

Rosburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District

Український католицько-пастирський округ Росберн

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

May 2023 Parish Bulletin



This month we celebrate the next two biggest feast days following Pascha, the feast of Ascension and the Pentecost! These two feasts are the bookends to the Paschal period. 40 days after Pascha we celebrate the Ascension of our Lord, and then 10 days later (50 after Pascha), we celebrate Pentecost, the day in which the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles. These 10 days between these two feasts have been titled, "Mission Days" by our Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church. These Mission Days are celebrated throughout the entire UGCC worldwide. These days are used to pray that the Lord might renew our lives through the Holy Spirit. Throughout these ten Mission Days let us pray for our own parishes, our pastoral district and parishes throughout the Archeparchy of Winnipeg.

This year for Mission Days, instead of recorded videos posted on social media, we will be meeting in person and via Zoom every second day, starting on the 18th, at 7pm in Rosburn to work through these Mission Days together as a district. All parishioners are invited to attend however possible!

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Catechesis Corner

Our next series in Catechesis Corner will be focusing on the Divine Liturgy and what it all means through the various elements of the service. These reflections are taken from the book titled, "Serve the Lord with Gladness" by a Monk of the Eastern Church. Our hope is that we grow in our understanding and appreciation of the Divine Liturgy and that these reflections will help us to pray better.

PENTECOST

The priest now calls down the Spirit of God upon the "Holy Gifts." ".We ask Thee, and pray Thee, and supplicate Thee: Send down Thy Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Gifts here offered. And make this Bread the precious Body of Thy Christ, and that which is in this Cup, the precious Blood of Thy Christ, making the change by Thy Holy Spirit; that they may be to those who partake for the purification of soul, for the forgiveness of sins, for the communion of Thy Holy Spirit, for the fulfillment of the Kingdom of Heaven..."

Here we touch upon another aspect of the Divine Liturgy. The liturgy is not merely an assembly of believers gathered about the Word of God. Nor is it simply an assembly of believers gathered about the Lord's Supper. It is a Pentecostal gathering; it consists of a Pentecost in and of itself. It marks a "coming," a descent of the Holy Spirit among us and upon us.

This Pentecostal character of the liturgy is indicated by a number of phrases in the liturgical text. Before we begin the liturgy, the priest summons the Spirit to be present: "O Heavenly King, the Comforter, the Spirit of Truth, who art everywhere and filling all things, Treasury of Blessings and Giver of Life: Come and abide in us..." The good and life-giving Holy Spirit has been invoked several times, together with the Father and the Son. After the Great Entrance the priest requests "that the good Spirit of Thy grace may dwell upon us and upon these Gifts here offered, and upon all Thy people." The priest also requests, together with the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God the Father, that the "communion of the Holy Spirit" be with us all. To the deacon he declares that the Spirit Himself "will minister together with us." This invocation of the Spirit is now made with still greater urgency: "We ask Thee, and pray Thee, and supplicate Thee: Send down Thy Holy Spirit.

Where will the Spirit be sent? "Upon these gifts here offered." The transformation of the bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ is not some work of priestly magic. The text of the liturgy declares: "Making the change by Thy Holy Spirit." This change, which is the response God offers to our prayer, is not an end in itself. It is accomplished "that they might be for those who partake for the purification of soul, for the forgiveness of sins," and also "for the communion of Thy Holy Spirit." All is accomplished by the Spirit and in the Spirit.

There is one other very important point to note. The priest requests: "Send down Thy Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Gifts..." He does not ask that the Spirit come first upon the Gifts, but that He come in the first instance upon us. This is the moment of Pentecost in the eucharistic liturgy. The Spirit descends into our hearts before He descends upon the material elements of bread and wine, the objects of offering and consecration. Do we truly perceive the significance of this inner, immaterial Pentecost? Do we, in this moment, truly experience the presence and power of the Spirit given to us? Even those who will not communicate sacramentally can, if they turn towards God with all their heart, receive in this moment the gift of the Holy Spirit. Certain barriers or hindrances may prohibit our access to the sacrament; but the Spirit moves where He wills, and nothing can limit Him who is Love without limit.

Even in the context of the eucharistic liturgy, the Spirit is not given only for the sake of the Eucharist itself. The purpose of His coming is to lead us into "Pentecostal life," the life of the Spirit. Have we ever taken seriously the promises of the Lord Jesus after His resurrection, made not only to His apostles but to every believer? Have we ever believed that, in the name of Jesus, we are able to exorcise demons and heal the sick? The Lord Jesus Himself declared it to be true. It represents a sad lack of trust when we do not even dare try to exercise (with faith, humility, and submission to the divine will) the powers which Christ has invested in His faithful ones. Without question this "sacred audacity" implies on our part a struggle towards total renewal, and entrance into a transfigured existence of renunciation, joy, and love. But when the Church invokes the descent of the Spirit upon us, is this Spirit given in vain? Have the Savior's evangelical promises been made in vain?

Vibrant Parish

Can we use this cross?? Recently there have been some questions asked as to why our logo for the district over the last two years has portrayed the 'Orthodox cross.' Well, this cross in fact is not 'Orthodox' but rather belongs to any Church of Byzantine origin, which includes the Ukrainian Greco-Catholic Church. This three-bared cross has been traced back to 11th-13th century in western Ukraine. Prior to that it was already being used in Byzantium prior to 988, when Christianity first came to Ukraine. In fact, the earliest it can be dated back to is Emperor Constantine in the early 4th century. This cross can be found used in many Eastern Catholic churches including the Ruthenians, Slovaks, Melkites and especially the Ukrainians.



But what does it mean? Well that slanted bar represents a lot. It shows Christ's humanity as when he was in pain and agony, his feet twisted the bar on which His feet rested. His divinity is revealed as it points down to Hades through his death, but up towards the right hand of the Father at His ascension. There are more explanations for which do not fit. Please check the entrance of your parish for a full printed article on the history and usage of the Byzantine cross.

Two great options for kids to be immersed in their faith this summer! Consider sending your kids to one or both of these amazing summer camps. For those interested in sending their kids to Ukrainian Park, financial assistance may be available if needed. Also, for those in need of transportation, please let Fr. Jay know as we will work to providing transportation for any kids attending from this area.



FREE
Kids of All Ages

SAVE THE DATE
SUMMER CATECHISM

AUGUST 21-25
10AM-3PM

HANDS ON FAITH & TONS OF FUN
EVERYONE WELCOME!

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JULY 2-9 www.archeparchy.ca **JULY 9-16**
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
	1	2 10am - Divine Liturgy Bill & Marlene Geralus 60th Anniversary (May 4) by Sytnyk family	3 10am - Divine Liturgy Rossburn
7 <i>Samaritan Women</i> 9:00am - Shoal Lake 11:30am - Rossburn with fellowship	8	9 10am - Divine Liturgy +Melvin Woychyshyn by Lisa & family	10 10am - Divine Liturgy
14 <i>Man Born Blind</i> 9:00am - Russell 11:30am - Dolyny with Mother's Day Brunch	15	16 10am - Divine Liturgy God's blessings on Benjamin, Gabriella & Kassia	17 6pm - Great Feast of A
21 <i>Holy Fathers of Nicea</i> 9:00am - Rossburn 11:30am - Shoal Lake with fellowship	22 <i>Mission Days - 7pm</i>	23 10am - Divine Liturgy	24 10am - Divine Liturgy Russell Mission D
28 <i>Pentecost</i> 9:00am - Oakburn 11:30am - Lakedale Praznyk	29	30 2:15pm - Divine Liturgy Shoal Lake PCH	31

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Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Divine Liturgy at PCH	4	5 	6
Divine Liturgy	11 10am - Divine Liturgy Shelia & Lawrence Stebeleski 60th Anniversary (May 13) by Sytnyk family	12  Confessions - 4-7pm Shoal Lake	13 10:30am - Mountain Road
Vespers for Ascension	18 Feast of Ascension 10am - Divine Liturgy Mission Days - 7pm	19  10am - Divine Liturgy +Jean Moroz by Patti Ewashko & family	20 10:30am - Ruthenia Praznyk Mission Days - 7pm
Divine Liturgy at PCH Mission Days - 7pm	25 10am - Divine Liturgy	26  10am - Divine Liturgy +Jean Moroz by Patti Ewashko & family Mission Days - 7pm	27 10:30am - Sandy Lake Praznyk
	MAJOR FEASTS THIS MONTH: May 18: Feast of Ascension (holy day of obligation) May 28: Pentecost Sunday (holy day of obligation)		FASTING DAYS THIS MONTH: All Fridays: regular day of fasting (meat)

Vigil Candle Intentions for the month of May

May 1 - 5

Icon of Our Lord

+Elsie Macksymchuk by Kay Wilk

Icon of the Theotokos

+Hnat Sytnyk by David Sytnyk

May 8 - 12

Icon of Our Lord

Birthday blessings for Debbie & David Sytnyk

Icon of the Theotokos

+Peter Shewcuk by Stella & family

May 15 - 19

Icon of Our Lord

Anniversary blessings for Sophia & Fr. Jay

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May 22 - 26

Icon of Our Lord

For all parishioners

Icon of the Theotokos

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CONFESSIONS will be held in **Shoal Lake on Friday, May 12**. Fr. Jay is also always available for confession and is just a phone call away. 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.

To book with Fr. Jay 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, 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.

Max Shwaluk (Winnipeg/Shoal Lake) - March 18
Rose Gerelus (Shoal Lake) - March 21

We extend our prayers as a community for all those who have passed.
Eternal Memory - Вічна Пам'ять!

Upcoming Events

Please take note of the following events happening throughout the District and be sure to attend if possible!

May 18 - 28 MISSION DAYS All parishioners throughout the district are invited to come and attend our Mission Days presentations in person or via Zoom this year. 7pm each night at Sacred Heart basement in Rossburn. **May 18, 20, 22, 24, & 26th.**

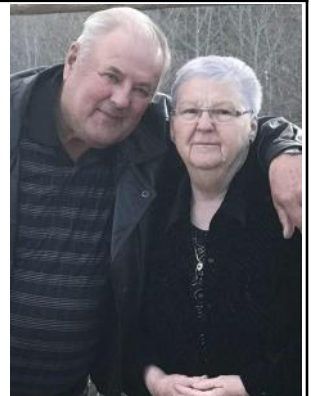
June 2023 - Trivia Night After a very successful first round, Trivia Night will be happening once again in June. Date and time TBD. Spread the word and start forming your team today!

July 2-16 - Ukrainian Park Catholic Children's Camp will be held in person for the first time in 3 years! For more info visit archeparchy.ca and visit Children's Camp under Ministries.

August 21 - 25 Summer Catechism Week We return again for another week of summer catechism for the district! Save the date!



On behalf of the entire district, we'd like to offer our congratulations and all of God's blessings upon Lawrence & Shelia Stebeleski and Bill & Marlene Gerelus who are both celebrating their 60th wedding anniversaries in the month of May! May God grant all of you long life, health and happiness for many, many years!



Многая Літа!

REMINDER:

During the Paschal season (Pascha until Pentecost) we do **not** kneel!
Everyone is invited to remain standing throughout the Divine Liturgy when we would normally kneel.
This is a time of celebration, not repentance!



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

Rossburn PCH: Bill Kalyniak, Stella Pushka, Kay Luba

Russell PCH: Anne Snytynski, Shirley Burtnyk, Sofia Jawa

Shoal Lake PCH: Frances Susinski, Nick Bonchak, Donnie Drozda, Olga Bomak, Tony Woychyshyn

New Humanitarian Appeal for Aid in Ukraine

We'd like to thank all those who have donated thus far to the food boxes in Ukraine. Donations are still being accepted in the district. Money will be collected and passed on at the start of May. Please consider supporting this initiative.

For only \$25 CAD, a food package consisting of a selection of grains, flour, pasta, meat and fish, oil, canned vegetables, sugar, coffee, tea, biscuits etc. will be provided to those who are forced to live within the war zone in Ukraine.

Donation envelopes will be made available in our parish district. Cheques may be made to the **Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Winnipeg** where all funds received for this project will be passed directly onto CNEWA Canada. We will be collecting these throughout the month of April and will be passed on to the Archeparchy on May 1st.



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SUMMER 2023 PRAZNYK SCHEDULE

*Praznyk Season is just around the corner! Watch for posters
and news on our social media for upcoming full schedule!*

We will also welcome back the Praznyk Passport!

Liturgical Schedule and Sacraments

1st Sunday: Shoal Lake at 9am & Rossburn at 11:30am; 2nd Sunday: Oakburn at 9am & Russell at 11:30am.

3rd Sunday: Rossburn at 9am & Shoal Lake at 11:30am; 4th Sunday: Russell at 9am & Oakburn at 11:30am.

2nd Saturday: Mountain Road @ 10:30am; 4th Saturday: Sandy Lake @ 10:30am

Tuesday - Fridays: 10am - Rossburn

Confessions: Last Friday of the month (check calendar) 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