



ST. ELIA'S NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024

СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ!
СЛАВА НАВІКИ!

GLORY BE TO JESUS CHRIST!
GLORY FOREVER!



SUNDAY WORSHIP:

- † Confession: from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m.
- † Hours: 9:00 a.m.
- † Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- * **UWAC MEETING**
Sunday, April 7th 2024
after Divine Liturgy
- * **ST. ELIA COUNCIL MEETING**
Saturday, April 20th, 1:00pm

PASSIA SERVICES 2024 (6:00PM each Sunday)

- **March 31, St. Elia Church**
2nd Sunday of the Fast
(St. Gregory Palamas)
- **April 7, St. Anthony of Kyiv Church**
3rd Sunday of the Fast
(Holy Cross Veneration)
- **April 14, St. Andrew Sobor**
4th Sunday of the Fast
(St. John Climacus)
- **April 21, St. Michael Church**
5th Sunday of the Fast
(St. Mary of Egypt)

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UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

3rd Sunday of Great Lent: Veneration of the Cross.

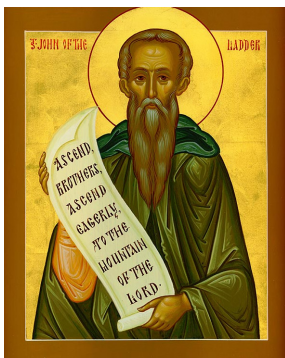
Commemorated April 7th



The Third Sunday of Lent is that of the Veneration of the Cross. The cross stands in the midst of the church in the middle of the lenten season not merely to remind all of humanity of Christ's redemption and to keep before them the goal of their efforts, but also to be venerated as that reality by which we must live to be saved. "(Those) who do not take up (their) cross and follow (Him) are not worthy of (Him)" (Mt.10:38). For in the Cross of Christ Crucified lies both "the power of God and the wisdom of God" for those being saved (1 Cor.1:24).

4th Sunday of Great Lent: St John Climacus (of the Ladder).

Commemorated April 14



The Fourth Sunday of Lent is dedicated to Saint John Klimakos, the author of *The Ladder of Divine Ascent*. In this book the Igoumen of Saint Katherine's Monastery on Mount Sinai bears witness to the great effort which is required for entry into God's Kingdom (Matthew 10:12). The spiritual struggle of the Christian life is difficult since it is "not against flesh and blood, but against ... the rulers of the present darkness ... the hosts of wickedness in heavenly places ..." (Ephesians 6:12). Saint John encourages the faithful in their efforts for, as the Lord has said, only "he who endures to the end will be saved" (Matthew 24:13).

Saint John was born around the year 525, the son of devout and wealthy parents. He received a very good education, but at the age of sixteen, he forsook the world and went to Mount Sinai, subjecting himself to the spiritual guidance of Elder Martyrios. When he was nineteen years of age, his Elder reposed. Then Saint John entered the arena of hesychasm, visiting the monastic communities of Skete and Tabennisi in Egypt. For another forty years, he lived in a cell at Thora in the Sinai Desert, which was a two hour (5 mile) walk from the Monastery of Saint Katherine.

Aflame with indescribable longing for God, he ate everything that was permitted by the monastic Rule, but only in very small quantities, and not unto satiety. By so doing, he overcame the vice of pride; and by eating just a little food, he humbled the stomach, which always wants more. He raised his body from death and paralysis by the remembrance of death, and he overcame the tyranny of anger with the sword of obedience.

Who can describe the fountain of his tears, which is now to be seen in very few individuals? He slept only as much as was necessary to prevent his mind from being distracted. Before going to sleep he prayed a great deal, and he also wrote books. This was how he subdued despondency. His entire life was spent in unceasing prayer, and incomparable love for God.

After writing *The Ladder* at the request of Igoumen John of Raithu Monastery, and leading a God-pleasing life, Saint John fell asleep in the Lord when he was about seventy-five years old (ca. 603). He is also commemorated on March 30.

5th Sunday of Great Lent: St Mary of Egypt Commemorated April 21



Our venerable mother Mary of Egypt was a desert ascetic who repented of a life of debauchery. She lived during the sixth century, and passed away in a remarkable manner in 522. The Church celebrates her feast day on the fifth Sunday in Great Lent.

Troparion — Tone 8

In you, O Mother, was preserved with exactness what was according to the image; / for you took up the Cross and followed Christ. / By so doing, you taught us to disregard the flesh, for it passes away; / but to care for the soul, since it is immortal. / Therefore, O Venerable Mary, your spirit rejoices with the Angels.

Kontakion — Tone 3

Having been a sinful woman, / you became a Bride of Christ through repentance. / Having attained the angelic life, / you defeated demons by the weapon of the Cross; / therefore, O most glorious Mary you are a Bride of the Kingdom.

Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday). Commemorated April 28



Palm Sunday is the celebration of the triumphant entrance of Christ into the royal city of Jerusalem. He rode on a colt for which He Himself had sent, and He permitted the people to hail Him publicly as a king. A large crowd met Him in a manner befitting royalty, waving palm branches and placing their garments in His path. They greeted Him with these words: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel! (John 12:13).

This day together with the raising of Lazarus are signs pointing beyond themselves to the mighty deeds and events which consummate Christ’s earthly ministry. The time of fulfillment was at hand. Christ’s raising of Lazarus points to the destruction of death and the joy of resurrection which will be accessible to all through His own death and resurrection. His entrance into Jerusalem is a fulfillment of the messianic prophecies about the king who will enter his holy city to establish a final kingdom. “Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass” (Zech 9:9).

Finally, the events of these triumphant two days are but the passage to Holy Week: the “hour” of suffering and death for which Christ came. Thus the triumph in an earthly sense is extremely short-lived. Jesus enters openly into the midst of His enemies, publicly saying and doing those things which mostly enrage them. The people themselves will soon reject Him. They misread His brief earthly triumph as a sign of something else: His emergence as a political messiah who will lead them to the glories of an earthly kingdom.

How disappointed and disillusioned is the earthly mind in the face of the coming tragedy, how darkened the heart of the unbelieving; but, raised up and illumined will be the believing and faithful! Those who repent and accept Jesus Christ as the Immortal King and God have welcomed the Lord of all as He enters into our lives.

News & Stories in St. Elia Parish Community



A new batch of Babkas and Paschas are available for sale. Please contact **Hilda Ewanec** if you would like to make a purchase.

*Thank you Hilda, Tammy, Justina, Pauline, and Bill for making beautiful Paschas and Babkas for this year.



Saturday, March 31st 2024

Second Saturday of Great Lent: Commemoration of the Departed (Soul Saturday)

At the end of our liturgy Rev. Fr. Vasyl Maskal blessed the cover of our new gospel book from Ukraine.

Donations are greatly appreciated

We are having our church chandeliers cleaned on April 8 & 9th. If you would like to make a donation towards this initiative please specify on your donation envelope or see Tanya Popovych. Donations over 20\$ will be issued a receipt.

You can also donate for the new gospel book.

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT OF UWAC ST. ELIA

Ukrainian Women’s Association of Canada Lesia Ukrainka Branch:

With tremendous gratitude to kitchen coordinator Hilda Ewanec, and her core crew of Justina Trush, Bill Ewanec and Tammy Ewanec, there are Easter breads – pasky and babky - available for sale. Not only that . . . pyrohy are also available thanks to a fabulous turn-out of 24 volunteers, both women and men (again coordinated by Hilda) who came to help make pyrohy and fill our freezers. Please see Hilda or call her at 780-474-4867 to arrange for pick up of product.

After a very long hiatus of not gathering, our UWAC branch will meet after coffee hour on Sunday, April 7. Our executive committee has news to share of appropriations of our funds. My most sincere apologies for the delay in meeting; I ask your forgiveness for my lack of leadership. I am very grateful that our association is once again gathering to produce food products for sale. The comradeship at these work sessions is heartwarming!

All members and anyone interested in the work that the UWAC does to support St. Elia Ukrainian Orthodox Church are welcome to attend the meeting on April 7.

Please keep our sisters in Christ in your prayers as they struggle with personal health issues. Reach out to them when you are able.

Your humble sister in Christ, Betty Corlett, President

Congratulations to our sister Myrna!

Her latest book “Ghosts in a Photograph” won 2024 KOBZAR Book Award

The Shevchenko Foundation is pleased to announce that Ghosts in a Photograph, by Myrna Kostash, published by NeWest Press, is the winner of the 2024 KOBZAR™ Book Award.

The announcement was made during a gala award ceremony held at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights in Winnipeg on March 21, 2024. The memoir delves into the lives of the author’s grandparents, all of whom moved from Galicia, now present-day Ukraine, to Alberta at the turn of the twentieth century. Discovering a packet of family mementos, Kostash questions what she knows about her families’ pasts and whose narrative is allowed to prevail in Canada.

Myrna Kostash was unable to attend the gala celebration. However, in a written acceptance speech, she reflected on her book. “It is as a mature writer that I looked again with new interest at my origins in Ukrainian settlement in Alberta – that is, the lives of my grandparents rural and urban – and entered that narrative as though we were still in each other’s company,” Kostash stated. “Further, I linked each of their stories to the family narratives that kept on evolving in Galicia beyond our kin in Canada.”

Check the full article here:

<https://shevchenkofoundation.com/ghosts-in-a-photograph-wins-2024-kobzar-book-award/>



Tuesday, March 19 – Ukrainian Orthodox Church of St. Elia

His Eminence Ilarion, Archbishop of Winnipeg and the Central Eparchy, Metropolitan of Canada, officiated at the Great Compline and the Reading of the Great Penitential Canon of St. Andrew of Crete at St. Elia. He was assisted by clergy from the Edmonton Ukrainian Orthodox Deanery.

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You can check upcoming events, St. Elia community news, and helpful orthodox church information at our facebook page.

Pioneer Churches Project

The Pioneer Churches on the Prairies is an ongoing project to record, document and display the historic churches established by early settlers in northeastern Alberta. They have photos and histories on 92 different churches and their cemeteries. If you would like to see their website and view their work, please visit: **<https://pioneerchurches.ca/>**



ORDER OF SERVICES FOR APRIL 2024.



APRIL/MAY

April 7 – Sunday.

3rd Sunday of Lent

Veneration of the Cross

† Confession: from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m.

† Hours: 9:00 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

*Coffee hour fellowship
following the Divine Liturgy*

April 12 – Friday.

Presanctified Liturgy

† Presanctified Liturgy: 6:00 p.m.

April 13 – Saturday.

3rd Soul Saturday

† Confession: from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

April 14 – Sunday.

4th Sunday of Lent

Venerable John Climacus

† Confession: from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m.

† Hours: 9:00 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

*Coffee hour fellowship
following the Divine Liturgy*

April 20 – Akathist Saturday.

† Akathist: 12:30 p.m.

April 21 – Sunday.

5th Sunday of Lent

Venerable Mary of Egypt

† Confession: from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m.

† Hours: 9:00 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

*Coffee hour fellowship
following the Divine Liturgy*



КВІТЕНЬ/ТРАВЕНЬ

7 квітня – неділя.

3-тя неділя великого посту

Поклоніння Чесного Хреста

† Сповідь: з 8:45 до 9:15 год.

† Часи: 9:00 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 10:00 год.

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після Божественної Літургії*

12 квітня – п'ятниця.

Ранішосвячених Дарів

† Ранішосвячених Дарів: 18:00

13 квітня – субота.

3-тя Задушна субота

† Сповідь: з 8:45 до 9:15 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.

14 квітня – неділя.

4-та неділя великого посту

Прп. Івана Ліствичника

† Сповідь: з 8:45 до 9:15 год.

† Часи: 9:00 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 10:00 год.

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20 квітня – Акафісна Субота

† Акафіст: 12:30

21 квітня – неділя.

5-та неділя великого посту

Прп. Марії Єгипетської

† Сповідь: з 8:45 до 9:15 год.

† Часи: 9:00 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 10:00 год.

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APRIL/MAY

April 27 – Saturday.

Lazarus Saturday

† Confession: from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

April 28 – Sunday.

Palm Sunday

† Confession: from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m.

† Hours: 9:00 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

*Coffee hour fellowship
following the Divine Liturgy*

May 2 – Great & Holy Thursday.

† Vesperal Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

† 12 Gospels: 5:00 p.m.

May 3 – Great & Holy Friday.

† Carrying out of Shroud: 6:00 p.m.

May 4 – Great & Holy Saturday.

† Vesperal Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

† Blessing of Baskets: 12:00 p.m.

**May 5 – THE RESURRECTION OF
OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST -
PASCHA.**

† Divine Liturgy: 6:30 a.m.

† Blessing of Baskets: After Liturgy

May 6 – BRIGHT MONDAY.

† Divine Liturgy: 9:00 a.m.

May 12 – Sunday of St. Thomas.

† Confession: from 8:45 to 9:15 a.m.

† Hours: 9:00 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

*Coffee hour fellowship
following the Divine Liturgy*



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27 квітня – субота.

Субота Праведного Лазаря

† Сповідь: з 8:45 до 9:15 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.

28 квітня – неділя.

Квітня Неділя

† Сповідь: з 8:45 до 9:15 год.

† Часи: 9:00 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 10:00 год.

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2 травня – Великий Четвер.

† Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.

† Утренья Страстей Христових: 17:00.

3 травня – Велика П'ятниця.

† Відношення Плащаниці: 18:00.

4 травня – Велика Субота.

† Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.

† Посвячення Кошиків: 12:00 p.m.

**5 травня – ВОСКРЕСІННЯ
ГОСПОДА НАШОГО ІСУСА
ХРИСТА - ПАСХА.**

† Божественна Літургія: 6:30 год.

† Посвячення Кошиків: після служби

6 травня – СВІТЛИЙ ПОНЕДІЛОК.

† Божественна Літургія: 9:00 год.

12 травня – Фомна Неділя.

† Сповідь: з 8:45 до 9:15 год.

† Часи: 9:00 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 10:00 год.

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