

SACRAMENT of CONFESSIONS: on Sundays and Holy Days: 30 min before Divine Liturgy and other days, by appointment.

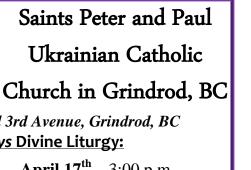
ANOINTING of the sick, hospital visits - by appointment, any time *Please note:* parish members requesting the celebration of a Divine Liturgy for a special intention (such as: Thanksgiving, the Infirm, General Intentions, the Deceased, Help of the Holy Spirit, for the Travelers, etc.), please see Fr. Volodymyr to arrange for it.

Our parish community extends a welcome to visitors who wish to pray and worship with us and who would like to participate in the life of our parish in all aspects. We assure you that visitors to St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Church in Vernon meet with the warmest hospitality. Although we are a small community, we pride ourselves in being a family which centers itself on faith, prayer and a shared love of our Traditions. Although we are proud to belong to the Ukrainian Catholic Church, a number of ethnic backgrounds are represented in our parish community.

Divine Services are celebrated according to the Byzantine Catholic Rite of Ukrainian usage. Whether you are familiar with our Liturgy and Traditions from your own faith formation or would like to learn more about them, we extend a heartfelt welcome to you to join us for Divine Liturgy. Whether you are Roman Catholic or

a member of another Church or Religious Tradition, you are most welcome to join us for worship. The Liturgy is celebrated using a mix of English and Ukrainian. The readings from the Holy Gospel and Epistles, as well as homilies are in English.





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"The Vibrant Parish – a place to encounter the living Christ" Patriarch Sviatoslav

HOLY COMMUNION: for the sick, by appointment, any time.

BAPTISMS - by appointment.

MARRIAGES - by appointment, at least 6 month in advance.

FUNERALS - by appointment.

The Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem * Flowery or Palm Sunday

Tone

First Antiphon

Verse 1: I am filled with love* for the Lord will hear the voice of my plea (Ps 114:1).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.

Verse 2: For He has inclined His ear to me,* and I will call to Him all the days of my life

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.

Verse 3: The pangs of death encircled me,* the trials of Hades befell me (Ps 114:3).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.

Verse 4: I met with anguish and pain,* and called upon the name of the Lord (Ps 114:3-4).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.

Third Antiphon

Verse 1: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

Troparion (*Tone 1*): Assuring us before Your Passion of the general resurrection,* You raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ God:* and so, like the children, we also carry signs of victory* and cry to You, the conqueror of death:* Hosanna in the highest!* Blessed is He who comes* in the name of the Lord.

Verse 2: Therefore, let the house of Israel say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever (Ps 117:2). *Troparion (Tone 1):* Assuring us before Your Passion...

Verse3: Therefore, let the house of Aaron say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever (Ps 117:3). *Troparion (Tone 1):* Assuring us before Your Passion...

Verse 4: Let all who fear the Lord say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever (Ps 117:4).

Troparion (Tone 1): Assuring us before Your Passion...

Entrance

Verse: Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord, we bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord is God and has appeared to us (Ps 117:26-27).

Troparion (Tone 1): Assuring us before Your Passion of the general resurrection,* You raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ God:* and so, like the children, we also carry signs of victory* and cry to You, the conqueror of death:* Hosanna in the highest!* Blessed is He who comes* in the name of the Lord.

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

Troparion (*Tone 4*): Buried with You through Baptism, O Christ our God,* we have been granted immortal life by Your resurrection,* and we sing Your praises, crying out:* Hosanna in the highest!* Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Now and forever and aver. Amen

Kontakion (Tone 6): Mounted on the throne in heaven, O Christ God,* and on a colt here on earth,* You accepted the praise of the angels,* and the hymn of the children who cried to You:* Blessed are You, who have to call Adam back.

Prokimenon(4): Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;* God the Lord has appeared to us. **verse:** Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever (Ps 117:1).



Epistle: A reading of St. Paul's letter to the Philippians *(Phil 4:4-9)*:

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything

by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Alleluia (*Tone 1*): Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has worked wonders (Ps 97:1). *verse*: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God (Ps 97:1).

Gospel: (John 12:1-18):

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.' When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus. The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!' Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!' His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him.

Instead of "It is truly...": O my soul, magnify Christ who is seated on a foal.

Irmos (Tone 4): The Lord is God and has appeared to us: together let us celebrate. Come with great rejoicing; let us magnify Christ with palms and olive branches, and with songs let us cry aloud to Him: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, our Saviour.

Communion: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;* God the Lord has appeared to us *Alleluia (3x)*



The Meaning of Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday commemorates the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover. The gospels record the arrival of Jesus riding into the city on a donkey, while the crowds spread their

cloaks and palm branches on the street and shouted "Hosanna Hosanna (praise) to the Son of David..! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord..! Hosanna in the highest..!" to honor him as their long-awaited Messiah and King.

These Palm Sunday Power Points depict scenes and images of Palm Sunday, providing a perfect enhancement to your teaching on this subject.

The significance of Jesus riding a donkey and having his way paved with palm branches is a fulfillment of a prophecy spoken by the prophet Zechariah (Zechariah 9:9). In biblical times, the regional custom called for kings and nobles arriving in procession to ride on the back of a donkey. The donkey was a symbol of peace; those who rode upon them proclaimed peaceful intentions. The laying of palm branches indicated that the king or dignitary was arriving in victory or triumph. One way to enhance your church's commemoration of Palm Sunday is to use Palm Sunday bulletin covers to bring this event to mind.

Prayer for a Vibrant Parish Prayer

O Lord Jesus Christ, our Good Shepherd, as you once gathered lost sheep that they might hear Your voice and be your flock, so also today graciously look down from heaven upon our parish community, and send down on it your Holy Spirit, that it might be a place to receive the joy of Your Good News. Strengthen us with your presence, and always gather us together in prayer. Grant us the spirit of serving others, so that in our parish all might encounter You, the merciful God. Bless our spiritual leaders with Your wisdom, and inspire us to generously give of our time, talents and treasure for the building up of Your Kingdom. Unite us in peace and harmony, as befits Your community of love. Instill in us a missionary spirit, and let our parish community shine with the light of the Gospel, with prayer and good works, inviting all to share in the divine life, so that Your Name, O Savior, may be praised, together with Your eternal Father, and your most-holy, good and life-giving Spirit. Amen.

Please Continue our Prayer for Ukraine:

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us "Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called Children of God." At this hour, we fervently pray that Your Holy Spirit may inspire men and women in Ukraine to become Peacemakers. May they seek reconciliation and dialogue and end the violent confrontation and killing. May they restore tranquility to their nation and restore human rights, democratic principles and religious liberty to their troubled land. God, our Father, we beseech you to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded and accept the souls of the departed into Your Heavenly Kingdom. And may the Most Holy Mother of God, extend her Blessed Mantle of Protection over Ukraine. May each of us always live our lives as instruments of Your Peace. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:



Easter Bake Sale - The UCWLC of the St. Josaphat parish invites all to Annual Easter bake Sale on **Sunday, March 20th, 2016** starting at 11:30 am. Please donate Baking and help will be appreciated.

During the Bazaar, visitors like to browse and learn about our Ukrainian culture, traditions and foods, purchasing items that appeal to them. We will be soliciting for traditional Ukrainian "Sweets" for our visitors to enjoy.

Easter Flowers Donation – anyone wish to donate for purchasing of flowers for our Easter celebration, please contact Mrs. Wanda March.

Easter Diner – will take place at St. Josaphat's parish on, **April 10**th after Divine liturgy.

Holy Week - On Friday we finished the Great Fast & now we have begun the very special Holy Week. If you have not kept the fast well, now is your extra chance for preparation before the "Feast of all Feasts," the Holy Resurrection. Clean your souls & bodies, put the oil of prayer on your face, share your talents and possessions with those in need and be ready to come forward to greet our Lord - Resurrected Jesus!

Good Friday - Is a day of fast and strict abstinence. Meat and dairy products are forbidden, and we should limit the amount of food we consume.

Thank you - We wish to thank our parishioners: Mr. Bruce Munro (Grindrod) and Mss. Teresa Huculak (Vernon) who brought pussy willows and prepared them for Palm Sunday. May God bless you.



Remember our parishioners who are sick or house-bound. Please remember them in your prayers and try to visit them, or send them a card this Easter. Let us share the Holy Joy of Easter by giving them the Joy of Our Remembrance.

"Save-on- Foods" gift cards – are available for sale. Anyone wishing to buy the cards, please contact Mrs. Patricia Sawadsky or Fr. Volodymyr.

New Westminster Eparchy's Clergy Annual Retreat –will take place in Cache Creek, BC from Tuesday March 29th to April 1st.

Our Deepest Sympathy to Mrs. Chris Paramchuk on the falling asleep of her dearest Mom, + Nellie Stefaniuk. May her memory be Everlasting!

Sunday collection March 13th - Vernon \$ 543.00; Grindrod \$ 120.00

Grace. If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.

Parishioner's news section: As a Parish, it would be wonderful if we could share in our fellow brothers and sisters journey- their joys and sorrows. If you have an upcoming event (birth announcement, big anniversary, graduation, etc) or updates such as medical news, prayer requests, etc., please send us an email or tell to the priest, so it can be included in the newsletter. As well, if you wish to celebrate a special occasion with us, you are more than welcome to bring a contribution to add to the coffee social.

Happy Birthday – May the Almighty God bless in good health and salvation in Many Happy and Blessed Years of Life to those who celebrated their birthday in month of March: Ivy Munro (Mar. 3); Mrs. Mary Lesiuk (Mar. 12); Mrs. Dorothy Chura (Mar. 16); Mrs. Ann Yaremchuk (Mar. 17); Vira Dmyterko (Mar. 24) **Many happy healthy years! Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!**

Please Pray for health of ... I. Roy, Les Blain, D. Chura, Rose Shawchuk, Anthony Mulik, John Maiwka, Yanko Anna, Szadiak Victor and Gloria, Sophie Caskey, Walter Kociuba, Nick Roman, Kalyna Kociuba, Terry Konopada, Jesse Kosick, Marion McAreavy, Mary Ferguson, Nicholas Adam Laniel Cryss O'Donnell, Rose Ostopowich, Beverly Brodoway and her husband Harry and all other parishioners and family members who need our support and God's healing at the present time. Let us also remember our sisters and brothers in Ukraine in our prayers!

Please let Fr. Volodymyr know if you would like to add new names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

Meetings Church Councils and Organizations:

Knights of Columbus Council 12202 General Meeting will take place on March 22 at 7p.m. at St. Josaphat's Church.

St. Josaphat's Parish Council Meeting will take place - April 17th after the Div. Lit. at 10:00 a.m.

UCWLC meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 12th - After the Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.

Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 12th at 7:00 pm. at OLOV RC church.

Knights of Columbus Executive Meeting will take place on Tuesday, April **26th at 7:00 pm.** at OLOV RC church.



EMAIL BULLETIN - If you would like to have the Bulletin emailed to you please send your request to: <u>o.volodymyr@yahoo.ca</u>

PARISH WEBSITE – <u>http://vernon.nweparchy.ca/bulletins/</u>

Ukrainian Catholic Parishes St. Josaphat Vernon and Sts. Peter and Paul Grindrod Liturgical Schedule for Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Easter Sunday, Bright Week

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<i>March 21-22</i> HOLY MONDAY and TUESDAY	9:00 a.m. – Lenten Service <u>(Vernon)</u>	
<i>March, 23rd</i> PASSION WEDNESDAY	10:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Presantified Gifts, (Vernon)	
<i>March 24th</i> HOLY THURSDAY	Matins of the 12 Passion Gospels. 2:00 p.m. – <u>Vernon</u> 5:30 p.m <u>Grindrod</u>	
March 25 th HOLY FRIDAY and FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION	Vesperal Divine Liturgy. The Exposition of the Holy Shroud; Confessions 10:00a.m <u>(Vernon)</u> 2:00 p.m <u>(Grindrod)</u> Today is a strict fast day. No meat, dairy, or poultry products.	
<i>March 26th</i> HOLY SATURDAY	10:00 a.m. – Jerusalem Matins <u>(Vernon)</u> 5:00 p.m Easter Service , Procession, Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy, blessing of the Artos and Myrovania. After the Service- Blessing of Paska and Easter Food. <u>(Grindrod)</u>	
Mar.27 th THE HOLY RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST EASTER SUNDAY PASCHA	8: 00 a.mEaster Service , Procession, Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy, blessing of the Artos and Myrovania. After the Service- Blessing of Paska and Easter Food. <i>(Vernon)</i>	
March 28th 11:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy. (Grindrod)Bright Monday		