

ST. ELIA'S NEWSLETTER

MAY 2024



**ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!
ВОІСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС!**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!
TRULY, HE IS RISEN!**

SUNDAY WORSHIP

† Confession: from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

† Hours: 9:00 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **ST. ELIA COUNCIL MEETING**
Saturday, May 18th, 1:00pm
- **Spilne Sviachena (Parish Paschal Meal) and Mother's Day concert**
with our resident youth orchestra RAZOM
Sunday, May 12 after Liturgy

* For Spilne Sviachena (*Mission Outreach Fellowship Potluck Luncheon*): please bring an item you would put in your Easter basket: ham, kovbasa, eggs, cheese, butter, horseradish, Easter breads or whatever your family includes.

*No other Potluck in May; the next will be June 30. Coffee hour will continue every week though; do come downstairs after Liturgy.

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MESSAGE FROM REV. FR. VASYL MASKAL

Christ is Risen! Truly, He is Risen!

As we gather together in celebration of Holy Pascha, the Feast of Feasts, I am filled with joy and gratitude. We commemorate not only the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, but also the promise of our new life in Him.

In the midst of the challenges we face in our daily lives, let us remember the power of faith. Just as the tomb could not contain Christ, so too can our faith help us overcome the trials and tribulations of our earthly existence. Let us hold fast to our faith, for it is the beacon that guides us through the darkest nights to the dawn of a new day.

In the spirit of hope, let us look forward to the future with optimism. The Resurrection of Christ is a testament to the triumph of good over evil, of life over death. It is a reminder that no matter how bleak things may seem, there is always hope for a better tomorrow. Let us carry this hope in our hearts, and let it inspire us to strive for a world filled with peace, justice, and love.

Above all, let us embody the virtue of love. Christ's sacrifice on the Cross was the ultimate act of love - a love so profound that it conquered death itself. As followers of Christ, we are called to love one another as He loved us. Let us express this love in our words and actions, and let it be the foundation of our community.

As we celebrate Pascha, let us embrace the opportunity for new life. Let us shed the old habits that weigh us down and embrace the virtues that lift us up. Let us strive to become better versions of ourselves, guided by the teachings of Christ and the wisdom of the Holy Orthodox Church.

May the joy of the Resurrection fill your hearts and homes, and may the blessings of the Risen Christ be with you all.

With love in the Risen Christ,

Fr. Vasyl and Dobr. Sofiya Maskal

Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес!

Коли ми збираємось разом у святкуванні Святої Пасхи, мене наповнює радість та вдячність. Ми згадуємо не лише Воскресіння Господа нашого Ісуса Христа, але й обітницю нашого нового життя в Ньому.

Серед випробувань, з якими ми стикаємося в нашому повсякденному житті, пам'ятаймо про силу віри. Як могила не могла вмістити Христа, так і наша віра може допомогти нам подолати випробування та страждання нашого земного існування. Давайте міцно триматися нашої віри, бо це маяк, який веде нас крізь найтемніші ночі до світанку нового дня.

У душі надії дивімося в майбутнє з оптимізмом. Воскресіння Христове є свідченням перемоги добра над злом, життя над смертю. Це нагадування, що яким би похмурих не здавалися сьогодні, завжди є надія на краще завтра. Носімо цю надію в наших серцях і нехай вона надихає нас прагнути до світу, наповненого миром, справедливістю та любов'ю.

Перш за все, ми повинні втілювати чесноту любові. Жертва Христа на Хресті була найвищим актом любові – любові настільки глибокої, що вона перемогла саму смерть. Як послідовники Христа, ми покликані любити один одного так, як Він полюбив нас. Давайте виражати цю любов нашими словами та вчинками, і нехай вона буде основою нашої спільноти.

Святкуючи Пасху, приймімо можливість для нового життя. Позбудьмося старих звичок, які нас обтяжують, і приймімо чесноти, які піднімають нас. Давайте прагнути стати кращими версіями самих себе, керуючись вченням Христовим і мудрістю Святої Православної Церкви.

Нехай радість Воскресіння наповнить ваші серця та домівки, а благословення Воскреслого Христа буде з усіма вами.

З любов'ю у Христі Воскреслому,

О. Василь і Добр. Софія Маскаль

EASTER GREETING FROM PARISH PRESIDENT

Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес! Christ is risen! He is truly risen! As the Lenten period of fasting draws to a close and we celebrate Jesus Christ's resurrection and defeat over death, let us continue to pray for one another and do good works. Also let us continue to reflect on our spiritual journeys and strengthen our faith through prayer, fasting, repentance and forgiveness.

I would also like to take this time to thank all of you for your support since my election as president. I would also like to thank all of those who work so tirelessly to help keep our parish running and of course our beloved clergy. May they continue to guide us in our spiritual growth and we pray for their continued health.

I would also like to thank all the parishioners who donated to the cleaning of the chandeliers, they sparkle so nice for Easter! Also, thank you to Igor Stebli for donating the curtains for the royal doors. A big thank you to Vasyl Pawliuk for his donation of the new Ukrainian gospel book as well. A big thank you to Hilda Ewanec, Justina Trush, Bill Ewanec and Pauline Bazuik for all their hard work to make the Paskas and Babkas for sale for Easter.

I would also like to invite everyone to come downstairs after services on Sundays for Coffee with the Priest and ask any questions you may have regarding our Orthodox faith.

May Jesus Christ shower his love and blessings on each of you and your families. May your lives be full of happiness, harmony and peace. May you have a blessed Easter!

*Your Sister-in Christ,
President, Tammy Ewanec*

MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT OF UWAC ST. ELIA

UWAC Lesia Ukrainka Branch at St. Elia:

Thank you on behalf of the Mission Outreach Committee for your donations to the food basket . . . and for your donations at the month-end potluck fellowship luncheons. Mission Outreach forwards your monetary and non-perishable donations to the Edmonton Food Bank (thanks to Panchuks and Al Hayduk), so please continue your generous spirit! UWAC continues to support St. Elia UOC in any capacity we can. Our kitchen coordinator Hilda Ewanec has been stellar in organizing banking workshops with an amazing volunteer group, and pyrohy and Easter breads are still available. Please call Hilda at 780-474-4867 to arrange pick up on Sunday. Lesia Ukrainka Branch at St. Elia continues to offer very many groups with financial support.

Our UWAC casino is scheduled for Monday/Tuesday, August 12 and 13, 2024 at Century Casino. Thank you to those who have volunteered to work a shift. We still have a few positions to fill; see Betty Corlett if you can help.

Thank you to our clergy, Fr. Vasyl and Dobr. Sofiya Maskal, and Fr. Dcn. Evan and Dobr. Barbara Panchuk for coordinating our "coffee hour" after every liturgy.

With blessings for a Joyous Easter!

In Christ, Betty Corlett, President – UWAC St. Elia

UPCOMING FEAST DAYS

Great and Holy Friday



Before succumbing to this cruel Roman method of executing political criminals, Jesus suffered still other injustices. He was stripped, mocked and beaten. He wore a “kingly” crown of thorns on His head. He carried His own cross. He was finally nailed to the cross between two thieves at a place called Golgotha (the place of the skull) outside Jerusalem. An inscription was placed above His head on the Cross to indicate the nature of His crime: “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” He yielded up His spirit at about the ninth hour (3 p.m.), after hanging on the Cross for about six hours.

The innocent Jesus was put to death on the basis of both religious and political charges. Both Jews and Gentile Romans participated in His death sentence.

“The rulers of the people have assembled against the Lord and His Christ.” (Psalm 2—the Prokeimenon of the Holy Thursday Vesperal Liturgy)

“He came to His very own, and His own received Him not” (John 1:11).

Especially we, the Christian people, are Christ’s very own. He continues to come to us in His Church. Each time we attempt to make the Church into something other than the eternal coming of Christ into our midst, each time we refuse to repent for our wrongs; we, too, reject Christ and participate in His death sentence.

Great and Holy Saturday



Great and Holy Saturday is the day on which Christ reposed in the tomb. The Church calls this day the Blessed Sabbath.

“The great Moses mystically foreshadowed this day when he said:
 God blessed the seventh day.
 This is the blessed Sabbath
 This is the day of rest,
 on which the only-begotten Son of God rested from all His works....”
 (Vesperal Liturgy of Holy Saturday)

By using this title the Church links Holy Saturday with the creative act of God. In the initial account of creation as found in the Book of Genesis, God made man in His own image and likeness. To be truly himself, man was to live in constant communion with the source and dynamic power of that image: God. Man fell from God. Now Christ, the Son of God through whom all things were created, has come to restore man to communion with God. He thereby completes creation. All things are again as they should be. His mission is consummated. On the Blessed Sabbath He rests from all His works.

We sing that Christ is "...trampling down death by death" in the troparion of Easter. This phrase gives great meaning to Holy Saturday. Christ's repose in the tomb is an "active" repose. He comes in search of the fallen first parents, Adam and Eve, who represents all humanity. Not finding them on earth, he descends to the realm of death, known as Hades in the Old Testament. There He finds them and brings them life once again. This is the victory: the dead are given life. The tomb is no longer a forsaken, lifeless place. By His death Christ tramples down death by death.

Holy Pascha: The Resurrection of Our Lord



Enjoy ye all the feast of faith; receive ye all the riches of loving-kindness. (Sermon of Saint John Chrysostom, read at Paschal Matins)

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the center of the Christian faith. Saint Paul says that if Christ is not raised from the dead, then our preaching and faith are in vain (I Cor. 15:14). Indeed, without the resurrection there would be no Christian preaching or faith. The disciples of Christ would have remained the broken and hopeless band which the Gospel of John describes as being in hiding behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. They went nowhere and preached nothing until they met the risen Christ, the doors being shut (John 20: 19). Then they touched the wounds of the nails and the spear; they ate and drank with Him. The resurrection became the basis of everything they said and did (Acts 2-4):

“. . . for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have” (Luke 24:39).

The Christian faith is celebrated in the liturgy of the Church. True celebration is always a living participation. It is not a mere attendance at services. It is communion in the power of the event being celebrated. It is God's free gift of joy given to spiritual people as a reward for their self-denial. It is the fulfillment of spiritual and physical effort and preparation. The resurrection of Christ, being the center of the Christian faith, is the basis of the Church's liturgical life and the true model for all celebration. This is the chosen and holy day, first of sabbaths, king and lord of days, the feast of feasts, holy day of holy days. On this day we bless Christ forevermore (Irmos 8, Paschal Canon).

The doors of the church are opened and the faithful re-enter. The church is bathed in light and adorned with flowers. It is the heavenly bride and the symbol of the empty tomb:

Bearing life and more fruitful than paradise Brighter than any royal chamber, Thy tomb, O Christ, is the fountain of our resurrection (Paschal Hours).

Pascha is the inauguration of a new age. It reveals the mystery of the eighth day. It is our taste, in this age, of the new and unending day of the Kingdom of God. Something of this new and unending day is conveyed to us in the length of the paschal services, in the repetition of the paschal order for all the services of Bright Week, and in the special paschal features retained in the services for the forty days until Ascension.

Forty days are, as it were, treated as one day. Together they comprise the symbol of the new time in which the Church lives and toward which she, the bride of Christ, ever draws the faithful, from one degree of glory to another.

O Christ, great and most holy Pascha.

O Wisdom, Word and Power of God,

grant that we may more perfectly partake of Thee in the never-ending day of Thy kingdom (Ninth Ode, Paschal Canon).

May 19 Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women



The great and holy myrrh-bearer Mary Magdalene, Equal of the Apostles, was a disciple of Jesus named Mary from Magdala, a town in Galilee. Her feast is celebrated on July 22, and she is also remembered on the Sunday of Myrrh-bearing Women. She is known in some traditions as the Apostle to the Apostles because she was the one who announced the resurrection of Christ to the Eleven. She has an Akathist hymn dedicated to her.

Myrrh-bearer - "She purchased myrrh and spices to anoint the body of the buried Christ, and to accord Him, following Jewish custom, as much honor as possible. This undertaking, which is the reason for which Mary Magdalen has come to be known as a myrrh-bearer, was fitting for her, since two of the evangelists again place her as first among several other women who followed her in doing likewise, and a third identifies only her as performing that noble deed (cf. Mt 28:1; Mk 16:1; Jn 20:1)

According to tradition, during a dinner with the emperor Tiberius Caesar, Mary Magdalene was speaking about Christ's Resurrection. Caesar scoffed at her, saying that a man could rise from the dead no more than the egg in her hand could turn red. Immediately, the egg turned red. Because of this, icons of Mary Magdalene sometimes depict her holding a red egg. Also, this is believed to be an explanation for dyeing eggs red at Pascha.

The Church of the Holy Sepulchre



The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, is a fourth-century church in the Christian Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem. It is considered to be the holiest site for Christians in the world and has been the most important pilgrimage site for Christians since the fourth century.

According to traditions dating back to the fourth century, it contains both the site where Jesus was crucified at Calvary or Golgotha, and the location of Jesus' empty tomb, where he was buried and resurrected. Both locations are considered immensely

holy sites by Christians. Eastern Christians also call it the Church of the Resurrection or Church of the Anastasis, Anastasis being Greek for Resurrection.

News & Stories in St. Elia Parish Community



Last month's Potluck Fellowship Lunch

This year, we started the potluck fellowship lunches on the last Sunday of each month. Any donations gathered at the potluck lunch will go to the Mission outreach committee fund.

We always appreciate everyone who brings food, donates and joins us!

** May potluck fellowship will be on May 12th with a Mother's day concert.*

CHECK ST. ELIA'S FACEBOOK:

www.facebook.com/UOCStElia

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

Upcoming news/events in the Ukrainian Community



Celebration of Dance

Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village - May 20th, 2024

Witness one of Alberta's largest Ukrainian dance extravaganza, featuring mesmerizing performances by dance groups across the province. The Band Shell stage comes alive with various captivating performances **starting at 12:15.p.m.**

Check details: <https://ukrainianvillage.ca/celebration-dance-0>

ACUA(Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts) Events & Workshops

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10554 110 St NW Unit 100 Edmonton, AB T5H 3C

ACUA Regular Hours: Tue-Thu 10am-4pm | Friday 2pm-7pm | Saturday 11am-3pm

ACUA'S PYSANKY SHOWCASE 24



MAR 19, 2024 TO MAY 06, 2024

CALL FOR UKRAINIAN VINTAGE ITEMS

MAY 01, 2024 TO MAY 31, 2024

ACCEPTING CONSIGNMENTS AND DONATIONS

May 1 to 31

*Accepted Ukrainian Vintage Items

Artifacts / Ceramics and Glassware / Dolls / Artwork

/ Pysanky / Books, Records, Tapes, Films

/ Clothing, Textiles, and Dance Costumes

/ Books and Cookbooks / Jewelry / Souvenirs / Religious

Items / Wood Carvings

/ Textiles / Furniture... and more.



Vintage Sale Launches Saturday June 15th, 2024.

WHERE TO START

This event features thousands of items on consignment from people just like you, and we're here to help you through the process no matter if you're a returning consignor, or you're a first time "Vintager".

EMAIL events@acuarts.ca or CALL 780-488-8558. You'll receive your consignor number as well as a few tips for your pricing and labelling process. We will be accepting items in our Boutique May 1 – 31, 2024.

It is absolutely free to join the sale, and free to attend. During our Launch Day we run all the sales on the day and over the course of the eight weeks thereafter.

Note: ACUA takes a 25% commission on sales, so price your items accordingly.

We are a non-profit, volunteer-powered community organization. You also have the option of donating your items, in which case all proceeds will go to support the organization. After launch event, sale continues for eight weeks during regular ACUA hours.



MAY

May 2 – Great & Holy Thursday.

† Vespertal 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.

† Vespertal 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 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

† Hours: 9:00 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

Pot-luck following the Divine Liturgy

† Provody: Edmonton Municipal 2:30 p.m.

May 19 – Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women.

† Confession: from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

† Hours: 9:00 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

*Coffee hour fellowship
following the Divine Liturgy*

† Provody: Beechmount 2:00 p.m.

May 26 – Sunday of the Paralytic.

† Confession: from 8:30 to 9:00 a.m.

† Hours: 9:00 a.m.

† Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m.

*Coffee hour fellowship
following the Divine Liturgy*

† Provody: St. Michael 2:00 p.m.



ТРАВЕНЬ

2 травня – Великий Четвер.

† Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.

† Утреня 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 8:30 до 9:00 год.

† Часи: 9:00 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.

Братська зустріч

† Проводи: Edmonton Municipal 14:30

19 травня – Неділя Свв. Жінок-Мироносиць

† Сповідь: з 8:30 до 9:00 год.

† Часи: 9:00 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.

*Братська зустріч при кави після
Божественної Літургії*

† Проводи: Beechmount 14:00

26 травня – Неділя Розслабленого

† Сповідь: з 8:30 до 9:00 год.

† Часи: 9:00 год.

† Божественна Літургія: 9:30 год.

*Братська зустріч при кави після
Божественної Літургії*

† Проводи: St. Michael 14:00