



**Христос Воскрес!**  
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## Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Dearest Parishioners,

In a time where breaking news of war, virus and unjust aggression come at us in every direction, the resurrection of Jesus is good news for a tired worried people. The headline of Easter is that the tomb is empty, Jesus has risen, and death is defeated! We've been counting down the days of the great fast (lent), leading to the Last Week of Jesus' life leading up to Easter, and now it's time to remember and celebrate what it all means as we endure so many hardships and worry. Help us spread the news and reach out to those who have been away!

### PLEASE BE WELCOMED BACK!

It is with unparalleled sense of joy, that I wish to welcome you back to the church for public worship again, since after the Covid-19 lockdown restrictions were imposed in March 2020, the world has changed because of the Covid-19 pandemic. Our parish life has equally changed. Your physical absence in the church was deeply felt, especially during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy. Many participated through the live-streaming process, but it was never the same. We adjusted to the 'new reality', as difficult and challenging as the lockdown experience was for everyone, it did provide the possibility for deepening of marital and family relationships, and above all, a relationship with God. I believe that everyone has been refreshed in one way or the other, and that we have developed a strong sense of optimism about life even though as parish communities, we unite in prayer with some of our parishioners who lost their loved ones during the Covid-19 pandemic. We also now experience the awful scourge of war in Ukraine. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who suffer.

### IT IS TIME TO COME BACK!

As we return to public worship, Covid-19 is still a reality in our society. We must continue to maintain social distancing rules and personal hygiene as much as possible. We will continue to adopt a gradual, considered, and structured approach to our public worship, we are committed to moving forward.

Your participation, consideration and support are crucial now to help our parishes with this forward momentum. We Christians are needed to demonstrate love, compassion, and forgiveness as we deal with a war in Ukraine, refugees, a broken health system, and a worried society. What would it have been like to be near the cross on Good Friday? With things the way they are in the world now we have a good idea. For those who are very faithful, and those on the border and those who have left the church, the question for each of us who gather at the cross is can we move forward, together? YES, we can. We move forward to the promise of the 3rd day RESURRECTION. Death, evil and injustice has no power anymore because Christ is Risen trampling death by death and to those in the tombs, he grants eternal life.

Join us this Holy week, come back, be welcome and let us find rest from our burdens. Join the gathering and return to your church this Easter Sunday with a desire of hope, renewed enthusiasm, a deeper awareness of self, and a proactive quest for charity and love of neighbour. Help our parishes continue to build the kingdom of God here on earth, may love, justice, peace, righteousness, and unity be our anchor. Welcome back to your spiritual homes, St Anne & St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Churches.

*Fr. Mark, Fr. Alan and our parish council members*

## St. Anne & St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Churches PASSION AND RESURRECTION WEEK Schedule of Services - 2022

It is important for all to make your confession before Easter Sunday.

**EASTER CONFESSIONS** Tuesday, April 5th - 6:30 p.m. - St. Michael  
Wednesday, April 6th - 6:30 p.m. - St. Anne

### **April 9**

4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy & Distribution of Willows - St. Anne

### **April 10 PALM SUNDAY**

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy & Distribution of Willows - St. Anne

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy & Distribution of Willows - St. Michael

11:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy & Distribution of Willows - St. Anne

### **April 13 HOLY WEDNESDAY**

7:00 p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Anointing of the Sick - St. Anne & St. Michael

### **April 14 HOLY THURSDAY**

7:00 p.m. Matins of the Passion - St. Anne & St. Michael  
(followed by setting up the Tomb )

### **April 15 GOOD FRIDAY - Vespers - Exposition of Holy Shroud**

(Today is a strict fast day. No meat, dairy or poultry products )

10:00 a.m. Exposition of the Holy Shroud (Plaschanychia) - St. Michael  
(Procession outside weather permitting)

3:00 p.m. Exposition of the Holy Shroud (Plaschanychia) - St. Anne  
(Procession outside weather permitting)

### **April 16 HOLY SATURDAY**

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (St. Basil the Great)  
followed by Blessing of Easter Food in church—St. Anne & St. Michael

12:30 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food—St. Anne & St. Michael

1:30 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food—St. Anne & St. Michael

### **April 17 EASTER SUNDAY - FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION**

8:00 a.m. Resurrection Matins, Liturgy & Blessing of Easter Food outside —St. Anne

9:30 a.m. Resurrection Matins, Liturgy —St. Michael

11:00 a.m. Easter Liturgy—St. Anne

### **April 18 and 19 - EASTER MONDAY & TUESDAY**

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy —St. Anne & St. Michael

### **April 23**

4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy - St. Anne

### **April 24 ST. THOMAS SUNDAY**

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy - St. Michael

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - St. Anne



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## Salt ~

The salt helps us to recall that we were committed to be followers of Christ and carry out His word: "You are the salt of the earth."

## Horseradish ~

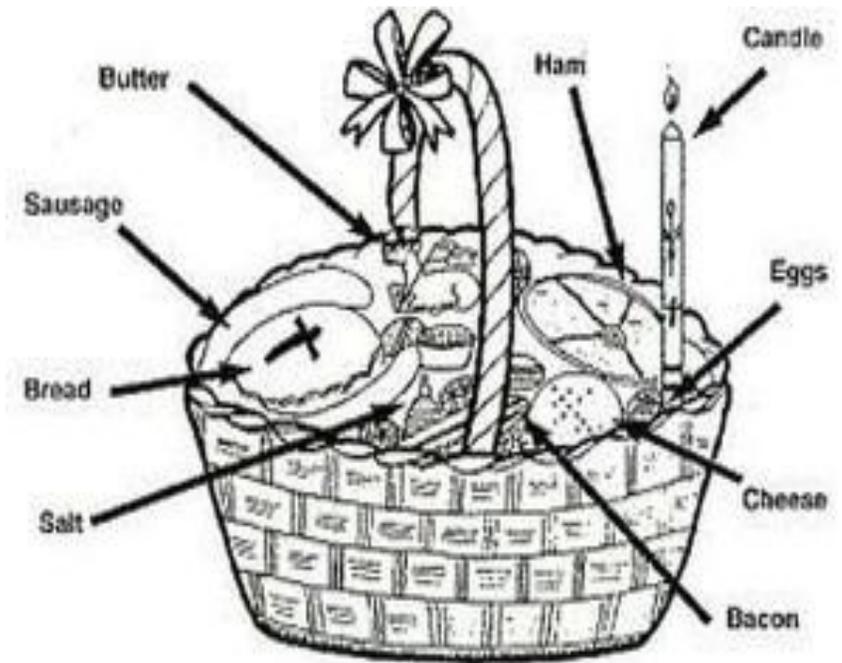
The horseradish mixed with grated beets is symbolic of the Passion and Death of Christ. It reminds us of the bitterness of sin and of the difficulties which we must undergo throughout our earthly life.



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## HOW TO PREPARE AN EASTER BASKET



Bring your Easter Baskets for Blessing on Holy Saturday following Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Basket Blessings will also be held at 12:30 & 1:30 p.m.

It is traditional that during the Great Fast (Lent), the faithful fast and abstain from meat and dairy products as much as possible. To show their joy and gratitude at the end of this time of fasting, people take to Church baskets of food which are to be blessed and then consumed on Easter morning to "break-fast". This meal is very much looked forward to, especially in light of the symbolism of the foods that are consumed.

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### Candle ~

The candle, made of beeswax, is placed in the basket and lit during the blessing celebration. It is symbolic of Christ, "the light of the world", who brought us the glorious Good News and New Life.

### Cover ~

The embroidered cover reminds us of Christ's shroud (white linen) and of our Baptismal robe (khryszma). Being cleansed with the Baptismal waters, we celebrate the joy of New Life by putting on the khryszma.. In earlier times, meat and dairy products were excluded from the daily diet during the entire season of the Great Fast. As the end of the strict fast approached, the people showed their joy and gratitude by taking their food to Church to be blessed and eaten after the Easter Divine Liturgy. As we celebrate Easter, the Feast of New Life, we bless the food that sustains our physical life. The foods traditionally blessed for Easter are: Pascha (Easter bread), Babka (sweet bread), ham, sausage, butter, cottage cheese, eggs, horseradish, salt and pysanky (decorative and symbolic purpose only). The meaning of such variety of foods is interesting.

### Pascha ~

The Easter bread, Pascha, is a large, round loaf of bread made of white flour. It is elaborately decorated with a braided cross and many rosettes. The Pascha symbolizes the joy of New Life that is given to us by Jesus Christ.

### Babka ~

The Babka is a tall, cylindrical, sweet bread enriched with raisins, butter, eggs. Saffron is added for coloring (orange-yellow). It is decorated with a simple cross. The Babka symbolizes the richness of eternal life.

### Ham ~

The richness of this meat is symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter. Sometimes lamb or veal are used but these meats must be cooked well in advance so that the festivity of the day will not be burdened with the preparation.

### Kobaca ~

A spicy garlic sausage of Pork products is indicative of God's favour and generosity.

### Cheese ~

Cottage cheese, bland in taste, reminds us of the moderation that we should cultivate in our daily lives.

### Eggs ~

Hard-boiled eggs are used. The father or the eldest in the family, if the father is not present, traditionally divides the first egg at the Easter breakfast table and shares it with each member of the family invoking an Easter blessing and greeting. The egg is symbolic of Christ's Death and Resurrection, that is, new life emerges from what appeared to be lifeless.

### Pysanky ~

These eggs are beautifully decorated with symbols derived from nature and later adapted to the Christian way of worship. The intricate patterns are applied with a stylus dipped in melted beeswax. The egg is dipped into successive dyes.

### Butter ~

This favorite dairy product may be shaped into a lamb or decorated with whole cloves or pepper corn in a form of a cross. The butter reminds us of the goodness of Christ which in turn we should share with others.