



# ST. ELIA'S NEWSLETTER

MAY 2023

ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!  
ВОІСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС!

CHRIST IS RISEN!  
INDEED HE IS RISEN!



## SUNDAY WORSHIP HOURS:

9:30 am Confessions  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### • COUNCIL MEETING

*Sunday, May 28th, 2023*  
after Divine Liturgy

### • PROVODY

(BLESSING OF GRAVES)

- **Beechmount Cemetery:**  
*Sunday, May 07, 2:00 PM*
- **St. Michael's Cemetery:**  
*Sunday, May 14, 2:00 PM*
- **Evergreen Cemetery:**  
*Sunday, May 21, 2:00 PM*

### \* Free Store for Ukrainian Newcomers

The store provides clothing and essentials at no charge to Ukrainian newcomers to Canada displaced by the war in Ukraine. Check their website and facebook for helping Ukrainian newcomers in Edmonton.

<https://www.freestoreyeg.com>  
<https://www.facebook.com/freestoreedmonton>

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Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada: [www.uocc.ca](http://www.uocc.ca)  
Western Eparchy: [www.uocc-we.ca](http://www.uocc-we.ca)

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## Patriarchal Encyclical for Holy Pascha 2023



+ BARTHOLOMEW

By God's Mercy

Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome and Ecumenical Patriarch

To the Plenitude of the Church:

May the Grace, Peace and Mercy of Christ Risen in Glory be with you All

Most honorable brother Hierarchs,

Dear beloved children,

Having arrived with God's grace at the all-saving Resurrection of the Lord, through which the power of death was abolished and the gates of paradise were opened to the entire human race, we address to all of you our paschal greetings and heartfelt wishes, as we proclaim the cry "Christ is Risen" that gives joy to the world.

In all of its dimensions, the life of the Church is invigorated by the ineffable joy of the Resurrection. The "experience of resurrection" is witnessed in the labors of the Saints and Martyrs of our faith, as well as in the liturgical and sacramental life, the proclamation of the Gospel "to the ends of the earth", the devotion and spirituality of the faithful, their sacrificial love and Christian conduct, but also in their expectation of a world where "death will no longer exist, nor will there be mourning, wailing or suffering" (Rev. 21,4).

In and through the Resurrection, everything lies in a state of motion towards perfection in the Kingdom of God. This eschatological drive has always provided Orthodox Christians in the world with dynamism and perspective. Despite the claims of the opposite, as a result of the eschatological orientation of its life, the Church never compromised with the presence of evil in all its expressions in the world. Nor did it deny the reality of pain and death. Nor again did it ignore the ambiguity of human affairs. And finally, it never considered the struggle for a more just world as something foreign to its mission.

Still though, the Church always knew that pain and the cross are not the ultimate reality. The experiential quintessence of the Christian life is the conviction that, through the Cross and through the "narrow gate", we are led to the Resurrection. This faith is reflected in the fact that the core of church life, the Divine Eucharist, is essentially linked with the Resurrection of Christ. In the Orthodox tradition, as the late Metropolitan John of Pergamon emphasizes, the Divine Eucharist "is filled with joy and light ... because it is not grounded in the Cross and an idealization of passion, but in the Resurrection as the transcendence of the passion of the Cross"[1]. The Holy Eucharist transports us to Golgotha not so that we may remain there, but so that we may be led through the Cross to the ever-radiant glory of the Kingdom of God.

Our participation in the Resurrection of Christ through the sacrament of the Church is on the one hand a tangible abolition of every utopianism and of the false paradise promising unimpeded self-indulgence, while at the same time a definitive transcendence of hopeless self-enslavement in supposed unsurpassable negativity, because the Cross of Christ gives birth to the Resurrection, to the "endless delight", to "the enjoyment of eternal glory". The annihilation of death through the Cross and Resurrection of our Savior elevates our life to its divine-human essence and its heavenly destiny.

In Christ, we know and live that the present life is not our entire life, that our biological death does not constitute an end or obliteration of our existence. The biological boundaries of life do not define its truth.

After all, the sense that life is an irreversible "journey towards death" leads to existential impasses, to depression and nihilism, to indifference for what truly matters in life. Science, and financial or social progress are unable to offer an essential solution or outlet. Christians are "those who have hope" (1Thess. 4,13), who expect the coming Kingdom of the Father and Son and Holy Spirit as a final reality, as the fullness of life and knowledge, as the fulfillment of joy, not only for the coming generations but for the entire human race from the beginning to the end of the ages.

This vision of history and eternity, the resurrectional nature of Orthodox faith, ethos and culture—namely, the unquestionable fact that the great miracle of Truth is only revealed "to those who venerate the mystery in faith"—is what we are called to witness today within a civilization that rejects the Transcendent and in the context of manifold reductions of the spiritual identity of human existence.

We give glory in chant, hymn and spiritual song to the Lord who rose from the dead and shines eternal life upon all. We participate with joy in "the feast that is common to all". And we beseech the all-powerful, all-wise and all-merciful Maker and Redeemer of all to bring peace to the world and grant all His saving gifts to mankind, so that His all-honorable and majestic name may be glorified and blessed, now and always and to the ages of ages. Amen!

At the Phanar, Holy Pascha 2023  
 + Bartholomew of Constantinople  
 Fervent supplicant for you all to the Risen Lord

## **REFLECTIONS OF THE SAINTS**

### **The resurrection of Christ proves that the body rises**

If He had no need of the flesh, why did He heal it? And what is most forcible of all, He raised the dead. Why? Was it not to show what the resurrection should be? How then did He raise the dead? Their souls or their bodies? Manifestly both. If the resurrection were only spiritual, it was requisite that He, in raising the dead, should show the body lying apart by itself, and the soul living apart by itself. But now He did not do so, but raised the body, confirming in it the promise of life. Why did He rise in the flesh in which He suffered, unless to show the resurrection of the flesh? And wishing to confirm this, when His disciples did not know whether to believe He had truly risen in the body, and were looking upon Him and doubting, He said to them, You have not yet faith, see that it is I; Luke 24:32, etc. and He let them handle Him, and showed them the prints of the nails in His hands. And when they were by every kind of proof persuaded that it was Himself, and in the body, they asked Him to eat with them, that they might thus still more accurately ascertain that He had in verity risen bodily; and He ate honey-comb and fish. And when He had thus shown them that there is truly a resurrection of the flesh, wishing to show them this also, that it is not impossible for flesh to ascend into heaven (as He had said that our dwelling-place is in heaven), He was taken up into heaven while they beheld, Acts 1:9 as He was in the flesh. If, therefore, after all that has been said, any one demand demonstration of the resurrection, he is in no respect different from the Sadducees, since the resurrection of the flesh is the power of God, and, being above all reasoning, is established by faith, and seen in works. *St. Justin Martyr (The Philosopher) AD 100 – c. AD 165*

## ST. ATHANASIUS ON THE RESURRECTION



A very strong proof of this destruction of death and its conquest by the cross is supplied by a present fact, namely this. All the disciples of Christ despise death; they take the offensive against it and, instead of fearing it, by the sign of the cross and by faith in Christ trample on it as on something dead. Before the divine sojourn of the Savior, even the holiest of men were afraid of death, and mourned the dead as those who perish.

But now that the Savior has raised His body, death is no longer terrible, but all those who believe in Christ tread it underfoot as nothing, and prefer to die rather than to deny their faith in Christ, knowing full well that when they die they do not perish, but live indeed, and become incorruptible through the resurrection.

But that devil who of old wickedly exulted in death, now that the pains of death are loosed, he alone it is who remains truly dead. There is proof of this too; for men who, before they believe in Christ, think death horrible and are afraid of it, once they are converted despise it so completely that they go eagerly to meet it, and themselves become witnesses of the Savior's resurrection from it. Even children hasten thus to die, and not men only, but women train themselves by bodily discipline to meet it. So weak has death become that even women, who used to be taken in by it, mock at it now as a dead thing robbed of all its strength.



Death has become like a tyrant who has been completely conquered by the legitimate monarch; bound hand and foot the passers-by sneer at him, hitting him and abusing him, no longer afraid of his cruelty and rage, because of the king who has conquered him. So has death been conquered and branded for what it is by the Savior on the cross. It is bound hand and foot, all who are in Christ trample it as they pass and as witnesses to Him deride it, scoffing and saying, "O Death, where is thy victory? O Grave, where is thy sting?" [1 Corinthians 15:55]

*St. Athanasius: On the Incarnation of the Word; Chapter 5: The Resurrection*

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### \* Donation Needed for Altar Upgrade

We are planning to update our altar with a 7-branch candelabra and tabernacle.

We greatly appreciate any help towards this initiative. Please make a separate donation towards these items. Thank you.



7-branch Candelabra



Tabernacle



**Palm Sunday, Taking out the Shroud and Holy Pascha services at St. Elia**





## Upcoming news/events in the Ukrainian Community

### **ACUA Events & Workshops**

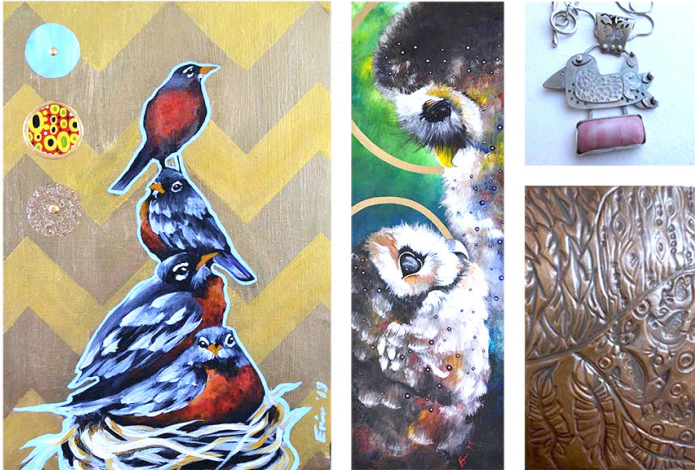
Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts: 780-488-8558 / info@acuarts.ca  
10554 110 St NW Unit 100 Edmonton, AB T5H 3C5

### **MAY 05-27 Exhibition: Taking Wing**

Featuring the enchanting paintings of Erin Haugen and the exquisite metal artwork and jewelry of Nina Leontowicz.

 **SIGNATURE ARTIST SERIES** 

## ≡ Taking Wing ≡



**ERIN HAUGEN & NINA LEONTOWICZ**

**OPENING RECEPTION FRI MAY 5 6PM-8PM**

EXHIBITION ON MAY 5 - 27 ACUA 10554 110 St Edmonton



### **MAY 16 - JUN 10**

### **Call for Ukrainian Vintage Items**



GATHER YOUR

## **UKRAINIAN VINTAGE ITEMS**

ACCEPTING FOR DONATION AND CONSIGNMENT  
**MAY 16 - JUNE 10**

EMAIL [EVENTS@ACUARTS.CA](mailto:EVENTS@ACUARTS.CA) FOR INFORMATION

Accepted Ukrainian Vintage Items:

- Ceramics and Glassware
- Artwork
- Music and Film
- Clothing, Textiles, and Dance Costumes
- Books and Cookbooks
- Jewelry
- Rare Artifacts and Souvenirs
- Religious Items... and more!

***Vintage Launch Day:  
Saturday, June 24th, 2023.***

THE ALBERTA COUNCIL FOR THE  
UKRAINIAN ARTS PRESENTS



Musician and Consul General of Ukraine in Edmonton Oleksandr Danyleiko

**A SHOWCASE OF LIVE  
UKRAINIAN MUSIC**

### **MAY 07**

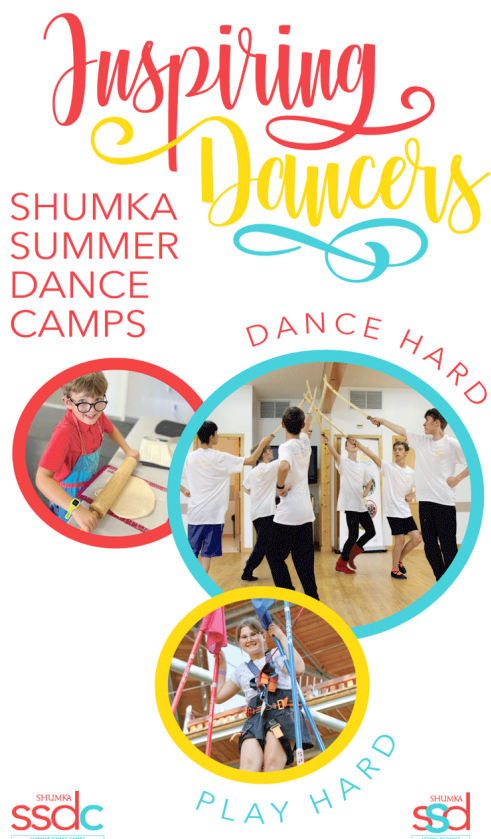
**Doors 1:30PM / Music 2:00PM At ACUA**

Featuring musician and Consul General of Ukraine in Edmonton Oleksandr Danyleiko!

Come out for a relaxed afternoon of live Ukrainian music: Admission is free and everyone is welcome!

### **\* CALL FOR MUSICIANS**

Email [events@acuarts.ca](mailto:events@acuarts.ca) if you or your musical group is interested in performing at an upcoming Ukrainian Jam! This is a casual event featuring live Ukrainian music and is free for the public to attend.



**SHUMKA SUMMER DANCE CAMPS** is an internationally attended program offering camps for every taste, age, and ability. Every camp has a unique Ukrainian spin on it! We inspire dancers to pursue the art of Ukrainian dance and become passionate about Ukrainian culture while making friends, having fun, and improving their abilities.

Dancers can choose from a one-week day camp experience at the Shumka Dance Centre and a one or two-week overnight adventure at the beautiful Camp Oselia, Wabamun Lake. Join hundreds of children and teens aged 3-18 from across Canada who want to DANCE HARD, PLAY HARD!

**REGISTER NOW!**

[www.shumka.com/school-of-dance/summer-camp-2023](http://www.shumka.com/school-of-dance/summer-camp-2023)

## UKRAINIAN NEWCOMER FURNITURE WAREHOUSE

15330 114 Ave Edmonton  
780-414-1624 / [furniture@uccab.ca](mailto:furniture@uccab.ca)  
[www.facebook.com/unfwyeg](http://www.facebook.com/unfwyeg)

Free furniture items for Ukrainian nationals fleeing the war. The UNFW is run by the Ukrainian Canadian Congress Alberta Provincial Council.

Безкоштовний меблевий склад для новоприбулих Українців.

### REGULAR HOURS

Monday: CLOSED  
Tuesday: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Wednesday: CLOSED  
Thursday: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
Friday: CLOSED  
Saturday: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM  
Sunday: 12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

### \* VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday spots available. Take the plunge and help out!

\* Ukrainian Canadian Congress - Alberta Provincial Council Website is a good resource for newcomers and people wanting to help. [www.uccab.ca](http://www.uccab.ca)

## SIGN UP TO BE A HOST FAMILY NOW

*Зареєструйтесь,  
щоб приймати українців*

[housing@ukrainiansinalberta.ca](mailto:housing@ukrainiansinalberta.ca)  
[www.ukrainiansinalberta.ca](http://www.ukrainiansinalberta.ca)  
780-391-3226

## HOST FAMILIES URGENTLY NEEDED

Short term host families needed now  
for Ukrainian Newcomers

### WANT TO HELP?

SIGN UP NOW AT  
[HOUSING@UKRAINIANSINALBERTA.CA](mailto:HOUSING@UKRAINIANSINALBERTA.CA)  
OR [WWW.UKRAINIANSINALBERTA.CA](http://WWW.UKRAINIANSINALBERTA.CA)

FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL 780-391-3226



IN SUPPORT OF  
THE UKRAINIAN CANADIAN CONGRESS - ALBERTA PROVINCIAL COUNCIL

## UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH OF ST.ELIA.

### ORDER OF SERVICES FOR MAY 2023.

7. - SUNDAY ..... THE PARALYTIC ..... 10:00 A.M.  
BLESSING OF GRAVES: BEECHMOUNT CEMETERY ..... 2:00 P.M.
14. - SUNDAY..... SAMARITAN WOMAN..... 10:00 A.M.  
BLESSING OF GRAVES: ST.MICHAEL CEMETERY ..... 2:00 P.M.
21. - SUNDAY..... BLIND MAN..... 10:00 A.M.  
BLESSING OF GRAVES: EVERGREEN CEMETERY ..... 2:00 P.M.
28. - SUNDAY..... FATHERS OF 1st ECUMENICAL COUNCIL .....10:00 A.M.

### ORDER OF SERVICES FOR JUNE 2023.

4. - SUNDAY..... PENTECOST ..... 10:00 A.M.
11. - SUNDAY..... 1st SUN. AFTER PENTECOST: ALL SAINTS .....10:00 A.M.
18. - SUNDAY..... 2nd SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST:  
ALL SAINTS OF UKRAINE .....10:00 A.M.
25. - SUNDAY..... 3rd SUNDAY AFTER PENTACOST ..... 10:00 A.M.

