



Rossburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District

Український католицько-пастирський округ Росберн

*Serving the communities of
Rossburn, Russell, Oakburn, Shoal Lake, Olha, Birtle, Lakedale,
Angusville, Ruthenia, Rossburn Farms, Dolyny and Seech
Also serving Sandy Lake & Mountain Road*

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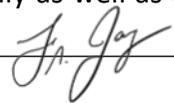
Music to my ears!

Have you ever had a bad day or a day when things are just not going right? Then you're maybe in the car or at work, and you have the radio on or are listening to a playlist somewhere and a certain song starts playing? Have you ever felt almost instantly better after listening to that song or even during the song? I often have this. Not that I have a lot of bad days, but I often experience the power of music and how it can transform our mood.

Throughout my time in Ottawa, I often found myself studying hard or writing papers late into the night at the university library. One of my essentials (other than snacks) was a good playlist to keep me awake and attentive. The same goes for on those long road trips, it's amazing how important music can be to keeping us alert on the road.

In our Church, music has the same power. You'll notice that in the Byzantine/Eastern rite, we sing pretty much everything, except for maybe the Nicene Creed or the prayer for Communion. But our Church sings just about everything else. And there is a reason for that. Used to its full effect, music in church has the ability to bring about spiritual renewal in the listeners. Worship at its heart is a song and is beautiful; therefore the words of Eastern Christian worship cannot be simply said but must be melodiously chanted or sung to express the true nature and purpose of the words.

I encourage all of our parishioners, both young and old, to sing along with our cantors at each service. Sing what you know, and work on learning what you don't know. And if we all sing along in prayer, it will have the power to transform ourselves spiritually as well as others who are listening and praying with us.



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Catechesis Corner

The Nicene Creed: Part 4

The Nicene Creed as we know it, is actually broken into four parts: our belief in God the Father, belief in God the Son, belief in God the Holy Spirit, and belief in the Holy, Catholic Apostolic Church. Even though in our liturgical books it is all one large statement, there are actual sections to it. Today we are going to delve into the final and fourth section, our belief in Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen

This next part is all about the Church and how we identify it as four important things: one Church, a holy Church, a catholic Church and an apostolic Church.

Believing in *one* Church is important because there is one Body of Christ. That said, there are many parts within the Body of Christ. We believe in diversity within unity. This is beautifully exemplified within the Catholic Church which encompasses the Roman Catholic Church as well as 23 Eastern Catholic Churches, including us!

To believe in a holy Church means the true church will acknowledge the action of the Holy Spirit especially through the seven mysteries/sacraments: Baptism, Chrismation, Confession, Holy Communion, Marriage, Ordination, and Unction/healing.

In the context of the Creed, catholic is a Greek word that means *universal*. In other words every single person is welcome. Full stop. Christ loves each and every person, so as the body of Christ our love and ministry must be totally inclusive.

And lastly, the apostolic Church has two meanings. The church must be led by the descendants of the apostles, and it must retain their faith. The Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Coptic Orthodox churches all descend from the apostles. An apostolic faith is also a faith that carries out the mission of the disciples—to spread the good news to the whole world.

That concludes our Catechesis Corner presentation on the Nicene Creed. If you have any further questions on the Creed, or want to learn more, feel free to contact Fr. Jay!

Introducing: Praznyk Passport!



This summer, we are looking forward to returning to a normal schedule of praznyk celebrations within the district and beyond! In hopes of getting back to how we used to celebrate them before, we are introducing the Praznyk Passport!

Everyone is invited to come and attend any and all of the praznyks throughout the district this summer. When you attend them, be sure to bring your passport that will be made available later this month.

When you visit, you will get a sticker to put on the page of each parish to show that you were there. At the end of the summer, those with the most visits will be eligible for prizes! And there will be special treats for kids who participate!

Be sure to watch for the passports available in the coming weeks at each of the four main parishes. You can also reach out to Fr. Jay to reserve yours today!

Summer Camps Return!

This summer all the youth in the district will have multiple opportunities to take part in summer camps both on an archeparchial level and a local district level.

The first opportunity comes with our annual Ukrainian Park Catholic Children's Camp run by the Archeparchy of Winnipeg. This camp has been in operation for over 60 years and embarks on its second year of virtual camp. Registration information is coming soon. This camp is for campers from grades 1 - to high school. There are also opportunities for leadership roles. Visit our social media for more information: @UkrParkCamp.



The second opportunity comes within our own district as we welcome back our summer catechism program. This year it will be held in August from the 15th to the 19th. This catechism program will be available for kids of all ages. If anyone would like to volunteer to help out, please contact Fr. Jay at rossburn.pastor@gmail.com.

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<p>01</p> <p>9:00AM - Russell 11:30AM - Rosscurn 2:00PM - Oakburn</p>	<p>02</p>	<p>03</p> <p>10AM - Divine Liturgy +Helen Sytnyk by David & family</p>	<p>04</p> <p>10:30AM - Divine Liturgy Rosscurn</p>
<p>08</p> <p>9:00AM - Shoal Lake 11:30AM - Russell 2:00PM - Rosscurn</p>	<p>09</p>	<p>10</p> <p>10AM - Divine Liturgy +Lynda Wasylyshyn by David & family</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10AM - Divine Liturgy</p>
<p>15</p> <p>9:00AM - Russell 11:30AM - Rosscurn 2:00PM - Dolyny</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>10AM - Divine Liturgy Shoal Lake PCH</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10AM - Divine Liturgy Anniversary for Debbie</p>
<p>22</p> <p>9:00AM - Rosscurn 1:30AM - Russell 2:00PM - Shoal Lake</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>10AM - Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10AM - Divine Liturgy Russell</p> <p>6pm - Great</p>
<p>29</p> <p>9:00AM - Russell 11:30AM - Rosscurn 1:00PM - Ruthenia Praznyk (Cemetery only)</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>10AM - Divine Liturgy</p>	

2022

WED	THU	FRI	SAT
10AM Divine Liturgy Rossburn PCH	05	06 10AM - Divine Liturgy +Victoria Richcoon 	07
Divine Liturgy	12	13 	14
Divine Liturgy by blessings of Marie & Ivan	19	20 10AM - Divine Liturgy +Ted Zurbyk by Sheeshka family 	21
Divine Liturgy Rossburn PCH at Vespers	26 Divine Liturgy 10AM - Rossburn Feast of the Ascension	27 Oakburn Confessions 4-7pm 	28
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Vigil Candle Intentions for the month of May

May 2 - 6

Icon of Our Lord	In memory of +Elsie Macksymchuk by Kay Wilk
Icon of the Theotokos	In memory of +Elsie Macksymchuk by Kay Wilk

May 9 - 13

Icon of Our Lord	For all mothers, grandmothers and maternal figures
Icon of the Theotokos	For all mothers, grandmothers and maternal figures

May 16 - 20

Icon of Our Lord	In memory of +Helen Sytnyk by David & Family
Icon of the Theotokos	In memory of +Helen Sytnyk by David & Family

May 23 - 27

Icon of Our Lord	For all parishioners
Icon of the Theotokos	For all parishioners

CONFESSIONS will be available in Oakburn this month on Friday, May 27th from 4:00pm - 7pm. Regular confession is a good practice for all Catholics. Take advantage of the opportunity when you can. Fr. Jay will be rotating through different areas of the district each month.

A reminder that Fr. Jay is available for confession any time. All you need to do is to give him a call, send him a text or an email and book a time. Fr. Jay will meet you at any parish for confession.



On behalf of the entire Rossburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District and neighbouring Neepawa District, we wish to extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of those who have passed away in our districts over the last month.

Helen Yaskiw (Birtle) - March 21
Frances Snitynsky (Russell) - April 3
Eunice Koroscil (Sandy Lake) - April 9

We extend our prayers as a community for all those who have passed.

Christ is Risen!

*Please remember in your prayers all of our parishioners who
are in our local personal care homes:*

Rosburn PCH: Alice Hrubeniuk, Bill Kalyniak, Melvin Luhowy, Anne Shust

Russell PCH: Anne Snytynski, Shirley Burtnyk, Sofia Jawa

Shoal Lake PCH: Rose Gerelus, Frances Susinski, Nick Bonchak, Donnie Drozda, Olga Bomak,
Bill Kalyniak, Penny Mychasiw, Tony Woychyshyn

**We hope to resume our monthly services in the three care homes in May pending outbreaks.*



**Sandy Lake & Area are hosting a
Mother's Day Brunch
Fundraiser for Ukraine**



Sunday, May 8, 2022

10am-2pm

Sandy Lake Community Hall

Tickets: \$15/adult; \$5 kids 12 & under

For more information contact Helen at
204-585-2626

50/50 Draw | Shevchenko Dance Ensemble | Perogies



**Volunteer's
Needed!**

The Pastoral District is looking for volunteers to help create true vibrant parishes throughout the whole district. There are two main areas that Fr. Jay would love to have some help with. If you see an area below that you might be interested in helping with, please contact Fr. Jay at rossburn.pastor@gmail.com or by call or text at 204.859.3025 for more information.

OUTREACH | FUNDRAISING



COVID-19 UPDATE: There are currently *no* restrictions in our parishes within the district. Masks may be worn still and are based on your comfort level and are encouraged as you walk in and out of the churches. Social distancing may also still be welcome among some parishioners, so before you sit right next to someone, maybe ask if they are comfortable with that first. While these regulations are lifted, we ask that everyone be mindful of your brothers and sisters and their comfort levels. Thank you and God bless!



On April 24th, in solidarity with the Ukrainian Bishops of Canada invited everyone to join with The Canadian Council of Churches, which was Pascha (Easter Sunday on the Julian calendar), to proclaim together that Christ is Risen, that love overcomes fear, and that life overcomes death and destruction.

All worshipping communities were invited to pray for peace and to ring your church bells at 12 noon as a sign and celebration of hope.

Three prayers were made available for communities to pray together.

One of these prayers are taken from our moleben for peace and is included below. There are also other ways that people may have observed this day of prayer. Although the day has passed, everyone is encouraged to continue to observe any of these practices throughout their daily lives.

O Lord God of powers, and God of our salvation, O God, who alone work wonders:
look down with mercy and compassion on Your humble servants,
and out of love for mankind hearken and have mercy on us and on the land of Ukraine.

Visit Your mercies and compassions upon Your humble servants,
those who defend Ukraine and her much-suffering people,
and hear us who fall down before Your deep compassion.

For You are the health and victory and salvation of them that put their hope in You,
and unto You do we send up glory: to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever,
and unto the ages of ages. Amen.

Ways to practice a day of prayer on a regular basis: Reading Psalm 34(35 Septuagint numbering); praying the Lord's Prayer in the language(s) of our heart; doing justice, loving one another as Christ loves us, and working for peace are central to the mission of God's people in the world; remembering, this day and every day, all who suffer from violence, war and destruction; as we have been blessed, giving generously to the charity of your choice to support the humanitarian response in Ukraine and other areas of conflict in our common home; organizing to assist and welcome the Ukrainians and others who have been uprooted from their communities and are now searching for a new place to call home. *Слава Україні! Героям Слава!*

Liturgical Schedule and Sacraments

Sundays: 9am, 11:30am & 2pm (please refer to calendar for locations)

Weekdays: 10am - Rossburn

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 204.859.3025.