

Rosburn
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Pastoral District

Український католицько-пастирський округ Росберн

*Serving the communities of
Rosburn, Russell, Oakburn, Shoal Lake, Olha, Birtle, Lakedale,
Angusville, Ruthenia, Rosburn Farms, Dolyny and Seech Lake*

April 2021 Parish Bulletin

ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΒΟΚΡΕC! ΧΡΙCΤΟC ΑΝΕCΤΗ! CHRIST IS RISEN! LE CHRIST EST RESSUSCITÉ

On this most glorious Pascha, the day of our Lord's resurrection, I wish to bring greetings to each and everyone of you throughout our entire pastoral district and beyond! After a year of isolation and separation due to a global pandemic, we find ourselves only a little further ahead than we were last spring. But as we celebrate the glorious resurrection of our Lord, we can take comfort in the fact that we are never alone because our Lord is always present. Although Covid-19 can be scary for us, we can take courage in the fact that Jesus Christ has conquered death through His life-giving death on the cross.

May the joy of our Lord's resurrection be spread throughout every aspect of our lives and to all that we meet. If the pandemic brings us down, may our Lord rise us up again! **CHRIST IS RISEN! ΧΡΙCΤΟC ΒΟΚΡΕC!**



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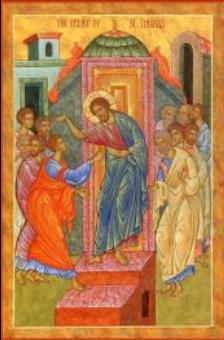
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NOTE THE NEW
P.O. BOX!

April Feasts Days

In April, we have a number of special days that we celebrate in our Ukrainian-Greek Catholic Church. Not only do we celebrate Great & Holy Friday, and Pascha Sunday, but we continue to celebrate the Lord's resurrection throughout Paschaltide, the 40 days that come after Pascha, leading up to the Ascension of Our Lord followed by the Feast of Pentecost.



Thomas Sunday (Apr. 11)

Liturgically, the Church remembers the Apostle Thomas' encounter of Christ after eight days. At that time he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side; do not be faithless, but believing." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe" (John 20:26-29)

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women (Apr. 18)

The Sunday of Myrrh-bearing Women falls on the second Sunday following Pascha. The myrrh-bearers had brought funeral spices and ointments to finish committing Christ's body to the grave. They were the first to see the empty tomb and were instructed by the risen Lord to bring the joyful news to the apostles. Ss. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus are also commemorated on this day.



Great Martyr George (Apr. 23)

The holy, glorious and right-victorious Great-martyr and Trophy-bearer George was a Christian Roman soldier killed under Diocletian at the beginning of the fourth century. Though he was born in Cappadocia, his mother was from Palestine, and thus he is a particular favorite of many Palestinian Christians. He is also the patron saint of Moscow, Georgia, and England, amongst other places. The Church commemorates George on April 23, and the translation of his relics on November 3.

Sunday of the Paralytic (Apr. 25)

The fourth Sunday of Holy Pascha is observed by the Orthodox Church as the Sunday of the Paralytic. The day commemorates the miracle of Christ healing a man who had been paralyzed for thirty-eight years. The biblical story of the event is found in the Gospel of John 5:1-15.



Celebrating Pascha during a Global Pandemic

Last year, our world shifted as a global pandemic was declared and our churches, along with many other places in our lives, were shut down. We were unable to gather as a Christian family to pray, worship and celebrate the many services of Holy Week and Paschal celebrations. This year however, looks to be different.

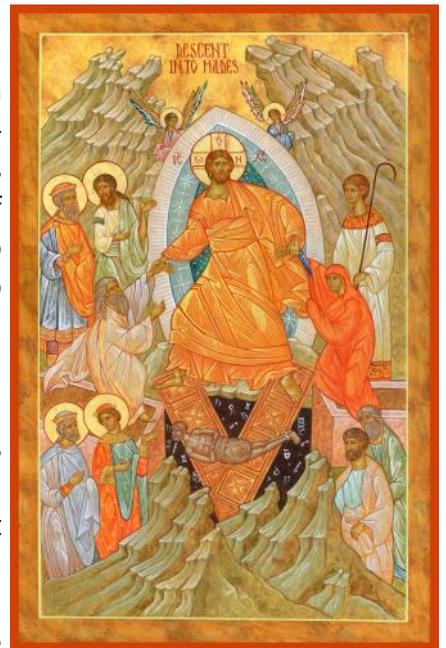
Although the pandemic of Covid-19 is still ongoing and we may be facing a third wave based on the arrival of new variants in our country, we currently have looser restrictions than we did a year ago. We can currently gather in our parishes for liturgical celebrations at a maximum of 25% or 100 people, and we hope it continues to increase. However, with these limited numbers, we are also limited in how we do things. Let's take a look at how Holy Week and Paschal services will look this year as we gather together with Covid-19 restrictions in place.

In-Person & Online

Last year we were restricted to only praying through an online service being broadcast. This year, those online services continue, but we are able to gather in person. Just as on Sunday, each service will require signing up in advance. If our numbers do not allow everyone to attend, be sure to check out our Facebook page and our YouTube channel to watch everything live.

No Contact Veneration

As has been the case for the last year, contact with things is limited. There will be no kissing of crosses, icons or Gospel books, and especially the Plaschenytsia (Holy Shroud). Just like at a funeral, the faithful are invited to come forward, venerate the Shroud from a distance and say a prayer, and then move on. No kissing or touching of the Shroud will be allowed.



Blessing and Distribution of Willows on Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, the blessing of willows will occur prior to the start of the Divine Liturgy. They will then be distributed by individuals who are masked and gloved.

Blessing of Paschal Foods

The Blessing of Paschal foods will occur at the end of each of the three Divine Liturgies. Pending on the weather, I ask that everyone keep their baskets in the cars, and at the conclusion of the liturgy, we will go outside and bless each basket from your vehicle.

APRIL 2022

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PASCHAL SUNDAY
6AM - Paschal Matins
7:00AM - Rossburn
10:00AM - Russell
4:00PM - Agape Vespers

05

10AM - Paschal Matins
& Divine Liturgy
followed by Covid-safe
water fight!

06

10AM - Paschal Matins
& Divine Liturgy
+Fr. Emil by Shaun &
Therese Shmyr

07

10AM - Paschal Matins
& Divine Liturgy
Health & Safety
Woychuk families by brother

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THOMAS SUNDAY
9:00AM - Russell
11:30AM - Oakburn
2:00PM - Rossburn

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10AM - Divine Liturgy
+Matt Antoniw
by Marion & Family

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10AM - Divine Liturgy
Deceased members of
Lewandowski families by J

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**MYRRH-BEARING
WOMEN**
9:00AM - Shoal Lake
11:30AM - Rossburn
2:00PM - Russell

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FR. JAY ON HO

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**SUNDAY OF THE
PARALYTIC**
9:00AM - Russell
11:30AM - Oakburn
2:00PM - Rossburn

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10AM - Divine Liturgy
Deceased members of
Kuzia & Borowiec
families by Joan & Henry

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10AM - Divine Liturgy
Mid-Peak
+Matt Antoniw
granchuk families by
great-grand

1 КВІТЕНЬ

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	<p>01 9:30am Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great</p> <p>7pm - 12 Gospels </p>	<p>02 Plaschenytsia 10:30am - Shoal Lake 1pm Rossburn 4pm - Russell 7:30pm Jerusalem Matins </p>	<p>03 10am - Vespers & DL StBG PASCHA Sunday Shoal Lake 4:45pm - Nadrhobny 5pm Matins 6pm - Divine Liturgy</p>
<p>paschal Matins & Divine Liturgy of Lorne Woychyshyn by brother Tony</p>	<p>08 10AM - Paschal Matins & Divine Liturgy Health of Marianne Choptuik by Anne Penonzek</p>	<p>09 10AM - Paschal Matins & Divine Liturgy Health of Penny Mychasiw by Nellie Juba</p>	<p>10</p>
<p>Divine Liturgy for members of St. Anthony & Prosken by Joan & Henry</p>	<p>15 10AM - Divine Liturgy +David Melnyk by Elaine Bowman</p>	<p>16 10AM - Divine Liturgy Health of Lorne Woychyshyn by brother Dave </p>	<p>17</p>
<p>HOLIDAYS</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 10AM - Divine Liturgy Great Martyr George</p> <p></p>	<p>24</p>
<p>Divine Liturgy for Pentecost for children & grandchildren</p>	<p>29 10AM - Divine Liturgy +David Melnyk by Gloria & Marvin Lucyk</p>	<p>30 10AM - Divine Liturgy Apostle James</p> <p></p>	

Vigil Candle Intentions for the month of April

April 5-9

Icon of Our Lord

In memory of +Frank Wilk by Katherine Wilk

Icon of the Theotokos

For our parishioners

April 12-16

Icon of Our Lord

In memory of +Tom & +Joe Sytnyk by Sytnyk family

Icon of the Theotokos

In memory of +Nick Dziver by Sytnyk family

April 19-23

Icon of Our Lord

For our parishioners

Icon of the Theotokos

For our parishioners

April 26-30

Icon of Our Lord

Anniversary blessings for Cathy & Tyler Bryer
by Sytnyk family

Icon of the Theotokos

In memory of +Albina Dziver by Sytnyk family



A water fight on Bright Monday?!

There is a long-standing tradition that exists throughout Europe, where people douse each other with water on the Monday after Pascha. This tradition, born in Poland, has its roots in pagan customs similar to that of Ivanna Kupala. However as time as evolved, this tradition continues and in many Orthodox countries and communities, the tradition of a water fight on this day is

to remind us of our baptism and the new life we receive from our Lord through His resurrection on the third day.

So in keeping with the custom, you may come to church on April 5th with a small squirt bottle or water bottle, and feel free to drench Fr. Jay in water after the Divine Liturgy, as long as you can spray from more than 6ft. away. But be warned, Fr. Jay comes prepared with water of his own...



COVID-19 UPDATE: Currently (at time of publishing) as per the Province of Manitoba's #RestartMB response system, the province has new restrictions. We are now allowed to have services opened to the public, with a maximum of 25% of our capacity as long as people are wearing masks and everyone is properly distanced at a minimum of 2m (6ft). Funerals are allowed to have a maximum of 10 people in attendance (not including clergy, cantor & funeral staff). You are also now allowed to remove your masks once you are seated in your pew, and are **not** singing or chanting. For further information on church restrictions, please contact Fr. Jay or visit the Archeparchy of Winnipeg website at: archeparchy.ca. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in due time!

Pray with us online! Did you know that you can access all of our liturgical services that happen in Rossburn online? Every Sunday and weekday services, as well as other services such as vespers that



happen at Sacred Heart Parish in Rossburn are streamed live not only on our Facebook page, but as well on our YouTube channel, allowing those without



a Facebook account to be able to still access the services. For Facebook, search @[Rossburn.UGCC](https://www.facebook.com/Rossburn.UGCC) and on YouTube search: [Rossburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...). Now also available on our new website at rossburnugcc.ca



During the week of April 19 - 22, Fr. Jay will be away on holidays. If any emergencies should arise, please call Fr. Paul Bison in Russell at 204.773.2924.

WANTED: PARISHIONER PARTICIPATION!

Did you know that our Divine Liturgy is traditionally a service that had a lot of physical activity and participation in it? It was and continues *not* to be a service where the priest and deacon do all the work while the people sit idly by. If we look back over the centuries, we can find that not only did the whole congregation sing together but everyone participated in various ways. Although we are living during a global pandemic at the moment, there are still ways we can increase our participation in each service, especially on Sundays at the Divine Liturgy!

In the Rossburn Pastoral District, we'd like to see more participation by you, the faithful! We'd like to start with a very simple job: reading. At every service, there is always something to read aloud. In the Divine Liturgy, the Epistle reading can be done by anyone and it does not necessarily have to be sung. If you like to step forward once in a while to read the Epistle or want to know more about it before signing up, please phone or email Fr. Jay.



Q & A with Fr. Jay!

Starting this month, Fr. Jay will be starting a new segment that will be available online, plus print resources available. Everyone is invited to participate: kids, youth, adults, seniors! Submit your questions to Fr. Jay however you want. Email, text, phone or write to Fr. Jay asking him any of those questions you've been wanting to ask about our faith. Why do we abstain from meat on Fridays? How is incense made? What does a bishop do? What does our Church teach about MAiD?



The identity of those asking questions will be kept confidential at all times. Each week a couple of questions will be answered, and some will even be featured in future bulletins. So please submit questions whenever you'd like! By asking questions, we can grow in our faith together!

Question: What is the Church's view on traditional burial vs. cremation?

Answer: In our Church, cremation is allowed, but the traditional burial is most definitely the preference. Why is this? According to our Catechism of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church, we as Christians are "filled with hope for the person's resurrection *in the flesh*" (no.512). Because of this we honour the integrity of the body, even in death. Of course though, it is allowed in certain circumstances and as the Code of Canons of the Eastern Churches states, "those who had opted for the cremation of their own body are to be granted an ecclesiastical funeral" (CCEO 876 p.3). Ultimately, we trust in the power of Christ's resurrection which can overcome every limitation.

Question: What is the proper way to dispose of outdated bulletins?

Answer: Simple answer: recycle! There is nothing special about a bulletin as it is simply a newsletter for the parish. It is a method that has long been used to convey important information to parishioners about what is going on in a parish. They are not blessed and therefore do not need to be burned or disposed of in a special manner. But we should all do our part and recycle them. If recycling is not an option then give them to your kids to make paper airplanes, or use them as fire starter, or save it for wrapping paper for birthdays and Christmas!

Liturgical Schedule and Sacraments

Sundays: 9am, 11am & 2pm (please refer to calendar for locations)

Weekdays: 9am Tues. & Thurs. - Rossburn; 6pm Stations - Wed; 6pm Presanctified - Fridays

Confessions: Prior to Divine Liturgies or by appointment (always available!)

Baptisms & Funerals: By appointment. Please contact Fr. Jay to arrange.

Weddings: By appointment with minimum 6 months notice.

Anointing of the Sick: By appointment. Please contact Fr. Jay on the parish cell phone for emergencies at 204.773.6594.