



5th Sunday of the Great Fast;
*Commemoration of St. Mary of
Egypt*

*Our Venerable Father Titus the Wonderworker;
Passing into Eternal Life (1959) of Blessed
Mykola (Nicholas) Charnetsky, Exarch of
Volhynia and Confessor.*

***** Sunday, April 2nd, 2017 *****

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Troparion, 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.

Troparion, Tone 8: The divine image was faithfully preserved in you, O mother,* for taking up the Cross, you followed Christ.* By your deeds you have taught us to see beyond the flesh, which passes,* and care for the soul, a thing immortal.* And so, O venerable Mary,* your spirit rejoices with the angels.

***+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever and ever. Amen.***

Kontakion, Tone 3: Once you were filled with every impurity,* now through repentance you have been revealed as a bride of Christ,* following the angelic life, you crushed demons with the weapon of the Cross.* Therefore, O glorious Mary, you have been shown to be a bride of the kingdom.

Prokeimenon, Tone 5 - You, O Lord, will guard us and will keep us * from this generation and for ever.

verse: Save me, O Lord, for there is no longer left a just man.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4 - God is wonderful in His saints, * the God of Israel.

Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14

Brothers and Sisters, when Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Alleluia, Tone 5 - Your mercies, O Lord, I will sing for ever; from generation to generation I will announce Your truth with my mouth.

verse: For You have said: Mercy shall be built up for ever; in the heavens Your truth shall be prepared. (Psalm 88:2,3)

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus took the road, going up to Jerusalem, and Jesus was walking ahead of them; they were amazed, and those who followed were afraid. He took the twelve aside again and began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "See, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be handed over to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death; then they will hand him over to the



Gentiles; they will mock him, and spit upon him, and flog him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise again." James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know

what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Hymn to the Mother of God

In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins' pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before all ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider than all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

Communion Hymn

Praise the Lord from the heavens; * praise Him in the highest. (Psalm 148:1) *** The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance; * of evil hearsay he shall have no fear.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 111:6)

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

“By the anxieties and worries of this life Satan tries to dull man’s heart and make a dwelling for himself there.”

St. Francis of Assisi

A warm welcome - to all parishioners, your families, visitors and guests. Thank you for joining us in this Divine Liturgy. Have a blessed week! Everyone is invited for coffee after the service.



Please Pray for health of – Orest K., Eva and Claude G., Theresa M., Cecile T., Helen, Katherine B., Dorothy Ch., John M., Victor and Gloria Sz., Sophie C., Walter K., Nick R., Kalyna K., Jesse K., Rose O. and all other parishioners and family members who need God's healing at the present time.

St. Josaphat's Parish Epistle Readers:

In English: Sunday, April 2 – Katherine Huculak; Sunday, April 9 - Anne-Marie Johnston; Sunday, April 16 - Mary Harasymyshyn; Sunday, April 23 – Teresa Huculak; Sunday, April 30 – Joanne Kosick.

In Ukrainian: Sunday, April 2 – Patricia Sawadsky; Sunday, April 9 - Olga Piano; Sunday, April 16 - Helen Pesklewis; Sunday, April 23 – Joe Prystupa; Sunday, April 30 – Patricia Sawadsky.

Многая Літа! – very special God's blessings to anyone among our parishioners and their families who celebrated their birthday, name-day, wedding anniversary and any other special anniversary during **the month of March.**



Thank you – everyone for coming to help with foods for the Easter food sale and for any other voluntary work done this past week at the church premises. May God richly bless you all!



Parish Council Meeting – will take place today, Sunday, April 2nd after the Divine Liturgy.

Fundraising projects – please come and help with making cabbage rolls tomorrow, Monday April 3rd. Also, we are kindly asking for donations of baking for the parish bake sale on April 9th following the Divine Liturgy (Palm Sunday).

Easter Bake Sale – will take place next **Sunday, April 9th** after the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Easter Flowers Donation – anyone wishing to make donations for the purchase of flowers for our Easter celebration, please contact Mrs. Wanda March.

UCWLC Monthly Meeting – will take place on **Tuesday, April 11th, 2017**.

Easter Dinner – will take place at St. Josaphat's parish on **Sunday, April 30th** after the Divine Liturgy at 11:30.

Thomas Sunday, April 23 – due to Easter Dinner at the Kelowna parish, the Divine Liturgy for Thomas Sunday will be celebrated on **Saturday, April 22nd at 10:00 a.m.**

Special Petition – “We also pray to be blessed with generous hearts to contribute to our Bishop's initiatives and programs, such as: the support of parishes, the education of parishioners, and the formation of seminarians, Lord hear us and have mercy.”

Vibrant Parish Appeal – please continue to support this very important and ongoing project which is happening in our Eparchy.

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND: OCTOBER 12 - 24, 2017 - walk in the footsteps of Jesus; an unforgettable experience with Fr. Joe Ostapowich, Sr. Angelica SSMI, brother & sister pilgrims.

For details and price call Myrna Arychuk at [604 - 617 - 7200](tel:604-617-7200)

Mark your calendar *** Camp Saint Volodymyr 2017 ***
August 20-27

The purpose of camp is to provide an opportunity for youth to experience God through nature and the companionship of others. Children will experience Ukrainian language and culture during camp along with games, religious activities, hikes, sports, arts and crafts, campfires, water activities and other summer camp activities.

This marks the 34th year of our Ukrainian Catholic Summer Camp. Camp will take place in Kelowna at the OAC facility. Camp offers a wide range of activities for campers aged 7-15 (as of December 31, 2017). Registration will be available online via Eventbrite

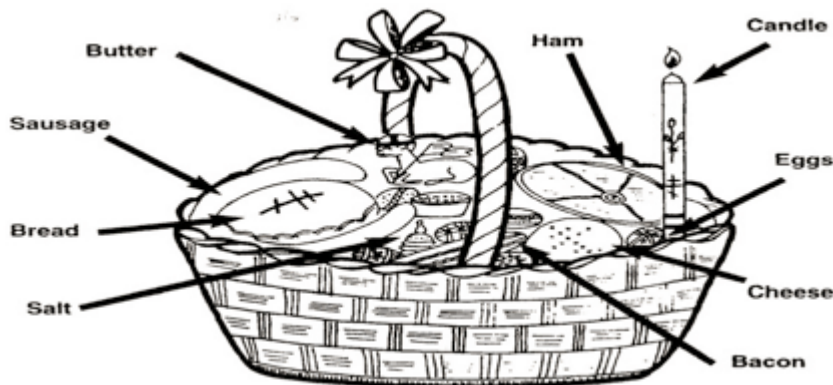
“Camp St. Volodymyr BC 2017.” Early bird registration Ends July 6, 2017.

WAYS TO HELP * VOLUNTEER**

Camp St. Volodymyr is a nonprofit camp, run on a volunteer basis. If you are interested in helping at this year's camp as a counsellor, chef, arts & crafts or cultural coordinator please contact Jennifer. Application forms for counsellors are due May 15, 2017. All volunteers will be subject to a criminal records check and must sign the camp code of conduct.

For more information contact Jennifer Caldwell @ 604.220.0584 or jennsawka@hotmail.com. Visit our webpage via www.nweparchy.ca

DONATE - We are always happy to accept food donations of vegetables, fruits, cereals, and treats for children such as cakes, cookies, as well as monetary donations. Tax receipts can be issued with donations of \$25 or more.



Ukrainian Catholic Easter Traditions

By 'Rev. Anthony Holowaychuk

For many Ukrainians, Easter would not be Easter without the traditional Easter Basket. Going back in time we discover that in our tradition, Lent used to be a time of strict fasting and abstaining from meat, eggs and dairy products for the whole season. To show joy and thanksgiving at the end of Lent, the faithful took foods to be blessed at the Easter Morning Divine Liturgy and, bringing it home, the entire family shared it to "Break-the-Fast". The first

food to "Break-the-Fast" was the blessed egg.

Eggs are a sign of hope and resurrection. Jesus comes from the tomb as the chick breaks the shell at birth. Because of the special meaning, it is fitting that the eggs should be decorated with symbols of Easter, and be blessed.

Meats and Sausage represent the animals used for sacrifices in the Old Testament. They remind us of Christ who, in the New Testament, as a Lamb, sacrificed himself on the cross for our salvation. The sausage represents the links of the chains of death, which Christ broke by His Resurrection.

Paska (Easter Bread) is symbolic of Jesus who said: "I am the Bread of Life". He gives Himself as food in the Eucharist saying: "Whoever eats of this Bread will have life everlasting".

Horseradish represents the bitter herbs prescribed in the original Passover Meal as a reminder of the bitterness of life in the captivity of Egypt. Today it reminds us of the bitterness of Christ's Passion, the pains of crucifixion by which He entered into the glory of Resurrection.

Salt is the symbol of perseverance of faith, according to the words of Christ: "You are the salt of the earth" (Mt. 5:13)

Cheese and Butter are related to prosperity, abundance and peace in the Promised Land. They remind us of the abundance of graces and peace granted to us by the Risen Christ.

All the foods were traditionally blessed in church early Easter Morning following the Divine Liturgy... Each basket should have a lighted candle as a symbol of the radiance of the Resurrected Christ, who said: "I am the Light of the World" (Jn. 8:12).



Lenten Scriptural Readings for this week

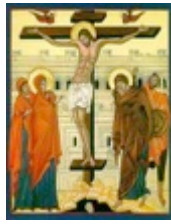
Monday: Genesis 13:12-18; Proverbs 14:27-15:4; Isaiah 37:33-38:6

Tuesday: Genesis 15:1-15 Proverbs 15:7-19 & Isaiah 40:18-31

Wed.,: Genesis 17:1-9; Proverbs 15:20-16:9 & Isaiah 41:4-14

Thurs.,: Genesis 18:20-33; Proverbs 16:17-17:17 & Isaiah 42:5-16

Friday: Genesis 22:1-18; Proverbs 17:17-18:5 & Isaiah 45:11-17



No Daily Liturgical Services this coming week

Sunday Liturgical Celebrations:

Sunday, April 2 & 9 at 11:30 a.m.

Thomas Sunday * Saturday, April 22nd at 10:00 a.m.**



Schedule of Services and Lenten Mission –

Celebrant: Fr. Joe Ostopowich

Good Friday – April 14th

Vernon - 10:00 a.m. - Vespers with Procession of Holy Shroud (Plashchanytsia) with Confessions.

Grindrod - 2:00 p.m. - Vespers with Procession of Holy Shroud (Plashchanytsia) with Confessions.

Holy Saturday – April 15th

Vernon - 10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy with Mission and Confessions

Grindrod - 7:00 p.m. - Prayers before the Holy Tomb, Easter Matins, Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Easter Baskets.

EASTER SUNDAY – April 16th

Vernon - 10:00 a.m. - Prayers before the Holy Tomb, Easter Matins, Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Easter Baskets.