

CELEBRATING 100 YEARS ANNIVERSARY (1910 – 2010)



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CHURCH BULLETIN – MARCH / APRIL 2010



EASTER – APRIL 4, 2010

On Easter Sunday, Christians celebrate the resurrection of the Lord, Jesus Christ. It is typically the well-attended Sunday service of the year for Christian churches.

Christians believe according to Scripture, that Jesus came back to life, or was raised from the dead, three days after His death on the cross. As part of the Easter season, the death of Jesus Christ by crucifixion is commemorated on Good Friday, always the Friday just before Easter. Through His death, burial and resurrection, Jesus paid the penalty for sin, thus purchasing for all who believe in Him, eternal life in Christ Jesus.



EASTER JOY

Jesus came to earth,
To show us how to live,
How to put others first,
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,
That God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment on Himself;
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,
Calling angels from above,
But He chose to pay our price for sin;
He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday,
But the cross did not destroy
His Resurrection on Easter morn
That fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly death,
Like His, is just a rest.
We'll be forever with Him
In heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus,
Think of Him in all we do.
Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord.
Help us love like you!

Poem By Joanna Fuchs

Dear Brothers,

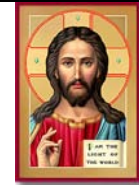
Easter is time to send you the beautiful promises of our Lord: love, grace, peace, life and light that shine forever. May His promises bless you and bring you joy at this Easter and always!

Happy Easter!

Father Valeri Choumarov



CHURCH CALENDAR FOR MARCH / APRIL 2010
GREAT LENT / EASTER 2010



MARCH'2010

Divine Service Begins

5 th	FRIDAY	3rd Bogorodichen Akathist – St. Dimitar Church7:00 pm
7 th	SUNDAY	3 rd Sunday of Great Lent. Veneration of Holy Cross.....10:30 am
12 th	FRIDAY	4th Bogorodichen Akathist – St. George Church7:00 pm
14 th	SUNDAY	4 th Sunday of Great Lent.....10:30 am
19 th	FRIDAY	5th Bogorodichen Akathist – Holy Trinity Church7:00 pm
21 st	SUNDAY	5 th Sunday of Great Lent.10:30 am
25 th	THURSDAY	Holy Annunciation. Благовещение10:00 am
26 th	FRIDAY	6th Bogorodichen Akathist – Sts. Cyril & Methody7:00 pm
27 th	SATURDAY	Resurrection of St. Lazarus. Лазаровден10:00 am
28 th	SUNDAY	Palm Sunday. Holy Communion. Цветница10:30 am <i>Traditional Bake-Sale in Banquet Hall after Service</i>
30 th	TUESDAY	Bride-Groom Service – St. Dimitar Church7:00 pm

APRIL'2010

Divine Service Begins

4 th	SUNDAY	EASTER SUNDAY - Vtoro Voskresenie3:00 pm
11 th	SUNDAY	2 nd Sunday after Easter. St. Tomas.....10:30 am
18 th	SUNDAY	3 rd Sunday after Easter.....10:30 am
25 th	SUNDAY	4 th Sunday after Easter.....10:30 am

EVERY SUNDAY THERE IS A MORNING SERVICE (MATINS), WHICH STARTS AT 9:30 AM
(See Schedule for Easter Services on next page)

MEMBERSHIP'2010 REMAINDER

This is for all church members, who have not paid their membership dues for the year 2010.
Please, pay your membership due in order to be a regular church member.
Membership due is \$50.00 per year and can be paid by cheque or cash during Church Sunday Services.

EASTER SERVICES - 2010



APRIL 1, 2010 – HOLY THURSDAY (ВЕЛИКИ ЧЕТВЪРТЪК)

Holy Communion – Holy Unction – 9:30 am

Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels – 7:00 pm

On this day four events are commemorated: washing of the Disciples' Feet by Jesus Christ; last meal Jesus shared with His Twelve Apostles and disciples before His death; the agony of Christ in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the betrayal of Christ by Judas Iscariot.



APRIL 2, 2010 – GOOD FRIDAY (ВЕЛИКИ ПЕТЪК)

Reading of the Royal Hours – 9:30 am Taking out of the Holy Shroud (Plashtanitza), which represents the Lord's Tomb. The Church is open all day, so the faithful may venerate the Holy Shroud.

Commemoration of the Burial of Our Lord Jesus Christ – 7:00 pm

Holy and Great Friday is observed as a strict fast, and adult Christians are expected to abstain from all food and drink the entire day to the extent that their health permits.

After the service, the flowers from the Shroud will be distributed to the faithful.

APRIL 3, 2010 – HOLY SATURDAY (ВЕЛИКА СЪБОТА)

Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great at 10:00 am

Easter Midnight Service – 11:30 pm

Procession around the Church. All the faithful assemble outside for reading of the Resurrection Gospel, and the singing of the triumphant proclamation of Christ's victory over death.



APRIL 4, 2010 – EASTER SUNDAY – HOLY RESURRECTION

Divine Liturgy and Communion, after Easter Midnight Service

Red Easter eggs will be distributed to the congregation.

Easter Day – “Velikden” (Vtoro Voskresenie) – 3:00 pm

Vesper Service. The Gospels (St. John 20:19-25) will be read in many languages.

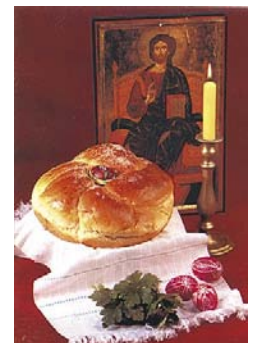


APRIL 5, 2010 – BRIGHT MONDAY

Holy Resurrection – 10:00 am

APRIL 6, 2010 – BRIGHT TUESDAY

Holy Resurrection – 10:00 am



MAY THE GLORY OF THE LORD'S MIRACLE STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH AND RENEW YOUR HOPE!

WISHING YOU A HAPPY AND BLESSED EASTER!

NEW CHURCH COMMITTEE'2010

At the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, January 31, 2010 a new Church Committee was elected, as follows:

President: Emil Georgiev

Vice-President: Nikolay Paskalev

Secretary: Ruth Klekos

Assistant Secretary: Maryon Kantaroff

Treasurer: Alexander Eftimov

Board members:

Maxim Stefanov

Asen Stanoev

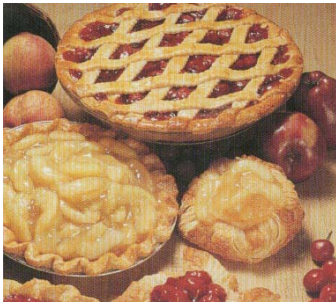
Vangel Angelov

Dimitrina Nikolov

Nina Bisol

Vania Tantcheva

Let's congratulate the members of new church committee'2010 and wish them health, prosperity and success in their work during the forthcoming year.



PALM SUNDAY – BAKE SALE – SUNDAY, MARCH 28, 2010

This year the Traditional Bake Sale will take place on Sunday, March 28, 2010 after the church service.

We need contributions of baked goods and volunteers to help.

Please, help raise some funds and save the church traditions.

BOGORODICHEN AKATHIST – THIRD & FOURTH STANZAS– FRIDAY, MARCH 26, 2010

Our Cathedral will be a host for the last Bogorodichen Akathist which will take a place on Friday, March 26, 2010.

The Service will start at 7:00 pm and will be performed by all priests from Macedono-Bulgarian Churches in Toronto.

In order to have a light supper after the service, please bring some meatless food and baked goods.

It will be much appreciated!



**REGULAR GENERAL MEETING
SUNDAY, APRIL 25, 2010**



Next Regular General Meeting will be held on Sunday, April 25, 2010, after the Church Service in the Main Parish Hall.

AGENDA

1. Minutes from the last Regular General Meeting – November 1, 2009
2. Financial report for the first 3 months of the year 2010
3. New Church Members
4. Other parish business

Please, plan to attend!