

MAY, 2017						GREGORIAN
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 Nn Easter Dinner to Follow Myrrh-Bearing Women	01	02	03 Brandon: 9 am + William Hlady Offering: Sonia Hlady & Family Brandon: 7 pm UCWLC Rosary & Meeting Venerable Theodosius	04 Brandon: 9 am + Paul Hrysak Offering: Melvin Hrytsak	05  Brandon: 9 am Bishop Velychkovsky Prayer Group Service Health of Barbara Barrie Brandon: 7 pm Molebyn to the Blessed Virgin Mary with Benediction	06 Brandon: 5 pm Thanksgiving Service 50 th Birthday Jean-Paul Savoie Offering: Jennifer & Family
07 Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 Nn Sunday of the Paralytic	08 Apostle / Evangelist John	09 Relics of St. Nicholas	10 Brandon: 9 am + Roman Pryszny Offering: Dolores Brandon: 7 pm K of C Mass & Meeting Mid-Fest Wednesday	11 Brandon: 9 am + William Hlady Offering: Mary Ham Cyril & Methodius	12  Brandon: 9 am Brandon: 7 pm Molebyn to the Blessed Virgin Mary with Benediction	13 Brandon: 5 pm + Fr. Ernie Hafichuk Offering: Issigonis Family

Fight the Good Fight of Faith

About that time King Herod laid hands upon some members of the church to harm them. He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword, and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (It was [the] feast of Unleavened Bread.) He had him taken into custody and put in prison under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each. He intended to bring him before the people after Passover. Peter thus was being kept in prison, but prayer by the church was fervently being made to God on his behalf.

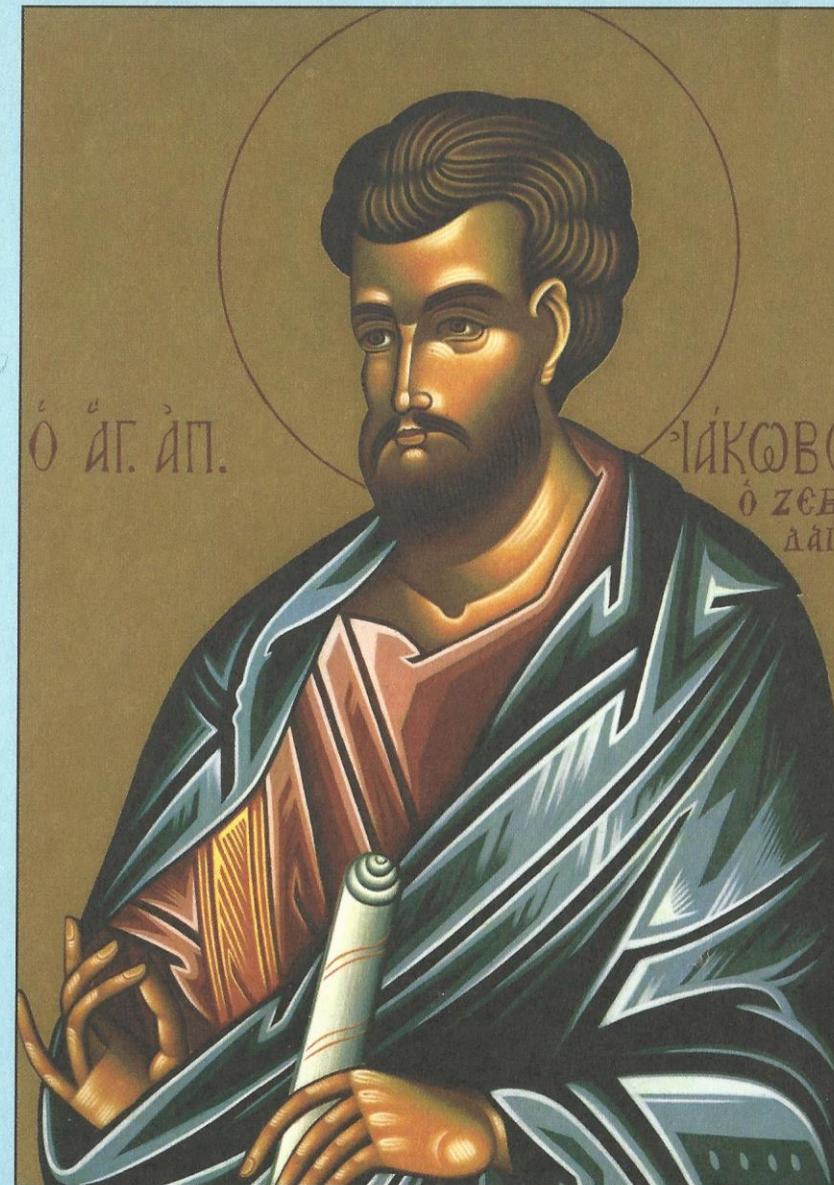
On the very night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter, secured by double chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while outside the door guards kept watch on the prison. Suddenly the angel of the Lord stood by him and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and awakened him, saying, "Get up quickly." The chains fell from his wrists. The angel

said to him, "Put on your belt and your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Put on your cloak and follow me." So he followed him out, not realizing that what was happening through the angel was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first guard, then the second, and came to the iron gate leading out to the city, which opened for them by itself. They emerged and made their way down an alley, and suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter recovered his senses and said, "Now I know for certain that [the] Lord sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people had been expecting." When he realized this, he went to the house of Mary, the mother of John who is called Mark, where there were many people gathered in prayer.

Acts of the Apostles 12: 1-12

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SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT-BEARING WOMEN FEAST OF THE HOLY APOSTLE JAMES, THE BROTHER OF JOHN



Icon of the Saint James -- April 30th

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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 30	P. Todoruk	L. Halchyshak / D. Shwaluk	I. Dyakiv	B. Kachur
Sun May 07	T. Yuriy	A. Todosichuk / B. McKay	L. Makwaychuk	F. Yuriy
Sun May 14	S. Sheeshka	S. Kachur / M. Sheeshka	N. Baranyk	P. Shurb
Sun May 21	H. Lazaruk	D. Kostiw / L. Halchyshak	N. Zemliak	S. Baranyk

COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:

Saturday, Apr 22 \$ 212.00
Sunday, Apr 23 \$ 678.00
Total \$ 890.00
Candles \$ 37.55

QUOTE OF THE DAY

The bravest are the tenderest;
The loving are the daring.

EASTER PARISH DINNER

A sincere thank-you to everyone involved in preparing and serving the delicious Parish Easter Dinner on Sunday, April 23rd, as well as everyone who helped with setting and decorating the tables, and cleaning up after dinner.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 2017

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

- Sunday, May 7th - Brunch 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM (Free Will Offering)
- Wednesday, May 10th - General Meeting and Elections
7:00 PM - Mass at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church
7:30 PM - Meeting at the Ukrainian Reading Hall
- Wednesday, May 17th - Knights Admissions Degree. Registration at 7:00 PM. This event has been rescheduled from April 29th.

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

Additional ushers, greeters and readers are required on a rotational basis. If anyone is willing to volunteer for any of these positions, please contact 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

MARCH FOR LIFE - MAY 11TH, 2017

The March for Life gathering will begin at the Legislative Building at 11:30 AM on Thursday, May 11th, 2017. The walk will begin at noon and will be followed by speakers and closing remarks. Take a stand! Be a voice!

OSVITA FOUNDATION

The 2017 Osvita Foundation Testimonial Dinner, honoring Dr. Myroslav Shkandrij will be held on Wednesday, June 7th at the Canad Inns Destination Centre Club Regent Casino Hotel. Further information and order form for tickets are on the bulletin board in the foyer.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help clean the flower beds and shrubs around the church. Please contact Ron Boychuk for further instructions.

MANITOBA'S AWARD WINNING PASSION PLAY

The Passion Play will take place at the Oak Valley Outdoor Theatre in LaRiviere, Manitoba on July 8th and 9th at 6:30 PM, and July 14th, 15th and 16th at 7:30 PM. Gates open two hours prior to the performance. Tickets may be purchased in Brandon at Janzen's Paint & Decorating or online at www.passionplay.ca

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A communist teacher in East Germany said to a class of children: "Stand and say, 'There is no God'." A little eight-year-old girl from a Christian home refused. She was threatened, but she wouldn't say the words. Finally the teacher angrily said, "Go home and write fifty times 'There is no God' and give me the paper tomorrow!" That night she sat down and wrote fifty times, "Es gibt doch ein Gott" – "There is a God!" The teacher was angry. "When you go home write five hundred times 'There is no God' or else!" The 'or else' meant terrible punishment. The next day, the father and the little girl went to the superintendent of the school and told him what had happened. "Don't worry," he said to the little girl. "Your teacher was killed in a motorcycle accident last night. The matter is settled. Go to your class!"

- Walter B. Knight

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HUMOR

In 1957 the respected BBC news show Panorama announced that thanks to a very mild winter and the virtual elimination of the dreaded spaghetti weevil, Swiss farmers were enjoying a bumper spaghetti crop. This was accompanied with footage of Swiss peasants pulling strands of spaghetti down from trees. Huge numbers of viewers were taken in and many called wanting to know how they could grown their own spaghetti trees. The BBC diplomatically replied that they should "place a sprig of spaghetti in a tin of tomato sauce and hope for the best." ©

image of Christ, the incarnate Son of God, that humankind was created. Humanity is the "image of the Image,"¹⁰⁰ existing "in Christ," in whom the human being is adopted by God. It can only be understood "through Christ."¹⁰¹

- 122 As affirmed by the Holy Fathers, humankind in its essence is the image of the Prototype—the inexpressible, unknowable, and immortal God.¹⁰² Humankind has the capacity of "intellect and free will"¹⁰³ and the interior power of self-determination.¹⁰⁴ Thus, the Holy Fathers affirm that the image of God in humankind is the ground of our being, existence, and personal self-determination.
- 123 Humankind, as the image of God, always aspires to its Prototype: "As a deer longs for flowing streams, so longs my soul for you, O God" (Ps 41[42]:2). The Holy Fathers referred to this aspiration as the longing of humankind to attain the likeness of God. In the words of Gregory of Nyssa, "truly herein consists the real assimilation to the Divine, that is, in making our own life in some degree a copy of the Supreme Being."¹⁰⁵ Saint John of Damascus believes that "the phrase `after his likeness' means likeness in virtue [to God] so far as that is possible."¹⁰⁶
- 124 Every human being that comes into the world is called to grow in likeness to God—to achieve divinization [also known as deification, the process of theosis]: "God has given us, through these things, his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may escape from the corruption that is in the world because of lust, and may become partakers of the divine nature" (2 Pt 1:4). This partaking in God's nature constitutes human happiness. Likeness to God can be attained by us only by free choice and assent, and by cooperation with God's grace. "Our likeness to God requires our cooperation. When the intellect begins to perceive the Holy Spirit with full consciousness, we should realize that grace is beginning to paint the divine likeness over the divine image in us."¹⁰⁷

¹⁰⁰ See JOHN PAUL II, Apostolic Letter *Orientalis Lumen* [Light of the East], (May 2, 1995), 15; see also GREGORY OF NYSSA, *On Perfection, To the Monk Olympius*: PG 46, 272.

¹⁰¹ See JOHN PAUL II, Encyclical *Redemptor Hominis* [The Redemption of Man] (March 4, 1979), 11.

¹⁰² GREGORY OF NYSSA, *On the Making of Man*, 16: PG 44, 177.

¹⁰³ JOHN OF DAMASCUS, *Exact Exposition of the Orthodox Faith*, II, 12: PG 94, 920.

¹⁰⁴ See GREGORY OF NYSSA, *On the Making of Man*, 16: PG 94, 177.

¹⁰⁵ GREGORY OF NYSSA, *On the Soul and Resurrection*: PG 46, 89-92.

¹⁰⁶ JOHN OF DAMASCUS, *Exact Exposition of the Orthodox Faith*, II, 12: PG 94, 920.

¹⁰⁷ DIADOCHOS OF PHOTIKI, *On Spiritual Knowledge and Discrimination*, 89: PG 65, 1203.

1) Growth of the Person from Image to Likeness of God

- 125 Jesus Christ—in the image of whom the human being was created—is the incarnate Son of God, the Second Person of God, who took on human nature. Like Christ, human beings are persons. The growth of the human being from the image to the likeness of God is a personal growth. It takes place in the context of a free relationship between human beings and God. From the state of the first Adam, described in the book of Genesis, the human being grows to the state of the new Adam—Christ the God-man. "The first man Adam became a living being; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit ... The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we shall also bear the image of the man of heaven" (1 Cor 15:45-49).
- 126 Created good, humankind was supposed to achieve gradually perfection. For this reason Saint Irenaeus compares the condition of the first Adam in Paradise with the innocence of a child: "It was possible for God himself to have made the human being perfect from the first, but the human being could not receive this perfection, being as yet an infant."¹⁰⁸ To grow into the second Adam—Christ—is to receive the grace of the Holy Spirit to the point of our permanent abiding in it, "until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ" (Eph 4:13; emphasis added).
- 127 In accordance with God's eternal plan, the divinization of human beings is possible. It is possible because of the incarnation of God's Son, through which we receive the gift of becoming partakers in the nature of God (see 2 Pt 1:4) as gods by grace, and attain to eternal life. "We have not been made gods from the beginning, but at first merely human beings, then finally gods; for God has adopted this course out of his pure benevolence, that no one may impute to him invidiousness or grudgingness [i.e., envy or reluctance]."¹⁰⁹ It is precisely because God has loved us that he desires for us to become like him: "Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect" (Mt 5:48; see 1 Pt 1:16).

¹⁰⁸ IRENAEUS OF LYONS, *Against Heresies*, IV, 38, 1: PG 7, 1105.

¹⁰⁹ IRENAEUS OF LYONS, *Against Heresies*, IV, 38, 4: PG 7, 1101-1102.