



St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Orthodox Church

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“Христос воскрес!” “Воістину воскрес!”
Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen!

Easter's Origins

The religious [holiday of Easter](#) celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ, as described in the Bible's New Testament. Although it is observed as the holiest day by both Christians and Orthodox Christians, it is a movable feast, and is recognized on different days by both religions each year. Orthodox Christians celebrate Easter later than most Christians in the western world because the churches calculate the holiday by different calendars.

According to the [Bible's](#) New Testament, Jesus Christ was crucified by the Romans around A.D. 30, died on the cross on a Friday and was buried in a tomb outside of Jerusalem. Three days later, on Sunday, Christ rose from the dead, according to [Matthew 28:1-10](#).

Christians celebrate the resurrection each year on Easter Sunday, the culmination of the 40-day season of Lent. Lent begins on Clean Monday and ends with Holy Week, which includes Palm Sunday, commemorating Jesus' humble entry into Jerusalem, Holy Thursday, honoring the Last Supper, Holy Friday, the day Jesus was crucified and Holy Saturday, the time of transition between the crucifixion and resurrection.

Known as Pascha, the Greek word for “passover,” [Easter in the Orthodox Church](#) celebrates “the eternal Passover from death to life from earth to heaven.” Great Lent, the church's strictest time of fasting, takes place for 40 days, ending eight days before Easter on Lazarus Saturday—when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, according to Eastern orthodoxy. Palm Sunday and Holy Week follow, with continued fasting until Easter. Orthodox Easter always follows the Jewish holiday of [Passover](#).

Orthodox Easter takes place between April 4 and May 8, following the first full moon after Passover. Orthodox Easter always falls after the Jewish celebration of Passover, because, according to the New Testament, the crucifixion and resurrection of Christ took place after he entered Jerusalem to celebrate Passover. In 2024, Orthodox Easter occurs on May 5.

Both Christians and Orthodox Christians celebrate the Easter holiday with joyous church services, often punctuated with white lilies, followed by family meals and gatherings. Eastern Orthodox churches often hold a Paschal Vigil on Holy Saturday, the day before Easter, and a candlelight procession may be held that night, with Easter services and celebrations beginning at midnight.

No. 23

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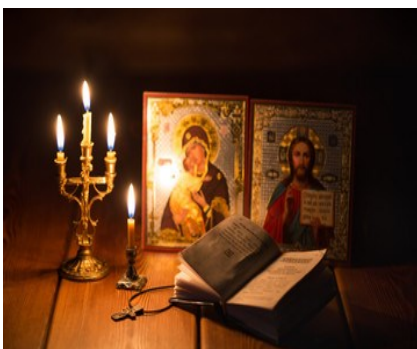
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Website
uocc-stmichael.ca**

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Worship*



St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Parish

Lenten & Paschal Services 2024



Third Sunday of Lent: Veneration of the Precious Cross, April 7th—Liturgy, 10 a.m.

“The Annunciation of the Most Holy Theotokos”

- ◆ Epistle: Heb. 2:11-18; Heb.4:14-5:6
- ◆ Gospel: Luke 1:24-28; Mark 8:34-9:1

Fifth Sunday of Lent: Venerable Mary of Egypt, April 21st—Liturgy, 10 a.m.

- ◆ Epistle: Heb. 2:11-18; Heb.4:14-5:6
- ◆ Gospel: Luke 1:24-28; Mark 8:34-9:1

Palm Sunday: “Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem”, April 28th—Liturgy, 10 a.m.

Blessing of pussy willows

- ◆ Epistle: Phil. 4:4-9
- ◆ Gospel: John 12:1-18

HOLY WEEK

Great & Holy Wednesday, May 1st—Holy Unction Service @ St. Michael's Church, 6 p.m.

Great & Holy Thursday, May 2nd—Reading of Passion Gospels, 6 p.m.

Great & Holy Friday, May 3rd—Procession of the Shroud / Holy Epitaphios, 5:30 p.m.

Great & Holy Saturday, May 4th—Bringing of the Shroud into the Altar, 3 p.m.

Blessing of Easter Baskets

EASTER SUNDAY, May 5th PASCHA: The Bright and Glorious Resurrection of our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ

> Paschal Liturgy & Blessing of Easter Baskets, 8 a.m.

- ◆ Epistle: Acts 1:1-8
- ◆ Gospel: John 1:1-17

St. Thomas Sunday, May 12th—Liturgy, 10 a.m.

> Easter Brunch to follow

- ◆ Epistle: Acts 5:12-20
- ◆ Gospel: John 20:19-31

Fifth Sunday After Easter of the Samaritan Woman, June 2nd—Liturgy, 10 a.m.

- ◆ Epistle: Acts 11:19-26
- ◆ Gospel: John 4:5-42

Sunday, June 16th—Holy Fathers of the 1st Ecumenical Council, June 16th—Liturgy, 10 a.m.

- ◆ Epistle: Acts 20:16-18, 28-36,
- ◆ Gospel: John 17:1-13

**Trinity Sunday, June 23rd—“Descent of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles (PENTECOST SUNDAY)
*> Liturgy, 10 a.m.***

- ◆ Epistle: Acts 2:1-11
- ◆ Gospel: John 7:37-52, 8:12

Do you know that in 2025 Orthodox Easter & Latin Easter will be celebrated on the same date: April 20th,

St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Orthodox Parish President's Message—Dorothy Stachniak

Christ is Risen! Truly He Has Risen!



We are now in the holiest time of year, the great Easter Lent. Lent started on Monday, March 18 and will culminate with the celebration of His Resurrection on Easter Sunday, May 5. There are many services at this time, not only at St. Michael's but also in our sister parishes. With the war in Ukraine as well as all the unrest in the world, the good Lord's help is greatly needed. Try to attend as many services as possible and take the opportunity to pray for others to end this hostility. Our Lenten services are listed in this bulletin. Mark them on your calendar and plan to attend.

My sincere condolences and heartfelt sympathies to the families of the following who have recently passed away:

Mary Myschuk passed away November 18, 2023. Mary will be dearly missed at the work bees.

Mary Guglich, passed away January 15, 2024. Mary and her late husband were founding members of St. Michael's Parish. She spent many years volunteering in our parish kitchen.

Nick William Kutash passed away on February 12, 2024. Nick and Genevive have been regular attenders at Parish services. He was a 27-year veteran of the Edmonton City Police.

May their memory be eternal. Vichnaya Pamyat!

Soul Saturday or Memorial Saturday service will be on March 30 at 10:00. This is a time when we remember our deceased family or friends. Submit the names of your loved ones to the priest and he will pray for their eternal rest. Bread/kolach and fruit may be brought to be blessed and then given to another person in memory of the deceased. Following the service, the offering of bread and fruit may be brought into the hall and shared by everyone present.



This is a reminder that parish membership fees of \$150 per person are now due for 2024. Please write a check to St. Michael's Church and mail to the address on the cover of this Bulletin.

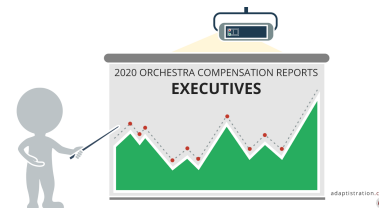
Our parish website has been upgraded! This generation and future generations rely on the computer for all their needs. Whether it is to write a letter, contact a friend anywhere in the world, keep track of their finances, keep track of their health or find a facility to pray or celebrate a memorable event; all this information can be found on the computer. This will also provide access to a website. This is the way of the future. St. Michael's Parish website has been upgraded. Check it out: www.uocc-stmichael.ca

We rely on our volunteers. They are a group of wonderful people who choose to attend a workshop, move tables or chairs, or do minor repairs. The comradeship shared is wonderful medicine for the soul. A couple of years ago, I asked a teenage neighbor to help me carry something. He came over, completed the task and I gave him some money. Shortly, he returned and gave me the money back. He told me, "My mom told me to return the money as I don't always have to be paid to do something good." Recently he asked me for a letter of reference. In the letter I quoted that statement. He got the job. As a volunteer, the rewards are more than the money you deserve. Thank you for supporting our Parish.

Dorothy Stachniak, Parish President

Our Parish Executive 2024

President Dorothy Stachniak
Vice President Joe Bodnar (acting)



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Assistant Secretary
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Assistant Treasurer
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Korneil Ozipko, Jim Kniazky, Louis Mulyk,
Harry Kornak
Joe Bodnar, Jim Kniazky
Marian Kaczmar (Chairman), Louis Mulyk,
Harry Kornak
Jim Kniazky
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Natalka Ozipko, Mary Paltzat
Shirley Wozimirsky
Ihor Tkaczuk, Will Skrypnyk,
Ivan Salouk, Jim Kapustinski
Shirley Wozimirsky
Korneil Ozipko
Korneil Ozipko, Gladys Magega
Mary Paltzat

Lubov Kaczmar (Director)
Joe Bodnar

Day of Pentecost

Fifty days after the [Resurrection](#), on the exciting Jewish feast of Pentecost, while the [disciples](#) and many other followers of [Jesus Christ](#) were gathered together to pray, the [Holy Spirit](#) descended upon them in the form of "cloven tongues of fire," with the sound of a mighty rushing wind, and they began to speak in languages that they did not know. There were many visitors from the Jewish diaspora to Jerusalem at that time for the Jewish observance of the feast, and they were astonished to hear these untaught fisherman speaking praises to God in their alien tongues. This account is detailed in the [Acts of the Apostles](#), chapter 2. The number fifty, as in the fiftieth day after Pascha, stands for eternal and heavenly fulfillment, seven times seven, plus one.

The Orthodox Church sees Pentecost as the final fulfillment of the mission of [Jesus Christ](#) and the first beginning of the messianic age of the Kingdom of God, mystically present in his Church. It is traditionally called the beginning of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Besides celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit, the feast also celebrates the full revelation of the divine [Trinity](#), Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Hymns of the Church, celebrate the sign of the final act of [God's](#) self-disclosure to the world of His creation.

To Orthodox Christians, the feast of Pentecost is not just a celebration of an event in history. It is also a celebration their membership in the Church. They have lived Pentecost and received "the seal of the gift of the Holy Spirit" in the [sacrament](#) of [chrismation](#).

Ukrainian Women's Association of Canada

St. Michael's UWAC Branch = Mary Paltzat ,President

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Our members worked diligently for the past 9 weeks , preparing various foods for the Easter bake sale. The work bees resulted in our freezers being filled with Ukrainian baking and goodies, so popular with the public. Thank you to all volunteers to came consistently to help our conveners Dorothy Stachniak and Jim Kniazky. As usual, the bake sale of March 23 was a well-attended successful event.

For the next month, our focus will be on attending Lenten parish events, preparing for Easter.

In May, we will celebrate Mother's Day, letting our mothers and grandmothers know how precious they have been in our lives. Fathers and grandfathers will be honored in June.

On the lighter side:

A Sunday school teacher asked the children just before she dismissed them to go to church, "And why is it necessary to be quiet in church?"

Annie replied "Because people are sleeping".



Special Donations to the Church Dec. 2023, Jan. & Feb.. 2024

In Memory of Lloyd Holden

Marie Holden

In Memory of Daisy Senyk

Florence Gelech

Gladys Marie Magega

In Memory of William & Marie Magega & the Magega & Wakaruk Grandparents

Gladys Marie Magega

In Memory of Andrew (Andy) Topolnitsky

Korneil & Natalka Ozipko

Irene Topolnitsky

In Memory of Mother Rose Andronyk

Ken Andronyk

In Memory of John Wakaruk

Michele Blok

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In Memory of Nick Kutash

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Wilfred & Leonar Yaremie

Shirley Wozimirsky

In Memory of Mary Guglich

Olga Andrichuk

Audrey Kotyk

Debra & Brad McEachren

Korneil & Natalka Ozipko

Jim & Nicole Roe

Dorothy Stachniak

Ivan & Vera Tkaczuk

Shirley Wozimirsky

In Memory of Stan Andrichuk

Olga Andrichuk

Christmas Carol

Ivan & Vera Tkaczuk

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Mark & Eva Romaniuk

Your generosity is greatly appreciated in financially supporting of our parish's ministry.

- Gladys Maris Magegs, Parish Treasurer

Becoming Orthodox—A Spiritual Journey

Becoming an Orthodox Christian is a journey, not an event. It begins with a sincere desire to know God and to follow Jesus Christ. This desire leads to a process of learning and growth, as you explore the Orthodox faith and way of life.

The first step is to start attending services. This will give you the opportunity to learn more about the Orthodox faith and to meet other Orthodox Christians and share in fellowship. You may also want to read books and articles about Orthodoxy, or to talk with our Parish Priest.

As you learn more about Orthodoxy, you will begin to understand the beliefs and practices of the Church. You will also begin to develop a relationship with God and with the Orthodox community. If you feel called to become an Orthodox Christian, you will be Baptized and Chrismated. This is a sacred and ancient ceremony that marks your full initiation into the Orthodox Church.

Becoming an Orthodox Christian is a lifelong journey. It is a journey of faith, love, and service. It is a journey that will lead you to a deeper understanding of God and of yourself.

Here are some additional things to keep in mind as you consider becoming an Orthodox Christian:

- Orthodoxy is a sacramental faith. This means that we believe that God's grace is communicated to us through the sacraments, such as Baptism, Chrismation, the Eucharist, and Holy Confession.
- Orthodoxy is a liturgical faith. This means that we believe that worship is central to our relationship with God. We worship God through the regular celebration of the Divine Liturgy, as well as through other services such as Vespers and Matins.

Orthodoxy is a Christocentric faith. This means that we believe that Jesus Christ is the center of our faith. We follow Jesus Christ by learning about his life, death, and resurrection, and by trying to live our lives in accordance with his teachings.



Alberta Museum of Canada—Alberta Branch

On June 9, 2023, the Ukrainian Museum of Canada, Alberta Branch after two years of closure, reopened with a new exhibition *Change and Continuity: Keeping Culture Alive*. The exhibition features embroidery, weavings, woodwork, ceramics, religious items and artworks that connect the past with the present. The displayed works illustrate traditional stylistic features in different regions in Ukraine and their adaptation in modern times, showcasing changes in Ukrainian material culture through the ages. Some of the designs belong to the 18th and 19th centuries but still have connections with our time. Art and photographs of Ukrainian historical events provide context to the artifacts on display. As the traditional finds its place in our lives, that culture becomes a living part of our present life.

Hours of operation: Saturday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. or by appointment. 780-441-1062

Contact Information: Telephone 780-441-1062

Email: info@umcalberta.org

Website: www.umcalberta.org.



His Eminence Metropolitan Ilarion visited our



*Holy Unction—Healing Service *Mystery of Holy Oil**

There is something unique about the anointing oil. It is recorded in the Bible that when the anointing oil was poured over individuals, their lives were changed, and they began to embark upon extraordinary exploits. The oil released the power and presence of the Holy Spirit into their lives.

A “Healing Service” will be held the week prior to Palm Sunday (Wednesday, May 1st, 6:00 p.m.) at St. Michael’s Church to which all faithful are invited.

"Is any among you sick, let him call for the presbyters of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed."

The Revised Julian Calendar

As announced on December 1, 2023, and effective December 20th, the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada (UOCC) adopted a Revised Julian Calendar as the calendar by which we will set the Liturgical Life of our Church.

Please refer to page 2 of the Bulletin.

St. Michael’s Ukrainian Women’s Association

12104—129 Avenue, Edmonton
invites you to an

Easter Brunch

**Sunday, May 12, 2024
12:00**

(following the Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.)
Held in the Parish Hall
\$15.00 per person

We had a
successful
Easter Bake
Sale!

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Easter Sale?
Certain items
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Pastoral Visitations of Graves PROVODY

Graveside visitations have been scheduled accordingly:

- > **Sunday, May 12th**—
Edmonton Cemetery, 3 p.m.
- > **Sunday, May 19th**—
Beechmount Cemetery, 2 p.m.
- Sunday, May 26th**—
St. Michael's Cemetery, 2 p.m.
- Sunday, June 2nd**—
Evergreen Cemetery, 2 p.m.
- Sunday, June 9th**—
St. Stephen's Cemetery, 2 p.m.

All Edmonton Deanery clergy will at the cemeteries on the same dates.

Notwithstanding, the fact that private services may be arranged on dates other than those scheduled.

For private arrangements, please call Fr. Victor (780-439-6289 or 204-333-7810) or email: vmlakusta@gmail.com.

“For You are the Resurrection, the Life, and the Repose of Your servant (Name), O Christ our God; and to You do we send up Glory, as to Your Eternal Father and Your All-Holy, Good, and Life-creating Spirit, both now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen”

“God grant to the living, grace; to the departed, rest; to the Nation, peace and concord; to us all Your servants the promise of everlasting life, light to guide us on our way, courage to support us, and Your blessing to unite us in service to You our God and this our Country. Amen.”



Your Prayer Corner!