



# BICHUK BULLETIN

## HOLY TRINITY UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### *Sunday of the Man Born Blind*

*John 9:1-38*



***Divine Liturgies:***

**Sundays:** 9:00 a.m. (Ukrainian) & 11:15 a.m. (English)

**Monday-Friday:** 8:00 a.m.

**Saturdays:** 5:00 p.m.

**Holy Days of Obligation:** 10:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

***Baptisms & Funerals:*** By arrangement.

***Marriages:*** By arrangement eight months in advance.

**NOTE:** Marriage preparation course required.

***Confessions:*** 20 minutes before Sunday Divine Liturgies, or by appointment.

***Pastor:*** Fr. Iryney Valyavka, OSBM

***Assistant Pastor:*** Fr. Josaphat Oliynyk, OSBM

***Parish Secretaries (part time):*** Lorraine Stoyko & Michelle Yakimetz

**HOLY TRINITY PARISH OFFICE HOURS (Monday - Friday)**  
9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Ascend to heaven, O God, and let Your glory be over all the earth (Ps. 56:6)

### **Jesus continues to live in our hearts even though He has ascended**

The event of the Ascension calls us to joy, for Jesus Christ ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father, to prepare a place in heaven for us as well: “Having fulfilled Your plan for us \* and having united what is on earth with what is in heaven, \* You ascended in glory, Christ our God, \* not departing from us, but remaining ever with us, \* You call out to those who love You: \* ‘I am with you, and no one is against you’” (the kontakion of the feast).

### **The Ascension has raised our fallen human nature to heaven**

St. John Chrysostom, in his sermon for the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, says: “Today the human race is perfectly reconciled with God; the ancient strife and enmity have vanished; we who were unworthy to live on earth have been raised to heaven. Today we become heirs of the heavenly Kingdom; we who are unworthy even of the earthly one ascend to heaven and inherit the throne of the King and Lord, and human nature, before which the cherubim guarded paradise, is now exalted above every cherub.”

On the Feast of the Ascension, let us come to church and unite ourselves with Jesus Christ in Holy Communion, and “let us live as if we were already in heaven” (St. John Bosco), and let us cry out with St. Alphonsus: “Take my heart up with You!”

In last week's bulletin, we were reminded that May is Mary's month, our Heavenly Mother. The month of May also honors our earthly mothers. Each year, the second Sunday of May is dedicated to our mothers. Not only do we honor our birth mothers but also any person who has touched our lives in such a way that we are richer and more loving because we have been nurtured through the love and goodness of someone other than our mother. However, first and foremost, we give thanks to our mothers for the gift of life, for all their loving and caring. If our mothers are no

longer with us, may God grant them eternal rest. Remember to pray for them. If possible, visit their grave in the cemetery. To all those who are celebrating this day with us, may God bless you with all that your hearts' desire and may you always look to our Blessed Mother for guidance and protection.

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*Today we celebrate Mother's Day - we offer our prayers to God through the intercession of the Mother of God for our Mothers who are so dear to us & play such an important role in our lives.*

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### **2026 National Family and Life Week - May 10-17**

I am delighted to bring greetings to parents, grandparents, and your families as we celebrate this year's National Family and Life Week focusing on the theme "I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20).

As we celebrate families this year, I am reminded of my joy-filled participation in the Eighth World Meeting of Families in Philadelphia a number of years ago. There, hundreds of thousands of families gathered to reflect on "Love is Our Mission: The Family Fully Alive."

The late Pope Francis reminded us then of the beauty of marriage as well as the pastoral challenges facing the family:

"During these days, we will reflect in particular on the family, which is the fundamental cell of society. From the beginning the Creator blessed man and woman so that they might be fruitful and multiply, and so the family then is an image of the Triune God in the world.

"Our reflections must keep before us the beauty of the family and marriage, the greatness of this human reality which is so simple and yet so rich, consisting of joys and hopes, of struggles and sufferings, as is the whole of life.... We are called to acknowledge how beautiful, true and good it is to start a

family, to be a family today; and how indispensable the family is for the life of the world and for the future of humanity.

“We are called to make known God’s magnificent plan for the family and to help spouses joyfully experience this plan in their lives, as we accompany them amidst so many difficulties with a pastoral care that is sound, courageous and full of love.”

Pope Francis’ words still ring out true today. Truly, how beautiful is the family and marriage!

At the same time, we recognize that in the midst of being a family there are indeed many challenges that the family faces each and every day. But we are not alone. Jesus reminds us, “I am with you always.” Fear not. Call upon me when in need. I walk with you my people. I love you. And it is the power of love that can overcome any difficulty.

As we celebrate this year’s National Family and Life Week, I pray that God who is Love truly blesses you and your family!

Sincerely in Christ,

+ David

Most Rev. David Motiuk  
Eparchial Bishop



### **Catholic Education Sunday & Catholic Education Week:**

This Sunday, May 10 is Catholic Education Sunday, and the upcoming week is Catholic Education Week (May 9–16).

#### **“Anchored in Christ, Beacon of Hope”**

This theme is drawn from Pope Francis’ declaration of 2025 as a Jubilee Year and reflects his call for the Church to move forward with faith, joy, and hope.

It reminds us that:

- We are called to be anchored in Christ, placing our trust in His unchanging love as the foundation for our lives, our schools, and our communities.
- As beacons of hope, we are sent to shine Christ’s light into the lives of others—especially those who experience poverty, isolation, or injustice—bringing compassion, dignity, and care.

- Rooted in our faith, we are called to be faithful stewards of creation, responding with love to the needs of the world and standing in solidarity with the most vulnerable.

The year of the Jubilee encourages the faithful to make a pilgrimage. A pilgrimage, like Catholic education, is a spiritual journey—a movement of the heart, mind, and soul toward deeper understanding and encounter with Christ. Rooted in the virtue of hope, our Catholic schools are places where students are formed to be builders, dreamers, and leaders in Jesus' name.

Throughout this week, communities across Alberta will be taking time to pray, reflect, and celebrate the role of Catholic education in forming students who are faith-filled, compassionate, and committed to service.

Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to Catholic education in Alberta. Together, we walk as Pilgrims of Hope, carrying the light of Christ into our classrooms, homes, and communities.

God bless you.

Darby Murphy

Principal, St. Martin's Catholic School

## **Catholic Education Week – May 9 – 15, 2026**

### ***“Anchored in Christ, Beacon of Hope”***

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

From the heart of God's loving providence flows the great gift of Catholic education—a gift entrusted to the Church and cherished across our communities in Alberta, the Northwest Territories, and the Yukon. At the very center of this gift stands the person of Jesus Christ, our hope and our anchor, who draws near to each student, calling them into a personal and transforming relationship with Himself.

The passage from the Letter to the Hebrews invites us to anchor our lives in Christ, who alone offers a hope that is "sure and steadfast"—a hope that reaches beyond our limitations and draws us into the very presence of God. This year's Catholic Education Week theme, "Anchored in Christ, Beacon of Hope," reflects the vocation of Catholic schools to be places where students not only encounter this hope but are formed to share it as radiant witnesses in the world.

Hope in Christ takes root in the home, where children first learn the Faith through the witness of their parents. It is nurtured in the life of the parish, where families gather around the altar and are sustained by Word and Sacrament. And it is cultivated in Catholic schools, where educators, clergy, trustees, and families form a sacred partnership in shaping minds and hearts in the truth and love of Christ.

In these times of uncertainty and rapid cultural change, our young people need more than optimism—they need hope founded in Christ. Catholic education offers more than academic excellence; it offers formation in discipleship. In every classroom, library, playground, and staff room, we are called to bear witness to Christ, to teach as He taught, and to lead others to the deep peace that only He can give. We, the Catholic Bishops of Alberta, the Northwest Territories, and the Yukon, offer our prayers and profound thanks to all who serve the mission of Catholic education: students, parents, teachers, educational assistants, support staff, school leaders, trustees, and parish clergy. Your fidelity, courage, and love make it possible for our schools to remain steadfast in identity and luminous in hope.

Let us go forward together, anchored in Christ and radiant with hope. May our words and actions always reflect the faith we profess, and may our schools continue to be places where Christ is known, loved, and proclaimed with joy.

Yours in Christ,

Catholic Bishops of Alberta, Northwest Territories and Yukon

*(Note: Original letter with signatures posted on bulletin board)*

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**Knights of Columbus Brunch:**

Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

in the Parish Hall. Admission: \$10.00.

Everyone welcome!

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**Liturgy Service at Senior's Homes:**

**Mon., May 11<sup>th</sup>: 9:30 a.m.** at Homestead Lodge

**Fri., May 15<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 a.m.** at Century Park

**Tue., May 26<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 a.m.** at Vegreville Care Centre

**Thu., May 28<sup>th</sup>: 10:00 a.m.** at Vegreville Manor

## Annual Parish Praznyk Celebration:

- **Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>**, beginning with the 10:00 a.m. bilingual Divine Liturgy. (Please note: there is only **one** Divine Liturgy on this day).
- Our **annual Praznyk**, consisting of a potluck dinner, will follow the Divine Liturgy. **All Parishioners are invited to take part as one Parish Family!**
- For the potluck, please bring items that are **ready to serve out**. Hot items can be kept warm in the ovens, and cold items may be refrigerated.



## Moleben to the Mother of God:

Every Wednesday in May, we will celebrate Moleben to the Mother of God at 7:00 p.m. On these days, the daily Rosary will be recited at 6:30.

- ***Please note: May 13<sup>th</sup> has been postponed to Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>.***
- Moleben dates will be May 15<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, & 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Daily Rosary in May:

During the month of May, the Rosary will be recited in church Monday to Friday, beginning on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

It will be recited at 7:00 p.m., except when there is Moleben or a Divine Liturgy, and then it will instead be recited at 6:30.



## Upcoming Catering Work Bees – Volunteers Needed!

- **Mon., May 11<sup>th</sup>: Peeling potatoes & preparing perohy filling** at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers needed!
- **Tue., May 12<sup>th</sup>: Perohy Making bee** at 9:00 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Volunteers needed; everyone is welcome!
- **Wed., May 27<sup>th</sup>: Perohy Supper**. Help is needed through the hours of 9:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. Any amount of time you can put in is greatly needed to help this fundraising event be successful.

## PARISH EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>:**

- 5:00 p.m. – **Pentecost Mission** with Fr. Gabriel Haber continues at the Divine Liturgy. All parishioners invited

### **Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>:**

- 9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)
- 11:15 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (English)
- Conclusion of **Pentecost Mission** at both Liturgies.

### **Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>:**

- 9:00 a.m. – **Perohy Making Bee** in the Parish Hall.

### **Thursday, May 14<sup>th</sup>: Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord (Holy Day of Obligation):**

- 10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)
- 7:00 p.m. – Divine Liturgy (English)
- Parish Office closed.

### **Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>:**

- 7:00 p.m. – **Moleben** (*postponed from May 13<sup>th</sup>*)

### **Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup>:**

- 5:00 p.m. – Divine Liturgy

### **Sunday, May 17<sup>th</sup>:**

- 9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)
- 11:15 a.m. – Divine Liturgy (English)
- **Knights of Columbus Brunch: 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.** in the Parish Hall. Everyone is welcome!

### **Monday, May 18<sup>th</sup>:**

- Parish Office closed for Victoria Day.

### **Wednesday, May 20<sup>th</sup>:**

- 7:00 p.m. – **Moleben** to the Mother of God

### **Saturday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

- 5:00 p.m. – Divine Liturgy

### **Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup>:**

- **10:00 a.m.** – Only ONE Divine Liturgy (bilingual)
- **Potluck Dinner** in the Parish Hall to commemorate our annual **Praznyk (Parish Feast Day)** following the Divine Liturgy. **All parishioners are invited!**

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### **Parish Weekly Donations:**

- Sunday Offerings – May 03: \$2,015.00

## **Неділя, 10 травня: Неділя Сліпородженого**

**Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим що в гробах, життя дарував.**

**Тропар воскресний, глас 5: Собезначальне Слово Отцю і Духові,\* від Діви народжене на спасіння наше,\* оспіваймо, вірні, і поклонімся,\* бо благоволив плоттю зійти на хрест\* і смерть перетерпіти, і воскресити умерлих\* славним воскресінням Своім.**

**Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові:**

**Кондак Сліпородженого, глас 4: Осліплені душевними очима,\* як сліпий від народження,\* приходимо до Тебе, Христе,\* і в покаянні кличемо до Тебе:\* Ти пресвітле Світло\* для тих, що в темряві!**

**І нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.**

**Кондак, глас 8: Хоч і до гробу зійшов ти, Безсмертний,\* то адову зруйнував ти силу\* і воскрес, як переможець, Христе Боже,\* жінкам–мироносицям звістивши: Радуйтеся!\* І мир дарував ти своїм апостолам,\* упалим же подав воскресіння.**

**Прокімен, глас 8: Помоліться і воздайте Господеві, Богу нашому.**

**Стих: Відомий у Юдеї Бог, в Ізраїлі велике ім'я Його.**

**Прокімен, глас 8: Помоліться і воздайте Господеві, Богу нашому.**

**Апостол: Діянь Святих Апостолів Читання, (16:16–34)**

**Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!**

**Стих: Споглянь на мене й помилуй мене.**

**Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!**

**Стих: Стопи мої направ за словом Твоїм.**

**Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!**

**Євангелія: Від Івана 9:1–38**

**Замість "Достойно..!": Ангел звістив Благодатній: Чиста Діво, радуйся! І знову кажу: Радуйся! Твій Син воскрес на третій день із гробу, і мертвих воскресив. Люди,**

веселіться! Світися, світися,\* новий Єрусалиме!\* Слава  
бо Господня на тобі засяяла!\* Радій нині і веселися,  
Сіоне,\* а Ти, чиста Богородице, втішайся\*  
воскресінням Сина Твого.

**Причасний:** Тіло Христове прийміть, джерела  
безсмертного споживіть. Хваліте Господа з небес,  
хваліте Його во вишніх. Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

**«Христос воскрес...»** замінює: **«Благословенний Той, Хто  
гряде...»**, **«Ми побачили світло істинне...»**, **«Нехай  
сповняться уста наші...»**, **«Благословенне ім'я  
Господнє.»**, **«Слава Отцю...»** під час відпусту.

**Наприкінці Літургії** тричі співається **«Христос воскрес...»**  
з додаванням **«І нам дарував життя вічне;\* ми  
схиляємося перед Його воскресінням на третій день»**.

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## **Sunday, May 10: Sunday of the Man Born Blind**

**Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.**

**Sunday Troparion, tone 5:** Let us the faithful acclaim and worship the Word,\* co-eternal with the Father and the Spirit,\* and born of the Virgin for our salvation.\* For He willed to be lifted up on the cross in the flesh, to suffer death\* and to raise the dead by His glorious resurrection.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;**

**Kontakion, the Blind Man, tone 4:** Blinded in the eyes of my soul,\* I come to You, O Christ, like the man who was blind from birth,\* and I cry in repentance.\* You are the brilliant light of those in darkness.

**Now and for ever and ever. Amen!**

**Kontakion, tone 8:** Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One,\* yet You destroyed the power of Hades;\* and You rose as victor, O Christ God,\* calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice!\* and giving peace to Your apostles.\* You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen.

**Prokeimenon, tone 8:** Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

**Verse:** In Judea God is known; His name is great in Israel.

**Prokeimenon, tone 8:** Pray and give praise to the Lord our God.

**Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (16:16–34)**

**Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Verse:** Look upon me and have mercy.

**Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Verse:** Direct my steps according to Your word.

**Faithful: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Gospel: John 9:1–38**

**Instead of 'It is truly right...':** The angel cried out to the One full of grace:\* O chaste Virgin, rejoice!\* And again I say,

rejoice!\* Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day\* and raised the dead.\* Let all people rejoice!\* Shine, shine, O New Jerusalem,\* for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you!\* Exalt now and be glad, O Sion!\* And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight\* in the resurrection of your Son.

**Communion Hymn:** Receive the Body of Christ;\* taste the fountain of immortality. Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**“Christ is risen...” replaces: ‘Blessed is he who comes...’, ‘We have seen the true light...’, ‘May our mouths be filled...’, ‘Blessed be the name of the Lord...’, ‘Glory be to the Father...’ at the dismissal.**

**At the conclusion of the Liturgy, “Christ is risen...” is sung three times, with the addition of “And to us He has granted life eternal;\* we bow down before His resurrection on the third day.”**

