

WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY!



**ST. NICHOLAS THE WONDERWORKER PARISH
ПАРАФІЯ СВ. МИКОЛАЯ ЧУДОТВОРЦЯ**



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THOMAS SUNDAY - ТОМИНА НЕДІЛЯ

The doors being shut and the disciples assembled, You appeared to them as almighty, Jesus, our God. You stood in their midst giving them peace; You granted the Holy Spirit to them, commanding them to wait in Jerusalem until clothed with the power from on high. Therefore we cry to You: Our Illumination and Resurrection and peace, glory to You!

Eight days after Your Resurrection, Lord, You came to Your apostles proclaiming: Peace be with you all! To the doubting disciple, You showed Your hands and side. He believed and cried to You: My Lord and my God, glory to You!

Thomas, who is called the twin, was not with the disciples, Christ, when You came to them through closed doors. Therefore he doubted their word. You did not reject him for his faithlessness! When he saw Your side and the wounds in Your hands and feet, his faith was made certain! Having desired to see You, he confessed You to be truly God, not only man, crying: My Lord and my God, glory to You!

*Christ is Risen - Indeed
He is Risen!*



*Христос Воскрес -
Воістину Воскрес!*

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP AFTER DIVINE LITURGY!

SUNDAY HYMNS			
OPENING HYMN	Христос Воскрес! Ликуйте Нині/Rejoice! For Christ Is Risen! pg. 196-197		
COMMUNION HYMN	Согласно заспіваймо / Let Us Sing and Chant Our Praise. pg.188-190		
CLOSING HYMN	Христос воскрес! Під Небозвід/The Lord Is Risen from the Dead pg.198-199		
<i>Please join us today in singing our Sunday hymns!</i>			
SUNDAY & DAILY SCHEDULE			
SUNDAY, April 8	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish		10:00 AM
MONDAY, April 9	NO SERVICE		
TUESDAY, April 10	NO SERVICE		
WEDNESDAY, April 11	NO SERVICE		
THURSDAY, April 12	NO SERVICE		
FRIDAY, April 13	NO SERVICE		
SATURDAY, April 14	NO SERVICE		
SUNDAY, April 15	Divine Liturgy - for the Parishioners of St Nicholas Parish		10:00 AM
<i>Please Note: to request a Divine Liturgy for a special intention, please see Fr. Yuriy to arrange for it!</i>			
SUNDAY EPISTLE READERS			
DATE	READING	UKRAINIAN	ENGLISH
SUNDAY, April 8	Act. 5: 12-20	Yuliya Pelekhata	Graciela Spaciuk-Schwarz
SUNDAY, April 15	Act. 6: 1-7	Glikeria Iwanuck	William Vanderven
SUNDAY, April 22	Act. 9: 32-42	Andrij Pelekhaty	Marian Chalifoux
SUNDAY, April 29	Act. 11: 19-30	Motria Koropecy	Robert Herchak
<i>Thank you, Epistle readers, for your service in proclaiming God's Word!</i>			
2018 PARISH COUNCIL EXECUTIVE		PASTORAL MINISTRY & HOLY MYSTERIES	
CHAIRPERSON..... Alec Rossa - 250.472.3374		CONFESSIONS..... 1/2 hour before Liturgy	
SECRETARY..... Richard DeMerchant - 250.893.3484		EUCCHARIST..... for the sick - any time	
TREASURER..... William Vanderven - 250.478.1458		BAPTISMS..... by appointment	
FINANCIAL SECRETARY..... David Newberry - 250.598.8197		MARRIAGES..... six months notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made	
FUNDRAISING/HALL RENTAL..... Robert Herchak - 250.386.7872		FUNERALS..... by appointment	
MAINTENANCE..... Murray Chapman - 250.658.4769		ANOINTING..... any time	
LITURGICAL COMMITTEE... Motria Koropecy - 250.658.3051		HOSPITAL VISITS..... any time	
MEMBER AT LARGE..... Cindy Lazaruk - 778.677.9072			
<p>Bequests & Wills: Leaving a bequeath is a process of giving a donation through your will. It is simply a distribution from your estate to a charitable organization through your last will and testament. It can be as small or as large a donation as you wish. It is important that you talk to your lawyer about the process. In your kindness please remember St Nicholas the Wonderworker Ukrainian Catholic Church in your bequeath and will. If anyone wishes to make such a bequeath in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: "I give, devise, and bequeath to St Nicholas the Wonderworker Ukrainian Catholic Parish - 1112 Caledonia Avenue, Victoria BC, V8T 1G1, the sum of \$ _____ (or _____% of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the parish and it's pastoral activities."</p>			

Vibrant Parish Prayer

O God, Creator of Heaven and Earth! Because of your indescribable love for us, you sent your Only-Begotten Son, Our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ - The Way, The Truth, and The Life - and our Salvation. In His name, we turn to You. Strengthen our hearts and minds in Christian love and in unity of purpose as we strive to build a Vibrant Parish. Give us the grace to model our lives according to the Word of God. Instill in us the desire to pray and to celebrate the Holy Mysteries as one Christian Family in our Parish Community. Inspire us to follow Your great command to be a servant to the less fortunate among us! Grant this, O Lord, through the mercies and love for mankind of Your Only-Begotten Son with whom You are blessed, together with Your All-Holy, Good and Life-Giving Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen!



THE VIBRANT PARISH
A PLACE TO ENCOUNTER THE LIVING CHRIST
 Through the word, the Holy Mysteries & Prayer,
 Serving One's Neighbor, Leadership
 Fostering & Serving Unity and Missionary Spirit
 (His Beatitude Sviatoslav)



Молитва Живої Парафії

Господи Ісусе Христе, Пастирю Добрий, як колись Ти пригорнув заблуканих овечок, щоб вони пізнали Твій голос і були Твоїм стадом, так і сьогодні глянь ласкаво з небесних висот на нашу парафію та зішли на неї Твого Святого Духа, щоб вона була місцем пізнання радості Доброї Новини. Скріплюй нас Твоєю присутністю та єднай нас кожночасно в молитві. Даруй нам духа служіння ближньому, щоб у нашій парафії кожний міг зустріти Тебе, милостивого Бога. Благослови наш духовний провід Твоєю мудрістю і дай, щоб ніхто з нас не шкодував ні часу, ні талантів, ні матеріальних дібр для розбудови Твого царства. Єднай нас у мирі та злагоді, щоб ми були Твоєю спільнотою любові. Всели в нас місійного духа, щоб ми стали тим світилом євангельського слова, молитви і добрих діл, що кличе кожного до участі в Божественному житті, щоб славилось, Спасе, Твоє Ім'я з безначальним Твоїм Отцем та пресвятим, благим і животворящим Твоїм Духом нині, і повсякчас, і на віки віків. Амінь.

DIVINE LITURGY PROPERS

The Divine Liturgy - An Anthology for Worship: Liturgy - pg. 270-318; propers - pg. 516, 828
The Liturgy prescribed for today is that of St. John Chrysostom.

First Antiphon

Verse: Shout to the Lord, all the earth,* sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Verse: Say unto God, “How awesome are Your works!* Because of the greatness of Your strength Your enemies will flatter You.”

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Verse: Let all the earth worship You and sing to You,* let it sing to Your name, O Most High!

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.

Glory: Now: Only-begotten Son...

Third Antiphon

Verse: Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

Refrain: Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Verse: Let us come before His face with praise, and acclaim Him in psalms.

Refrain: Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Verse: For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.

Refrain: Son of God, risen from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Troparion, Tone 7: While the tomb was sealed, O Christ God, You dawned as life from the sepulcher, and while the doors were shut, You came to Your disciples, the Resurrection of all, renewing a right spirit in us through them, according to Your great mercy.

Glory: Now: Kontakion, Tone 8: With his searching hand, Thomas explored Your life-giving side, O Christ God. For when You entered while the doors were shut, he called out to You with the rest of the Apostles: You are my Lord and my God!

Prokeimenon, Tone 3: Great is our Lord and great is His strength;* and of His knowledge there is no end. *Verse:* Praise the Lord, for a psalm is good; may praise be sweet to our God.

Epistle - Act 5:12-20 - A reading from the Acts of the Apostles: In those days through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all together in Solomon’s Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter’s shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured. Then the high priest took action; he and all who were with him (that is, the sect of the Sadducees), being filled with jealousy, arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, brought them out, and said, ‘Go, stand in the temple and tell the people the whole message about this life.’

Alleluia, Tone 8: *Verse:* Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God our Saviour.
Verse: For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth.

Gospel - John 20:19-31 - *When the evening arrived* on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Instead of "It is truly..." we sing: The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice! Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem.* Praise your God, O Sion.

Instead of "Blessed is He" we sing: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life (1x).

Instead of "We have seen the true light" we sing: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life (1x).

Instead of "Let our mouths be filled" we sing: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life (3x).

Instead of "Blessed be the name of the Lord" we sing: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life (3x).



Тропар, глас 7: Хоч запечатаний був гріб,* як життя із гробу возсіяв ти, Христе Боже,* і, хоч замкнені були двері,* ученикам представ еси, як воскресення всіх,* дух правий через них обновлюючи нам,* по великій твоїй милості.

Слава: Нині: Кондак, глас 8: Допитливою десницею життєдайні твої ребра Тома провірив, Христе Боже, бо, хоч замкнені були двері, як ти увійшов, він із іншими апостолами кликав до тебе: Господь еси і Бог мій.

Прокімен, глас 3: Великий Господь наш і велика сила його,* і розумові його немає міри.
Стих: Хваліте Господа, бо благий псалом, Богові нашому нехай солодке буде хваління.

Апостол - Ді. 5:12-20 - 3 книги Діянь Св. Апостолів читання: Тими днями руками апостолів робилося багато знаків і чудес у народі. Усі вони перебували однодушно у притворі Соломона, і ніхто сторонній не насмілювався до них пристати; однак народ хвалив їх вельми. Віруючих дедалі більше й більше приставало до Господа, сила жінок і чоловіків; так, що й на вулиці виносили недужих і клали на постелях і на ліжках, щоб, як ітиме Петро, бодай тінь його на когонебудь з них упала. Сила людей збиралась навіть з довколишніх міст Єрусалиму, несучи хворих та тих, що їх мучили нечисті духи, і вони всі видужували. Устав тоді первосвященик і всі ті, що були з ним, – то була секта садукєїв, – і, повні заздрощів, наклали руки на апостолів і кинули їх до громадської в'язниці. Але вночі ангел Господень відчинив двері в'язниці й, вивівши їх, мовив: “Ідіть і, ставши в храмі, говоріть до народу всі слова життя цього.”

Аллилуя, глас 8: *Стих:* Співаймо радісно Господеві, вітаймо Бога Спасителя нашого.
Стих: Бо Бог великий Господь і Цар великий по всій землею.

Євангеліє - Івана 20:19-31 - А як звечоріло, того самого дня, першого в тижні, а двері ж були замкнені там, де перебували учні: страхались бо юдеїв, – увіходить Ісус, став посередині та й каже їм: «Мир вам!» Це промовивши, показав їм руки й бік. І врадувались учні, побачивши Господа. І ще раз Ісус їм каже: «Мир вам!» Як мене послав Отець, так я посилаю вас.» Це промовивши, дихнув на них і каже їм: «Прийміть Духа Святого! Кому відпустите гріхи – відпустяться їм, кому ж затримаєте – затримаються.» Тома ж, один з дванадцятьох, на прізвисько Близнюк, не був з ними, коли то прийшов був Ісус. Тож повідали йому інші учні: «Ми Господа бачили.» Та він відрік: «Якщо не побачу на його руках знаків від цвяхів і не вкладу свого пальця у місце, де були цвяхи, а й руки моєї не вкладу в бік його, – не повірю!» По вісьмох днях знову були вдома його учні, а й Тома з ними. І ввіходить Ісус, – а двері були замкнені! – стає посередині та й каже: «Мир вам!» А тоді промовляє до Томи: «Подай сюди твій палець і глянь на мої руки. І руку твою простягни і вклади її у бік мій. Та й не будь невіруючий, – а віруючий!» І відказав Тома, мовивши до нього: «Господь мій і Бог мій!» І каже йому Ісус: «Побачив мене, то й віруєш. Щасливі ті, які, не бачивши, увірували!» Ще й інші численні чудеса, що їх не списано у цій книзі, вчинив Ісус на очу своїх учнів. А ції – списано, щоб увірували ви, що Ісус – Христос, Син Божий, а вірувавши, – щоб мали життя в його ім'я.

Замість “Достойно” співаємо: Ангел сповіщав Благодатній: Чистая Діво, радуйся. І знову кажу: Радуйся. Твій Син воскрес тридневний із гробу, і мертвих воздвигнув він; люди, веселіться. Світіся, світіся, новий Єрусалиме, слава бо Господня на тобі возсіяла. Радій нині і веселися, Сіоне. А ти, Чистая, красуйся, Богородице, востанням рождення твого.

Причасний: Хваліть Господа, Єрусалиму! Хваліть свого Бога, Сіоне. Аلیلуя (3х).

Замість “Благословен, хто йде в ім’я Господнє” співаємо: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (1х).

Замість “Ми бачили світло істинне” співаємо: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (1х).

Замість “Нехай сповняться” співаємо: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (3х).

Замість “Будь ім’я Господнє” співаємо: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (3х).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **TODAY - СПІЛЬНЕ СВЯЧЕНЕ / SPILNE SVYACHENE** (*parish Easter brunch*) following 10am Divine Liturgy. We invite all parishioners, and friends of St. Nicholas parish who have helped with food preparation for our Easter Food Fair, to join us for this festive brunch.

◆ **HAPPY BIRTHDAY** to ROBERT HERCHAK and all those who celebrated their birthdays this past week. May the Lord Our God continue to bless you abundantly and the Holy Mother of God protects you at all times. Христос Воскрес!

◆ **OUR CONDOLENCES TO ANN DRAPACK AND HER FAMILY** on the loss of her husband Jack who passed away on Wednesday, Apr. 4. Funeral will take place at St. Nicholas parish on Tuesday, Apr. 10 at 11AM with the interment at the Royal Oak Burial Park (4665 Falaise Dr). May our Lord place Jack’s soul in the place where all the saints abide, and may his memory be everlasting - Христос Воскрес!

◆ **KNEELING DURING EASTER SEASON** – a reminder that traditionally from Easter Sunday until Pentecost we do not kneel during the Divine Liturgy. As a sign of our redemption and final resurrection, we offer our prayers to God while standing.

◆ **BOOK LAUNCH AT UVIC:** You are cordially invited to the Victoria book launch of Marci Shore's book *The Ukrainian Night: An Intimate History of the Revolution* (Yale University

Press, 2018), which was on the *New York Times* recommended titles list the week it became available. The event will take place on Saturday, 21 April, from 4 to 6 p.m. in David Turpin Building, Room A104. The link to the campus map is here: <https://www.uvic.ca/home/about/campus-info/maps/index.php>. A limited number of copies will be available for sale at the event at a special discounted price of \$30 (cash only).

- ◆ **PRAYER REQUEST:** Please keep in your prayers GORD HRYHORyshEN, CORNELL BABIE and other members of our parish, our family and friends who are ailing, in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join actively in their community.

 - ◆ **AUTOMATED EXTERNAL DEFIBRILLATOR (AED)** - We are seeking donations, or sponsors, who would be willing to help St. Nicholas Parish purchase an **Automated external defibrillator (AED)**. Did you know that sudden cardiac arrest is a major public health problem and effects an estimated 500 000 people every year? Sudden cardiac arrest is a condition in which the heart suddenly and unexpectedly stops beating. Using an automated external defibrillator or AED on a person who is having sudden cardiac arrest may save the person's life. AEDs are designed to be simple to use in any location. AED is a small, lightweight, and portable electronic device that delivers an electric shock through the chest wall of a person whose heart has stopped beating. We would like to have our own AED on site so that we can be prepared if we someone should need to be treated for sudden cardiac arrest. Our goal is to raise \$1500.00 to purchase 1 AED for the parish. Please share and contribute what you can. Help us achieve our goal for providing this important life saving tool for our parishioners and guests.

 - ◆ **ST. NICHOLAS BOOK STORE:** The Divine Liturgy An Anthology of Worship - **\$25**; “Christ Our Pascha” Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church/“Христос Наша Пасха” Катехизм Української Католицької Церкви - **\$25**; “Sing to Our God” hymn book - **\$15**; Молитовник “Прийдіте Поклонімся” - **\$10**.

 - ◆ **TRAVELING ICON:** Anyone interested in gracing their home with Christ The Teacher Icon can call Darlene DeMerchant at 250.727.3837.

 - ◆ **PARISH CALENDAR OF BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:** If you would like to be included in our Parish Calendar of Birthday and Anniversary celebrations, please put date in our calendar located at the church vestibule. Each week, we will list the names in our parish bulletin so we can celebrate these happy occasions together!

 - ◆ **JOIN OUR CHOIR:** Do you enjoy singing? Please consider joining our St Nicholas Parish Choir and remember that we ALWAYS looking for new members! Contact Motria Koropecy for details at 250.658.3051.

 - ◆ **CATECHISM ANNOUNCEMENT:** *"And they were bringing to Him also the infants, in order that He may be touching them; but after the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. But*
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Jesus called them to Himself and said, Let alone the little children to come to Me, and cease hindering them; for of such is the kingdom of God.” We are happy to welcome all children to our St. Nicholas The Wonderworker catechism program. Weekly classes are scheduled Sunday morning during Divine Liturgy. We want your children to learn more about their Catholic faith, sacred scripture, feast days, and religious practices and customs of the Ukrainian Catholic church. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Marian Chalifoux at 250.507.1005.

- ◆ **THRIFTY’S PRE-PAID FOOD CARDS** - We all have to buy groceries. Why not have 6% of it returned back to the church at no extra charge! Cards are available in \$100, \$200, and \$500 denominations. Talk to Alec after today’s liturgy to pre- order your cards. We need to sell A LOT of them! We encourage you to consider purchasing them for yourselves as gifts too.

 - ◆ **BE A STEWARD:** Have you ever wondered what more can you do to help our parish? Here are some suggestions: **Steward of property security**; **Steward of grounds cleaning**; **Steward of cleaning church**; **Steward of church linen**; **Steward of outreach**; **Steward of caring**; **Steward of prayer**; **Steward of service**. Quite often, our homebound or senior members, once active in their younger years, want to find purpose in their senior years. It’s not only about doing but about “BEING” present to others. Contact Fr. Yuriy **OR** Darlene DeMerchant for more information. You will be amazed how “BEING” can make a difference.

 - ◆ **PARISH LIBRARY:** please visit our parish library and browse through the books on spirituality, church history, iconography, history of the Ukrainians in Canada, children's books and more... The library is located in the church vestibule. Please use a library book sign out form when borrowing a book.

 - ◆ **SUNDAY COFFEE VOLUNTEERS** act as hosts and serve light refreshments following the Sunday morning Divine Liturgy, providing an opportunity for the faithful to socialize with friends and visitors following their shared worship experience. We thank all of our parishioners who kind volunteer to serve refreshments. Whether you are new to the Parish, or are a long-time members, please join us for coffee.

 - ◆ **WE SHARE THE AIR:** Please keep it healthy and fragrant free. Someone in this area is scent-sitive. The chemicals used in scented products can make some people sick, especially those with fragrance sensitivities, asthma, allergies and other respiratory ailments. PLEASE DO NOT *wear perfume, cologne, lotion, aftershave and other fragrances; *USE unscented personal care products. Be Sensitive to Others. Thank you for your understanding. *St. Nicholas parish.*

 - ◆ **APRIL 1, SUNDAY DONATIONS:** Good Friday, Mar 30 2018: Loose collection: \$40.00; Envelope collection: \$420.00; Easter Sunday, Apr 1 2018: Vigil lights: \$36.91; Loose collection: \$363.10; Envelope collection: \$1217.00; Pre-authorized donations Mar 26 to Apr 1: \$230.00; Candles for Easter Baskets: \$11.00
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READING THE CATECHISM “CHRIST - OUR PASCHA”



d. Communion: The Banquet of the Body and Blood

#388 Communion of the Body and Blood of the Lord is the culmination of the Eucharistic Banquet [Communion] transforms into itself those who worthily partake of it, making them similar to that good which is [their] source by means of grace and participation. They lack nothing of this good that is possible and can be attained by human beings. Therefore they also are and can

be called gods by adoption through grace because all of God entirely fills them and leaves no part of them empty of his presence.

Through Holy Communion we achieve a divine likeness: we receive Christ into our lives, and Christ makes us partakers of the divine nature.

#389 As Christ offered the apostles his Body and Blood at the Mystical Supper, so the priest communicates the faithful who piously, with hands crossed on their breast, approach the ambo before the Royal Doors. The words of the Prayer before Communion, “Accept me this day, O Son of God, as a partaker of your mystical Supper,” explain the essence of the Lord’s Banquet, and of the entire Liturgy. Saint John Chrysostom teaches: “Believe, therefore, that even now it is that supper, at which he himself sat down. For this is in no respect different from that. For neither does man make this and himself the other; but both this and that is his own work.”

#390 Consuming the Holy Gifts, we communicate in the Body and Blood of Christ: “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them” (Jn 6:56). We become similar to Christ and acquire a divine way of thinking: as God granted himself to us, so we, in fully giving ourselves to God and to others, have life eternal. Through communion in the Body and Blood of Christ, our life is fully in God: “It is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me” (Gal 2:20).

CAMP ST. VOLODYMYR - August 19-26, 2018

Start planning your summer holidays now! Come join us to celebrate our 34th year of camp for children in our Eparchy! Camp St. Volodymyr is a great place to be physically active, build self-confidence and self-esteem, develop life-long skills while reconnecting with nature and building friendships. Our camp is also a wonderful opportunity to experience God through nature and the companionship of others.

Campers will learn about the Ukrainian language and culture along with games, hiking, sports, arts and crafts, camp fires, water activities and much more!

If you are between the ages of 7-14 this is a summer must do! Registration is \$380. Book by July 4 to save \$50. Bus transportation is also available to and from New Westminster. Register online using Eventbrite. Search "Camp St. Volodymyr BC 2018." For more information contact Jennifer Caldwell @ 604.220.0584 or jennsawka@hotmail.com.

WAYS TO SUPPORT OUR CAMP: Camp St. Volodymyr is a nonprofit camp, run on a volunteer basis. Please contact Jennifer if you are interested in helping.

VOLUNTEER as a Camp Counsellor: We are seeking between 8-10 individuals to help plan and organize our camp activities. Apply online using Eventbrite. Search "Camp St. Volodymyr BC 2018." Applications due May 15, 2018. All volunteers will be subject to a criminal record check and must sign the camp code of conduct.

VOLUNTEER as a Camp Chef: We are seeking between 4-6 individuals to help us each day in the kitchen. It is your opportunity to get creative and be a part of the campers top 5 things at camp; The Food!

VOLUNTEER as our Camp Nurse: We are looking for an individual to be our camp nurse. This is a wonderful opportunity to get to know the children in our Eparchy. This position would require valid first aid and nursing certification. Responsibilities would include administering medications brought by campers/staff as well as recording all incidents and treatments. Supplies and medications are provided by the camp.

DONATE Food: We are always happy to accept food donations of fresh fruits and vegetables, breakfast items; cereal, syrup, pancake mix, jam, Nutella, lunch items; chicken soup, Kraft dinner, cheese, drinks; juice boxes, powdered drinks, brownie/cake mixes, Jello, snack bars, cookies or treats. Gift certificates to Superstore and Costco are also welcomed.

DONATE Monetarily: Each year the Eparchy sponsors several children to attend. You can help send a deserving child to camp through your donations. Donation can be made through the Eparchy or online at our Eventbrite page. Tax receipts can be issued for donations of \$25 or more.

Visit our website www.nweparchy.ca

THE PASCHAL ARTHOS

The term Artos (*Greek: "leavened loaf"*) refers to a loaf of leavened bread that is blessed during services in the Eastern Orthodox and Eastern Catholic Churches. A large Artos is baked especially for use at Pascha (Easter).

Near the end of the Paschal Vigil, after the Prayer behind the Ambo, a single large loaf of bread, the Artos, is brought to the priest. Depicted on the top of the Artos is either the symbol of Christ's victory over death—the Cross, surmounted by a crown of thorns—or the Resurrection of Christ. The Artos symbolizes the physical presence of the resurrected Christ among the disciples. The priest blesses the Artos, while it is on the altar with a special prayer and sprinkles it with Holy Water. The Artos is then placed on a small table before the Iconostasis where it remains throughout Bright Week. It is customary, whenever the faithful enter the Temple, for them to kiss the Artos as a way of greeting the Risen Christ.

The significance of the Artos is that it serves to remind all Christians of the events connected with the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. While still living on earth, the Lord called Himself the Bread of Life, saying: 'I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and He who believes in Me shall never thirst' (John 6:35). After His Resurrection, more than once Jesus appeared to His disciples, ate before them and blessed their own food. For example, as evening fell on the first day of His Resurrection, He was recognized in Emmaus by two of His disciples as He blessed and broke bread (Luke 24:13-35).

On the 40th day after His Resurrection, the Lord ascended into heaven, and His disciples and followers found comfort in their memories of the Lord: they recalled His every word, His every step and His every action. When they met for common prayer, they would partake of the Body and Blood of Christ, remembering the Last Supper. When they sat down to an ordinary meal, they would leave a place at the head of the table empty for the invisibly present Lord and would lay bread on that place.

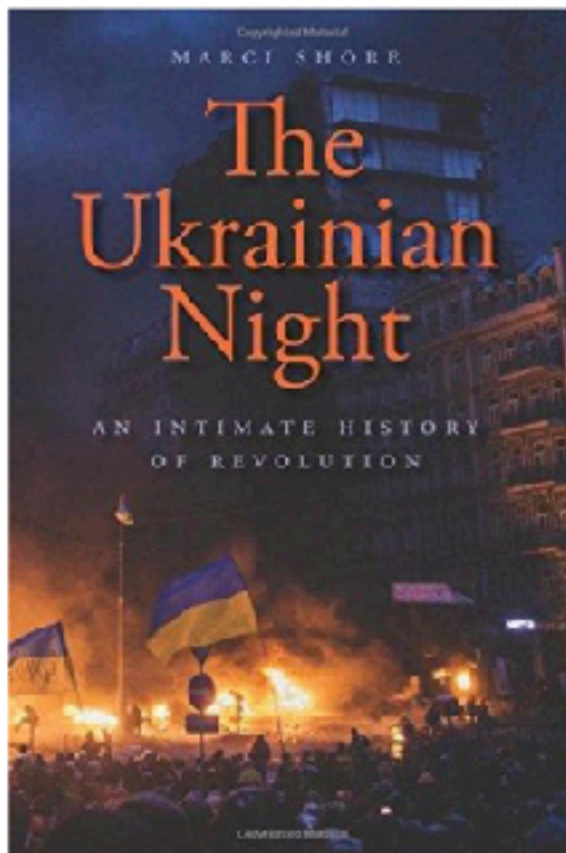
Remembering this custom of the Apostles, the Fathers of the Church made it their custom to put out the Artos at the Paschal Feast in memory of the appearances of the Risen Lord to His disciples, and also in memory of the fact that the Lord Who suffered and was resurrected for our justification has made Himself the true Bread of Life and is invisibly present in His church always, to the close of the age (Matthew 28:20).

The Artos will be distributed at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

Professor Marci Shore
(Yale University)

**THE UKRAINIAN NIGHT:
AN INTIMATE HISTORY OF THE
REVOLUTION**

Book Launch and Discussion
Saturday, 21 April 2018, 4 to 6 p.m.
David Turpin Building Rm A104



What is worth dying for? While the world watched the uprising on the Maidan as an episode in geopolitics, those in Ukraine during the extraordinary winter of 2013–14 lived the revolution as an existential transformation: the blurring of night and day, the loss of a sense of time, the sudden disappearance of fear, the imperative to make choices. In this lyrical and intimate book, Marci Shore evokes the human face of the Ukrainian Revolution. Grounded in the true stories of activists and soldiers, parents and children, Shore's book blends a narrative of suspenseful choices with a historian's reflections on what revolution is and what it means.

Marci Shore is associate professor of history at Yale University and award-winning author of *Coviar and Ashes* and *The Taste of Ashes*.

A limited number of copies will be available for sale at the event at a special discounted price of \$30 (cash only).

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