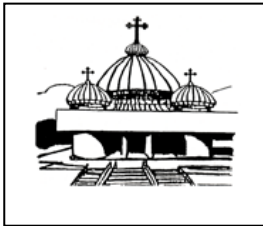


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DIVINE LITURGY:

SUNDAY: 9:00 a.m. (Ukrainian) **SUNDAY** 10:30 a.m. (English)

SATURDAY : 4:00 pm (English)

Confession: Before Divine Liturgies 9:00 am and 10:30 am on Sundays or anytime upon request.

Baptisms & Marriages: By prior arrangement (at least 1 year before the marriage date), through the parish office.

Visitations & Anointing of the Sick: Please notify the office if a member of your family is in need of a visit.

ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС! ВОІСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС!

Неділя Мироносиць – April 22, 2018 – Myrrhbearing Women

CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!

Epistle: **Acts 1:6-7** see explanation on page 271

Gospel: **Mark 15:43-16:9** see explanation on page 128

The Divine Liturgy: An Anthology for Worship"; page 520 Hymns: Beginning – Let All Profess -
page 948

VARENYKY WORKSHOP: Help is needed to make varenyky, Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at 9:00a.m. Everyone is welcome! Please come.

Asthma Allergies: Please refrain from wearing perfume and scented products such as perfumes, colognes and scented after shave to church due to parishioner asthma allergies to these products. Thank you for your co-operation.

Earlier in Acts, Luke described persecutions the church was enduring (Acts 8:1-3). Today, however, we read that it "had peace and was built up" (9:31). Why the change? The rest of the verse suggests a reason: "Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers." When you're touched by the Holy Spirit, you can't help but move through your life freely and with confidence.

We see this freedom in Peter, a common fisherman who performed miracles very similar to the ones Jesus performed. Did Peter feel nervous when he encountered Aeneas' paralysis and Dorcas' death? There's no sign that he did. Instead of worrying about what to say or how to say it, Peter's confidence in Jesus enabled him to act freely and with great simplicity. Using everyday words—"Jesus Christ heals you," and "get up" (Acts 9:34,40)—coupled with the simple action of kneeling in prayer, Peter performed amazing miracles that led many people to the Lord (9:35-42).

Seeing how Jesus acted through Peter should set us thinking. This was not a man with a reputation for eloquence or restraint! Rather, he was known for speaking without thinking, having a short fuse, and acting impulsively. If someone that imperfect was called to do the Lord's work, isn't it possible that Jesus wants to use us, too? Isn't it possible that we can serve him without being perfect or totally sure about how to proceed?

What if we try to follow the Spirit's lead, but mess up? Peter's sometimes bumbling example tells us that even then we can be lighthearted. Christ lives in us. He is constantly offering us his courage and hope. So, if necessary, we can repent, and then listen for Jesus' tender voice to help us get back to building his kingdom. Through Peter, Jesus gave his hand to Dorcas and helped her to her feet. Likewise, through his Spirit, Jesus extends his hand to us. Let's rise to every occasion, freely speaking the good news with everyone we meet.

"Jesus, on my own I could never do the things you did. But you are incredibly generous. You have shared your Spirit with me and empowered me to do your work. Thank you, Jesus. Now I ask you to shape my heart. I want to be like you."

Psalm 116:12-17; John 6:60-69

Prayer Intentions April 22-30

Monday	5:30 p.m.	+Giulia Carlucci – Barbara-Ann Spak
Tuesday	4:30 p.m.	Special Intention for Bodnar family- B. Spak
Wednesday		No Divine Liturgy
Thursday		No Divine Liturgy
Friday		No Divine Liturgy
Saturday	4:00 p.m.	+Anna Stupak (Anniv) – Mr.& Mrs. Pawluch
Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy – Ukrainian – for Parishioners

10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy –First Solemn Communion

It's interesting that when the risen Jesus told the disciples to preach the gospel to the whole world, he didn't specify exactly what that "gospel" was. Neither did he tell them how they were to proclaim it.

Of course, the apostles knew what the essential gospel message was—they had heard Jesus announce it for three whole years! Perhaps Jesus didn't give them a specific formula because he knew that the gospel is far bigger than any one set of words. Because the gospel touches every person in a different way, one concise paragraph will never suffice to capture all of its grandeur.

So where does that leave us? How do we, who have never walked with Jesus, proclaim the gospel?

A good way to start is by following Mary Magdalene's example. Tradition calls her the apostle to the apostles and the first evangelist because she was the first person to announce Jesus' resurrection. But notice how she did it: she simply spoke about what she had experienced: "I have seen the Lord" (John 20:18). These five short words were joyful enough and powerful enough to catch the apostles' attention and cut through their sadness.

Like Mary Magdalene, you don't need special credentials or training. You just have to share with others what is so "good" about the good news. Tell them, perhaps, how much of a relief it was when you discovered that all your sins have been forgiven and that you belong to Christ. Or tell them about how you feel God's presence when you are at Mass and how his presence comforts and encourages you. Just tell them, "This is what I heard. This is what it felt like. This is what God did for me."

Don't worry if you feel uncomfortable talking like this at first. You don't even have to say a word. Let your joy, your peace, or your hope speak for you. If you're trying your best to follow Jesus, your witness alone can make a huge difference. That's not too hard, is it?

"Jesus, open my heart to hear your word. Open my eyes to see you at work in and around me. Open my mouth to proclaim the good news!"

APRIL FINANCES:

Please pick up a bulletin at the church to view April financial information.

Thank you very much for your generosity!
Жертводавцям складаємо щирю подяку!

Film "Music of Survival" – Sunday, May 6th @ 2 p.m at Ukrainian Seniors Centre

The year the Ukrainian Bandurist Choir celebrates it's 100th anniversary. Join us for the screening of this film which tells the triumphant story of the original 17 members of the Ukrainian Bandurist Choir who survived World War II and

brought their music to America. It celebrates the resiliency of the bandura and its music. Produced and directed in Toronto, and premiered at the Toronto International Film Festival, it has been shown in many cities in Canada, U.S.A., Europe, and Ukraine.

Фільм Музика виживання “Хоробра сімнадцятка” – Неділя, 6 Травня о 2 поп. в Українському Будинку Сеньйорів

Запрошуємо на показ фільму "Музика виживання", який присвячується до 100-річчя Капели Бандуристів, що документує триумфальну історію української Капели Бандуристів, у 1940-х р.Ця захоплююча документальна стрічка розповідає про джерела стародавньої музичної традиції української бандури та історію Української капелі бандуристів Другої світової війни. Це були талановиті музиканти та поети, що йшли наперекір долі, виступаючи у воєнні роки перед великою кількістю своїх братів-українців, розкиданих по всій Європі, і підбадьорюючи їх, згодом самі потрапили до таборів, і зрештою в 1949 році перетнули океан назустріч північноамериканській свободі. Відображено прем'єру на міжнародному кінофестивалі в Торонто, а також у багатьох містах Канади, США, Європи та України.

Потрібна поміч – Запрошуємо всіх допомогти робити вареники у вівторок 24 квітня о год 9:00 ранку.

“GOD BLESS FATHER PETER on HIS 20th Anniversary TO THE PRIESTHOOD!!!”

We ask the Blessings of Theotokos, Holy Mary Mother of God; the Blessings of Jesus, the Holy Spirit and God our Father upon Father Peter, on the celebration of the Occasion of Father Peter’s 20th Anniversary to Holy Orders in the Priesthood. Father Peter, you have been chosen by God for priestly service in Jesus’ holy Church on earth. We humbly ask the prayers of the all the Church on earth and in heaven, the intercession and protection of the Patroness of our Church Mary the Holy Protection of the Mother of God, the angels and saints and, and the protection of St Michael the Archangel be upon you Father Peter in your Ministry in the Priesthood. May God bless you generously and abundantly with graces and gifts of the Spirit to zealously serve at God’s Most Holy Table feeding the souls in your care. God Bless you, calling all souls in your care to an earnest desire and hunger to encounter Jesus, His most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Eucharist. May God bless you Father Peter abundantly with the brilliance of God’s Light and Wisdom of God in your Holy Orders and vocation, with the gifts to reaching out to all the hearts Jesus call to His Church. May the Holy Spirit guide you and all children of God in their Spiritual journey, living in community with enlightened minds and hearts centered in Jesus Christ to serve one another. Thanks, Praise and all Glory be to God for your priestly vocation Father Peter, for your commitment and for your dedication in Holy Orders to Priesthood and for being our loving Pastor. Lillian Hrytsak, Sacristian/Cantor

Prayer for Priests

Lord Jesus, present in the Most Holy Eucharist,
and living perpetually among us through Your Priests,
Grant that the words of Your Priests may be only Your words,
That their gestures be only Your gestures,
Their lives be a true reflection of Your life.
Grant that they may be men who speak to God on behalf of His people,
and speak to His people of God.
Grant that they be courageous in service,
serving the Church as she asks to be served.
Grant that they may be men who witness to eternity in our time,
travelling on the paths of history in Your steps,
and doing good for all.
Grant that they may be faithful to their commitments,
zealous in their vocation and mission,
Clear mirrors of their own identity,
and living the joy of the gift they have received.
We pray that Your Holy Mother, Mary,
present throughout Your life,
may be ever present in the life of Your Priests.
Amen

Старість не радість, а молодість не вічність. Вважаю, що від того, з якою повагою ставимося до старших осіб з досвідом, які прожили життя, залежить наше сьогоднішнє та майбутнє. Є багато різних висловів та афоризмів, які намагалися дати визначення, що ж таке старість. Зараз мені пригадується вислів Лоуренса Пітера, який говорив, що старість — це коли у тебе є відповіді на всі запитання, але ніхто не запитує. Можна сказати, що старість — це умовне поняття», — зазначає духовний лідер греко-католиків.

За його словами, Книга мудрості Святого Письма говорить нам, що старість і мудрість людини не обчислюється кількістю років. Старість і молодість — це стан душі. Людина може бути літньою, але мати молодечого духа та почуватися молодою, активною, плідною. А хтось може бути за віком молодий, але вже думає чи мріє про спочинок і тихе життя, тобто старіє духом. «Якщо ми подивимося і заглибимося в Боже Слово, у Святе Письмо, то побачимо, що старша людина є своєрідним посланням Бога до людей. Господь промовляє до людини в особливий спосіб через старшу особу. Зокрема, старша особа завжди асоціюється з мудрістю, яка є участю чи віддзеркаленням божественної мудрості. Звідси впливає повага до старшої людини, повага до її слова, яким вона може і повинна промовити. Якщо ми візьмемо Книгу Йова, то можемо побачити, що вона немовби залишає нам певний етикет древнього ставлення до старшої людини. Адже тоді молодша за віком людина навіть не могла висловлюватися доти, доки слово не взяли старші за неї присутні особи», — зауважив наприкінці Предстоятель УГКЦ.



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