve assembled the community of the disciples and said, “It is not right for us to neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Look around among your own number, brothers, for seven men acknowledged to be deeply spiritual and prudent, and we shall appoint them to this task. This will permit us to concentrate on prayer and the ministry of the word.” The proposal was unanimously accepted by the community. Following this they selected Stephen, a man filled with faith and the Holy Spirit; Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, who had been a convert to Judaism. They presented these men to the apostles, who first prayed over them and then imposed hands on them. The word of God continued to spread, while at the same time the number of the disciples in Jerusalem enormously increased. There were many priests among those who embraced the faith.

Alleluia Verses: *You have favored, O Lord, your land; you have restored the well-being of Jacob.
Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss.*

Gospel: Mark 15: 43 - 16: 8

At that time Joseph from Arimathea arrived--a distinguished member of the Sanhedrin. He was another who looked forward to the reign of God. He was bold enough to seek an audience with Pilate and urgently requested the body of Jesus. Pilate was surprised that Jesus should have died so soon. He summoned the centurion and inquired whether Jesus was already dead. Pilate released the corpse to Joseph. Then, having bought a linen shroud, Joseph took him down, wrapped him in the linen, and laid him in a tomb

which had been cut out of rock. Finally he rolled a stone across the entrance of the tomb. Meanwhile, Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joses observed where he had been laid. When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought perfumed oils with which they intended to go and anoint Jesus. Very early, just after sunrise, on the first day of the week they came to the tomb. They were saying to one another, "Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked, they found that the stone had been rolled back (It was a huge one.) On entering the tomb they saw a young man sitting at the right, dressed in a white robe. This frightened them thoroughly, but he reassured them: "You need not be amazed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, the one who was crucified. He has been raised up; he is not here. See the place where they laid him. Go now and tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you to Galilee, where you will see him just as he told you.'" They made their way out and fled from the tomb bewildered and trembling: and because of their great fear, they said nothing to anyone.

Instead of 'It is truly right'

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!^{*} Exalt 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; partake of the source of immortality. Praise the Lord from the heavens, praise Him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Epistle & Gospel Readings

April 26-May 3

Sun. April 26	Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women	Acts 6:1-7	Mark 15:43-16:8
Mon. April 27	Priest Martyr Simeon	Acts 6:8-7:5, 47-60	John 4:47-54
Tues. April 28	Apostle Jason	Acts 8:5-17	John 6:27-33
Wed. April 29	Martyrs of Cyzice	Acts 8:18-25	John 6:35-39
Thur. April 30	Apostle James	Acts 12:1-11	Luke 5:1-11
Fri. May 1	Prophet Jeremias	Acts 8:40-9:19	John 6:48-54
Sat. May 2	Athanasius the Great	Acts 9:19-31	John 15:17-16:2
Sun. May 3	Sunday of the Paralytic	Acts 9:32-42	John 5:1-15

Knights of Columbus Fr. Shyshkowich Council # 8925 The 35th Anniversary Celebration planned for May 2nd has been postponed. The new tentative date is September 26th. Details to follow in the near future. For individuals who have purchased advance tickets please hold onto them as they will be honoured for the rescheduled date.

St. Joseph's UCWLC The May & June general meetings and AGM are cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. It is hoped that the AGM will be held in September, depending on the situation at that time. Please pray for one another and stay in contact with each other. Stay safe and healthy. God Bless!

MESSAGE OF HIS HOLINESS POPE FRANCIS FOR THE 2020 WORLD DAY OF VOCATIONS

(3 May 2020)

Words of Vocation

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

On 4 August last year, the 160th anniversary of the death of the Curé of Ars, I chose to write a letter to all those priests who daily devote their lives to the service of God's people in response to the Lord's call.

On that occasion, I chose four key words – *pain, gratitude, encouragement* and *praise* – as a way of thanking priests and supporting their ministry. I believe that today, on this 57th World Day of Prayer for Vocations, those words can be addressed to the whole people of God, against the backdrop of the Gospel passage that recounts for us the remarkable experience of Jesus and Peter during a stormy night on the Sea of Galilee (cf. Mt 14:22-33).

After the multiplication of the loaves, which had astonished the crowds, Jesus told his disciples to get into the boat and precede him to the other shore, while he took leave of the people. The image of the disciples crossing the lake can evoke our own life's journey. Indeed, the boat of our lives slowly advances, restlessly looking for a safe haven and prepared to face the perils and promises of the sea, yet at the same time trusting that the helmsman will ultimately keep us on the right course. At times, though, the boat can drift off course, misled by mirages, not the lighthouse that leads it home, and be tossed by the tempests of difficulty, doubt and fear.

Something similar takes place in the hearts of those who, called to follow the Teacher of Nazareth, have to undertake a crossing and abandon their own security to become the Lord's disciples. The risk involved is real: the night falls, the headwinds howl, the boat is tossed by the waves, and fear of failure, of not being up to the call, can threaten to overwhelm them.

The Gospel, however, tells us that in the midst of this challenging journey we are not alone. Like the first ray of dawn in the heart of the night, the Lord comes walking on the troubled waters to join the disciples; he invites Peter to come to him on the waves, saves him when he sees him sinking and, once in the boat, makes the winds die down.

The first word of vocation, then, is *gratitude*. Taking the right course is not something we do on our own, nor does it depend solely on the road we choose to travel. How we find fulfilment in life is more than a decision we make as isolated individuals; above all else, it is a response to a call from on high. The Lord points out our destination on the opposite shore and he grants us the courage to board the boat. In calling us, he becomes our helmsman; he accompanies and guides us; he prevents us from running aground on the shoals of indecision and even enables us to walk on surging waters.

Every vocation is born of that gaze of love with which the Lord came to meet us, perhaps even at a time when our boat was being battered by the storm. "Vocation, more than our own choice, is a response to the Lord's unmerited call" (*Letter to Priests*, 4 August 2019). We will succeed in discovering and embracing our vocation once we open our hearts in gratitude and perceive the passage of God in our lives.

When the disciples see Jesus walking towards them on the sea, they first think that he is a ghost and are filled with fear. Jesus immediately reassures them with words that should constantly accompany our lives and our vocational journey: "Take heart, it is I; have no fear" (Mt 14:27). This, then, is the second word I wish to offer you: *encouragement*.

What frequently hinders our journey, our growth, our choosing the road the Lord is marking out for us, are certain “ghosts” that trouble our hearts. When we are called to leave safe shores and embrace a state of life – like marriage, ministerial priesthood, consecrated life – our first reaction is often from the “ghost of disbelief”. Surely, this vocation is not for me! Can this really be the right path? Is the Lord really asking me to do this?

Those thoughts can keep growing – justifications and calculations that sap our determination and leave us hesitant and powerless on the shore where we started. We think we might be wrong, not up to the challenge, or simply glimpsing a ghost to be exorcized.

The Lord knows that a fundamental life choice – like marriage or special consecration to his service – calls for courage. He knows the questions, doubts and difficulties that toss the boat of our heart, and so he reassures us: “Take heart, it is I; have no fear!” We know in faith that he is present and comes to meet us, that he is ever at our side even amid stormy seas. This knowledge sets us free from that lethargy which I have called “sweet sorrow” (*Letter to Priests*, 4 August 2019), the interior discouragement that hold us back from experiencing the beauty of our vocation.

In the *Letter to Priests*, I also spoke about pain, but here I would like to translate the word differently, as *fatigue*. Every vocation brings with it a responsibility. The Lord calls us because he wants to enable us, like Peter, to “walk on water”, in other words, to take charge of our lives and place them at the service of the Gospel, in the concrete and everyday ways that he shows us, and specifically in the different forms of lay, priestly and consecrated vocation. Yet, like Saint Peter, our desire and enthusiasm coexist with our failings and fears.

If we let ourselves be daunted by the responsibilities that await us – whether in married life or priestly ministry – or by the hardships in store for us, then we will soon turn away from the gaze of Jesus and, like Peter, we will begin to sink. On the other hand, despite our frailty and poverty, faith enables us to walk towards the Risen Lord and to weather every storm. Whenever fatigue or fear make us start to sink, Jesus holds out his hand to us. He gives us the enthusiasm we need to live our vocation with joy and fervour.

When Jesus at last boards the boat, the winds die down and the waves are calmed. Here we have a beautiful image of what the Lord can do at times of turbulence and tempest in our lives. He stills those winds, so that the forces of evil, fear and resignation no longer have power over us.

As we live out our specific vocation, those headwinds can wear us down. Here I think of all those who have important responsibilities in civil society, spouses whom I like to refer to – not without reason – as “courageous”, and in a particular way those who have embraced the consecrated life or the priesthood. I am conscious of your hard work, the sense of isolation that can at times weigh upon your hearts, the risk of falling into a rut that can gradually make the ardent flame of our vocation die down, the burden of the uncertainty and insecurity of the times, and worry about the future. Take heart, do not be afraid! Jesus is at our side, and if we acknowledge him as the one Lord of our lives, he will stretch out his hand, take hold of us and save us.

Even amid the storm-tossed waters, then, our lives become open to *praise*. This is the last of our vocation words, and it is an invitation to cultivate the interior disposition of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Grateful that Lord gazed upon her, faithful amid fear and turmoil, she courageously embraced her vocation and made of her life an eternal song of praise to the Lord.

Dear friends, on this day in particular, but also in the ordinary pastoral life of our communities, I ask the Church to continue to promote vocations. May she touch the hearts of the faithful and enable each of them to discover with gratitude God’s call in their lives, to find courage to say “yes” to God, to overcome all weariness through faith in Christ, and to make of their lives a song of praise for God, for their brothers and sisters, and for the whole world. May the Virgin Mary accompany us and intercede for us.

Rome, Saint John Lateran, 8 March 2020, the Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday of the Myrrh Bearing Women

Today, the church glorifies the first witnesses of the resurrection, the myrrh bearing women. These women, these special witnesses of the resurrection, found themselves sent to preach to the apostles, making them as it were, the apostles to the apostles. Their love for Christ was great. While most of the apostles fled, so not to suffer the wrath of the authorities, these women stayed with Christ, revealing not only their devotion to Christ, but their courage, a courage which transcended that of most of the apostles. The myrrh bearing women went to give Christ perfume, but they found he offered himself as perfume for their souls. They did not abandon Christ, and likewise, Christ did not abandon them but strengthened them with his grace. He gave them a mission, to be the first to preach the fullness of the Gospel, to give birth, as it were, to the joy of the Christian faith by their proclamation of the resurrection to the apostles.

Covid-19: A Prayer of Solidarity

For all who have contracted coronavirus, We pray for care and healing.

For those who are particularly vulnerable, We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety, We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance,

We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone.

For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status,

We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world, We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decisionmakers, We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.
Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord. Amen.

Prayer to Our Mother of Perpetual Help



O Mother of Perpetual Help, we come before your holy Icon seeking to follow Your Son. Mary, please gently guide us to enter more deeply into the mystery of Redemption. Help us as we contemplate the Incarnation, Passion, Death & Resurrection of Your Son, Jesus, Our Redeemer. Help us to receive and accept the Light of Christ present in your arms. Mary, we present our needs to you and ask that you place them in the hands of your Son. Most Holy Mother of God, Our Mother of Perpetual Help, save us. Amen.

O Most Holy Mother of God, save us! Пресвята Богородице, спаси нас!