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## HOLY TRINITY UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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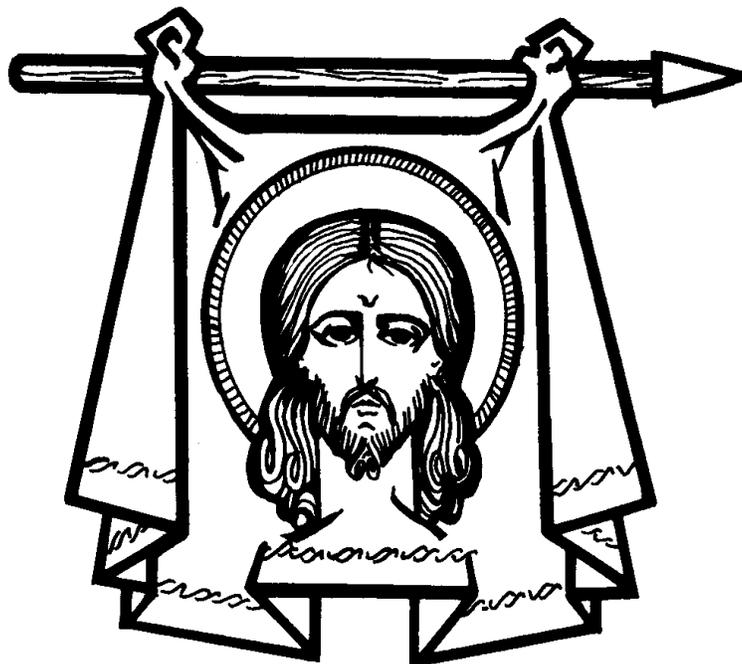
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*5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent*

*Mark 10:32-45*



***Divine Liturgies:***

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

**Monday-Thursday (during Lent):** 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. Yosafat 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.

**Theotokion:** Seeing the beauty of your Virginity, and how resplendently shone forth your chastity, amazed was Gabriel who cried to you thus, O Theotokos: What shall I present to you as a worthy encomium? What shall I address you as? At a loss and perplexed am I. As ordered, therefore, thus do I shout to you: Rejoice, O Maiden who are full of grace!

The Annunciation of Mary, a feast which we celebrate on Wednesday, March 25th, reveals to us Mary's unconditional "yes" to the Holy Spirit in her life. This miracle could happen in our lives as well. The Lord wishes to come to our hearts through the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit expects us to respond just like the Virgin Mary did, in practice, in our everyday life. He expects us not only to say yes but to also experience this for a whole lifetime: "Behold the servant of the Lord; be it done unto me according to your word." Every person will find oneself, as the Virgin Mary did, at a crucial moment, having to decide whether to say "yes" or "no" to God.

This is the story of our whole life: one way or another, God's grace hovers around us, trying to convince us to say "yes". And if we say "yes", the Logos becomes flesh. Christ indeed comes into us, indeed is carried in us, indeed takes us upon Himself, and this is how we become of Christ and grow in the Lord.

For us Christians, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary is the *"hope of the everlasting goods"*. For all those who desire to be saved, the Mother of God will be for them the one who will carry them from the *"bottom of ignorance"* to the saving heavenly pastures. For this reason, daily, we address her with:

Rejoice, Mother of the never-setting Star. Rejoice, Dawn of the mystic Day.

Rejoice, Pillar of virginity. Rejoice, gate of salvation.



### **Lenten Reflections Booklet:**

On the desk next to the weekly bulletins and monthly Troparion booklets, there are booklets with daily reflections on the sixth, fifth, and fourth weeks of Great Lent. Parishioners are invited to take these booklets home.

### **2026 Easter Schedules:**

The 2026 Easter Schedules are now available to pick up in the vestibule.

To save the Parish the expense of mailing out the Easter schedules, please also consider picking them up for your family members, friends, & neighbors. Thank you!

### **2026 Kalendar Svitlo:**

Three copies of the 2026 *Kalendar Svitlo* are available for \$20.00 at the Parish Office. This book contains the entire liturgical calendar for 2026 and articles on various spiritual topics of Byzantine Catholic life. In continuation of the series to gain a better understanding and practical approach of the Sacraments, the 2026 copy provides an explanation of the Holy Sacraments of **Baptism** and **Confirmation**. It also contains the directory of liturgical clergy in all of Canada, the US, South America, Europe, and Australia.

### **UCWLC Membership Fees (\$20.00) Due:**

For anyone who hasn't yet submitted their membership fees, please place in an envelope marked "UCWLC Membership" in the collection plate or bring to the Parish Office. Thank you.



### **2025 Tax Receipts:**

All of the remaining 2025 Tax Receipts that were not picked up have been mailed off at the end of February. The Parish Office will answer inquiries made about the tax receipts until April 30<sup>th</sup>.

### **Envelope Donation Reminder:**

For all donations given in the collection plate that are not the usual Sunday donation (e.g., Repairs & Maintenance, Divine Liturgy intentions, Graveside Services, etc.), please clearly make note of this on the outside front of the envelope. This will ensure that your donation is going towards what you would like it to.

### **Insurance Donations:**

At the last Provincial Council meeting of the Basilian Fathers, held in November 2025, it was decided that on the occasion of the Jubilee Year of 2025, the Basilian Order would assume the costs for the insurance premiums for 2025. This decision was made in the spirit of offering Basilian Parishes and Institutions in Canada the opportunity for additional resources that are to be used towards its ministry.

As a result, all donations given towards insurance in 2025 (\$6,915.00) will be put towards the 2026 insurance premiums.

### **Bulletin Announcement Reminder:**

The weekly deadline to submit announcements for the bulletin is on Wednesday at 4:00 p.m. This ensures that there is adequate time to prepare the bulletin for the weekend. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

## Ukrainian Food Items for Sale:

To order, please contact the Parish Office by calling 780-632-3433, or email [ucveg@telusplanet.net](mailto:ucveg@telusplanet.net) .

- **Potato & cheddar perohy and potato & cottage perohy**- \$7.00/dozen, packaged in bags of 5-dozen.
- **Sweet holoptsi** - \$30.00/tray, with approximately 4-dozen per tray.
- **Sour holoptsi** - \$35.00/tray, with approximately 4-dozen per tray.
- **For a limited time, Nalesnyke** will be available for \$35.00/tray, with approximately 4-dozen/tray.

**Please remember to bring a bag for your order.**

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*The Holy Father's Prayer Intention for March 2026:*

**For disarmament and peace:** Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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**Local Event – Standing Free: From Vegreville to Ukraine**

An evening for Ukraine with Kaitlyn Kruk. Featuring a film screening of *Standing Free* followed by firsthand reflections on living in a country at war and the realities faced by communities across Ukraine.

**Monday, April 6, 2026** at the Vegreville Alliance Church, 4606–55 Ave. Doors open at **6:30 p.m.**



**God Speaks from the Cross – Eparchial Lenten Series**

*What do Jesus’ words from the Cross mean for us today?*

Join us for this series of 3 evenings meant to inform and encourage reflection as we prepare ourselves for Great and Holy Pascha. Together we will explore the profound meaning of the seven statements spoken by Christ from the Cross and how they can transform our lives and deepen our relationship with God.

**Final Session: March 26 from 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**You may join on Zoom at this link:**  
<https://tinyurl.com/Lenten26> .



**Elk Island Catholic Schools Registration:**

**2026–2027 School Registration is now open!**

St. Martin’s Catholic School: Grades Pre–K – 6

- 780–632–2266 | [stmn@eics.ab.ca](mailto:stmn@eics.ab.ca)

St. Mary’s Catholic School: Grades 7–12

- 780–632–3934 | [stmy@eics.ab.ca](mailto:stmy@eics.ab.ca)

**Register online at:** [eics.ab.ca](http://eics.ab.ca)

## Great Lent Services:

### **Akathist to the Passion of Christ: (Wednesdays)**

- Please note: this service has been cancelled for Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>, due to the 7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Annunciation.

### **Divine Liturgy & Sorokousty: 7:00 p.m.**

- March 27<sup>th</sup>

**Please note:** *during Lent, there will **not** be an 8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy on Fridays.*



### **Volunteer Corner:**

***A huge thank you to all volunteers*** who have assisted with the preparation for and catering of the recent events, such as the perohy & holoptsi making bees, the Perogy Supper, and all other work bees and functions. Thank you for your generosity assisting with these important fundraising opportunities for our parish!

**We thank all volunteers who give their time to assist with various church functions and duties.**

**Thank you to all those** who take care of all other volunteer duties, including but not limited to Altar Care, ushering, lectoring, assisting with liturgies, First Holy Communion preparation class, money counting, etc.

**Everyone's unique talents and contributions are greatly appreciated in the life and functioning of our Parish!**

## PARISH EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>:**

- 5:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

### **Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

- 9:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)
- 11:15 a.m. - Divine Liturgy (English)
- 10:15 - 11:10 a.m. - First Holy Communion Class

### **Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>: Feast of the Annunciation (Holy Day of Obligation)**

- 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)
- 7:00 p.m. - Divine Liturgy (English)
- (Akathist is cancelled due to the Feast Day Divine Liturgy).
- Parish Office closed.

### **Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>:**

- 7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy & Sorokousty

### **Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>: Lazarus Saturday**

- 9:00 a.m. - Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy
- 5:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

### **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>: Palm Sunday**

- 9:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)
- 11:15 a.m. - Divine Liturgy (English)
- 10:15 - 11:10 a.m. - First Holy Communion Class

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### Liturgy Service at Senior's Homes:

**Tue., March 24<sup>th</sup>:** 10:00 a.m. at Vegreville Care Centre

**Thu., March 26<sup>th</sup>:** 10:00 a.m. at Vegreville Manor

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### **Parish Weekly Donations:**

- Sunday Offerings - March 01: \$2,220.00
  - Sunday Offerings - March 08: \$ 765.00
  - Sunday Offerings - March 15: \$ 860.00
- March Total Donation: \$3,845.00**

## Неділя 22 березня: П'ята Неділя Посту

**Тропар воскресний, глас 8:** З висоти зійшов Ти, Милосердний,\* погребення прийняв Ти тридневне,\* щоб нас визволити від страстей,\* Життя і воскресіння наше,\* Господи, слава Тобі.

**Тропар, глас 8:** У тобі, Мати, вірно збереглося те, що в первообразі!\* Взявши бо хрест, пішла ти за Христом\* і ділом навчала гордувати тілом, бо воно минуще,\* а дбати про душу, як ество безсмертне.\* Тому й радіє з ангелами, преподобна Маріє, дух твій.

**Слава Отцю, і Сину, і Святому Духові, і нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.**

**Кондак, глас 3:** Перше блудами всякими сповнена,\* як Христова невіста через покаєння днесь явилася,\* ангельське життя наслідуючи, демонів оружжям хреста ти убиваєш.\* Ради цього як невіста царева явилася Марія преславна.

**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: До Євреїв послання святого апостола Павла читання (9:11–14)**

**Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!**

**Стих:** Прийдіте возрадуємся Господеві, воскликнім Богу, Спасителеві Нашому.

**Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!**

**Стих:** Ідім перед лицем Його з ісповіданням і псалмами воскликнім Йому.

**Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!**

**Євангелія: Від Марка (10:32–45)**

**Замість 'Достойно.....:** Тобою радується, Благодатная, все творіння, ангельський собор і людський рід, освячений храме і раю словесний, дівства похвало, із якої Бог воплотився і младенцем став – перед віками сущий Бог наш. Лоно бо твоє престолом сотворив і утробу твою просторішою небес учинив. Тобою радується, Благодатная, все творіння, слава тобі.

**Причасний:** Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його во вишніх. В пам'яті вічній буде праведник, поголосів злих не убоїться. Аلیلія! Аلیلія! Аلیلія!

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## **Sunday, March 22: Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**Sunday Troparion, tone 8:** You came down from on high, O Merciful One,\* and accepted three days of burial\* to free us from our sufferings.\* O Lord, our life and our resurrection,\* glory be to You.

**Troparion, tone 8:** The divine image was faithfully preserved in you, O mother,\* for taking up the Cross, you followed Christ.\* By your deeds you have taught us to see beyond the flesh, which passes,\* and care for the soul, a thing immortal.\* And so, O venerable Mary,\* your spirit rejoices with the angels.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Kontakion, tone 3:** Once you were filled with every impurity,\* now through repentance you have been revealed as a bride of Christ,\* following the angelic life, you crushed demons with the weapon of the Cross.\* Therefore, O glorious Mary, you have been shown to be a bride of the kingdom.

**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 Epistle to the Hebrews (9:11-14)

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

**Verse:** Come, let us rejoice in the Lord; let us acclaim God our Saviour.

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

**Verse:** Let us come before His countenance with praise and acclaim Him with psalms.

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

**Gospel:** Mark (10:32-45)

**Instead of 'It is truly right':** In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices: the angelic ranks and all the human race. Sanctified temple and spiritual paradise, virgins' pride and boast, from whom God is made flesh and became a little Child; and He who is our God before all ages, He made your womb a throne, and He made it wider than all the heavens. In you, O Full of Grace, all creation rejoices. Glory be to you.

**Communion Hymn:** Praise the Lord from the heavens;\* praise Him in the highest. The just man shall be in everlasting remembrance;\* of evil hearsay he shall have no fear. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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