

St. Mary's News

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News

By *Dobr. Erin Haugen*

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! I hope the month of April finds you well and eager to celebrate the joyous day of Pascha. This month will be full of extra services so be sure to check the schedule and the calendar carefully to be sure of exact dates, times, and locations. These services only happen once a year, so if you've never been, try to come out!

I would also like to mention the *Paska/Pysanky* workshop being held on April 16th from Noon - 4 pm. The details can be found on the poster attached to this newsletter (and on the website). I encourage anyone interested to please join us - Not only are we going to have a lot of fun, you will end up with a *Paska* and *Pysanka* to add to your Easter Basket! PLEASE contact me if you would like to come so we are sure to have enough supplies.

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Greetings from the President

By *Deborah Provencher*

Highlights for this month is reporting that our last pyrohy supper was a success from many view points. The work team was fabulous considering the snow and rain, our guests thoroughly enjoyed their meals and had some great visits, and yes our bank account was happier with an extra \$800.00. We are continuing to collect post dated cheques, this is working very well for those who have done so. It really helps to stabilize our cash flow.

I have gone to my grand father pussy willow tree and harvested our pussy willows for Palm Sunday. I have plenty for us and guests, however if you have some of your own to bring please do so. Remember, they stay freshest if you keep them in the fridge.

We are going to carry on with selling frozen pyrohy on

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**Ukrainian Orthodox
Church of Canada**
www.uocc.ca

Western Eparchy
www.uocc-we.ca

**Vancouver Island
Parochial District**
www.vanisleparochial.ca

Ancient Faith Radio
www.ancientfaith.com

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Message Board

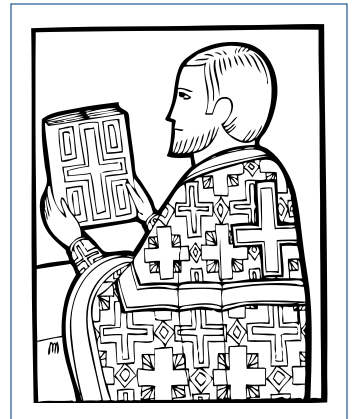
Submissions welcome!

Paska/Pysanky Workshop!

St. Mary's Parish will be holding a workshop on Saturday April 16th from Noon - 4 pm. Details can be found on the poster attached to this newsletter and online. Contact Dobr. Erin for more info.

New Prayer Books:

The next time you are at St. Mary's, check the pews! Brand new service books have been printed to help make following along to the Divine Liturgy a little easier! If you would like your own copy, please see Fr. Peter who will sell you one for a minimum donation of \$10.00/book. A HUGE *Thank You* to Vic, Iris, and Mark Blasco for sponsoring the project!



Liturgical Scripture Readings April 2011

Sunday, April 3rd

4th Sunday of Great Fast

"St. John of the Ladder"

Epistle: Hebr. 6:13-20;

Eph. 5:9-19;

Gospel: Mark 9:17-31;

Matt. 4:25-5:12.

Sunday, April 10th

5th Sunday of Great Fast

"Ven. Mary of Egypt"

Epistle: Hebr. 9:11-14;

Gal. 3:23-29;

Gospel: Mark 10:32-45;

Luke 7:36-50.

Sunday, April 17th

Entrance of Our Lord

Into Jerusalem

"Palm Sunday"

Epistle: Phil. 4:4-9;

Gospel: Mark 2:1-12;

John 12:1-18.

Sunday, April 24th

Resurrection of Our

Lord, God & Saviour,

Jesus Christ

Pascha

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8;

Gospel: John 1:1-17.

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Saturdays from 10 until noon for the month of March because that was announced. However, I forgot to arrange for someone to do it this last Saturday, and Colleen rescued us and made some sales. So, I would rather not beg and if some individuals would like to do some shifts please let me know and I can make up some roster. We may change this to only the first Saturday of the month, we will discuss this at the board meeting on Wed and then I will send out a notice.

I am sure that all of you read my message last month and wondered about the prayer bracelet instructions. Well, I forgot to insert the instructions for Dobr. Erin and so it is attached with this newsletter. The children and I made them in Church today and Father blessed them. It was a lovely project. Also, last newsletter I included a Lenten calendar. Please do print this off and follow the instructions, it is an excellent activity to be reflective of all that we have and others do not. The children will decide which charity the jars of money will go to. Pray for others as you put your coins in the jar daily.

Finally, as you know Rose and Peter's grandson is gravely ill. We did collect some toys for him. However, the trips to Vancouver are a hardship for Richard, their son. I am recommending that at our next service on April 3rd, we pass the collection plate a second time and give the proceeds to Richard. Please keep this family in your daily prayers.

Yours in Christ
Debbie

Pastoral Message

By Fr. Peter Haugen

Христос посеред нас! Christ is amongst us!

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I am beginning to write this month's pastoral message I find myself at a crossroads. The month of April this year consists of three full weeks of Great Lent and Holy Week at the end of which we celebrate the Holy and Awesome Resurrection of our Lord, and God, and Saviour Jesus Christ. So the question I am asking myself is this: Do I write an article regarding the Fast or simply a greeting for the Resurrection? I have decided to include both!

*"O Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of God.
Have mercy on me,
a sinner."*
-Jesus Prayer

Last month I spoke on the misconceptions of fasting and how we should and shouldn't approach the Great Lenten fast. One other misconception is that abstaining from food is the only way to honour and grow in the fast. Besides fasting, another major way we grow throughout Great Lent is by reading the Holy Bible. Great Lent is the perfect time to begin a Bible reading plan if we have never started one, or to expand on the plan we are already following. Here are some tips to help you read the bible:

1. First and Foremost, you have to open the Bible and read - This may sound obvious but it can also be the hardest part. Actually finding time in the day to sit and take a moment to read a part of the bible.
2. It is important to find a good translation - The Bibles that will be of great assistance to you are the "Orthodox Study Bibles". They use New King James Version and have explanations at the bottom of each page to help understand what you are reading. Of course, reading ANY Bible is better than none at all - Read what you own and feel free to speak to me if you have any questions!
3. You need to prepare yourself for reading the Bible - There are several ways that we can do this:
 - a. You need to want to read the Bible. (It shouldn't be a chore.)
 - b. Start with a short prayer and have nothing around to distract you.
 - c. Read whole sections at a time -You cannot pick and choose your favourite verses and only read those. The whole book should be taken in context. Heresies



*The Resurrection of Our Lord
- April 24, PASCHA*

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arise from people who only read one verse and try to find meaning from it.

- d. Begin a Reading schedule - There are many reading plans one can start to help them read the Bible a little bit everyday. Some are very intense, "Read the Bible in 90 Days", and others are more relaxed, "Read the Bible in a Year". Regardless of which plan you follow, it is important to read at least one psalm a day.

4. Through our faith we must want to understand what we are reading - Sometimes we get frustrated that some verses do not make sense to us at first. It has been often said by many Christians that verses confounded them until they approached the Bible through love and faith in Christ. By learning more and more about Christ and His life, and the life he has prescribed for us, we can begin to see the Bible differently.

If you have any questions regarding on how to read the Bible, or reading schedules, please feel free to contact me.

With that said, On behalf of Dobrodiyka Erin, Noah and myself, I embrace and greet all of you during this glorious celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord and God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Our fervent prayer is that all of your shadows will be transformed in the light of Christ's Resurrection and that the peace of God the Father will help you safely all the way through whatever may come.

Христос Воскрес! Воистину Воскрес!

Yours In Christ,
Rev. Fr. Peter

Don't forget to keep checking the website!

www.vanisleparochial.ca

PYROHY!

We are also selling frozen Pyrohy out of St. Mary's on the first Saturday of each month between 10 - Noon. Pyrohy are \$5/Dozen - Please spread the word! We are in need of volunteers to sit at the church during those times. Please contact Debbie for more info.

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Office Hours:

Wednesday and Thursday – 9-5
If you wish to see me on these days please call and make an appointment anytime!

If anyone you know is in the Hospital, or are at home ill and would like a visitation from me, please contact me and I will make immediate arrangements to meet with them.

Reminders

Just in case you forget!

- **Membership fees are now due:**
 \$90.00/individual
 \$180.00/family
- Please fill out a **pledge form** in help the executive budget for this year. See Fred if you have any questions or need a form.
- We continue to collect food for the **Food Bank**. We are currently collecting for **Port Alberni** - Please be generous!

Donations received in March 2011

Collection from Sunday March 6	\$590.00
Collection from Sunday March 20	\$791.00
Pyrohy Sales	\$784.00
Income	\$2,165.00
Expenses	\$3,200.00

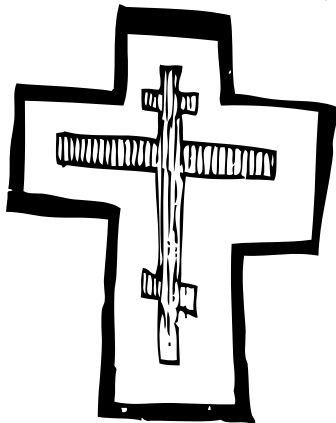


*СЛАВА ІСУСУ ХРИСТУ!
 СЛАВА НА ВІКИ!*

*Glory Be To Jesus Christ!
 Glory Be Forever!*

Service EVERY Sunday!

Reader Services are postponed pending the Blessing of Bishop Ilarion. Please see Fr. Peter for details



Happy Birthday!

Happy (first!) Birthday to Noah Haugen who celebrates on April 16th!



Schedule of Services (Parksville)

- April 2nd** - Great Vespers – 6 PM, Bible Study to follow.
- April 3rd** - Divine Liturgy – 10 AM, confessions 9:30 AM
Fellowship to Follow – Lenten Meal
- April 13th** - Presanctified Liturgy – 5:30 PM
Choir Practice to follow (No fellowship)
- April 16th** - Great Vespers – 6 PM, Bible Study to follow.
- April 17th** - **Palm Sunday (Blessing of Pussywillows)**
Divine Liturgy – 10 AM, confessions 9:30 AM
Fellowship to Follow – Lenten Meal
Choir Practice to follow
- April 19th** - **Choir Practice – 7:15 PM (If needed)**
- April 20th** - Holy Unction – 6 PM – No fellowship
- April 22nd** - Holy Friday (Shroud) Vespers – 8 PM
- April 24th** - **Paschal** Divine Liturgy – 6 AM, confessions 5:30 AM
Blessing of Baskets to follow.
- April 30th** - Great Vespers – 4 PM, Bible Study to follow.

*** Fr. Peter has begun a Clinical Pastoral course that occurs **every Friday morning until April 8th** and as a result the decision was made to switch his office days during that time. With that said, during this time period office days will be as follows:
St. George's - Tuesday's and Friday's
St. Mary the Protectress - Wednesday's and Thursday's ***

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 Great Vespers 4:00 PM PARKSVILLE
3 Divine Liturgy -- 10:00 AM PARKSVILLE	4	5	6 Presan. Liturgy 5:30 PM VICTORIA	7	8 Passia Service 6:00 PM VICTORIA	9 Great Vespers 4:00 PM VICTORIA
10 Divine Liturgy -- 10:00 AM VICTORIA	11	12	13 Presan. Liturgy 5:30 PM PARKSVILLE <i>Choir to follow.</i>	14	15 Passia Service 6:00 PM PARKSVILLE	16 *Easter Workshop* Great Vespers 4:00 PM PARKSVILLE
17 Palm Sun. Divine Liturgy -- 10:00 AM PARKSVILLE <i>Choir to follow.</i>	18	19 <i>Choir (TBA)</i>	20 Holy Unction 6:00 PM PARKSVILLE	21 The Passions 6:00 PM VICTORIA	22 Holy Friday (Shroud) Vespers 8:00 PM Parksville	23 PASCHAL Divine Liturgy -- 10:00 AM VICTORIA
24 PASCHAL Divine Liturgy -- 6:00 AM PARKSVILLE <i>Blessing Baskets to follow.</i>	25	26	27 <i>Choir 7:15 PM</i>	28	29	30 Great Vespers 4:00 PM PARKSVILLE

Lenten Service Schedule 2011:
(Please note dates and locations carefully)

- *Wednesday April 6th* - Presanctified Divine Liturgy - 5:30 pm
- **St. George's, Victoria**
- *Friday April 8th* - Passia Service - 6:00 pm
- **St. George's, Victoria**
- *Sunday April 10th* - Blessing of the Willows following the Divine Liturgy - **St. George's, Victoria**
- *Wednesday April 13th* - Presanctified Divine Liturgy - 5:30 pm -
St. Mary the Protectress, Parksville
- *Friday April 15th* - Passia Service - 6:00 pm
- **St. Mary the Protectress, Parksville**
- *Sunday April 17th* - Palm Sunday, blessing of the willows following Divine Liturgy - **St. Mary the Protectress, Parksville**
- *Holy Wednesday April 20th* - Holy Unction Service - 6:00 pm
- **St. Mary the Protectress, Parksville**
- *Holy Thursday April 21st* - The Passions (12 Gospel) Service - 6:00 pm - **St. George's, Victoria**
- *Holy Friday April 22nd* - Holy Friday (Shroud) Vespers - 4:00 pm
- **St. George's, Victoria** / 8:00 pm - **St. Mary the Protectress, Parksville**
- *Holy Saturday April 23rd* - Paschal Divine Liturgy - 10:00 am - Followed with Blessing of the Baskets - **St. George's, Victoria**
- *THE RESSURECTION OF OUR LORD April 24th* - Easter Matins and PASCHA Divine Liturgy - 6:00 am - Followed with Blessing of Baskets - **St. Mary the Protectress, Parksville**