



# BICHUK BULLETIN

## HOLY TRINITY UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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### *Flowery (Palm) Sunday*

*John 12:1-18*



***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

<p><b>HOLY TRINITY PARISH OFFICE HOURS (Monday - Friday)</b> 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.</p>
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Today, we enter Jerusalem with the Savior. We have come to the opened gates of Holy Week. In the liturgical rites of Holy Week, we will act out the events of Our Lord's suffering and death and burial. These events seem very near to us this week; it's as though the veil of time and space is torn in two and we feel that we are there.

Today, let us remember our Lord's love for us, which caused him to suffer for our sins, and turn to the Lord in love. May our meditation on Jesus' Passion this week encourage us to renew our lives with Jesus and leave sin behind to rise with his new life at Easter.

During Holy Week we are invited to participate in the last days of Jesus on earth, so that we may gloriously share in the Resurrection of Christ. Each day of the week is special.

The week that changed everything. The week when the heavens opened. The week when God proved His love for us to the very end—all the way to the cross. Experience it with your heart. Experience it—not as a spectator, but as a participant. And welcome Easter not as just another holiday, but as your own personal Resurrection.

During Holy Week, we sing: We worship Your Passion, Christ; reveal to us Your glorious Resurrection on the third day!



### **Lenten Reflections Booklet – Holy Week:**

On the desk next to the weekly bulletins and monthly Troparion booklets, there is a new booklet on Lenten Reflections for the week of Holy Week. Parishioners are invited to take these booklets home.

## Flowery (Palm) Sunday

In ancient times, the palm was a sign of triumph and victory in the Greco-Roman world; among the Jews, palm branches were carried at festive celebrations (Leviticus 23:40). In the New Testament, palm branches became a sign of martyrdom – victory over death. In the early Christian church, a procession was held before Pascha to commemorate our Lord's entry into Jerusalem, with the faithful carrying "palms and branches." This led eventually to the name "Palm Sunday" for this feast.

In Constantinople, in addition to palms, other flowering branches (olive, laurel, lilac) were carried in procession, leading to the name "Flowery Sunday". In the colder climes of Eastern Europe, few flowers would bloom this early in Spring; but the common willow would be in bud at this time, and so branches of the pussy-willow came to be used.

Taken from:

[https://mci.archpitt.org/liturgy/Palm\\_Sunday.html](https://mci.archpitt.org/liturgy/Palm_Sunday.html)



## 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.



*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.

## **Parish Office Hours – Holy Week & Bright Week:**

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> for Good Friday, and on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> for Holy (Bright) Monday.

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## **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>.

## **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.

## **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.**

## **Elk Island Catholic Schools Registration:**

2026–2027 School Registration is now open!

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

## **2026 Graveside Services:**

### **Vegreville: Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

- 2:00 p.m. Parastas with the blessing of the graves at Riverside Cemetery
- *(In case of inclement weather, they will be at 2:30 p.m. in the church).*
- Please call or come to the Parish Office to register the names you wish to be mentioned during the services.

### **Hilliard Farm: Saturday, April 18 @ 10:00 a.m.**

- Divine Liturgy and Parastas with the blessing of the graves.
- (Including the names from Hilliard Town. Graves in Hilliard Town will be blessed following the service at Hilliard Farm).

### **Chipman: Sunday, April 19 @ 8:30 a.m.**

### **Krakow: Sunday, April 19 @ 11:00 a.m.**

### **Mundare (Cemetery B): Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.**

- (In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at 2:30 pm in the Mundare church).

### **Skaro: Sunday, April 26 @ 10:30 a.m.**

### **Jaroslaw: Sunday, April 26 @ 1:30 p.m.**

### **Mundare (Cemetery A): Sat., May 2 & Sun., May 3 – 2 PM**

- (In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at 2:30 pm in the Mundare church).

### **Spas Moskalyk: Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.**

- Parastas with blessing of the graves

### **New Kiew: Sunday, May 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.**

- Divine Liturgy, followed by dinner, Parastas, and blessing of the graves.

**(More Parastas dates will be published in the upcoming weeks as information is received).**

## **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 (\$35.00/bag).
- **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.**



## **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, lecturing, 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!**

**Envelope Donation Reminder:**

For all donations given in the collection plate that are not the usual Sunday donation (e.g., Repairs & Maintenance, Candles, 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.

**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 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.



**Parish Weekly Donations:**

-	Sunday Offerings - March 01:	\$2,220.00
-	Sunday Offerings - March 08:	\$ 765.00
-	Sunday Offerings - March 15:	\$ 860.00
-	Sunday Offerings - March 22:	<u>\$1,355.00</u>
	<b>March Total Donation:</b>	<b>\$5,200.00</b>

## **PARISH EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **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

### **Thursday, April 2: Great (Passion) Thursday**

- 8:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
- 7:00 p.m. – Passion Matins: Reading of the 12 Gospels

### **Friday, April 3: Great Friday**

*(Strict fast from all meat & dairy products)*

- 1:00 p.m. – Vespers with Placement of the Holy Shroud
- 7:00 p.m. – Jerusalem Matins

### **Saturday, April 4: Great (Holy) Saturday**

- 8:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, Blessing of Paschal Food
- *Blessing of Paschal Food at Seniors' Homes:*
  - o 10:30 a.m. – Vegreville Care Centre
  - o 11:00 a.m. – Century Park
  - o 11:30 a.m. – Homestead Lodge
  - o 12:00 p.m. – Heritage House
  - o 12:30 p.m. – Vegreville Manor
- 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00 p.m. – Blessing of Paschal Food, confessions
- 7:00 p.m. – “Service at the Grave”, Blessing Paschal Food

### **Sunday, April 5: Resurrection of Our Lord, Jesus Christ**

- 7:30 a.m. – **PASCHAL MATINS, DIVINE LITURGY** (bilingual), Myrovannia and Blessing of Paschal Food
- 11:00 a.m. – **DIVINE LITURGY** (English), Myrovannia & Blessing of Paschal Food

### **Monday, April 6: Easter (Bright) Monday**

- 9:00 a.m. – Resurrection Matins, followed by Div. Lit.

### **Tuesday, April 7: Easter (Bright) Tuesday**

- 9:00 a.m. – Resurrection Matins, followed by Div. Lit.

### **Sunday, April 12: St. Thomas Sunday**

- **10:00 a.m.** – Divine Liturgy (Bilingual), followed by “Sviachene” in the Parish Hall. *All parishioners invited!*

## Неділя 29 березня: Квітна Неділя

**Перший Антифон:** Я люблю Господа,\* бо Він почув мій голос і благаання. **Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.**

Бо прихилив до мене Своє вухо,\* тому взиватиму до Нього всі дні мої. **Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.**

Обвили мене пута смерті,\* сіті Шеолу мене вхопили. **Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.**

Журба й горе на мене навалились\* І я прикликав ім'я Господнє. **Молитвами Богородиці, Спасе, спаси нас.**

**Слава ...: і нині ...; Єдинородний Сину ...**

**Третій Антифон:** Дякуйте Господев, бо добрий, милосердя Його повіки. **Тропар, глас 1:** Щоб завірити загальне воскресіння,\* Ти, Христе Боже, перед Своїми страстями воскресив із мертвих Лазаря.\* Тож і ми, як діти, несучи знамена перемоги,\* кличемо до Тебе, переможця смерті:\* Осанна на висотах,\* Благословенний, хто йде в ім'я Господнє!

Хай скаже дім Ізраїля, бо добрий, милість Його повіки. **Тропар: Щоб завірити...**

Хай скаже дім Арона, бо добрий, милість Його повіки. **Тропар: Щоб завірити ...**

Хай скажуть ті, що Господа бояться, бо добрий, милість Його повіки. **Тропар: Щоб завірити...**

**На малім вході:** Благословенний Той, що приходить в ім'я Господнє! З дому Господнього ми вас благословляєм. Бог – Господь, і явився нам. **Тропар: Щоб завірити...**

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

**Тропар, глас 4:** Разом з Тобою, Христе Боже наш, поховані у хрищенні,\* Твоїм воскресінням сподобились ми безсмертного життя.\* Тому, співаючи, кличемо: Осанна на висотах, Благословенний, хто йде в ім'я Господнє!

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

**Кондак, глас 6:** На престолі в небі,\* на осяті ж їдучи на землі, Христе Боже,\* прийняв Ти від ангелів хвалу і спів дітей,\* які виголошували Тобі:\* Благословенний Ти, що йдеш підняти Адама!

**Прокімен, глас 4:** Благословенний Той, що приходить \* в ім'я Господне!

**Стих:** Дякуйте Господеві, бо добрий; милосердя Його повіки.

**Прокімен, глас 4:** Благословенний Той, що приходить \* в ім'я Господне!

**Апостол: До Филип'ян послання св. Апостола Павла читання (4:4–9)**

**Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!**

**Стих:** Співайте Господеві нову пісню, бо Він учинив чуда.

**Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!**

**Стих:** Усі кінці землі побачили, як наш Бог спасає.

**Хор: Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!**

**Євангелія: Від Йоана (12:1–18)**

**Замість 'Достойно':** Величай, душе моя, Христа, що сидить на осяті.\* Гмос: Бог Господь – появився нам,\* готуйте свято, радіючи, прийдіть звеличаймо Христа\* гілками і лозою, співаючи:\* Благословенний, хто йде в ім'я Господа, Спаса нашого!

**Причасний:** Благословенний Той, що приходить в ім'я Господне! Бог – Господь, і явився нам. Алилуя! Алилуя! Алилуя!

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## Sunday, March 29: Flowery (Palm) Sunday

**First Antiphon:** I am filled with love\* for the Lord will hear the voice of my plea. **Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.**

For He has inclined His ear to me,\* and I will call to Him all the days of my life. **Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.**

The pangs of death encircled me,\* the trials of Hades befell me. **Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.**

I met with anguish and pain,\* and called upon the name of the Lord. **Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.**

**Glory be ... now and for ever ... : Only Begotten Son....**

**Third Antiphon:** Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,\* for His mercy endures forever. **Troparion, tone 1:** Assuring us before Your Passion of the general resurrection,\* You raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ God:\* and so, like the children we also carry signs of victory\* and cry to You, the conqueror of death:\* Hosanna in the highest!\* Blessed is He who comes\* in the name of the Lord

Therefore, let the house of Israel say that He is good,\* for His mercy endures forever. **Troparion: Assuring us ...**

Therefore, let the house of Aaron say that He is good,\* for His mercy endures forever. **Troparion: Assuring us ...**

Let all who fear the Lord say that He is good,\* for His mercy endures forever. **Troparion: Assuring us ...**

**At the Little Entrance:** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, we bless You from the house of the Lord,\* the Lord is God and has appeared to us. **Troparion: Assuring us..**

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

**Troparion, tone 4:** Buried with You through Baptism, O Christ our God,\* we have been granted immortal life by Your resurrection,\* and we sing Your praises, crying out:\* Hosanna in the highest!\* Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

**Kontakion, tone 6:** Mounted on the throne in heaven, O Christ God,\* and on a colt here on earth,\* You accepted the praise of the angels,\* and the hymn of the children who cried to You:\* Blessed are You who have come to call Adam back.

**Prokeimenon, tone 4:** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;\* God the Lord has appeared to us.

**Verse:** Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

**Prokeimenon, tone 4:** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;\* God the Lord has appeared to us.

**Epistle: A reading from the Letter of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Philippians (4:4–9)**

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

**Verse:** Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has worked wonders.

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

**Verse:** All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

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

**Gospel: John (12:1–18)**

**Instead of 'It is truly right':** O my soul, magnify Christ who was seated on a foal.\* **Irmos:** The Lord is God and has appeared to us:\* together let us celebrate.\* Come with great rejoicing; let us magnify Christ\* with palms and olive branches, and with songs let us cry aloud to Him:\* Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**Communion Hymn:** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;\* God the Lord has appeared to us. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

