

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

MONDAY, MAY 5

NO Service

TUESDAY, MAY 6

NO Service

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

NO Service

THURSDAY, MAY 8

NO Service

FRIDAY, MAY 9

9:00AM – DIVINE LITURGY

19:00 – Біблійні науки

SATURDAY, MAY 10

9:00AM – DIVINE LITURGY

6:00PM – Great Vespers

SUNDAY, MAY 11

9:30AM – Rosary

10:00AM – DIVINE LITURGY

FROM THE AKATHIST TO THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

There were many such women, steadfast and dedicated, examples to all believers, but we know only eight by name, along with the Apostle John and also Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. Let us therefore praise those who attended to Christ during a most agonizing time:

Rejoice, Mary Magdalene, out of whom came seven devils.

Rejoice, Mary, Theotokos, stepmother of James and Joseph.

Rejoice, for James became the Bishop of Jerusalem.

Rejoice, Johanna, wife of Chuza the steward of Herod Antipas.

Rejoice, Salome, wife of Zebedee and mother of James and John.

Rejoice, for James evangelized and was martyred in Egypt.

Rejoice, Mary, wife of Cleopas, because your faith extinguished fear.

Rejoice, Susanna, because your belief eliminated barriers.

Rejoice, Mary of Bethany, sister of Lazarus and Martha.

Rejoice, for you chose the one thing needful at the feet of Jesus.

Rejoice, Martha of Bethany, sister of Lazarus and Mary.

Rejoice, for you believed Jesus was the Christ and the Son of God.

Rejoice, Holy Myrrh-bearers, faithful to Christ our Savior.



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opens wide its doors
to all who mourn or need comfort;
to all who are weary and need rest;
to all who seek friendship;
to all who desire to grow
in relationship with God;
to all who yearn to pray;
to all who need a Saviour,
and in the name our Lord, says:

WELCOME!

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HOLY MYSTERIES

✠ CONFESSION / СПОВІДЬ ✠
every Saturday: 4:00-4:50pm
or by appointment

✠ HOLY COMMUNION / Св. ПРИЧАСТЯ ✠
for the sick, by appointment,
any time

✠ BAPTISM / ХРЕЩЕННЯ ✠
by appointment

✠ MARRIAGE / ВІНЧАННЯ ✠
6 months notice should be given
to the parish priest, and he should
be contacted before any other
arrangements are made

✠ FUNERAL / ПОХОРОН ✠
by appointment

MAY 4, 2025
SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING
WOMEN



There is a powerful lesson in today's Gospel reading for all of us. All of us profess our faith in Christ, yet is it the fearless, trusting, unhesitating faith of the Holy Myrrhbearers? Too often, despite our initial good intentions, we allow ourselves to be dissuaded from expressing or acting out our faith. We fear the COST of living as Christians, whether in actual financial terms, or in terms of the time and energy or emotion it takes to offer ourselves to others out of love for Christ. We fear the DANGER of living as Christians – it always seems so much easier to maintain the status quo, so much safer to keep doing the same old things the same old ways, even if it means passing up the opportunities to make Christ manifest in our little corner of the world. We fear looking FOOLISH by living as Christians, in a world that holds values and priorities that too often are very different from the Gospel.

The Holy Myrrh-bearers did not compile any Gospels, they left us no Epistles; as far as we know, none of them died as martyrs. It would seem, in some cases, they faded back into history after that first Pascha morning, yet they remain unforgettable heroes of the Faith because of the powerful witness of their actions. Through their prayers, may we too have the courage to actively love Christ first, and then worry about the details later.

Troparion, T.2: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.* When You raised the dead from the nether world,* all the powers of heaven cried out:* “O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”

Troparion, T.2: The noble Joseph took down Your most pure body from the tree.* He wrapped it with a clean shroud and aromatic spices* and placed it in a new tomb.* But on the third day You arose, O Lord,* granting the world Your great mercy.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion, T.2: You commanded the myrrh-bearers to rejoice, O Christ God,* and ended the grief of our mother Eve by Your Resurrection.* You ordered the apostles to proclaim to all:* “The Saviour is risen from the tomb.”

Prokeimenon, T.6 Save Your people, O Lord, * and bless Your inheritance.
verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7 In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.” What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Alleluia, T.8

verse: You have shown favour to Your land, O Lord; You brought back the captives of Jacob.

verse: Mercy and truth have met; righteousness and peace have embraced.

verse: The just man shall flourish like the palm tree; and he shall grow like the cedar in Lebanon.

Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8.

Тропар 2.2: Коли зійшов Ти до смерті, Життя безсмертне,* тоді ад умертвив Ти зблизком божествá.* Коли ж і умерлих із глибін підземних воскресів Ти,* всі сили небесні взивали:* Життєдавче, Хрісте Бóже наш, слава Тобі.

Тропар 2.2: Благообразний Йосиф, з дерева знявши пречисте тіло Твоє,* плащаницею чистою обвив,* і ароматами в гробі новім, покривши, положив;* та по трьох днях воскрес еси, Господи,* даруючи світові велику милість.

Слава Отцю і Сину і Святому Духові. І нині і повсякчас і на віки віківю Амін

Кондак 2.2: Радуватися мирносицям повелів Ти,* плач праматері Єви втихомирив Ти воскресінням Твоїм, Христе Боже,* апостолам же Твоїм проповідувати повелів Ти.* Спас воскрес із гробу.

Прокімен 2.6: Спаси, Господи, людей Твоїх* і благослови спадкоємство Твоє.

Стих: До Тебе, Господи, взиватиму; Боже мій, не відвертайсь мовчки від мене.

Діянь Св. Апостолів читання 6,1-7: Тими днями, коли учнів ставало дедалі більше, зчинилось нарікання гелленістів на євреїв, що вдів їхніх занедбано в щоденній службі. Тоді дванадцятро прикликали громаду учнів і сказали: «Не личить нам лишити слово Боже і при столах служити. Нагледіть собі, отже, з-поміж вас, брати, сімох мужів доброї слави, повних Духа та мудрости, а ми їх поставимо для цієї служби; самі ж ми будемо пильно перебувати у молитві і служінні слова.» Вподобалось це слово всій громаді й вибрали Стефана, мужа, повного віри і Святого Духа, Филипа, Прохора, Ніканора, Тимона, Пармена та Миколая, прозеліта з Антіохії, і поставили їх перед апостолами і, помолившись, поклали на них руки. І росло слово Боже та множилось число учнів у Єрусалимі вельми, і велика сила священників були слухняні вірі.

Алилуя 2.8:

Стих: Благоволив ти, Господи, землю твою, ти повернув полон Яковів.

Стих: Милість і істина зустрілися, правда і мир обцілувалися.

*Святому*Праведник, як фінік, розцвіте і, як кедр на Ливані, виросте.

Євангеліє: Мр 15,43-16,8

Hymn to the Mother of God: 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: Receive the Body of Christ;* taste the fountain of immortality.* Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

Instead of "Blessed is He...", *"We have seen the true light..."*: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

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

Then the Troparion "Christ is risen" is sung as in the beginning of the Liturgy, but with an additional ending: **And to us He has granted life eternal; we bow down before His resurrection on the third day.**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **KNEELING DURING THE 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.

◆ **2025 ANNUAL CLERGY RETREAT & Conference** - will take place in Kelowna, BC **from May 5-8, 2025**. Consequently, there will be no services on these days. In case of emergency, please contact local RC parishes.

◆ **ВЕЧІРНІЙ ПЕРЕГЛЯД ФІЛЬМУ У ХРАМІ.** Розпочинаємо щотижневий перегляд та обговорення 2-ого сезону серіалу **«Обраний \ The Chosen» в українській мові: 2 серія – початок о 17:00**

◆ **CONGRATULATION** to all who celebrates their Birthdays and/or Anniversaries. May the Almighty God bless You all with good health and salvation. Mnohaya I Blahaya Lita!

◆ **PRAYER REQUEST: PLEASE REMEMBER** the sick and infirmed of our Parish in your prayers: **BERNICE KALTWASSER, ROSEMARIE & JOHN PROKOPCHUK, PAUL & SVITLANA ROZNER, STEFANIA & ZBIGNIEW STARZYK, FELY, NIGEL LAWRENCE, CHRISTOFER SCOTT, BOB TANASYCHUK** & all who have asked us to pray for them or their loved ones.

Замість Достойно: Ангел сповіщав Благодатній: Чистая Діво, радуйся. І знову кажу: Радуйся. Твій Син воскрес тридневний із гробу, і мертвих воздвигнув він; люди, веселіться.

Світися, світися, новий Єрусалиме, слава бо Господня на тобі возсіяла. Радій нині і веселися, Сіоне. А ти, Чистая, красуйся, Богородице, востанням рождення твого.

Причасний: Тіло Христове прийміть, джерела безсмертного споживіть.* Хваліте Господа з небес, хваліте Його на висотах.* Алилуя (х3).

Замість Благословен, хто йде в ім'я Господнє: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував.

Замість Ми бачили світло істинне: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував.

Замість Нехай сповняться: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (х3).

Замість Будь ім'я Господнє: Христос воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав, і тим, що в гробах, життя дарував (х3).

Тоді знову співається Тропар "Христос воскрес", як і на початку Літургії, але з додатковим закінченням. **І нам дарував життя вічне, поклоняємось його тридневному воскресінню.**

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **DEEPEST WORDS OF GRATITUDE** to all who continue to support our parish financially. May the blessing of God always rest upon you & your family. **SUNDAY DONATIONS: April 27th** – \$550.00, Donations from the Easter concert - \$1115

◆ **MAKING SANDWICHES** for **ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY**. We invite children, youth, and people of good will to join us on Sunday, May 18 (after the Service) to make sandwiches for people in need. Be a part of the social ministry of our parish.

◆ **PILGRIMAGE TO THE GRAVESIDE OF ROSE PRINCE.** The local branch of the UCWLC is excited to announce a special pilgrimage to the gravesite of Rose Prince in Fraser Lake as part of its retreat program. This meaningful event will take place on Saturday, May 24. If you would like to join us, please reach out to Fr. Andrii or Mrs. Zofia Kudryk. To assist with transportation planning, we kindly ask that you let us know in advance if you need carpooling. We look forward to this spiritual journey.

◆ **MOLEBEN**. It is a custom in our Church to have throughout the Month of May - brief, daily 'May devotions' ("Mayivky") to the Mother of God. In

most cases, this means the ever-popular Moleben' service. Please join and pray with us the Moleben every Thursday at 6:00pm

◆ **BEQUESTS AND WILLS:** Leaving a bequest 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. George's Ukrainian Catholic Church in your bequests and wills. If anyone wishes to make such a bequest in their will, the following clause may be included or added to a will: *"I give, devise, and bequeath to St. George's Ukrainian Catholic Parish - 2414 Vanier Dr, Prince George, BC., the sum of \$_ (or _% of my estate), to be used for the benefit of the parish and its pastoral activities."*

◆ **FUNDRAISING PROGRAM.** We would like to express our BIG THANK YOU to all who have participated in our BOTTLE DRIVE FUNDRAISING PROGRAM through RETURN-IT EXPRESS.

How it works:

1. Put your containers in clear plastic bags, no sorting needed!
2. Go to an Express depot, at the kiosk use parish's phone number (250-563-2015) to log in and print your labels, one per bag.
3. Place a label on each of your bags & leave them in the bag drop area.
4. Your containers will be sorted and within 5 business days refund will be added to our Express account.

◆ **UPCOMING MAJOR FEAST DAYS** – The Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ will be celebrated **on Thursday, May 29th** & The Descent of the Holy Spirit – **Pentecost Sunday, June 8th.**

◆ **БІБЛІЙНІ НАУКИ.** Запрошуємо на чергову сесію Біблійних наук. Час - **2 травня о 19:00.** Тема - **3-4 глави книги Виходу.**

LOCAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **2025 DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE— REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

Registration is now open for the annual Diocesan Youth Conference. The DYC will be on May 23th to 25th at St. Mary's School GYM. This year's guest presenters include the Benedictines of Westminster Abbey and the Dominicans of Mary Mother of the Eucharist. The deadline for registration is **May 15, 2025.** Scan the poster for registration or register here: <https://www.pgdiocese.bc.ca/diocesan-youth-conference/>

◆ **RACHEL'S VINEYARD NEWS UPDATE** For Emotional and Spiritual healing, Rachel's vineyard weekend retreats offer a supportive, non-judgmental environment where women and men can express, release and

reconcile painful post-abortive emotions to begin the process of restoration, renewal and healing. Confidentiality assured. Merrit: Tues—Thurs **May 13—15** contact Nancy at 250-267-5081 phone or text. Email: rvkamloops@yahoo.ca Prince George retreats starting in 2025— **STAY TUNED.** For more information: Father Michael at Christ Our Saviour email: mebomuche@pgdiocese.ca or Adele at St. Mary's email: rachelsvineyardpg@proton.me

◆ **WALK FOR LIFE** The annual Walk for Life is now open for registration and will take place on **June 7, 2025.** Those wishing to register or donate can do so here: <https://walkforlife.ca/> All funds raised help Advocate continue their mission of creating educated communities where families thrive, and babies' lives are valued and welcomed. Your gift provides tangible support like counselling, ultrasounds, maternity and baby supplies, postpartum care, and so much more to vulnerable women and families facing unplanned pregnancy.

A PRAYER FOR THIS DAY



O Jesus Christ, the Holy Myrrh-bearers were blessed with a task that was both simple and great: bringing myrrh to the tomb, and risking their own wellbeing under hostile conditions. The myrrh was not needed, and they never anointed Your Body, for You had risen from the dead. Yet, their devotion and witness proclaimed the Resurrection and they were able to say to the apostles and all the world, "Christ is Risen."

We ask to become bearers of myrrh: to carry jars of goodwill to mankind, to pour out truth and righteousness to our families and loved ones, to anoint the sick and suffering with hope, to roll away the stone for those oppressed by dark powers, and to flow forth glad tidings in all that we say and do.

O Holy Myrrhbearers, we thank you for your dedication to the ministry of Christ, from Galilee to Jerusalem, and we praise you for your witness of the events of Holy Friday and Holy Saturday, and of the Day of Resurrection. To those who are named and many who remain unknown, we give thanks for your loyalty and courage. Even if you are not known by name — you are known of Christ and we know the events of those days because of you. We ask to live as you lived, not dead in sin but alive in the Risen Savior and filled with faith and gratitude. Guide us to be of service if only in small ways, to unite in our love of Christ, and to process all events from the perspective of victory over sin and death. Bring us glad tidings, O Holy Myrrhbearers, that we may also declare with our hearts and souls, "Christ is Risen," for, "Indeed He is Risen." Amen.