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Parish Bulletin

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Xристос Воскрес! *Воістину Воскрес!*



Christ is Risen!

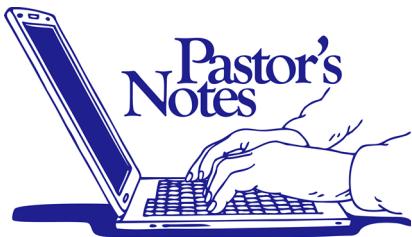
Indeed, He is Risen!

Sunday Divine Liturgy Live Streamed at 10:00 am
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Христос Воскрес!

Christ is Risen!



Dear Parishioners,

This past Tuesday, May 12, the Canadian Forces Snowbirds flew over our city of Winnipeg. There were two reasons why they were in our skies. First of all, Tuesday was the 150th anniversary of our Province of Manitoba. Secondly, the Winnipeg fly over was part of the Snowbirds cross country tour called "Operation Inspiration", whose goal is to "inspire Canadians. Through Operation Inspiration, we not only want to salute the front-line health care workers, first responders, and essential workers, but also all Canadians doing their part to stop the spread of COVID-19. We want Canadians to know we're in this with you," said LCol Mike French, commanding officer of the Snowbirds. The skilled maneuvers that we saw the Snowbirds do over the city, only was achieved with practice.

Practice, at times, may not be easy, but the results are wonderful to see. Since mid-March all of us have been asked to practice new norms, so that the Covid-19 virus can be controlled and that lives may be saved. This is certainly a wonderful result. Even though, at times, it may not be easy, this type of practice must be continued. It is important. In a way, by the new norms, we become a different type of Snowbird.

Practicing the new norms have also to touch our faith lives. Since the middle of March, we have not been able to gather "in person" at our church of St. Joseph's. This has been hard. However, we must keep in mind that we have not stopped being "church". By practicing our faith, by personal prayer, by attending our Sunday Divine Liturgies with the help of live streaming, by keeping in contact with one another with the help of the phone, internet and technology, we are still practicing our faith as best we can, given our current situation. Please keep in mind, when we practice our faith, we strengthen it and the result is always good.

Today, is the Sunday of the Man Born Blind, that last Sunday that we sing *Xpucmoc Boscpec! Christ is Risen!* So on this Sunday, please sing *Xpucmoc Boscpec! Christ is Risen!* nice and loud. This coming Wednesday, May 20, completes the 40 day Liturgical Easter Season. On Thursday, we celebrate the feast day of *Our Lord's Ascension to Heaven*. Divine Liturgy will be live streamed on Thursday at 8:30 am.

Please continue to pray for each other and to reach out to each other. These are certainly good things to practice.

*Peace & Prayers,
Fr. Dmytro*

Christ Is Risen!

Христос Воскрес!

Sunday of the Man Born Blind

*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).*

Knights of Columbus Fr. Shyshkowich Council Due to the ongoing uncertainty of physical distancing and other factors, Fr. Shyshkowich #8925's 35th anniversary celebration, originally scheduled for May 2nd and postponed until Sept. 26th, has been cancelled. We hope to mark this milestone in some way in 2021. Please discard any tickets that you may have received. We will return any monies/cheques forwarded to us by mail. We thank you for your support and understanding. We pray that all you remain well during these extraordinary times. Sincerely, Michael Ryczak, Grand Knight

Prayer to St Joseph

Protect, O Holy Guardian, this our nation.

Enlighten those responsible for the common good, so that they might know — like you do — how to care for those entrusted to their responsibility.

Grant intelligence of knowledge to those seeking adequate means for the health and physical well-being of their brothers and sisters.

Sustain those who are spending themselves for those in need, even at the cost of their own safety: volunteers, nurses, doctors who are on the front lines in curing the sick.

Bless, O St Joseph, the Church: beginning with her ministers, make her the sign and instrument of your light and your goodness.

Accompany, O St Joseph, our families: with your prayerful silence, create harmony between parents and their children, in a special way with the youngest.

Preserve the elderly from loneliness: grant that no one might be left in desperation from abandonment and discouragement.

Comfort those who are the most frail, encourage those who falter, intercede for the poor.

With the Virgin Mother, beg the Lord to liberate the world from every form of pandemic.

Amen.

Sunday of the Man Born Blind- Sunday May 17, 2020

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

Христос восткрес із мертвих, смертью смерть подолав, і тим що в гробах, життя дарує

Tropar, tone 5: : Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word,* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,* and born of the Virgin for our salvation.* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh,* to suffer death and to raise the dead* by His glorious resurrection.

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

Kondak, tone 4: With eyes that are spiritually blind* I come to You, O Christ;* and, like the man who was blind since birth,* I cry out to You with repentance: * You are a shining Light* to those who are in darkness.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen!

Kondak, tone 8: Though You went down to the grave, immortal Lord,* You destroyed the power of Hades* and rose victorious, Christ our God.* You who said “Rejoice” to the myrrh-bearing women,* give peace to Your apostles* and offer resurrection to the fallen.

Prokimen, tone 8: Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

Verse: *God is renowned in Judah, in Israel great is his name.*

Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles. (16:16-34)

In those days as we were on our way out to the place of prayer that we met a slave girl who had a clairvoyant spirit. She used to bring substantial profit to her masters by fortune telling. The girl began to follow Paul and the rest of us shouting, “These men are servants of the Most High God; they will make known to you a way of salvation.” She did this for several days until finally Paul became annoyed, turned around, and said to the spirit, “In the name of Jesus Christ I command you, come out of her!” Then and there the spirit left her. When her masters saw that their source of profit was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the main square before the local authorities. They turned them over to the magistrate with this complaint: “These men are agitators disturbing the peace of our city! Furthermore, they are Jews, which means they advocate customs which are not lawful for us Romans to adopt or practice. The crowd joined in the attack on them and the magistrates stripped them and ordered them to be flogged. After receiving many lashes they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was given instructions to guard them well. Upon receipt of these instructions he put them in maximum security, going so far as to chain their feet to a stake. About midnight, while Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God as their fellow prisoners listened, a severe earthquake suddenly shook the place, rocking the prison to its foundations. Immediately all the doors flew open and everyone’s chains were pulled loose. The jailer woke up to see the prison gates wide open. Thinking that the prisoners had escaped he drew his sword to kill himself; but Paul shouted to him, “Do not harm yourself! We are all still here.” The jailer called for a light, then rushed in and fell trembling at the feet of Paul and Silas. After a brief interval he led them out and

Said, "Men, what must I do to be saved?" Their answer was, "Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, and all your household." They proceeded to announce the word of God to him and to everyone in his house. At that late hour of the night he took them in and bathed their wounds; then he and his whole household were baptized. He led them up into his house, spread a table before them, and joyfully celebrated with his whole family his newfound faith in God.

Alleluia Verses: *Turn to me and have pit on me. Steady my footsteps according to your promise.*

Gospel: John 9:1-38:

At that time as Jesus walked along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, was it his sin or that of his parents that caused him to be born blind?" "Neither," answered Jesus. "It was no sin, either of this man or of his parents. Rather, it was to let God's works show forth in him. We must do the deeds of him who sent me while it is day. The night comes on when no one can work. While I am in the world I am the light of the world." With that Jesus spat on the ground, made mud with his saliva, and smeared the man's eyes with the mud. Then he told him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam." (the name means "One who has been sent.") So the man went off and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and the people who had been accustomed to see him begging began to ask, "Isn't this the fellow who used to sit and beg?" Some were claiming it was he; others maintained it was not but someone who looked like him. The man himself said, "I am the one." They said to him then, "How were your eyes opened?" He answered: "That man they call Jesus made mud and smeared it on my eyes, telling me to go to Siloam and wash. When I did go and wash, I was able to see." "Where is he?" they asked. He replied, "I have no idea." Next, they took the man who had been born blind to the Pharisees. (Note that it was on a sabbath that Jesus had made the mud paste and opened his eyes.) The Pharisees, in turn, began to inquire how he had recovered his sight. He told them, "He put mud on my eyes. I washed it off, and now I can see." This prompted some of the Pharisees to assert, "This man cannot be from God because he does not keep the sabbath." Others objected, "If a man is a sinner, how can he perform signs like these?" They were sharply divided over him. Then they addressed the blind man again: "Since it was your eyes opened, what do you have to say about him?" "He is a prophet," he replied. The Jews refused to believe that he had really been born blind and had begun to see, until they summoned the parents of the man who now could see. "Is this your son?" they asked, "and if so, do you attest that he was blind at birth? How do your account for the fact that now he can see?" The parents answered: "We know this is our son, and we know he was blind at birth. But how he can see now, or who opened his eyes, we have no idea. Ask him. He is old enough to speak for himself." (His parents answered in this fashion because they were afraid of the Jews, who had already agreed among themselves that anyone who acknowledged Jesus as the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. That was why his parents said, "He is of age — ask him.") A second time they summoned the man who had been born blind and said to him, "Give glory to God! First of all we know this man is a sinner." "I do not know whether he is a sinner or not," he answered. "I know this much; I was blind before; now I can see." They persisted: "Just what did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" "I have told you once, but you would not listen to me," he answered them. "Why do you want to hear it all over again? Do not tell me you want to become his disciples too?" They retorted scornfully: "You are the one who is that man's disciple. We are disciples of Moses. We know that God spoke to Moses but we have no idea where this man comes from." He came back at them: "Well, this is news! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not hear

Sinners, but that if someone is devout and obeys his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever gave sight to a person blind from birth. If this man were not from God, he could never have done such a thing." "What!" they exclaimed, "You are steeped in sin from your birth, and you are giving us lectures?" With that they threw him out bodily. When Jesus heard of his expulsion, he sought him out and asked him, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered, "Who is he, sire, that I may believe in him?" "You have seen him," Jesus replied. "He is speaking to you now." "I do believe, Lord" he said.

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

May 17-24

Sun. May 17	Sunday of the Man Born Blind	Acts 16:16-34	John 9: 1-38
Mon. May 18	Martyr Theodotus	Acts 17:1-15	John 11:47-57
Tues. May 19	Priest Martyr Patritius	Acts 17:19-28	John 12:19-36
Wed. May 20	Martyr Thalaleus	Acts 18 :23-28	John 12:36-47
Thur. May 21	Ascension of Our Lord and God	Acts 1:1-12	Luke 24:36-53
Fri. May 22	Martyr Basilicus	Acts 19:1-8	John 14:1-11
Sat. May 23	Confessor Michael	Acts 20:7-12	John 14:10-21
Sun. May 24	Sunday of the Holy Fathers	Acts 20:16-18,28-36	John 17: 1-13



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!



Sunday of the Man Born Blind

One Chapter nine of St John's Gospel is a masterly account that has no parallel in the other Gospels, (even though there are several instances of the blind being healed). The meeting between Jesus, light of the world (9:5) and a man born blind describes a precise journey of faith and also an unstoppable march towards disbelief. The episode opens with a question from the disciples: is blindness a sin? It concludes by showing that the sin of blindness is not the inability to see with one's eyes, but lack of belief in Jesus, the light of the world. Following the account of the miracle there is a lengthy conversation with various speakers. Jesus and the blind man are present throughout. It develops into an investigation into the identity of the blind man. The focus of attention moves, however, from the man born blind to Jesus the light of the world. The blind man, a known beggar, gives evidence of his cure to the people who knew him. He is interrogated by the Pharisees and his parents also are questioned. The healing poses questions for some. Others try to find reasons to deny the evidence. The blind man receives the gift of sight first, then the gift of faith.



Sunday Divine Liturgy Live Streamed Sunday 10:00 am

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

Divine Liturgy Thursday May 21. Ascension of Our Lord 8:30 am

YouTube—St. Joseph's Ukrainian Catholic Church Winnipeg

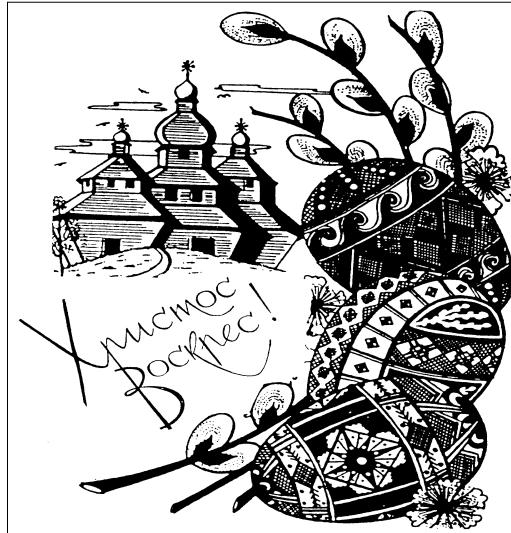
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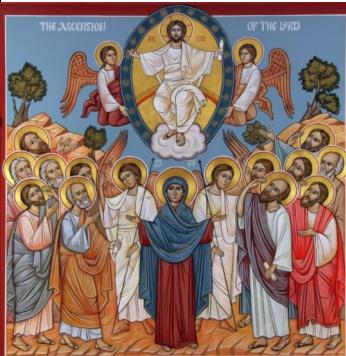
Sunday Collection May 10

Sunday Collection	\$690
Miscellaneous Donation	\$2180
Outreach	\$200
Easter Offering	\$125
Easter Flowers	\$25
Share Lent/Church in Ukraine	\$50

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The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord - May 21



The Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ is celebrated each year on the fortieth day after the Great and Holy Feast of Pascha (Easter). Since the date of Pascha changes each year, the date of the Feast of the Ascension changes, but it is always celebrated on a Thursday. The Ascension was the final Resurrection appearance to the Disciples and Mary, the Mother of God, and it marked a new beginning in all their lives. The Feast itself commemorates when, on the fortieth day after His Resurrection, Jesus led His disciples to the Mount of Olives.

After blessing them and asking them to wait for the fulfillment of the promise of the Holy Spirit, "He was lifted up before their eyes in a cloud which took Him from their sight".

The Feast is a celebration of the return of our Redeemer to Heaven. It is a day of victory for our Lord, a day of triumph that He fully merited. Christ left the throne of His Father, humbled Himself in the womb of the Virgin, lay in Bethlehem in a rough stable, fled from His own people into Egypt and spent years in Nazareth as a common labourer. Tirelessly He searched for the lost sheep of the house of Israel. His own brethren repaid Him with nothing but unkindness and misunderstanding. Then, beginning on the Mount of Olives and ending on Golgotha, He patiently paid the price of our redemption. All this He did because He loved us, because He sought to free us from Satan's power. This work is now complete. He returns to heaven as a conqueror. The Son stands before the Father by whom He was sent and whose will He so perfectly performed.

Why did Jesus go away when there was so much He could have done here on earth? The answer is given by Jesus Himself. He tells us that his human form will be replaced by the presence of the Holy Spirit who will bring us into much closer contact with Jesus than his human form could bring about. If Jesus remained on earth, we could never have gotten any closer to Him than the touch of a hand, an embrace, or the sound of a voice, which is far below the intimacy that God wants with the soul or the soul desires of God.

By Jesus' ascension, He is able to come and abide in each one of us in all His fullness so that His mind would be our mind and His life our life. Is it not the Holy Spirit, who affects the change of the bread and wine in the liturgy and thus brings Christ to us in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist? And by receiving Christ in this sacrament He comes to fill our life with His presence. Now that Christ abides in us all, He gives us a very special challenge: to glorify Him in the world today through our lives – to become visible Christs, living and working as His agents. It was a great day for the Church when a cloud received Jesus out of the sight of the apostles and he ascended into heaven. It will be an even greater day when the same ascended Jesus returns in glory. In the meantime between Ascension and the Second Coming, there is no vacuum, for Christ is with us through His Church. Through prayer, his words, and the sacraments we can experience his ascension as well as the power and glory of his presence. In fact, prayer is exactly that: an ascension to God!