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CHURCH BULLETIN – MARCH / APRIL 2011



*May He who walks beside you
 in His gentle, caring way
 Grant to you His lasting joy
 this Holy Easter Day...
 And in the months to follow,
 may His loving spirit bless
 Your heart with deep content
 and your days with happiness.*

EASTER – APRIL 24, 2011

Easter is a season of the Christian church year, as opposed to a single-day observance. Lent, the 40-day period leading up to Easter Sunday, is a time of reflection and penance and represents the 40 days that Jesus spent alone in the wilderness before starting His Ministry, a time in which Christians believe He survived various temptations by the devil. The week preceding Easter is called Holy Week and includes Thursday, which commemorates Jesus' last supper with His disciples; Good Friday, which honors the day of His Crucifixion; and Holy Saturday, which focuses on the transition between the Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Easter Sunday celebrates the Christ's Resurrection and victory over death.

The Gospel is read in several languages to illustrate the universality of the Good News.

Love, forgiveness, reconciliation, triumph and joy are the gifts which we receive, because Christ lived and died and triumphed for our sake.

During the Forty Days of Resurrection, Orthodox Christians greet one another by saying: "Christ is Risen", the Easter salutation.

They likewise respond with the affirmation: "Truly He is Risen"

IN LOVING MEMORY OF



OLGA SHUKARIS (90)

*A full Life is not to be grieved, but celebrated.
 She had faith, respect and the love of many.
 There is no life more fulfilling.*

OLGA SHUKARIS was born on July 15, 1920 in the village of Posdeeveshcha, Macedonia, Greece.

She arrived in Canada in 1939 to marry John and they had a very happy 26 years together.

Olga volunteered at St. Cyril & Methody Cathedral and headed the making of zelnick for the bazaar for many years. Baba Olga made the best zelnick ever, just ask her grandchildren and great grandchildren!

In 1997 she was awarded a Certificate of Honour for her many years of devotion and commitment to the life of our church.

Olga was a truly giving person, who always put family and friends first and loved spending time with them.

She was a caring mother to Victoria, Clara and Andrew and mother-in-law to Philip, Peter and Diane. She was also a wonderful Baba to 7 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

The memory of Olga Shukaris as a wise, warm-hearted and cheery woman will always remain with us.

MAY GOD HAVE MERCY ON HER SOUL AND BLESSED BE HER MEMORY!



CHURCH CALENDAR FOR MARCH / APRIL 2011
GREAT LENT / EASTER 2011



MARCH'2011

Divine Service Begins

6 th	SUNDAY	Cheese fare (Forgiveness) Sunday	10:30 am
11 th	FRIDAY	1st Bogorodichen Akathist – Sts. Cyril & Methody	7:00 pm
12 th	SATURDAY	St. Theodore. Тодоровден.....	10:00 am
13 th	SUNDAY	1 st Sunday of Great Lent. Sunday of Orthodoxy.....	10:30 am
13 th	SUNDAY	<i>Vesper Service at Prophet Elias Greek Orthodox Church</i> <i>(1785 Matheson Blvd. Mississauga, Ontario)</i>	7:00 pm
18 th	FRIDAY	2nd Bogorodichen Akathist – St. Dimitar Church	7:00 pm
20 th	SUNDAY	2 nd Sunday of Great Lent.	10:30 am
25 th	FRIDAY	Holy Annunciation. Благовещение	10:00 am
25 th	FRIDAY	3rd Bogorodichen Akathist – St. George Church	7:00 pm
27 th	SUNDAY	3 rd Sunday of Great Lent. Veneration of the Holy Cross.....	10:30 am

APRIL'2011

Divine Service Begins

1 st	FRIDAY	4th Bogorodichen Akathist – Holy Trinity Church	7:00 pm
3 rd	SUNDAY	4 th Sunday of Great Lent. Ven. John Climacus.....	10:30 am
8 th	FRIDAY	5th Bogorodichen Akathist – Sts. Cyril & Methody	7:00 pm
10 th	SUNDAY	5 th Sunday of Great Lent. Ven. Mary of Egypt.....	10:30 am
15 th	FRIDAY	6th Bogorodichen Akathist – St. Dimitar Church	7:00 pm
16 th	SATURDAY	Resurrection of St. Lazarus. Лазаровден	10:00 am
17 th	SUNDAY	Palm Sunday. Holy Communion. Цветница <i>Traditional Bake-Sale in the Banquet Hall after Service</i>	10:30 am
19 th	TUESDAY	Bride-Groom Service – St. George Church	7:00 pm
24 th	SUNDAY	EASTER SUNDAY. RESURRECTION	3:00 pm

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

MEMBERSHIP'2011 REMAINDER

This is for all church members, who have not paid their membership dues for the year 2011.
The membership due is 50.00 per year and can be paid by cheque, sent to the church or by cheque and cash paid at the pangar during Church Services.



APRIL 21, 2011 – 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 22, 2011 – 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.

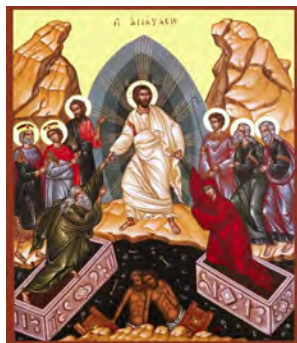


APRIL 23, 2011 – HOLY SATURDAY (ВЕЛИКА СЪБОТА)

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 24, 2011 – HOLY RESURRECTION - EASTER SUNDAY

Divine Liturgy and Communion, after Easter Midnight Service

Red Easter eggs will be distributed to the congregation.

Easter Day – Великден (Vtoro Voskresenie) – 3:00 pm

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



APRIL 25, 2011 – BRIGHT MONDAY

Holy Resurrection – 10:00 am

APRIL 26, 2011 – BRIGHT TUESDAY

Holy Resurrection – 10:00 am



***“The Lord is close to all those, who call on Him...” Psalm 145:18
May the Lord’s blessing be with you this Easter and always!***

HAPPY EASTER!

CHURCH NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS – MARCH / APRIL 2011

CHURCH COMMITTEE FOR 2011

At the Annual General Meeting on Sunday, February 27, 2011 a new Church Committee was elected:

President: Emil Georgiev

Vice-President: Vladimir Martinov

Secretary: Nina Bisol

Assistant Secretary: Yordan Koychev

Treasurer: Dimitrina Nickolov

Board members:

George Stasoff

George Kostov

James Steffoff

Stoyan Kalaydjiev

Sylvia Ivanov

Nikoleta Pantev

Congratulations for the members of newly elected committee and wishes for health and success in their work for the good of the church.



PALM SUNDAY – TRADITIONAL BAKE SALE – SUNDAY, APRIL 17, 2011

This year the Traditional Bake Sale will take place on Sunday, April 17, 2011 after the church service.

We need contributions of baked goods and volunteers to help.

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

HOST OF BOGORODICHEN AKATHISTS – FRIDAY, MARCH 11 & APRIL 8, 2011

Our Cathedral will host the Vespers with Akathist for Our Lady Theotokos as follows:

- First Part – Friday, March 11, 2011 at 7:00 pm
- Fifth Part – Friday, April 8, 2011 at 7:00 pm

The Services will be performed by all priests from Macedono-Bulgarian Churches in Toronto.

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

It will be much appreciated!



REGULAR GENERAL MEETING SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011



Next Regular General Meeting will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2011 after the Church Service at 12:30 pm.

AGENDA

1. Minutes from the last Regular General Meeting – February 6, 2011
2. Financial report for the first 3 months of the year 2011
3. New Church Members
4. Other parish business

Please, plan to attend!