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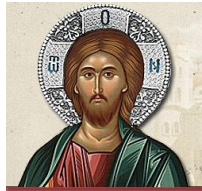
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Dormition of Theotokos -MACNUTT (SK)

St. John the Baptist - VEGREVILLE

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CHRIST IS RISEN!

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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - April 28, 2019 HOLY EASTER

Dear beloved brothers and sisters in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ!

On the occasion of the radiant and world-saving feast of the Lord's Resurrection we extend our sincere and joyous greetings to all the faithful of Orthodox 9, all Canadian faithful and all Orthodox Christian of the Universal Church, and all the people of the earth! Christ is risen! "And whoever lives by believing in *Him* will never die!" (John 11, 25).

Again during these Paschal days we are going through the living reminder of the Heavens being open and us having become new creatures "a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, *who* may proclaim the excellencies of him who called *us* out of darkness into his marvelous light" (1 Pet. 2, 9)!

As new people that have finally found the Truth, Hope and Light, we can now carry on this Light deeper and deeper into our life, the life of our families, the life of our children and parents, neighbours and friends, as well as the precious life of those who "curse *us*, hate *us*, ...and persecute *us*" (Math. 5, 44)!

The reason for that is the victory cry ("the only victory in which there is no gloating and spite" Saint Nikolai of Serbia), that we are going to say out loud these days instead of all our earthly greetings and blessings – "Christ Is risen!"

And even when it is not heard so often after the feast days – it's only because it has been engraved deeply in our hearts, moving them in accordance with this joyful ecclesiastical exclamation, encouraging us, as Apostle Paul says, "to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do" (Eph. 2, 9), again, towards our families, neighbours, friends or enemies, for the country, city, town, village and neighbourhood; for the sake of the One who suffered, died on a Cross and truly is/has been risen!

Wishing you all a Blessed and Happy Easter!

With heartfelt love in the Risen Christ our Lord,

V. Rev. f. Yevheniy Protsenko and family

Paschal Message of His Holiness KIRILL, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia

to the Archpastors, Pastors, Deacons, Monastics and All the Faithful Children of the Russian Orthodox Church



Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead (1 Pet. 1:3)

Your Eminences the archpastors, honourable fathers, venerable monks and nuns, dear brothers and sisters!

On this marvelous and high-honored day, filled with special joy about the risen from the tomb Lord Jesus, I warmly congratulate all of you on the great and world-saving feast of Pascha and I send you the ancient life-affirming greeting:

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Today the fullness of the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church magnifies with the chants and the spiritual songs the resurrection from the dead of the Son of God and the Son of Man our Lord Jesus Christ, Who destroyed the power of death and opened for us the door into His incorruptible Kingdom. In truth, today *all is filled with light: heaven and earth, and the low regions; all creation celebrates the rising of Christ, in whom it is established* (The Canon of Holy Pascha).

Like the myrrh-bearing women of the Gospel and other disciples of the Savior, who became the first witnesses of the resurrection, we are called to proclaim this great joy to people — those who are near and dear to us, those who surround us, those who we know. We say to them: Christ is risen! And like that time, many centuries ago, some of them, having believed, respond immediately: truly He is risen! Others, like the Apostle Thomas, doubt and say: “Unless I see Him myself, unless I touch Him, I will not believe (John 20:25).

The belief in the resurrection of the Lord Jesus is the unchangeable foundation, the unshakable pillar on which Christianity rests. “If Christ, having died, could not rise,” says St. John Chrysostom, “then sin is not exterminated, and death is not conquered, <...> and not only we preached in vain, but you also believed in vain” (Homily 39 on 1st Corinthians).

By his redemptive deed, the Savior united Heaven and the Earth, the Eternal and the temporary, the Creator and the creature, God and man. He overcame the abyss that at the dawn of history separated the first people from their Creator. Through the violation of the commandment given to them, through their disobedience to the Creator, sin and death began to reign in the world. When, according to the word of the Apostle Paul, *the fullness of the time had come, God, for our salvation, sent forth His Son, that we might receive the adoption as sons* (Gal. 4: 4-5).

Christ, *as a lamb without blemish and without spot, takes away the sin of the world* (1 Pet. 1:19; John 1:29). Showing obedience to Heavenly Father *to the point of death, even the death of the cross* (Phil. 2: 8), He brings humanity to its Creator, reconciles it with Him. Being the Son of God by nature, He makes us sons of God by grace. The Lord reveals to us the path of moral transfiguration and spiritual ascent to eternal and blissful life with God *in the never-ending day of His Kingdom* (Canon of Holy Pascha).

Having freed us from slavery to sin, having crushed the power of *the rulers of the darkness of this age, the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places* (Ephesians 6:12), the Lord ascends into Heaven where He sits in the unapproachable glory at the right hand of the Pre-eternal Father. At the same time, He does not leave us here on earth, and is inseparable from His disciples, who together form His Body - the One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. Christ, Her Head, leads this ship of salvation through the stormy waters of the sea of life into a quiet heavenly haven, where *God will be all in all* (1 Cor. 15:28).

Comprising the Holy Church, we Christians are the successors of His glorious mission in the world. Like the great multitude of our brothers and sisters in the faith, that have lived before us — the apostles, myrrh-bearing women, martyrs, saints hierarchs, reverend and righteous, we are called to proclaim the name of the Lord, *to make known His deeds among the peoples* (1 Chron. 16: 8). We are called to preach about the Son of God and the Son of Man, who, through inexpressible love for us, shed His pure blood on the Cross for us. We are called both with words and deeds, with our whole life to witness to people about Him *who was wounded and tortured for our iniquities* (Isa. 53: 5) *and raised to life to justify us* (Rom. 4:25).

Dear brothers and sisters! I would like again and again with all my heart to congratulate you on the bright *Feast of Feasts, and Triumph of Triumphs, the redeeming Pascha of God* (Canon of Holy Pascha). As the holy Apostle John instructs us, *let us love one another, for love is of God, Who loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. If God so loved us, we also ought to love one another* (1 John 4: 7-11). May these marvelous words invariably be our guide on all the paths of life, may they inspire us to perform good deeds, to serve those who are near or afar of us. Amen.

This is the day, which the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it, for

TRULY CHRIST IS RISEN!

+KIRILL, PATRIARCH OF MOSCOW AND ALL RUSSIA

Christ's Pascha, 2019

*Paschal Greeting of His Grace
Matthew, Bishop of Sourozh*



With all my heart I greet you with great and radiant feast of Holy Easter:

CHRIST IS RISEN!

On this joyful feast of universal celebration, when the ineffable paschal joy fills our hearts, sanctifying all around with heavenly light, inspiring us to works of love and charity, may the Risen Lord comfort you and fill your soul with radiant joy, give you good health and prosperity and send down His all-powerful help in all your good undertakings and blessed labours.

**With love in the Risen Christ,
Matthew, Bishop of Sourozh
Pascha of the Lord, 2019,
London**

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We do know the outward social laws and often we speak about them. However, should we also know the inward spiritual laws. Let's have a look at another one.

So, who is capable of seeing himself, what is the way to see himself? Well as far as I see myself, I am good enough... How can I see my need in Saviour?



There turns out to be a most surprising and important thing; the one who lives “according to the basic principles of the world” (Col. 2, 8), who does not make himself to live according to the commandments (Certainly I mean the commandments of Gospel, compared to which the commandments of Moses are quite primitive) i.e. if one does not guard his thoughts, feelings and desires...

So, living according to the world, thus living a sinful life, dreaming airily of about anything and having any kind of feelings, doing what he likes... nothing special as it seems to be on the surface... actually – this is living in this whirlpool. Never he will see himself a sinner! This is a striking phenomenon!

By the way it is another startling evidence of the degree of our fallenness. I cannot see my sin unless I live in this atmosphere of sin. That is why the one who wants to see Christ, i.e. to get to know his need in Christ must go out of this unbearably stuffy atmosphere where you can cut the air with a knife.

And indeed, unless the one leaves this room never he will see where he was. Thus self-knowledge, as it turns out, is necessary for man. What is the way to get it?

Let's listen to the golden words of saint Simeone the New Theologian, which I am going to slightly rephrase to make it clear: **“A whole-hearted effort to fulfill the commandments reveals to man his actual, authentic state.”**

He did say a bit differently: “Painstaking fulfillment of Christ's commandments teaches man about his infirmity” (4:9) But we'd better say “an effort” than “fulfillment” as unfortunately this would be more up to reality. Moreover, it reveals not only infirmities but also man's sins, passions and, if you like, impotence to live the way Christ calls upon us.

By the way here is an advice saint Ignatius Brianchaninov gives us: “If one refuses to judge his neighbors, his thoughts naturally begin to see his own sins and weaknesses, which he did not see while he was occupied with the judgment of his neighbors” (5:351) What a witty advice! One must literally grasp and hold himself from doing this! Stop! Stop and take a look at yourself, dear!

Thus, my friends this is a main truth I'm going to remind you a hundred more times.

And unless we stick to it there is no Christianity at all! And there'll be no Orthodoxy, no matter how many different church rewards you get...

Only knowledge of himself and humility and repentance, which come from this knowledge, can give birth to Faith in Christ. This is the only way.

Translated by archpr. Yevheniy Protsenko

Announcements

Children Bible Camp

Organizational Meeting will be held after the Great Lent, beginning with May.

The camp will be conducted from July 21st to July 27th 2019. Spiritual, sport and art will be again the core activities for the retreat. The organizers ask the families to take active part in volunteering during the camp.

In 2019 the **Holy Trinity church (Whitsuntide) at THORSBY is marking the Century Anniversary.**

The celebration will presumably take place, as we unfortunately couldn't change the schedule, on September, the 22nd, with a festive meal for about 50-60 people, for which donations are welcomed by the Parish Council.

Cleaning up the cemetery before the Grave Yard service

Dear families, whose parents and grand parents rest on St. Mary's Grave Yard, please help us to clean and tidy up the family graves for upcoming in May Grave Yard memorial service. Thank you!

The Schedule of graveyard services

MAY

- 5. Sunday - 10:00 am - Liturgy - *Grave Yard Service* - HOREN
- 11. Saturday - 9:00 am - Liturgy - *Grave Yard Service* - MACNUTT
5:00 pm - *Grave Yard Service* - INSINGER
- 12. Sunday - 9:00 am - Liturgy - *Grave Yard Service* - FOAM LAKE
- 19. Sunday - 10:00 am - Liturgy - NISKU
3:00 pm - *Grave Yard Service* - CALMAR
- 20. Monday - 10:00 am - Liturgy - UKRAINIAN VILLAGE
- 25. Saturday - 10:00 am - Liturgy - *Grave Yard Ser.* - BONNYVILLE
- 26. Sunday - 10:00 am - Liturgy - *Grave Yard Service* - VEGREVILLE
3:00 pm - *Grave Yard Service* - WARWICK

JUNE

- 2. Sunday - 10:00 am - Liturgy - *Grave Yard Service* - NISKU
2:00 pm - *Grave Yard Service* - Old Cemetery - NISKU
4:00 pm - *Grave Yard Service* - THORSBY

In Memoriam

March and April have taken from us very remarkable people, our parishioners and friends, who, each in his/her unique way, taught our heart to love and care, touching it with ineffable strokes of parental lovingkindness.

The parishioners of Orthodox 9 extend our deepest and sincere condolences to the relatives of the newly departed. May God comfort you with His compassion, and may God settle them, where the light of His countenance shall visit.

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Steve Frankiw

August 2, 1929 – March 27, 2019

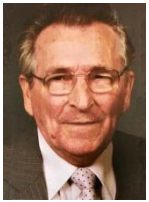


A faithful parishioner and altar helper, and one of the founders of the new St. John the Baptist church in Vegreville, Steven Frankiw passed away at the age of 89 years.

Steve is survived by his loving family, one son Harold Tratie; one daughter Shirley Anne Frankiw-Tocher; two grandchildren Brandi Lee and Brandon; brother Orest Frankiw; sisters Cassie Pasnak, Mary Dohaniuk, Kathy Frankiw and Olga Frankiw; sister-in-law Susan Frankiw; along with numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. Steve was predeceased by his wife Margaret; parents Kornelius and Katherina Frankiw; siblings Phillip Frankiw, Grace Duverny, Annie Kusnirik and Joe Frankiw.

Douglas Smith

December 20, 1933 – April 4, 2019



Douglas was born on December 20, 1933 in Pontefract, England and passed away on April 4, 2019 in Leduc, Alberta.

He is survived by his wife Shirley of 63 years, sisters Betty and Dorothy, brother Charles; 4 children – Junie, Beverly, Kevin and Delyth; 15 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren.

He and Shirley met when they were in their early teens. After leaving the Forces Doug and Shirley were married on November 10, 1955. Doug spent most of his working career as an automotive mechanic.

Doug and his family immigrated to Canada on November 6, 1966. He always had a keen interest in dogs which lead him to start breeding and showing his dogs. He soon moved on to handling other people's dogs and later became a judge. Doug was very passionate about the Dog Show "World" and was involved for many years and talked about assignments right up to his passing.

Wanda Mary Fedor

August 4, 1937 – April 14, 2019

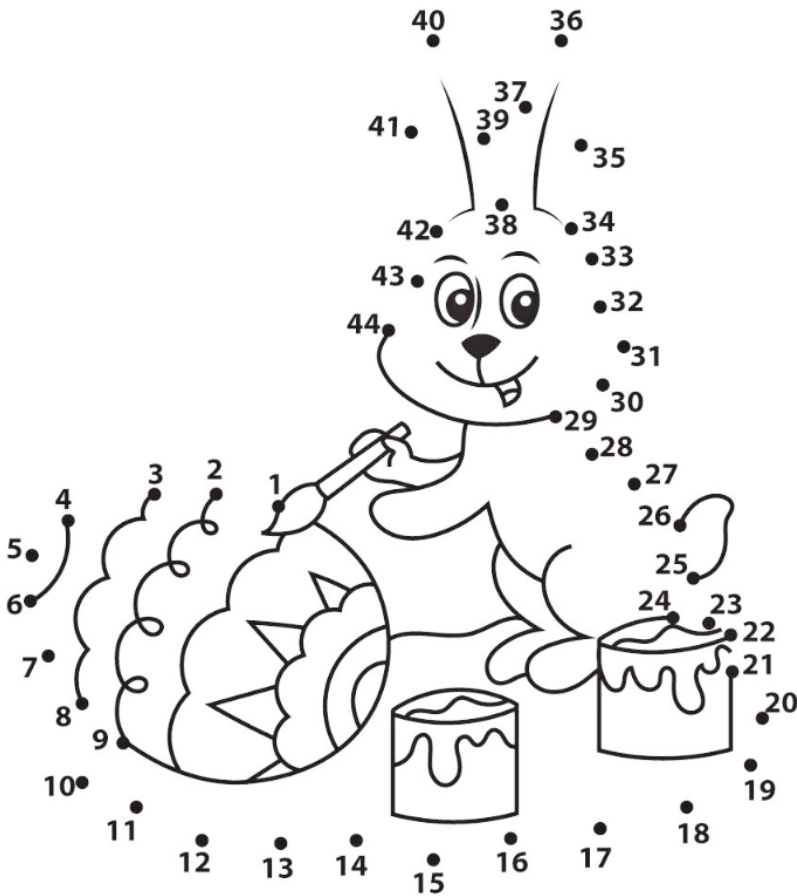


Wanda was a remarkable woman who was admired and respected by all who had the privilege to know her. Her passing is a tremendous loss to her family and many dear friends. Her spirit will continue on and her legacy of character will inspire us all.

She is survived by her three children, Doyle (Karen), Darrell (Darlene) and Shelka (Mark), along with her beautiful grandchildren Landon, Kyle (Hillary) Jayce, Dreann (Adam), Dylan, Rudy & Haley. Also survived by her brothers George Cygan (Jeanette) and Chester Cygan (Josie), sister-in-laws Marg Cygan, Natalie Stachnik and Mildred Sych.

She was predeceased by her loving husband Andrew of 57 years, parents John and Mary Cygan, baby grandsons Warren and Ryan, her brother Stanley Cygan, sisters Jennie Pryshko and Marjorie Klein, brother-in-laws Mike Stachnik, Edward Sych and Valentine Klein, nephews Marvin Stachnik, Glen Pryshko, niece Jeanette Lawrence and baby nephew Gerard Klein.

Easter-Pascha dot to dot



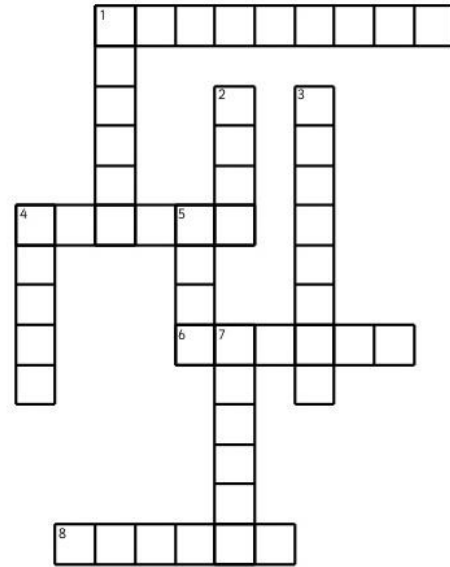
When you have connected the dots between all the numbers from 1 to 44, you can color the drawing if you like



Easter Crossword



Solve the crossword using the list of words and the clues



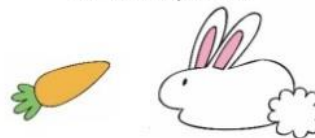
- basket
- bonnet
- bunny
- chicks
- chocolate
- daffodil
- eggs
- hunt
- parade
- spring

Across

1. Easter eggs are often made out of this treat!
4. Collect your eggs in this.
6. The season in which Easter is celebrated.
8. You may wear one in the Easter parade.

Down

1. These hatch out of real eggs.
2. You may go on an Easter egg ...
3. Cheerful, yellow spring flower.
4. Will he visit you this year?
5. We give chocolate ones at Easter.
7. Show off your Easter bonnet at one!



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BUNNY	P	S	F	R	A	B	B	I	T	I	X	B	N	S	N
RABBIT	W	S	D	N	V	I	V	Q	Q	G	D	R	J	P	E
CHOCOLATE	Y	X	J	T	J	Y	A	L	T	Y	G	T	J	M	V
CHICKS	Y	L	K	M	U	O	L	N	F	E	D	J	Y	L	G
EGGS	X	T	T	N	U	H	G	G	E	R	Z	N	Y	W	V
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Add Paschal colours!



Christ is risen! April-May 2019 Christ has risen!

**April 27. Great Saturday - *Paschal Matins & Blessing of Pascha:* 10:00 am - HOREN
8:00 pm - VEGREVILLE
11:30 pm - Paschal Matins, Liturgy & Blessing of Pascha - NISKU**

**April 28. Easter Sunday- *Paschal Matins & Blessing of Pascha:* 8:00 am - THORSBY
10:00 am - CALMAR**

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<u>April 29</u> <u>Bright Monday</u> No Fast all Week	<u>April 30</u> <u>Bright Tuesday</u>	<u>May 1</u> <u>Bright Wednesday</u>	2 <u>Bright Thursday</u>	3 <u>Bright Friday</u>	4 <u>Bright Saturday</u>
<u>5</u> 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy - Grave Yard Service, Horen.	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>11</u> 9:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy - Grave Yard Service, MacNutt, SK. 5:00 p.m. - Grave Yard Service, Insinger, SK.
<u>12</u> 9:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy - Grave Yard Service, Foam Lake, SK.	<u>13</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>17</u>	<u>18</u>
<u>19</u> 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy at Nisku. 3:00 p.m. - Grave Yard Service, Calmar	<u>20</u> 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy in Ukrainian Village	<u>21</u>	<u>22</u>	<u>23</u>	<u>24</u>	<u>25</u> 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy - Grave Yard Service, Bonnyville.
<u>26</u> 10:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy - Grave Yard Service, Vegreville. 3:00 p.m. - Grave Yard Service - Warwick	<u>27</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>30</u>	<u>31</u>	