

Христос Воскрес! Воистину Воскрес!  
Неділя мироносиць–26.04.2015–Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing women  
Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

27.04.2015 (Monday) @ 10 a.m.: Божественна Свята Літургія/Divine Liturgy

+ Helen Dorosh

29.04.2015 (Wednesday) @ 11 a.m.: Молебень/ Moleben



### HIS BEATITUDE PATRIARCH SVIATOSLAV expresses solidarity with the people of Armenia

This past Friday, the Armenian people commemorated the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the genocide inflicted upon them by the Ottoman Turks. During this horrendous event over a million Armenians living on their historic lands, although occupied by the Ottomans, were systematically killed. This included men, women, and children.

Patriarch Sviatoslav wrote a letter of solidarity with assurances of our prayers to both Karekin II, Catholicos of the Armenian Apostolic Church and to Patriarch Nerses Bedros XIX Tarmouni of the Armenian Catholic Church.

The Armenian Church is one of the most ancient Christian Churches. Armenia officially accepted Christianity in 301 but Christianity was brought to the land by the apostles Bartholomew and Thaddeus.

### В Україні розпочав роботу Постійний Синод УГКЦ



23 квітня Постійний Синод розпочне свої робочі засідання, головною темою яких буде підготовка до майбутніх Синоду Єпископів та VI сесії Патріаршого Собору, які відбуватимуться наприкінці серпня - у першій декаді вересня цього року в Івано-Франківську.

Постійний Синод вперше проводить свої засідання в Самбірсько-Дрогобицькій єпархії.

7-го квітня ц.р. набрало чинність Партикулярно право нашої Церкви, Право затверджене рішенням Синоду УГКЦ.

**Архиереї Української Автокефальної Православної Церкви 23 квітня оприлюднили заяву, в якій схвалюють об'єднання православних українців у єдину Помісну Церкву.** За їх словами, це буде сприяти зміцненню Української Держави, особливо в час військового конфлікту.

Цією заявою єпископи офіційно запевнили, що УАПЦ прагне розпочати реальний об'єднавчий процес із УПЦ Київського Патріархату після проведеного Помісного Собору, який відбудеться 4-5 червня 2015р.

**Happy Birthday!**

**Многая літа!**

Вітаємо парафіян котрі цього тижня відзначають день народження.

Greetings and best wishes to all our parishioners who celebrate their birthday this week: Daria Marko (2<sup>nd</sup>).

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How should we, Ukrainian Catholics, refer to our Church? I've heard it called Eastern, or Ukrainian Rite/Byzantine Church/Uniate Church, Greek, and other titles too! **What is the correct way to describe our Church?**

### We are the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.



#### Eastern

"Eastern Catholic" refers to the autonomous, self-governing Catholic Churches that have their roots in the Christian East. These Churches are equal to the Roman Catholic Church and are in full communion with the Pope, the Bishop of Rome. Saint John Paul II taught in

[Orientale Lumen](#) that the "ancient tradition of the Eastern Churches is an integral part of the heritage of Christ's Church". Eastern Catholics include all those Eastern Christians (both Byzantine and non-Byzantine) who are in union with Rome.

**Byzantine** Churches are those rooted in the Church of Constantinople such as the various Slavic, Greek, Melkite, and Italo-Greek Churches.

**Non-Byzantine** Eastern Catholic Churches include Maronites, Chaldeans, Armenians, and others.

**Uniate:** The term uniate simply refers to the union of Eastern Churches with Rome. However, this was a negative term used by the Russian Orthodox in the 17<sup>th</sup> century because they saw the unification with Rome as a betrayal of the Orthodox faith. Consequently, **the term uniate is not to be used.**

**Rite:** We might hear people referring to a Byzantine or Ukrainian "Rite." Rite means the liturgical practices or rituals of a Church.

**"Church"** refers to the entirety of a Christian community's life (structure, hierarchy, spirituality, liturgical tradition, etc.). We are Greek Catholic because our Orthodox Christianity derives from Byzantium (Greece). Therefore, we belong to the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, and we have a Ukrainian "rite"—specific practices particular to our culture. Our Ukrainian Catholic Church, then, is an autonomous (unique) Eastern and Byzantine Church.

**Union of Brest of 1596:** Our tradition is Orthodox, in union with Rome, since 1596, when primarily for political necessity, most Bishops of Ukraine agreed to a union with the Latin Church. For the Bishops the Union meant that we were to maintain our Orthodox heritage, for example, retaining the Julian Calendar, married clergy, our own hierarchy (Patriarch as head) and not including the *filioque* in the Nicene Creed. Sadly, not everyone supported the union and the Church in Ukraine was split into antagonistic Greek Orthodox and Greek Catholic followings.

**Our Ukrainian Greek Catholic heritage not only retains ancient beautiful liturgical traditions, but also—most importantly—it guides us in how to respond to current issues here in KW and the world, regarding politics, ethics, the environment, and morality! Exploring**



### Нині Річні Загальні Збори

**Tuesday, April 28, 7 p.m.**  
St. John's Parish (85 Strange St.)  
annual Spring Fling Card Party,  
tickets \$7.

**Saturday, May 2, 2 p.m.**  
Queen Helena Croatian Dance  
concert with the participation of  
our own ROZMAJ dancers.

**Sunday, May 3,**  
Meeting of the parish UCWLC  
after the Divine Liturgy

**6 p.m.**  
Ukr Cdn Social Services  
Humanitarian Award Banquet,  
Old Mill Inn, Toronto.

**Щире спасибі всім  
жертводавцям!**

*Summary of 2014 Finances*  
*Liquid Assets: \$162,247.09*  
*Fixed Assets: 1,995,736.17*  
*Increase over 2013: \$66,466.26*

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