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Let Us
Worship



Blessed Be Our
Lord God!

What does the Bible say about attitude



Jesus maintained a perfect attitude in every situation. He prayed about everything and worried about nothing. We too, should seek God's guidance about every aspect of our lives and allow Him to work out His perfect will. Jesus' attitude was never to become defensive or discouraged. His goal was to please the Father rather than to achieve His own agenda (**John 6:38**). In the midst of trials, He was patient, In the midst of suffering, He was hopeful. In the midst of blessing, He was humble. Even in the midst of ridicule, abuse, and hostility, He *"made no threats...and did not retaliate, instead He entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly"* (**1 Peter 2:23**).

Each time we try to control our circumstances, our future, and the people around us, we're only demonstrating that we want to be 'god'. God doesn't want us to become gods, Instead, He wants us to become like Him, taking on His values, His attitude, and His character. We are meant to *"be made new in the attitude of your minds and put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness."* (**Ephesians 4:23-24**)

Thus, the process of Christian growth requires our free-will commitment to walk in righteousness and holiness in all circumstances of our life, in all relationships.

Finally, we must always keep in mind that God's ultimate goal for His children (us) is not our comfort but the transformation of our minds into the attitude of godliness. He wants us to grow spiritually, to become like Christ. Christlikeness is all about transforming our minds, our attitudes, our relationships. Again Paul tells us, *"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of our minds."* (**Romans 12:2**)

Faithful relationship to God changes our relationships to the world, to our fellow man,

It is God's will that we develop the kind of mindset described in the Beatitudes of Jesus (**Matthew 5:1-12**), that we exhibit the fruit of the Holy Spirit (**Galatians 5:22-23**), that we emulate the principles in Paul's great chapter on love (**1 Corinthians 13**), and that we strive to pattern our lives after Peter's characteristics of an effective and productive life (**2 Peter 1:5-8**)

READ THESE SCRIPTURAL PASSAGES!

St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Parish

Lenten & Paschal Services 2025

Memorial Saturday, March 15th—Liturgy & Panikhida, 10 a.m.

3rd Sunday of Great Lent—“Veneration of the Cross”, March 23rd—Liturgy, 10 a.m.

- ◆ Epistle: Heb. 4:14-5:6
- ◆ Gospel: Mark 8:34-9:1

5th Sunday of Great Lent—“Forefeast of Annunciation”, April 6th—Liturgy, 10 a.m.

- ◆ Epistle: Heb 9:11-14
- ◆ Gospel: Mark 10:32-45

Palm Sunday—“Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem”, April 13th—Liturgy, 10 a.m.
Blessing of Pussy Willows

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

Great & Holy Wednesday, April 16th—Holy Unction Service—@ St Andrew Sobor.
Great & Holy Thursday, April 17th—Reading of Passion Gospels, 6 p.m.
Great & Holy Friday, April 18th—Procession of the Shroud / Holy Epitphios, 5:30 p.m.
Great & Holy Saturday, April 19th—Bringing of the Shroud into the Altar, 3 p.m.
Blessing of Easter Baskets

EASTER SUNDAY, April 20th - PASCHA:

The Bright and Glorious Resurrection of our Lord 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, April 27th—Liturgy, 10 a.m.
Easter Brunch to follow

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

Христос Воскрес! Christ is Risen!

Sunday of the Paralytic, May 11th—Liturgy, 10 a.m. (MOTHER'S DAY)

- ◆ Epistle: Acts 9:32-42
- ◆ Gospel: John 5:1-15

Sunday of the Blind Man, May 25th—Liturgy, 10 a.m.

- ◆ Epistle: Acts 16:16-34
- ◆ Gospel: John 9:1-38

Sunday of the Holy Pentecost. June 8th—Liturgy, 10 a.m.
“Descent of the HOLY SPIRIT on the Apostles

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

The Apostles' Fast—June 16th thru to 29th

2nd Sunday After Pentecost, June 22nd—Liturgy, 10 a.m.

- ◆ Epistle: Romans 2:10-16
- ◆ Gospel: Matthew 4:18-23



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

Xpuctoc Bockpuc!

“We all do what we can to better our church community.”

“It’s our roots and we will continue to support and work for a positive future.”



Recently I received a note from a sister parish thanking St. Michael’s for participating in their function. The noted quote packs a powerful message.

On Sunday, March 1st after Divine Liturgy and fellowship coffee, the Parish held its Annual General meeting (AGM). As of December 31, 2024 we have 40 registered members.. Our Parish Bylaws state that we must have 25% of membership for a quorum. Eighteen members attended. Everyone listened attentively to the reports. Our financial status is not the best and our lack of community spirit is a real problem. With the generous help of our parish volunteers as well as volunteers from outside our membership, we are able to survive. A friendly welcoming community is of the utmost importance.

This is the time of year, the Great Fast, when emphasizes is placed on forgiveness, repentance, respect and reflection. Be kind to yourself. Focus in on the prayers that the church has to offer at this time. Treat yourself. You deserve it.

Posted in this Parish Bulletin is 2025 Church Board Executive. Feel free to contact any of them. Congratulate them, thank them, and give them encouragement to keep on going. We all are important to our parish. Show appreciation for their volunteerism.

Parish fees for 2025 are \$150.00 per person. From these fees \$120.00 (per member) will be sent to the Consistory of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada (UOCC) and \$15.00 levy (per member) is paid to the Western Diocese and \$15.00 (per member) remains in the Parish.

We are building a community. There are inquiries into renting the large hall as well as small groups being interested in basement rental. Our catering services are getting great reviews and the public is asking when is our next big function. The church board will be hosting a Fall Puschennia. As yet, the date has not been set.

Some dates to remember:

April 12, 10:00—12:00 Easter Bazaar

April 27, Easter Breakfast following Divine Liturgy

May 11, Mother’s Day

June 15, Father’s Day

Check out all the Easter services on page 2, Worship Services

*The Church Board wishes all our members who are not able to attend services,
a very joyous and blessed Easter.*

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

**Ukrainian Women's
Association of Canada
St. Michael's UWAC Branch**



These past weeks have been incredibly busy for me—appointments and commitments every day. Preparations have been underway for the Easter Bake Sale (April 12th). We had more perogy-making sessions, amongst other preparatory food bees.

On March 5th, a team effort took place to change the church linens to Lenten colors. A special thank you to Louis Mulyk, Harry Kornak, and Jim Kniazyk for assisting in changing the linens in the altar area. To Bernice Kyca for assisting me with ironing all linens.

*Mary Paltzat,
Branch President*



**A traditional Easter Brunch
will be served on
St. Thomas
Sunday, April 27th follow-
ing the Divine Liturgy to
which all are invited.**

St. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Orthodox Church
PARISH EXECUTIVE 2025

President	Dorothy Stachniak (Vacant)
1 st Vice President	Vacant
2 nd Vice President	Will Skrypyk
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Assistant Secretary	Audrey Kotyk
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Assistant Treasurer	Ivan Tkaczuk
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Hall Committee	Jim Kniazyk, Chairman
Benevolent Committee	Shirley Wozimirsky
Palmary (Elders)	Igor Tkaczuk, Will Skrypyk
.....	Ivan Salouk, Jim Kapustinski
St. John's Fraternal Society	Korneil Ozipko
St. Stephen's Cemetery	Korneil Ozipko, Gladys Magega
St. Michael's UWAC	Mary Paltzat

Basic Breakdown of a Traditional Easter Basket

- ⇒ **Hard-boiled, decorated eggs (pysanka):** These symbolize new life and Christ's Resurrection, representing the Easter promise of a new beginning.
- ⇒ **Bread (Paska):** Symbolic of Christ as the "Bread of Life"
- ⇒ **Butter or lamb-shaped butter:** the lamb represents Christ as the "Lamb of God."
- ⇒ **Meat (such as ham or sausage):** These represent great joy and abundance and God's favor and generosity.
- ⇒ **Salt:** Some traditions include salt as a symbol of life, protection and purity.
- ⇒ **White Candle:** Placed in the basket to be lit during the blessing, it symbolizes Jesus as the light of the world.

Ukrainian Women’s Association of Canada

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



Easter Bazaar

Saturday, April 12st, 2025

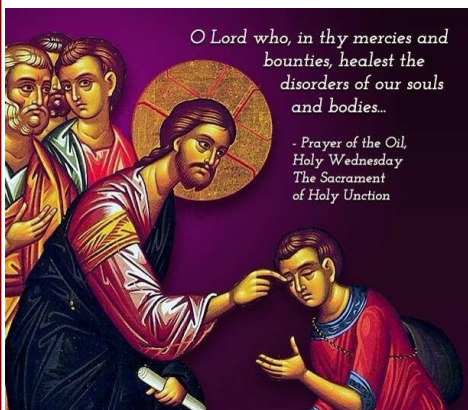
**St. Michael’s Ukrainian Orthodox Hall
12918 – 121 Street**

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Frozen Pyrohy and Cabbage Rolls
Paska and Babka



For information phone 780-454-8385 or 780-476-3646

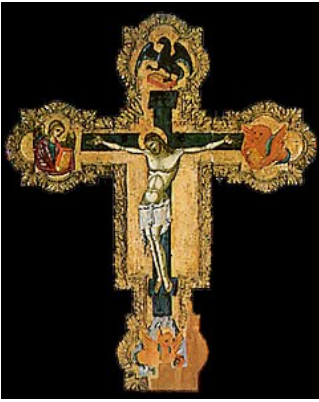


Holy Unction: the Sacrament of Healing

Holy Unction is a sacramental act whereby the Church seeks wholeness and well-being for its members, especially the sick and the suffering. The service of Holy Unction consists of a modifies Orthros (Matins), a series of petitions and hymns, and seven Epistle and Gospel readings, accompanied by seven priestly prayers for blessing and sanctification of oil. Afterwards those who present are anointed with this healing oil. The Church does not ascribe “magical” healing properties to the oil, but rather sees in this action a concrete expression of love and concern for the wholeness and well-being of the person anointed.

The service of Holy Unction is always celebrated on Wednesday of Holy Week prior to Easter. It may also be celebrated on Clean Monday at the beginning of Lent, In addition, if a member of the Church has a special need, he or she may ask one the priests to perform a special service Holy Unction either in the Church or in the home or at medical facility.

**This year a Holy Unction service will be celebrated on Wednesday, April 16th, 6 p.m.
At St. Andrew’s Ukrainian Orthodox Church (9831—75 St.)**



Христос Воскрес! Christ Is Risen!

Easter is the Christian holiday celebrating the Resurrection, or bringing back to life, of Jesus Christ three days after his crucifixion. In Christian tradition, the Resurrection represents Christ’s victory over death and the promise of eternal life for those who follow him. Some Christians refer to Easter as Resurrection Day or Resurrection Sunday.

Easter always falls on a Sunday. Many churches will offer worship services on Good Friday (the Friday just before Easter) along with one or more services on Easter Sunday itself. Easter Sunday marks the end of the 46-day preparatory season of **Lent**, which is significant in cultures around the world.

The exact date of Easter varies from year to year, but it typically falls during the month of April or sometimes late March. This seasonal timing gives the holiday its strong associations with springtime and rebirth in the natural world. Easter icons such as eggs and tulips symbolize new life and renewed hope. Those are powerful ideas to embrace whether you celebrate Easter for religious reasons or simply because you enjoy the vibrant traditions that go along with the holiday.

May this season of renewal bring you an abundance of peace and overwhelming love. Wishing you warm wishes as you reflect this Easter Sunday, remember to keep moving forward. Hold close the Easter message that nothing – not even death – can match the power of faith, hope, and love. And we remember Jesus’ sacrifice and recommit ourselves to love God with all our hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves, embracing His call to treat one another with compassion.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

...Fr. Victor & Marusia



THE LEAVETAKING (APODOSIS) OF PASCHA

The Leavetaking of Pascha is observed on Wednesday of the sixth week after Pascha. On this day, the forty-day celebration of the Bright Resurrection of Christ comes to an end, and for the last time, we greet each other with the words of Paschal joy: “Christ is Risen!” We then prepare to celebrate the upcoming feast of the Ascension of the Lord.

Trinity Sunday

A Christian holy day, celebrates the doctrine of the Holy Trinity (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) and is observed on the Sunday of Pentecost in Eastern Christianity.

"If you're new to our church family, welcome home! This church is where you can belong, grow, and serve. There's no pressure to figure everything out today – know that God's love surrounds you, and you are truly welcome here."

**Special Donations to the Church
December 2024, January, February 2025**

**In Memory of Peter & Mary Feniuk
Andy & Karen Feniuk**

**In Memory of William & Marie Magega
Gladys Marie Magega**

**In Memory of Andy Topolnitsky
Kornell & Natalka Ozipko
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**In Memory of Alex & Bessie Zadimersky
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**In Memory of Ken Andronyk
Ivan & Vera Tkaczuk**

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Lorna Kaminsky**

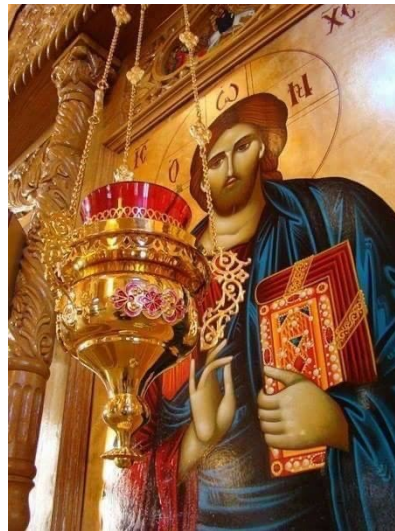
**General Donations for Church Operations
Ed & Nina Barabash
Valerie Billey
Colleen Karpuk
Ron & Elaine Kluchka
James Kniazky
Chad Orydzuk
Fr. Evan Panchuk
Frances Tarnowetz**

**If anyone was missed forgive us.
Gladys Magega, Treasurer
St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Parish**

*All donations are greatly appreciated.
Thank you,
Gladys Marie Magega, Parish Treasurer
780-456-5272*

**“God has given us two hands, one
to receive with and the other to
give with.”**

**Check out our Parish Website
uocc-stmichael.ca
for updated information.**



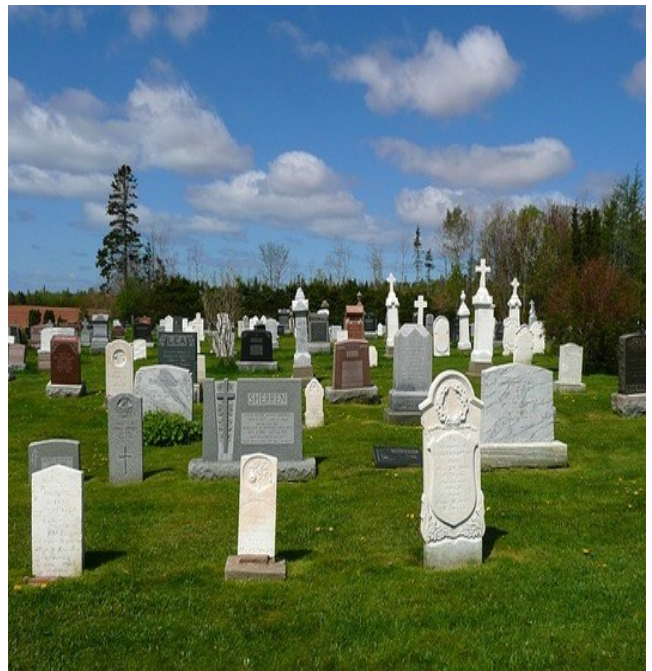
**If you want to
help the
Church, it is
better to try
to correct
yourself,
rather than
be looking to
correct**

**others... you see, judging
others is easy, whereas working on
yourself takes effort.**

Graveside Services (Provody)

- ⇒ April 27th—Edmonton Cemetery, 3 p.m.
- ⇒ May 4th—Beechmont Cemetery, 2 p.m.
- ⇒ May 11th—St. Michael's Cemetery, 2 p.m.
- ⇒ May 18th—Evergreen Cemetery, 2 p.m.
- ⇒ May 25th—St. Stephan's Cemetery, 2 p.m.

*Private arrangements may be made for dates outside the Sunday scheduled by contacting Fr. Victor
(204-333-7810)*





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Mother's Day Prayer

"Lord our God, Jesus Christ, on this day we gathered to honor our Mothers and first among them is our own Holy Mother, Virgin Mary, the all holy and pure.

We supplicate you to accept our supplications on behalf of all mothers throughout the world.

Give rest to those who are gone to Your Eternal Resting Place.

Grant those who are still with us joy in the remembrance of their accomplishments.

Forgive us if we failed at any time in our life to offer them the honor and respect as we ought to.

Help and support all mothers in their mission to always be a good role model to new mothers and to all people.

Strengthen those mothers who have children of special needs, comfort the hearts and souls of mothers who have lost their children.

Teach us that every day should be a special day to remember and honor our mothers and women who treat us with motherly love.

Accept our praises and thanksgivings offered to you, O Lord Jesus, as our true God, along with Your eter-



Your Prayer Corner!

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THAT LASTS,
MAKE SURE

God's in it

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