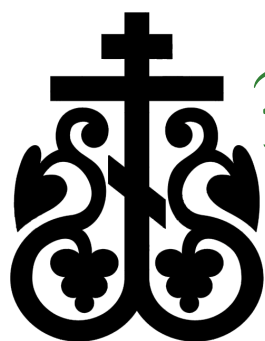


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Bonnyville & District Parish News

From the Editor

By Dobr. Erin Haugen

Христос воскрес!
Воистину воскрес!

Christ Is Risen!
Indeed He Is
Risen!

Yours in Christ,
Dobr. Erin Haugen
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Notes from the President

By Andrew Misiak

Troparion to Ss. Michael and Gabriel and all Angels:

Oh Chief Warriors of the heavenly hosts, we, though unworthy, do ever beseech you, that by your prayers ye may fence us about with the shelter of the wings of your immaterial glory, Preserving us who earnestly fall before you and cry out: From dangers deliver us, Ye who were chief of the ranks of hosts on high.

(The Orthodox Companion/Abramtsov)



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Dear members and visitors to the Bonnyville Parochial District:

Glory be to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!

Although these days our Parochial District is faced with seemingly insurmountable challenges, I have found relief and solace in the inspirational prayer above. As a religious community, we have our strength in numbers and the practice of our faith, culture, nationality and humanity. We find ourselves wrapped up emotionally, and forget that our 'pain & sorrow' can be relieved with prayer. We can easily forget to pray in the crucial moment of struggle. We set aside the desire to do good things and feel the natural human urge to 'go to war'. If there was ever a

near to our hearts, I wish you all a festive celebration of PASCHA with your family and friends. We have much to be thankful for in our parish priest, Fr. Peter, his wife and our Dobrodijka Erin, and his young family. May he continue the work of The Lord in ministering to the faithful flock that call him with their needs.

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We shall also be busy with graveside services in the tradition of Provody following Pascha. This is always a wonderful time of the year to visit our dearly departed loved ones and rejoice in the continuity of the circle of life. On Thomas Sunday, April 27th, we shall be honoured with a visit by His Grace Bishop Ilarion. He will join us in prayer during the Divine Liturgy, fellowship and visit with us in support during

*"O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God. Have mercy on me, a sinner ."
-Jesus Prayer*

***Bonnyville
Cookbooks are
here!***

**St. Elias Parish in
Bonnyville has
produced a cookbook!**

Books can be purchased upstairs at **Brosseau's Department Store** in Bonnyville or **contact Janet Hutska** at **780-826-4547 or 780-826-3973**. The cost is **\$10.00**. A great addition to your kitchen or gift for your neighbour.

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time to 'say & do nothing' and faithfully 'say & do something' out of compassion and love, that time is now! Never forget that when we come together in prayer, we are ONE in God's eyes. When we are as one in the face of adversity, the pain and anguish is evenly spread upon all of our shoulders and the burden is lessened. Remember our Guardian Angels that guide and protect us, for they too are created by God with a sole purpose. We should never feel alone. We should never feel that we are lost.

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Our Lenten journey is truly coming to an end and we shall have time to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. On behalf of the Parochial District Executive and our member congregations both far and

our struggles in the district. I for one, am looking forward to his visit. I long to greet him, receive a blessing from him, and hear the reassuring words from Our Shepard to his faithful flock. Please plan to attend that day in numbers, and as one his Grace will see that we are all one in faith and unity in our Resurrected Christ Jesus, and our Saviour.

Yours in Christ,

Andrew Misiak

Parochial President

Pastoral Message

By Fr. Peter Haugen

Христос посеред нас!

Christ is amongst us!

In a few short weeks we will be drawing near to the end of our Lenten journey as we celebrate Holy week. Holy week leads us to the Resurrection of Christ and teaches us a different aspect of Christ's passion. The very first thing we celebrate in Holy Week is Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday celebrates Christ's coming into Jerusalem, and is considered one of the twelve major feasts. The special feature on this day is that after the matins service the consecration of palm branches occurs. In the Ukrainian Orthodox tradition the consecration usually occurs after the Divine Liturgy and Pussy Wil-lows are consecrated because there were no palm branches in Ukraine.

Palm Sunday is not just about the entrance of Christ into Jerusalem, it also refers to us as Christians having to be prepared to receive Christ into our lives, and accept His will is supreme over us.



The Resurrection of Our Lord - April 20th

Holy Monday

The next thing we encounter in Holy Week is Holy Monday. This day is about the announcing of the second coming of the Son of man that he will come again to judge us all accordingly. On Palm Sunday we saw the entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem and our acceptance to receive Him. Now on Holy Monday we receive him into our souls, which reveal humility and tenderness. The church contemplates on Holy Monday the second coming of Christ and how it will be more "like a sudden and violent catastrophe."

Holy Tuesday

On Holy Tuesday we are no longer contemplating the second coming, but we are dealing with the judgment that He will exercise over man. The theme to Holy Monday was the sudden and terrifying nature of the second coming, whereas on Tuesday the readings and theme emphasizes that for us to have good judgments before Christ, we must be ready and prepared for the second coming.

Holy Wednesday

The readings and themes of Holy Wednesday create a contrast between the two types of followers of Christ we can be and choose to be. When Christ and the Disciples were in Bethany, a woman came to Christ and placed precious ointments on Jesus to cool him down and soothe him. Judas chastised the woman and Christ saying that the ointment could have brought in a great deal of money for the poor. Christ however knew that Judas was not speaking out of true care for the poor but out of jealousy.



Liturgical Scripture Readings

April 2014

Sunday, April 6th

6th Sunday of Great Lent

Epistle: Heb 9:11-14 &

Gal. 3:23-29;

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45 &

Luke 7:36-50.

Sunday, April 13th

*Entry of the Lord into
Jerusalem*

Epistle: Php. 4:4-9;

Gospel: John 12:1-18.

Sunday, April 20th

PASCHA

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8;

Gospel: John 1:1-17.

Sunday, April 27th

Saint Thomas Sunday

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20;

Gospel: John 20:19-31.

Newsletter Submissions Needed!

Please keep the submissions for the newsletter coming! This has been a busy couple of months for all of us, and following PASCHA, I will begin sending out a monthly reminder. Please feel free to submit to me anytime, however.

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If anyone you know is in the Hospital, or are at home ill and would like a visitation from me, please contact me and I will make immediate arrangements to meet with them.

Pastoral message continued:

Christ emphasizes that there will always be the poor and suffering in the world, but He is here for a short time, and that while He is here we should learn as much as possible from Him, and care for Him. Holy Wednesday emphasizes that we can either be the kind of follower like Judas, or like the woman with the ointment.

Holy Thursday

Throughout the week we have contemplated the reception of Christ, the second coming, our judgment, and the way we should follow Christ. Liturgically speaking, Holy Thursday takes us from the last supper, to Gethsemane, all the way to Christ's death on the Cross, by the readings of the twelve gospels. On this day we contemplate the betrayal of Judas as we look at the fact that he had been leading up to betrayal even before seeing the Pharisees. The twelve gospels emphasize the different aspects of the betrayal of Christ, by Judas. The greater aspect that we face on this day is the mystery of the upper room. This is where the last supper occurred and Christ offered to all of us His Body and Blood as a sacrifice.

Holy Friday

After following Christ to the upper room on Holy Thursday, we now on Holy Friday follow Him up to Golgotha. As a humble monk of our church states "we follow Him, not as Peter followed Him, from 'afar off... to see the end, but as His mother, as John and the holy women, who did not abandon Him." The Fast of Great and Holy Friday is the strictest fast day of the year: even those who have not kept a strict Lenten fast are strongly urged not to eat on this day. Holy Friday hits us hard with the fact that Christ went through the passions willingly; he

was nailed to the cross, humiliated, beaten, and died willingly. We are also confronted that he did this not for His own personal gain, but for us and our salvation.

Holy Saturday

The last day of Holy Week is Holy Saturday, and on this we remember the Myrrh-Bearing women who come to the tomb to anoint Christ's body and find an angel sitting on the rolled over stone. The angel tells them that Christ has risen, and to go and tell the apostles. Liturgically speaking this day is one of the most complex days of the year. It participates in both the sorrow of the passions which we see throughout Holy Week, and the joy and praise of the Resurrection. This is why by the end of Holy Saturday we are preparing the procession to around the church to the doors to symbolize the walk that the Myrrh-bearing women took before they discovered Christ resurrected.

As we draw near to the Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior Christ, may the days of Holy Week serve as a reminder of how much love, grace, and mercy God has for all of us. On behalf of Dobrodiyka Erin, Noah, Finn and myself, I embrace and greet all of you during the time of glorious celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord. Our fervent prayer is that all of your shadows will be transformed in the light of Christ's Resurrection and that the peace of God the Father will help you safely are tribulations and trials.

Yours In Christ,
Fr. Peter Haugen

THE GIFT OF VERSE

Submitted by Nettie Ostapiw

*I live alone dear Lord, stand by my side,
In all my daily needs be Thou my guide.
Grant me good health - for that indeed I pray
To carry on my work from day to day.*

*Let me be kind, unselfish in my neighbors' need
Keep pure my mind, my thoughts, my every deed.
Spare me from fire, and flood, malicious tongues,
From thieves, from fear, and from evil ones.*

*If sickness or an accident befall, then humbly Lord,
I pray, hear Thou my call.
And when I'm feeling low or in despair,
Lift up my heart and help me in my prayer.*

*I live alone dear Lord, yet have no fear
Because I feel Your presence ever near. AMEN.*

Talking to God

*.Did you talk to God this morning,
When everything was still?
Did you ask for His assistance
Just today to do His will?*

*Did you talk to God this noontime,
When your morning chores were
o'er?
Did you find your tasks were lighter
When your Lord was at the fore?*

*Did you talk to God this evening,
When the light was growing dim?
Did you dare to face the darkness
Without a word from Him?*

*Did you talk to God at bedtime
And thank Him for your day?
Did you notice how he listened
To the things you had to say?*

*If you find you just can't manage
Without Him anymore,
Then give Him just one hour,
And He'll give you twenty-four.*



**HIS GRACE
BISHOP
ILARION WILL BE
VISITING OUR
DISTRICT AND
JOINING US FOR
DIVINE LITURGY
ON**

**ST. THOMAS
SUNDAY
APRIL 27TH
IN GLENDON.**

**DETAILS WILL BE
ANNOUNCED IN THE
FOLLOWING WEEKS.**



MESSAGE BOARD:

Submissions welcome!

Children's Pascha Workshop

Saturday, April 12th

1:00 pm

St. Elias Ukrainian Orthodox Parish
Bonnyville, AB

This session will teach participants how to make the special Easter bread, "Pascha". Each child will have the opportunity to make their own *Pascha*.

Register:
Janet Hutskal
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Right: Hard at work during the Pysanky Workshop held at All Saint's Cultural Centre on Thursday April 3, 2014 (and the finished products, above).

Below: Enthusiastic participants of the 2014 Paska Workshop on Saturday March 22nd at All Saint's Cultural Centre in St. Paul.



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PREPARING YOUR EASTER BASKET:

EASTER PASKA

BABKA

COTTAGE CHEESE

SALT

BUTTER

HARD-BOILED EGGS

UKRAINIAN SAUSAGE

HAM

HORSERADISH

PYSANKY

CANDLE



“СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ! СЛАВА НА ВІКИ!

Glory Be To Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!”

Don't forget we have a website! It is under a bit of construction, but you can find updates, locations, and a long term schedule there. Photos will be coming soon as well. Check it out!

www.bonnyvilleanddistrictuoc.ca/

We're also on Facebook!
Look up:

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April 2014

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 Bible Study 7:00 PM Bonnyville	3	4	5
6 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Nowa Bukowina	7	8	9 Bible Study 7:00 PM St. Paul	10	11	12  Children's Paska Workshop 1:00 PM Bonnyville
13 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Bonnyville <i>Palm Sunday</i>	14 Lenten Hours 6:30 PM St. Paul	15 Lenten Hours 6:30 PM St. Paul	16 Holy Unction 6:30 PM St. Paul	17 Holy Thursday 12 Gospels 6:30 PM St. Paul	18 Holy Friday Shroud Vespers 4:00 PM Bonnyville 5:30 PM Nowa Buko. 7:00 PM St. Paul	19  PASCHAL Divine Liturgy 11:00 PM Bonnyville
20  PASCHAL Matins 6:00 AM Nowa Buko. 8:00 AM St. Paul	21	22	23	24	25	26
27  Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM Glendon Bishop's Visitation	28	29	30			

A more detailed and long-term schedule is available on the website and of course from Fr. Peter and your District Executive members. The schedule above and those in future newsletters are meant to serve as a visual reminder of services for the month. Please be sure to take note of the time and location of each service (again, due to space I could not include full names of parishes, locations, etc.). Fr. Peter will continue to announce upcoming services and events at church as he has been doing. Think of this as 'the month at a glance'!