

APRIL, 2017				GREGORIAN		
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>16</b> Brandon: 10 am Portage: 10 am Fr. Krochak officiating Easter Sunday	<b>17</b> Bright Monday	<b>18</b> Portage: 10 am + John + Doris Pollock + Michael + Francis Wawrykow Offering: Walter & Anna Pollock Bright Tuesday	<b>19</b> Portage: 10 am Brandon: 7 pm Parish Council Meeting Bright Wednesday	<b>20</b> Portage: 10 am Bright Thursday	<b>21</b> Portage: 10 am Brandon: 6 pm Men's Club Membership Drive Bright Friday	<b>22</b> Brandon: 5 pm + Paul Hrysak Offering: Phil Hrysak
<b>23</b> Brandon: 10 am Easter Dinner to Follow Portage: 3 pm Baptism of Panko Child Thomas Sunday	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Portage: 10 am + Pauline Brynko Brandon: 5 pm + Nestor Zurbyk 40-Day Service Offering: Brenda Zurbyk	<b>26</b> Winnipeg: 9:30 am Clergy Conference	<b>27</b> Brandon: 9 am + Adolph Pryszny Offering: Dolores	<b>28</b>  Brandon: 9 am + Paul Hrysak Offering: William & Nora Waytowich	<b>29</b> Brandon: 5 pm + Orest Perchaluk Offering: Fran Perchaluk

### *The Lamb Who Was Slain Has Delivered Us from Death and Given Us Life*

There was much proclaimed by the prophets about the mystery of the Passover: that mystery is Christ, and to Him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

For the sake of suffering humanity He came down from heaven to earth, clothed Himself in that humanity in the Virgin's womb, and was born a man. Having then a body capable of suffering, He took the pain of fallen man upon Himself; He triumphed over the diseases of soul and body that were its cause, and by His Spirit, which was incapable of dying, He dealt man's destroyer, death, a fatal blow.

He was led forth like a lamb; He was slaughtered like a sheep. He ransomed us from our servitude to the world, as He had ransomed Israel from the land of Egypt; He freed us from our slavery to the devil, as He had freed Israel from the hand of Pharaoh. He sealed our souls with His own Spirit, and the members of our body with His own blood.

He is the One who covered death with shame and cast the devil into mourning, as Moses cast Pharaoh into mourning. He is the One who smote sin and robbed iniquity of offspring. He is the One who brought us out of slavery into freedom, out of dark-

ness into light, out of death into life, out of tyranny into an eternal kingdom; who made us a new priesthood, a people chosen to be His own forever. He is the Passover that is our salvation.

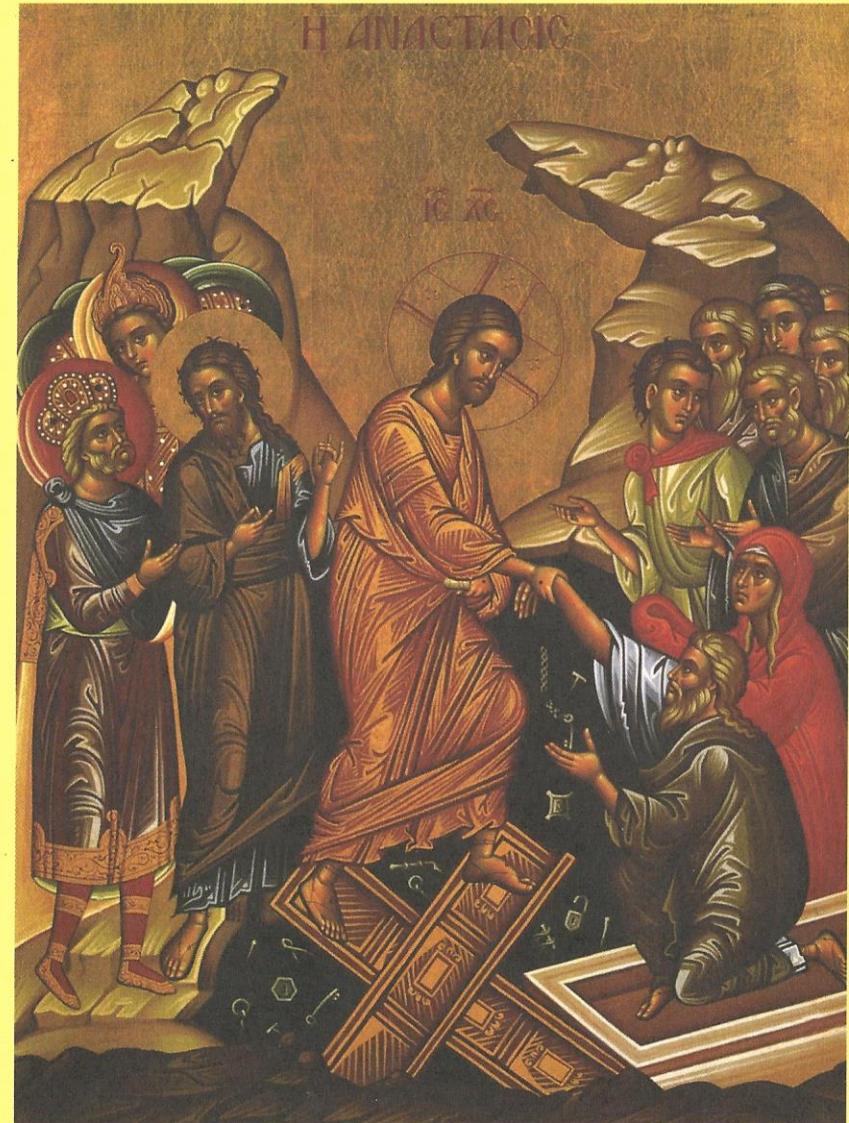
It is he who endured every kind of suffering in all those who foreshadowed Him. In Abel He was slain, in Isaac bound, in Jacob exiled, in Joseph sold, in Moses exposed to die. He was sacrificed in the Passover lamb, persecuted in David, dishonored in the prophets.

It is He who was made man of the Virgin, He who was hung on the tree; it is He who was buried in the earth, raised from the dead, and taken up to the heights of heaven. He is the mute lamb, the slain lamb, the lamb born of Mary, the fair ewe. He was seized from the flock, dragged off to be slaughtered, sacrificed in the evening, and buried at night. On the tree no bone of His was broken; in the earth His body knew no decay. He is the One who rose from the dead, and who raised man from the depths of the tomb.

*St. Melito of Sardis*

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ROSARY AND CONFESSIONS

One-half hour before Saturday and Sunday Liturgies.

EMERGENCY

Phone Fr. Michael at: Res: (204) 729-8056  
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DIVINE LITURGIES

Wednesday - Friday - 9:00 AM  
Saturday (English) - 5:00 PM  
Sunday (Bilingual) - 9:00 AM

<u>DATE</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>SACRISTAN</u>	<u>GREETER</u>
Sun Apr 16	O. Stevenson	B. McKay / S. Kachur	N. Baranyk	B. McKay
Sun Apr 23	P. Zaliskyy	M. Sheeshka / D. Kostiw	N. Zemliak	O. Stevenson
Sun Apr 30	P. Todoruk	L. Halchyshak / D. Shwaluk	I. Dyakiv	B. Kachur
Sun May 07	T. Yuriy	A. Todosichuk / B. McKay	L. Makwaychuk	F. Yuriy

COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:

Saturday, Apr 08 \$ 240.00  
Sunday, Apr 09 \$ 836.00  
Total \$ 1,076.00  
Candles \$ 77.50



SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2017

QUOTE OF THE DAY

It matters not what someone is born, but what they grow to be.

GIFT OF LOVE

The Gift of Love is taken up twice a year, at Christmas and Easter. It is a free-will offering by the faithful to the Archbishop and Parish Priest in a similar fashion as we might give someone a gift on the occasion of their birthday or anniversary. Envelopes are provided for this in the pews.

EASTER PARISH DINNER

Following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, everyone is invited to the Ukrainian Reading Hall for the Parish Easter Dinner.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

- April 21<sup>st</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> - Manitoba State Convention in Winnipeg
- Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> - Knights Admissions Degree at St. Augustine Knight's Chambers
- Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> - Brunch 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM (Free Will Offering)
- Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> - General Meeting and Elections  
7:00 PM - Mass at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church  
7:30 PM - Meeting at the Ukrainian Reading Hall

THANK-YOU

Thank-you to the ladies for cleaning the church in preparation for Easter. A sincere thank-you is also extended to the ladies and gentlemen who assisted with decorating the church, including assembling and dismantling the tomb, and to Shirley Baranyk for arranging the purchase and delivery of Easter flowers.  
- Fr. Michael

CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC RENEWAL

May 5, 6, 7 at Winakwa Community Center in Winnipeg. Come! Celebrate! Catch the Fire! conference celebrating 50 years of the Charismatic Renewal in the Catholic Church with three Archbishops, three international speakers, local testimonies, Eucharistic Celebrations, healing session, vibrant praise and worship. For more information, please phone CCRS at 204-895-7544 or visit the website at [www.catholicrenewalservices.com](http://www.catholicrenewalservices.com)

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WHAT'S REALLY IMPORTANT

A few years ago at the Seattle Special Olympics, nine contestants, all physically or mentally disabled,

assembled at the starting line for the 100-yard dash. At the gun, they all started out, not exactly in a dash, but with the relish to run the race to the finish and win. All, that is, except one boy who stumbled on the asphalt, tumbled over a couple of times, and began to cry. The other eight heard the boy cry. They slowed down and paused. Then they all turned around and went back. Everyone one of them. One girl with Down's Syndrome bent down and kissed him and said, "This will make it better." Then all nine linked arms and walked together to the finish line. Everyone in the stadium stood and the cheering went on for 10 minutes.

- Author Unknown  
A 3<sup>rd</sup> Serving of Chicken Soup for the Soul

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HUMOR

A man is being tailgated by a stressed-out woman on a busy boulevard. Suddenly the light turns yellow just in front of him. He does the right thing and stops at the crosswalk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection. The tailgating woman hits the roof, and the horn, screaming in frustration as she misses her chance to get through the intersection with him. As she is still in mid-rant, she hears a tap on her window and looks up into the face of a very serious police officer. The officer orders her to exit her car with her hands up. He takes her to the police station where she is searched, fingerprinted, photographed and placed in a cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approaches the cell and opens the door. She is escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer is waiting with her personal effects. He says, "I'm very sorry for this mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, flipping the guy off in front of you and cussing a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'Choose Life' licence plate holder, the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Follow Me to Sunday School' bumper sticker and the chrome plated Christian fish emblem on the trunk. Naturally I assumed you had stolen the car."

world is good, and all its contents are seen to be wisely and skillfully ordered."<sup>85</sup> In Holy Scripture, the image of God's plan for the world is Paradise (see Gn 2). The realization of this plan depends upon the cooperation of humankind with God. Paradise is God's gift, and at the same time, it is humankind's vocation.

110 Conceived by God as Paradise, the world is God's gift to humankind and the sphere of our relationship with God, with others, and with nature. For this reason, human beings cannot take a consumerist attitude towards the world, a world that is filled with the love and attention of the Giver. The Christian attitude towards the world is to see it as a gift of God. Growing in faith, Christians ascend in their understanding from the gifts to the Person of the Giver. Regarding the world as God's gift allows one to avoid two extremes: the reduction of its value (since the world is God's creation), or turning it into an absolute (since the world is not God).

### **c. God's Plan**

111 God the Creator fills creation with the grace of his presence, and yet at the same time, he remains unattainable in his essence. God's presence in the world is discovered through prayerful contemplation, which is capable of seeing in the world his divine Prototype, the Christ.

112 In accordance with his plan, God acts in the world; he sustains the world in existence and leads it to its final fulfilment. This action of God is referred to as the Divine Plan (Providence) of God. Divine Providence consists in his gracious "foresight" and the "counsel from before the ages" of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit;<sup>86</sup> this Providence is God's will for the world and determines the consummation of the world: "By your power you hold together the creation, and by your providence you govern the world."<sup>87</sup> This means that in the world and in our lives, there are no coincidences or random occurrences. Faith makes it possible to see the action of Divine Providence in the concrete circumstances of life.

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<sup>85</sup> GREGORY OF NYSSA, *Great Catechism*, I: PG 45, 16.

<sup>86</sup> See JOHN OF DAMASCUS, *On the Divine Images*, III, 19: PG 94, 1340.

<sup>87</sup> Трѣпѣйк, *Rite of the Great Blessing of Water for the Feast of Theophany*, Third Prayer.

*For Angels, Archangels, Thrones, Dominions, Principalities, \*  
*Authorities, Powers, and the many-eyed Cherubim praise you.*  
*Around you stand the Seraphim...*  
*(Anaphora of the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great)*

## **2. "he Visible and Invisible World**

- 113 The Symbol of Faith points to two different dimensions of the world created by God, the visible and the invisible. Saint Maximus the Confessor teaches about the union of everything visible and invisible in creation. Basing himself on the words of Saint Paul that everything was created by Christ and for Christ (see Col 1:16-17), Maximus understands the word everything to mean the earthly visible and the heavenly invisible, the human visible and the angelic invisible. Having become incarnate, Christ has inseparably united himself with creation in the "body and blood" of his human nature.<sup>88</sup> All creation, visible and invisible, exists not by virtue of its own nature, but by virtue of the action of God's Son.
- 114 Angels, the heavenly incorporeal beings (spirits)<sup>89</sup> "have their being by the will of the Father, [they] are brought into being by the work of the Son, and are perfected by the presence of the Spirit."<sup>90</sup> God, as the highest Intelligence, fashioned the angelic intellects. He made them partakers of his inexpressible glory and formed their incorruptible essence. The angels are beacons, who reflect the Light of God. Since they have received eternal life from the Origin of Life, and because they contemplate the eternal Glory and Wisdom, they are like mirrors filled with light.<sup>91</sup>
- 115 The existence of the invisible angelic realm attests to the wealth and diversity of the world created by God. Both the visible and invisible belong to one creation, which God looks upon as good. Human beings and angels, as persons, have the opportunity to build personal and spiritual relationships with God and with one another: "Today things above keep feast with things below, and things below commune with things above."<sup>92</sup>

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<sup>88</sup> See Maximus THE CONFESSOR, Questions to Thalassios, 35: PG 90,104.

<sup>89</sup> Prayerbook Прійдіме поклонімся [Come, Let Us Bow in Worship], Prayers for Every Day, Sunday: Prayer to the Most Holy Trinity (translated from Ukrainian).

<sup>90</sup> BASIL THE GREAT, On the Holy Spirit, 16, 38: PG 32,136.

<sup>91</sup> See Octoechos, Tone 1, Monday Matins Canon, Troparia for Canticles 7, 8.

<sup>92</sup> Trebnyk, Rite of the Great Blessing of Water for the Feast of Theophany, Second Prayer.