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keep them with the Cross and the holy icons. What do these branches mean?

By accepting the blessed branch on Palm Sunday, we proclaim anew our primary allegiance to Jesus Christ our King. The blessed branch is like a "flag" for the Kingship of Jesus Christ. We acknowledge that Christ is our King, and that His Law, the Law of the Holy Gospel, comes first in our hearts and in our lives. And we keep the blessed branch in our home all year round, as a reminder of the loyalty we owe to Christ our King, and to the Gospel.

This is a matter of the utmost seriousness. Our prayer, fasting, and repentance during Lent should have brought us to realize that the Lord wants to reign in every aspect of our lives. Accepting the branch means accepting the royal authority of Jesus Christ in everything. We cannot promise to succeed, but we dare not take the blessed branch if we are not at least willing to try. By all means take the branch joyfully; the Kingdom of God is very joyful! But take it seriously too, and as you see it through the year remember what it stands for.

*Bishop Basil Losten*

### Your Prayers Please!

Please remember in your prayers those people of our parish who are in hospitals, care homes and those who are not able to join us actively in our community. Remember especially the following parishioners: Kay Brykalo, Nellie Bonni, Tony Cherniak, Michael Demjanew, Helen Dzedzic, Angie Hall, George Flees, Jarice Hendricks, Min Karabin, Maria Kroeis, Morris Mazur, Ernie Marcischuk, Pearl Melnyk, Polly Oleski, Demeter Parubochy, Ray Tanchyk.

*From the Pastor...*

We begin today to celebrate the most profound and holy part of the Church Year. There are many services this week—please avail yourself to participate in as many as you can. A reminder that the Holy Mystery of Repentance (Confession) is available throughout the week. The blessing of Easter Baskets is after each Liturgy on Sunday (and an exceptional one on Sat. at 2:00 pm). Please invite others to experience Christ in the celebration of His Death and Resurrection and then take them home to enjoy the Easter foods (remember, don't eat them until after Liturgy on Sunday!). I wish you the most abundant of our Lord's blessing during this Great and Holy Week as we prepare for the glorious Pascha!  
*Father Michael*

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 17-23, 2008

*Monday, March 17*

### GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY

7:30 am Bridegroom Matins  
6:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts—God's blessings on our children by Andy and Pat Sirski

*Tuesday, March 18*

### GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY

7:30 am Bridegroom Matins  
6:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts—+Margaret Kasian by the Perogy Group

*Wednesday, March 19*

### GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY

7:30 am Bridegroom Matins  
6:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts—+John and +Kay Sirski by Andy and Pat Sirski  
7:45 pm Holy Mystery of Anointing

*Thursday, March 20*

### GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY

7:30 am Matins of Betrayal

*Friday, March 21*

### GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

7:30 am Matins of the Passion (12 Gospels)  
3:00 pm Great Vespers with the Veneration the Shroud

*Saturday, March 22*

### GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

7:30 am Jerusalem Matins  
2:00 pm (Blessing of Foods in Parish Centre)  
3:00 pm Great Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great—+Margaret Kasian by Eileen Kasian (if you participate in this service, you are expected at services the next day)

*Sunday, March 23*

### PASCHA - THE GLORIOUS AND HOLY SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST

6:00 am Paschal Matins followed immediately with the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (for parishioners) and the Blessing of the Paschal foods  
10:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (for parishioners) and the Blessing of the Paschal foods  
7:00 pm Agape Vespers

# Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Parish

Українська Католицька Парафія Пресвятої Євхаристії

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## FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY

MARCH 16, 2008

### Parish Office and Mailing Address

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### Clergy and Staff

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### Eucharist

Sunday Divine Liturgy  
9:00 am-Ukrainian  
11:00 am-English  
Weekday Divine Liturgy  
Tuesday-Saturday: 8:00 am  
Thursday: 7:30 am

### Divine Praises

Vespers (Evening Prayer)  
Saturdays: 6:00 pm  
Eve of Major Feast: 6:00 pm

### Repentance (Confession)

Sundays: 8:00-8:30 am; & by appointment

### Baptisms

Contact the pastor

### Weddings

Contact the pastor 9-12 months in advance

### Parish Auditorium

505 Watt Street, Tel: 667-6304

### Parish Centre

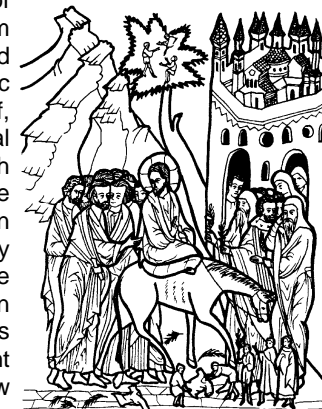
460 Munroe Avenue, Tel: 661-5240

### Parish Council Members

Please ensure that your report for the March 27 meeting is handed into the office by Wednesday.

## FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY

This is the authentic feast of Christ the King. On Palm Sunday, Jerusalem received Jesus Christ as the Messianic King. Even in the temple itself, the children cried out the royal acclamation "Hosanna," which had not been heard since the end of the Macchabean monarchy over a century before. The "authorities" were terrified; if the Roman governor were to take this as a challenge, which he might have done, blood would flow in the streets.



Just recently, we have seen a parallel of sorts. As the Soviet Union was crumbling, the forbidden Ukrainian blue and gold flag appeared again, here and there, and people began to sing the banned Ukrainian national anthem. Simultaneously people were joyful and apprehensive: happy to see and hear the symbols they longed for, but frightened over the possibility of retribution from the Soviet forces. There must have been similar ambivalence in Jerusalem that first Palm Sunday. It was joyful to hear the royal acclamation "Hosanna" and to see the palms, and the royal entry of Jesus Christ. But what might it portend? What was going to happen?

This royal entry was necessary; Jesus Christ had to fulfill the Messianic prophecies which we read at Vespers on the evening of Palm Sunday. The ruler's staff belongs to Christ the King, and He came to claim it, riding on the colt of an ass. The King of Israel had come again to Jerusalem, bringing victory, but it was to be a different sort of victory from what the Jewish people were expecting. Christ the King was simultaneously triumphant and victorious, but riding on the colt of an ass. Divine royalty is humble; divine humility is regal.

After the Gospel at Matins, the bishop or the priest blesses the pussy willow branches, and distributes them to all the clergy and faithful. We should hold the branches during the Divine Liturgy, and then take them to our homes, where we

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VIGIL LAMPS THIS WEEK	
Red	In memory of +Tena Evanyshyn by son Stan, Ollie, Cathy and Teresa
Blue	In memory of +Antoni and +Michalena Hanowski by M. Pawliw and family
FOR NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 9	
READERS	
9:00 am	Martha Semchuk
11:00 am	Andrew Tataryn
USHERS	
9:00 am	Adam Huchko Semeon Hrushovetz
11:00 am	Glenn Hubbart Walter Mudlo
MAR 9 SUNDAY'S COLLECTION	
From 159 Envelopes:	\$2385.00
Open Collection:	\$596.00
Share Lent	\$645.00
Vigil Lights	\$51.50
Flowers	\$205.00
MEETINGS & EVENTS THIS WEEK	
<i>Tue Mar 18</i> 12:30 pm Parish Centre Board	
MEETINGS & EVENTS NEXT WEEK	
<i>Tue Mar 25</i> 7:00 pm Adult Faith Enrichment	
<i>Wed Mar 26</i> 1:00 pm Seniors Club	
<i>Thu Mar 27</i> 6:30 pm Children of Mary 7:00 pm Parish Pastoral Council	

### PARISH EASTER MEAL

There will be only one Divine Liturgy on Sunday, March 30, 2008 at 10:00 am. We will continue our celebration in the Parish Centre immediately after the Divine Liturgy that day with our annual parish Easter Meal. Please mark your calendars today and plan on attending!

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH** - Our warmest greetings are extended to all visitors and guests joining us in today's Divine Liturgy. What a joy it is to have you praying with us! After the service, please do not hesitate to introduce yourselves to Fr. Michael and find out more about the Ukrainian Catholic faith.

The **MIRACULOUS ICON** will be in the family home of Joan Lewandosky for this week. If you would like to welcome the Pilgrim Icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary into your home for one week, please call Ollie Kowalski at 667-1028.

**ADULT FAITH ENRICHMENT CLASSES** meets on Tuesdays from 7:00 - 9:00 pm in the parish auditorium. This event is open to all parishioners and to those who wish to inquire more about their faith in Jesus Christ and life in His Church. Our next class is Tuesday, March 11. For more information, please contact Fr. Michael at the parish office.

The Knights of Columbus **2008 YOUTH WINTER GAMES:** Indoor Soccer on March 15 Immaculate Heart of Mary School. 5-8 Yrs.-12:30-2:00 pm; 9-12 yrs.-2:30-4:00 pm. For more information please contact Jim Duff at 668-3055 or Richard Veale at 668-3573.

My heartfelt thank you to Father Michael, the ladies of the **HOLY EUCHARIST UCWLC**, the members of all the Holy Eucharist organizations and all the parishioners who contributed to the success of our 62nd Annual Daffodil Tea on March 2. God Bless You. *Pat Sirski*

**HOLY EUCHARIST YOUTH** would like to thank everyone who came out and supported the Coffee House and the Spaghetti Dinner that was sponsored by the youth. We raised \$373.00 which will be sent to the Missionary Sisters of Charity in Winnipeg for their continued work among the poor of our city. We would also like to sincerely thank Lou and Elaine Bowman, Linda Kadashuk, and Karen Ewchuk for their dedication to helping make it successful. And last but not least, you, the parishioners of our church, for your dedicated support.

**GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY DIVINE LITURGY** at St. Nicholas Parish (737 Bannerman Avenue) with Metropolitan Lawrence. Consecration of Chrism Oil and the Washing of feet. 10:00 am Great and Holy Thursday. All are invited.

We thank the Holy Eucharist Social Club and Nevada for their recent donations of \$20,000.00 and \$3,000.00 respectively.

### OTHER NEWS

**PROGRESS UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC NEWS** is currently selling tickets for a fundraising draw. Tickets are \$10.00 each and can be purchased from the parish organizations or at the parish office.

**COLOUR YOUR WORLD WITH VEGETABLES AND FRUIT:** March 19 11:00 am - 12:00 pm at ACCESS River East, 975 Henderson Hwy. Contact: 940-2114

**EMPLOYMENTS PROJECTS OF WINNIPEG JOB FAIR:** March 26, 9:30 am to 4:00 pm at the Fairmont Hotel, 2 Lombard Place. Contact: 949-5300.

### PRACTICAL NOTES FOR GREAT AND HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA

1. Great and Holy Week is a time of strict fast. According to our own Church rules for fasting, the very MINIMUM is no meat, dairy or alcohol on Great and Holy Friday. Please, according to your ability, and for the sake of our Lord, try to reach beyond the minimum.
2. The Holy Mystery of Repentance (Confession) will be available before some services and after all services of Great and Holy Week.
3. The Holy Mystery of Anointing of Oil celebrated on Great and Holy Wednesday is available for all. It is strongly recommended that this be in combination with the Holy Mystery of Repentance as both are sacraments of healing. Therefore, please go to Confession either before or immediately after the reception of this Mystery (if you haven't already). An examination of conscience is available at the back of the church to assist your preparation.
4. There is an all-night prayer vigil before the Holy Shroud (Plashchanytsya) from 9:00 pm on Great and Holy Friday until the beginning of Jerusalem Matins the following morning. Please sign up using the sheet at the back of the church.
5. Starting on the Feast of Pascha and lasting until the Vespers for Holy Spirit Monday (the day after Pentecost), in honour and in celebration of the Death and Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, we do not kneel for any prayers or services either in the church or at home.



A member of a certain church, who previously had been attending services regularly, stopped going. After a few weeks, the pastor decided to visit him. It was a chilly evening. The pastor found the man at home alone, sitting before a blazing fire. Guessing the reason for his pastor's visit, the man welcomed him, led him to a big chair near the fireplace and waited.

The pastor made himself comfortable but said nothing. In the grave silence, he contemplated the play of the flames around the burning logs. After some minutes, the pastor took the fire tongs, carefully picked up a brightly burning ember and placed it to one side of the hearth all alone. Then he sat back in his chair, still silent.

The host watched all this in quiet fascination. As the one lone ember's flame diminished, there was a momentary glow and then its fire was no more. Soon it was cold and "dead as a doornail."

Not a word had been spoken since the initial greeting. Just before the pastor was ready to leave, he picked up the cold, dead ember and placed it back in the middle of the fire. Immediately it began to glow once more with the light and warmth of the burning coals around it.

As the pastor reached the door to leave, his host said,

"Thank you so much for your visit and especially for the fiery sermon. I shall be back in church next Sunday."

### BLESSING OF BASKETS AT PASCHA



The origin and the basic significance of the blessing is clear: we have abstained from certain foods during Lent, and we receive the blessing of the Church to eat them on Pascha, to proclaim that all the goodness of Creation is renewed in Christ's Resurrection. These foods symbolize all of God's created gifts for us.

The liturgical books prescribe that the foods should be blessed on Pascha itself, after the Divine Liturgy. And many clergy would prefer this practice. But in fact most of our parishioners bring baskets of the Paschal foods to the church at stated times on Holy Saturday for this blessing. I should remind everyone that we do not bring the baskets into the nave of the church; this blessing may be given out-of-doors, if the weather is appropriate, or in the parish hall. In the utmost necessity, the blessing may be given in the church vestibule. The reason for this rule is to stress that the genuine Paschal Lamb is the Lord Jesus Christ.

Even though the foods are often blessed on Holy Saturday, we do not eat the Paschal foods until after the Divine Liturgy and Holy Communion of Pascha itself.

*by Bishop Basil Losten*