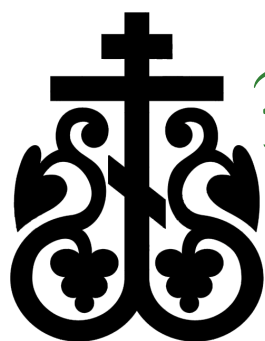


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Bonnyville & District Parish News

From the Editor

By Dobr. Erin Haugen

I greet you at this, the start of what promises to be a busy month and the beginning of the Lenten season.

I hope that you have been enjoying the newsletter thus far, and that you continue to do so. You might notice that this issue is a bit bare... I hope to remedy this by including submissions from each parish and from you: our parishioners and readers. Please, feel free to send me any information, announcements, anniversaries, birthdays or just special news that you would like to share with the congregations.

I look forward to seeing you all as we head into spring (fingers crossed!).

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

By Andrew Misiak

Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever!

Dear members of our Bonnyville Parochial District:

As we are still shrouded in Winter's grip of ice, snow and cold temperatures, it's hard to believe that we begin our journey of a Lenten Spring.



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Great Lent begins and one thing stands between you and I and those that surround us.

- 1) My resolve to seek forgiveness from those that I have knowingly or unknowingly made a mark on their lives in some measure.
- 2) My requirement to openly forgive those that have done the same to me if I genuinely seek peace.
- 3) My reward is the unloading of a burdensome weight of anger, guilt, pain, worry and regret that was born of sin against my fellow brothers & sisters in Christ.

Our passionate humanity motivates our emotions so quickly, that it regretfully catapults our sins in unrecoverable and hurtful ways. The damage done is the mark that I referred to earlier. Like a ghastly scar, it never goes

This message will undoubtedly be viewed as very cryptic and confusing to you, the reader. Considering the lives our community has been living for the last few, too many and recent years, we all deserve a break from making ourselves sick with hate and lack of trust for those we once called our brothers and sisters. Continue to pray for any and all that continually strive to make your lives miserable. We must forgive them, for their passions blind them and make them forget what they do.

LOVE in LEARNING FORGETFULNESS. LOVE in WELCOMING FORGIVENESS.

MAKE MIRACLES HAPPEN!

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*“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.

away. It reminds us how we GOT those scars in the first place! Once we inwardly reflect to forgive ourselves for whatever actions we may have taken, then we can begin our healing and mending of the scar that remains.

FORGIVE AND FORGET. Easier said than done.

Forgiveness releases us. Forgetting teaches us how things were before sin tore us apart and drove us back from our salvation and living a Christ like life. Let the lesson of forgetting our sinful ways make us more apt to leading our lives within our church community in a mutually beneficial way. Let your lives within our entire community be basked in the bright glow of gladness, versus an environment artificially covered in darkness.

Continue to be supportive of one another in your home congregations. Create a positive Lenten Event that reinforces a positive community environment. Be creative in what that event or activity could be, and make it happen. We would love to see what you do, especially if we're honoured with an invitation.

Support the other member congregations by attending services in their churches. Continue to work well for the greater glory of all that our parents and forefathers created for us. Be stewards of your community and ensure that all that we DO have within our community is fostered and flourishes!

I wish you all a good Lenten Spring.

Yours in Christ,

Andrew Misiak

Pastoral Message

By Fr. Peter Haugen

Христос посеред нас! Christ is amongst us!

During this coming month we will begin our journey into Great Lent and one step on the journey is Forgiveness Sunday. Forgiveness Sunday, also called Cheesefare Sunday, is the final day of pre-Lent. On this last Sunday before Great Lent it is traditionally for Orthodox Christians the last day to eat dairy products until Easter and the Church remembers the expulsion of Adam and Eve from Paradise. God commanded them to fast from the fruit of a tree (Gen.

2:16), but they did not obey. In this way Adam and Eve and their descendants became heirs of death and corruption.



Sunday of Orthodoxy — March 9th

On Forgiveness Sunday many attend Forgiveness Vespers on the eve of Great Lent. They hear on the Lord's teaching about fasting and forgiveness and enter the season of the fast forgiving one another so that God will forgive them. If you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will forgive you; but if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your heavenly Father forgive you your trespasses (Matthew 6:14).

Fr. Alexander Schmemmann writes "Now, forgiveness stands at the very center of Christian faith and of Christian life because Christianity itself is, above all, the religion of forgiveness. God forgives us, and His forgiveness is in Christ His Son, whom He sends to us so that by sharing in His humanity we may share in His love and be truly reconciled with God. Indeed, Christianity has no other content but love. And it is primarily the renewal of that love, a return to it, a growth in it, that we seek in Great Lent, in fasting and prayer, in the entire spirit and the entire effort of that season. Thus, truly forgiveness is both the beginning of, and the proper condition for, the Lenten season.

One may ask, however: Why should I perform this rite when I



Liturgical Scripture Readings

March 2014

Sunday, March 2nd

Cheese-Fare Sunday

Epistle: Rom. 13:11-14:4;
Gospel: Matt. 6:14-21.

Sunday, March 9th

*1st Sunday of Great Lent
Triumph of Orthodoxy*

Epistle: Heb. 11:24-26, 11:32-12:2;
Gospel: John 1:43-51.

Sunday, March 16th

2nd Sunday of Great Lent

Epistle: Heb. 1:10-2:3;
Gospel: Mark 2:1-12.

Sunday, March 23rd

*3rd Sunday of Great Lent
Adoration of the Cross*

Epistle: Heb. 4:14-5:6;
Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1.

Sunday, March 30th

4th Sunday of Great Lent

Epistle: Heb. 6:13-20;
Gospel: Mark 9:17-31.

Newsletter Submissions Needed!

I would like to assign one person per parish to act as **submission coordinator** for the newsletter. This person would be in contact with me regarding upcoming events and announcements for their parish to ensure I know the details to include in the newsletter. If you would like to volunteer or find our more, please speak with your President and let me know!

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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:

have no "enemies"? Why should I ask forgiveness from people who have done nothing to me, and whom I hardly know? To ask these questions is to misunderstand the orthodox teaching concerning forgiveness. It is true that open enmity, personal hatred, real animosity may be absent from our life, though if we experience them, it may be easier for us to repent, for these feelings openly contradict Divine commandments. But the Church reveals to us that there are much subtler ways of offending Divine Love. These are indifference, selfishness, lack of interest in other people, of any real concern for them - in short, that wall which we usually erect around ourselves, thinking that by being "polite" and "friendly" we fulfill God's commandments. The rite of forgiveness is so important precisely because it makes us realize - be it only for one minute - that our entire relationship to other men is wrong, makes us experience that encounter of one child of God with another, of one person created by God with another, makes us feel that mutual "recognition" which is so terribly lacking in our cold and dehumanized world."

The Physical action of forgiveness occurs within the parish, traditionally after the dismissal at Vespers, The priest stands before the Ambon (the steps from which he speaks the Gospel and Sermon), and the faithful come up one by one and venerate the icon, after which each makes a half prostration (bowing from the waist) before the priest, saying "Forgive me, a sinner." The priest also makes a half prostration before each person "God forgives. Forgive me." The person responds, "God forgives" and receives a blessing from the priest. After receiving the priests blessing, the faithful line up next to the priest and also ask forgiveness of each other and continue until all have received forgiveness. This tradition is done in many Orthodox churches around the world on Forgiveness Sunday, and is a tradition which helps not only to prepare us for Great Lent, but brings together a church community as they prepare to face the same struggles on their journey to Pascha.

Yours In Christ,

Fr. Peter Haugen



'BABA' KATHY OLAFSON

Jun 14, 1937 - Feb 1, 2014



On February 1, 2014, our family experienced the sudden and tragic loss of our dear Baba Kathy. In the midst of our shock and sadness, so many people surrounded us with love, prayers, and kindness. This, above all else, has lifted us up, and made our loss more bearable.

A heart felt thank-you to you, our church family - You all made it easier to get through this tragic situation. God Bless you all for your help, your prayers, your attendance and the angelic singing. It was truly a blessing to have your love and support.

A 40 day memorial service for Baba Kathy will be held on Sunday March 16th, 2014 following Divine Liturgy at All Saints Parish in St. Paul, AB.

Love,

Joanne & Dwayne Ternovoy



In life we loved
you dearly,
In death we love
you still.

In our hearts you
hold a place,
No one else will
ever fill.

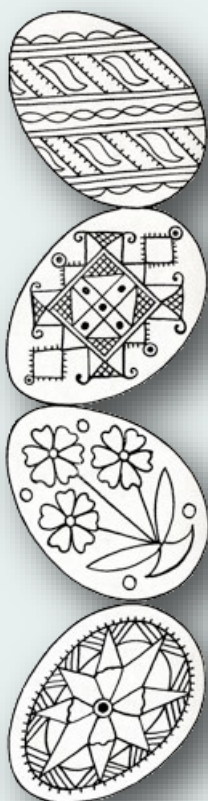
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Memory Eternal
Вічна Пам'ять

Parish Reports:

Please join me in welcoming Joyce Drapaka as the new President for Holy Trinity Parish in Glendon, AB. I wasted no time in asking her to write a report for this month's newsletter which she willingly did—Thank you.

The intention for this section of the newsletter is to provide a message from each of our Parish Presidents on a rotating basis.



Parish Report:

From Holy Trinity in Glendon, AB

Glory to Jesus Christ!

On Sunday February 9th we had our annual general meeting and from there I was elected newly appointed President of the Holy Trinity Church in Glendon. I am very honored to represent the church as President, and along with the other executive members I know we will work with and for our congregation members and assigned district Priest with "leadership" - respect and with cooperation for all and with all.

We of course are one of those small, unique, warm and welcoming churches within our district. As our membership list is small, our goals are not big as we act in ways that contribute to the making of good for all. We also work together and support the other parishes and parishioners within our district.

Our next district newsletter will have more information about what we will be up to and doing, as I am still familiarizing myself within my new role. Thank you to Father Peter and Dobr. Erin for continuing to help us so that we can carry on and move graciously forward.

Our next service at Holy Trinity in Glendon is Memorial Saturday at 10:00 AM on Saturday March 15th and I look forward to seeing you there and joining you in prayer and fellowship.

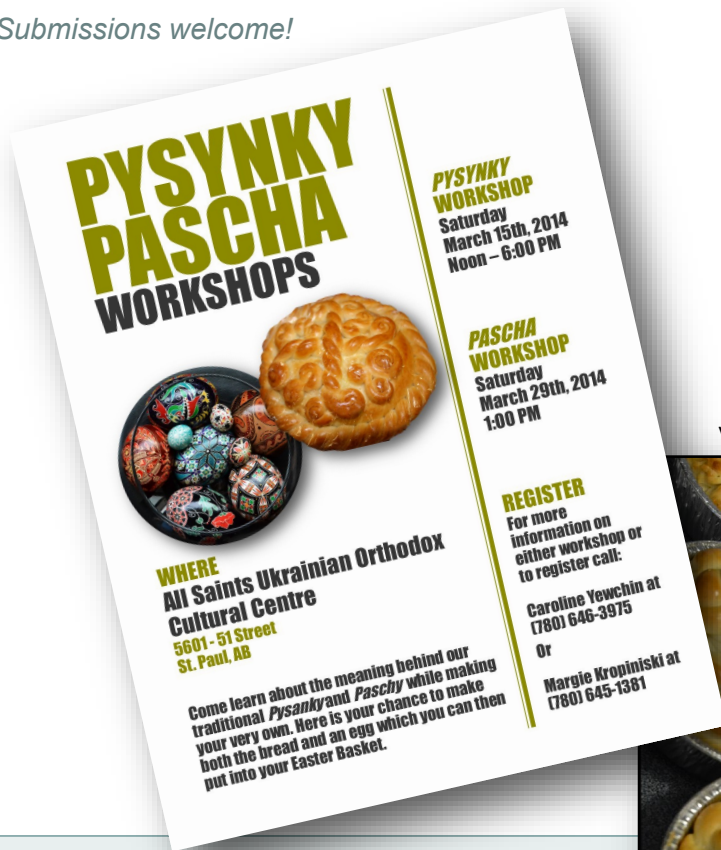
In Christ,

Joyce Drapaka
President of Holy Trinity



MESSAGE BOARD:

Submissions welcome!



Pysanky by
Dobr. Erin Haugen

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youth in Parksville, BC.



Pysanka Workshop

Saturday, March 15

1:00 - 6:00 pm

All Saints
Ukrainian Orthodox Cultural Centre,
St Paul

A hands-on opportunity to learn the art of
Easter egg writing. All materials will be
provided.

Pascha Workshop

Saturday, March 29

1:00 pm

All Saints
Ukrainian Orthodox Cultural Centre,
St. Paul

This session will teach participants how to
make the special Easter bread, "*Pascha*".
Each person will choose a design, braid, and
bake their own *Pascha*.

Register early as space is limited!

For more information on either workshop or to register, call

Caroline Yewchin at (780) 646-3975 or

Margie Kropiniski at (780) 645-1381

Your District

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Andrew Misiak

Vice President:

Ron Rusnak

Secretary:

Krystal Johnson

Treasurer:

Sandra Yuschynshyn

Past President:

Caroline Yewchin

To Make You Smile:

At Sunday School they were teaching how God created everything, including man. Little Johnny seemed especially intent when they told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.

*Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and she asked,
'Johnny, what is the matter?'*

*Little Johnny responded,
'I have pain in my side. I think
I'm going to have a wife.'*



“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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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Divine Liturgy/ Forgiveness Vespers 10:00 AM St. Paul	3  Great Lent Begins	4	5	6	7	8
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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'!