

# Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес! Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!

We extend a warm "Happy Easter!" to all our parishioners, their families, and guests on this glorious feast day, and pray that your participation in the Easter Divine Liturgy will be enriching, meaningful and truly special for you.

## April 1, 2018 ~ The Glorious and Holy Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord, God and Saviour Jesus Christ

Epistle: Acts 1: 1-8

Gospel: John 1: 1-18

Troparia and special texts are found on page 1 of the white Easter Season booklets



**Epistle Reader**  
Tanner Mills

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Linda Douglas & Stanley Myslicki



### Services for Bright Week & St. Thomas Sunday

#### BRIGHT MONDAY, APRIL 2

10:00 a.m. ~ Resurrectional Divine Liturgy

#### BRIGHT TUESDAY, APRIL 3

10:00 a.m. ~ Resurrectional Divine Liturgy

11:00 a.m. ~ Chuka baptism

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 7

5:00 p.m. ~ Sunday of St. Thomas

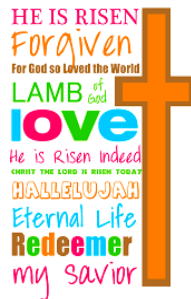
Epistle Reader: Linda Douglas

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 8

10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday of St. Thomas

Epistle Reader: Michael Watral

Easter Dinner follows in the parish hall



### Holy Cross Parish News and Events

Our annual **Easter Dinner (Спільне Свячене)** takes place next **Sunday, April 8** after the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy. The traditional Easter foods will be served (the menu was published on the back of the Easter Services insert). Mark your calendars and please bring your family and join us in this community sharing of a festive meal.

Due to the condition of the ground [we have been advised that it is too early to plant a tree as frost levels are still deep], the date for the dedication of the **50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Legacy Project**, originally scheduled to happen later this month, will be deferred until June. The new date will be published in future bulletins. Thank you for your patience.



The annual **Children of Chornobyl Panakhyda and Reception** will be held at Holy Cross on **Sunday, April 22** beginning at 2:00 p.m. with the candlelight service in the church followed by a gathering/mini-concert in our hall. Door prizes and a light lunch will be provided. Admission is free. Everyone is invited to attend this important commemoration.

Applications for St. George's Scholarship are now available in the narthex. All potential high school graduates, who are parishioners of Holy Cross, are encouraged to apply. The deadline is **Monday, May 1**. Please submit your completed application to the Parish Office by or before that date. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Scholarship Chairman, Dr. Patrick Opaski at 767-0253.

Holy Cross Golden Agers will be making pyrohy on **Tuesday, May 29**, and the list is filling up fast. If you wish to place an order, call Ann Kozlowski at 622-3006 or Ann Opaski at 577-2805. The cut-off date will be approaching soon and you don't want to miss out!



Several parishioners have requested that we resume (as was the practice years ago) to recite/pray the Holy Rosary before the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. We will, therefore, need time to draw up a schedule of those who wish to lead or share the task on a rotating basis (Saturdays and Sundays, if applicable), and hope to do so for the month of May (as a launch point). Please sign the sheet that will be in the narthex, starting next week, if you are willing to take on this important responsibility. Let's not leave it to only a select few of dedicated individuals, for we are all blessed with the special gift of prayer that God gave us to use.

## Your Return Gift to God

*Let us strive to live as Christian stewards, receive God's gifts gratefully, cultivate them responsibly, share them generously and lovingly with others, and return them with increase to the Lord.*

### MARCH 24/25

Envelopes: \$2,245.<sup>00</sup> Candle Offering: \$62.<sup>35</sup>  
Mission Collection: \$70.<sup>80</sup> Special Projects: \$10.<sup>00</sup>  
Flowers for the Tomb: \$40.<sup>00</sup> Initial Offering: \$20.<sup>00</sup>  
Clergy Benevolent Fund: \$250.<sup>00</sup>

*Thank you for your generosity! Щиро Вам дякуємо!*

The Mission Collection for March totalled **\$248.<sup>75</sup>** and will be sent to the Regional Food Distribution Association. (RFDA).

The Mission Collection for the month of April is designated for the **Salvation Army**, a Christian organization that gives hope and support to vulnerable people in 400 communities across Canada and in 128 countries. The Salvation Army exists to share the love of Jesus Christ, meet human needs and be a transforming influence in the communities of our world. For more information, visit [www.salvationarmy.ca](http://www.salvationarmy.ca).



## **HOLY CROSS GOLDEN AGERS ~ FUN FOR ACTIVE SENIORS**

Happy Easter to all members! Regular afternoon activities will resume at their usual time on **Thursday, April 5**. We hope to see everyone then — new members are welcome to join as well!

Feeling lucky? The next bus to Grand Portage leaves the church parking lot on **Wednesday, April 18** at 3:45 p.m. and will return @ 10:00 p.m. Please contact Ann Kozlowski or Ann Opaski (numbers are below) to book your seat. This is a **free** service. Non-members (18 years and up) **with valid passports** are invited also. Come join us for the ride and recreation ~ the more, the merrier!



Orders for our Spring Pyrohy Making session on **Tuesday, May 29** can be placed now. Contact Ann Kozlowski at 622-3006 or Ann (G) Opaski at 577-2805 to get your name of the list. The price is \$6 per dozen for **cooked or raw frozen**. Help spread the word before the maximum amount of orders are reached.



## **ST. GEORGE'S SOCIETY**

Thank you to the members who participated in the Easter Vigil guarding our Lord's tomb this past Friday and Saturday.

Help will be needed at the conclusion of the Parish Easter Dinner next Sunday to take down the tables, and in the kitchen with clean-up. Plan to stay and be a part of the work crew so the job can be done quickly.

At this point in time, we have not been allotted a bingo during the month of April. However, the next bingo training session for new volunteers will take place on **Sunday, April 15** from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. at Superior Shores at which we need more members (and parishioners) to attend. Your help is gratefully appreciated. The next refresher training session is **Sunday, April 22** from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. as well. This is important as new requirements are being instituted. Please inform Gerry Bullock if and when you plan to attend. Bingo dates in May and June will be published in future bulletins.

Our next monthly meeting is **Sunday, April 29** at 7:00 p.m. Members are encouraged to attend; there'll be much to discuss.

### **Readings for St. Thomas Sunday**

(to help prepare for the nourishment of the Word of God at Liturgy)

**Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 5: 12-20**

**Gospel: John 20: 19-31**

As you read each passage, ask yourself these questions, "What thoughts, ideas, words or images come to mind?" and "What are the connections between them?"

This will help make them easier to follow and understand.

Sunday Smile

**AS WE HEAR** about the resurrection of Jesus Christ this Easter Sunday, many of us will turn our thoughts to life beyond the grave. After all, if the resurrection of Jesus Christ points to any one truth, it is that there is life beyond the grave. To put it another way, death is not the end, for the resurrection of Jesus Christ has eternal implications for every living soul.

First, all people will be raised. Jesus Himself said, "Do not be amazed at this, for a time is coming when all who are in their graves will hear My voice and come out — those who have done what is good will rise to live, and those who have done what is evil will rise to be condemned" (John 5:28-29). Second, all people will be judged. The Bible says, "Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment" (Hebrews 9:27). Third, all people will be divided into one of two groups. The Bible says, "Then they will go away to eternal punishment, but the righteous to eternal life" (Matt. 25:46). *Glory to Your Resurrection, O Christ!*

**YOUNG ERNIE AND HIS FAMILY** were invited to have Easter lunch at his grandmother's house. Everyone was seated around the table as the food was being served. When Ernie received his plate, he started eating straight away.

"Ernie, wait until we say 'grace,' demanded his father.

"I don't have to," the five-year-old replied.

"Of course you do, Ernest," his mother insisted rather forcefully. "We always say a prayer before eating at our house."

"That's at our house," Ernie explained, "but this is grandma's house, and she knows how to cook."

## **What, Where and When: Community Events**



**Two-Bit Auction - Wednesday, April 11** at the Slovak Legion Branch 129 Hall, 801 Atlantic Avenue, sponsored by the RCL Ladies Auxiliary. Doors open at **6:30 p.m.**; activities start at **7:00 p.m.** Great baskets, food and refreshments, and a lot of fun! Tickets: \$5.<sup>00</sup> each. Call 623-3354 ext. 2 to arrange for yours. *Everyone is invited!*



**Sprinkle of Spring Tea** - sponsored by St. Dominic Church CWL, **Sunday, April 15** from **12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.** in St. Dominic Parish Hall, 130 W. Redwood Avenue. Draws, Bake Table, Penny Auction, Sewing Table, sandwiches & dainties. Ticket prices: Adults: \$6.<sup>00</sup>/person; children (5-12): \$4.<sup>00</sup>; (4 and under): free. *Tutti sono benvenuti!*



**Night and Day** - Lakehead Choral Group's annual spring concert, **Wednesday, April 25** at **7:30 p.m.** at St. Agnes Church (Mary St. at Brown St). Tickets are \$15 in advance, \$18 at the door. Ticket locations include Rollason Flowers, Kitchen Nook & Finnish Book Store and Music World Academy, and can also be purchased from choir members (see Susan Soldan for tickets) or by calling 577-1224. *Come help us celebrate the end to our 62<sup>nd</sup> year!*

**An Evening of Colour & Energy!** - Chaban Ukrainian Dance Group presents its annual concert "*Beauty and the Beats*", **Saturday, April 28** at **7:00 p.m.** at the Thunder Bay Community Auditorium. To get your tickets, visit the TBCA box office, call (807) 684-4444, or order online at [www.tbca.com](http://www.tbca.com). *This is a fun, family-friendly evening you won't want to miss!*

For a complete listing of other events happening in and around Thunder Bay, visit the website [www.calendar/thunderbay.ca](http://www.calendar/thunderbay.ca) and check out the monthly calendars. They're filled with exciting events for the whole family.



# Surprise! The Tomb is Empty!

**H**AVE YOU EVER played with a Jack-in-the-Box? Probably. Jack-in-the-Box has been around for hundreds of years and most children have either had one or played with one. Can you remember sitting and turning the handle, waiting for the moment when the lid would open and Jack would pop out? Even though you knew what was going to happen, you were always surprised, and perhaps even a little frightened, when Jack popped out of the box.

Jack-in-the-Box reminds us of a story in the Bible -- a story about a very special surprise. Early in the morning, on the Sunday after Jesus was crucified, two women went to the grave where Jesus had been buried. When they arrived, they found that the stone had been rolled away from the entrance and the grave was empty. They were surprised to find an empty grave and wondered what had happened to Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly, two men in dazzling bright clothes appeared to the two women. Now they were not only surprised -- they were also afraid. The men spoke to the women and said, "Why are you looking for the living

among the dead? Jesus is not here; He has risen just as He told you He would." When the women heard these words, they remembered that Jesus had told them that He would be crucified, but that He would rise again on the third day. Now they were no longer surprised at finding an empty grave. They rushed back to tell His disciples and then everyone else what they had seen.



Some surprises, like playing with a Jack-in-the-Box, make us happy, but the best reason we have to be happy today is that the grave is empty, Jesus is alive, and He loves us very much! That is what we celebrate today!

Dear Father, we praise You! Jesus has risen -- just as He said He would! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!**

Source: [www.sermons4kids.com](http://www.sermons4kids.com)

## Parish Easter Dinner~ СВЯЧЕНЕ

**Next Sunday, April 8, 2018  
following the  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  
(Sunday of St. Thomas)**