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Христос Воскрес! Christ is Risen!
Воістину Воскрес! Indeed He has Risen!

We extend a joyous welcome to all our parishioners and guests who have come to join us on Thomas Sunday in offering praise to God.

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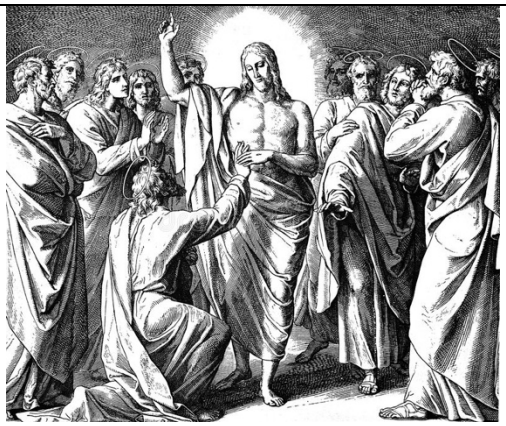
Tone 7

Acts (5:12-20)

John (20:19-31)



CHURCH SERVICES

WEEKDAY DIVINE LITURGIES:
7:00 am – Mon. – Fri. (CHURCH)
9:00 am – Fri. (Chapel)

SATURDAY DIVINE LITURGIES
7:00 am – bilingual (Church)
6:30 pm – rosary
7:00 pm – bilingual (Church)

SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGIES
Rosary said half hour before each liturgy
9:00 am – Ukrainian
11:00 am – English (livestreamed)
7:00 pm – bilingual

LITURGY LIVESTREAMING:
https://tinyurl.com/stbasilchannel

BASILIAN FATHERS SERVING THE PARISH:
Fr. Gabriel Haber, OSBM
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Assistant Pastor
Fr. Mark Zazula, OSBM
Assistant Pastor
Fr. Serafym Grygoruk, OSBM

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Fr. Boniface Malowany, OSBM

CONFESSIONS:
Available at a weekend Divine Liturgy or by appointment during the week

MARRIAGES:
By appointment, at least 6 months in advance.

BAPTISMS & FUNERALS:
Please contact the parish office to make arrangements with a priest

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CHURCH SERVICES THIS WEEK

Sunday, Apr. 7:	**Thomas Sunday**	**OFFICE CLOSED**
9:00 am – Divine Liturgy – (Sviachene to follow in hall upstairs)		
11:00 am – Divine Liturgy – (Sviachene to follow in hall upstairs)		
7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy		
Monday Apr. 8:		
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy	7:45 am – Matins	
Tuesday, Apr. 9:		
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy	7:45 am – Matins	
6:45 pm – Divine Liturgy		
Wednesday, Apr. 10:		
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy	7:45 am – Matins	
Thursday, Apr. 11:		
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy	7:45 am – Matins	
Friday, Apr. 12:		
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy	7:45 am – Matins	
9:00 am – Divine Liturgy		
Saturday, Apr. 13:		**OFFICE CLOSED**
7:00 am – Divine Liturgy	6:00 pm – Vespers	
7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy		
Sunday, Apr. 14:	**Myrrh-Bearing Women**	**OFFICE CLOSED**
9:00 am – Divine Liturgy		
11:00 am – Divine Liturgy		
7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy		

Chapel is open for adoration Mon.-Fri. 10:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Please have announcements for the bulletin submitted by noon on Wednesday.

Divine Liturgy for Sunday, April 7, 2024
Thomas Sunday

https://www.youtube.com/live/4dYblGPwT9I?si=VCIQmbVRICK-onmZ
https://www.youtube.com/live/-mzcz0PbRSI?si=9z6csvDkKUpSVkW3

IN THE BEGINNING: Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

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

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. (Psalm 146:5,1)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (5:12-20)
In those days, many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. 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."

ДІЯНЬ святих Апостолів читання (5:12-20):
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 садукеїв, – і, повні заздрощів,

наклали руки на апостолів і вкинули 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.»

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. (Psalm 94:1,3)

A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to JOHN (20:19-31)
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When it was evening 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.

Від ІВАНА святого Євангелія читання (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 цієї – списано, щоб увірували ви, що Ісус – Христос, Син Божий, а вірувавши, – щоб мали життя в його ім'я.

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:
Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem. Praise your God, O Sion. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (Psalm147:1)

Instead of Blessed is He Who comes… we sing:
Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

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.

Instead of May our mouths be filled*… we sing three times:*
Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

Instead of Blessed be the name of the Lord*… we sing three times:*
Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

At the dismissal, instead of Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen*. we chant:*
Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

After the final Amen, the Troparion Christ is risen *is sung as at the beginning of the Liturgy, but with the addition:*
And to us He has granted life eternal; we bow down before His resurrection on the third day.

Papal Prayer Intention for April – For The Role of Women
We pray that the dignity and immense value of women be recognised in every culture, and for the end of discrimination that they experience in different parts of the world.

Pope Francis' prayer intention for the month of April is that the dignity and worth of women be recognized throughout the world.

"In many parts of the world, women are treated like the first thing to get rid of," Pope Francis said in a video released April 2.

"There are countries where women are forbidden to access aid, open a business, or go to school," he said, adding: "In these places, they are subject to laws that make them dress a certain way. And in many countries, genital mutilation is still practiced."

He urged the world to "not deprive women of their voice. Let us not rob all these abused women of their voice. They are exploited, marginalized."

The Holy Father pointed out that "in theory, we all agree that men and women have the same dignity as persons. But this does not play out in practice."

"Governments need to commit to eliminate discriminatory laws everywhere and to work toward guaranteeing women's human rights," Francis said.
"Let us respect women. Let us respect their dignity, their basic rights. And if we don't, our society will not progress."

He concluded with a prayer: "Let us pray that the dignity and worth of women be recognized in every culture, and for an end to the discrimination they face in various parts of the world."

Pro-life Prayer Intention for April 7
After greeting his disciples with the words "Peace be with you," our Divine Saviour "showed them His hands and His side," thereby confirming Isaiah's prophecy, "by his stripes, we are healed."

Medjugorje Message, April 2, 2017
"Dear children, Apostles of my love, it is up to you to spread the love of my Son to all those who have not come to know it; you, the little lights of the world, whom I am teaching with motherly love to shine clearly with full brilliance. Prayer will help you, because prayer saves you, prayer saves the world. Therefore, my children, pray with words, feelings, merciful love and sacrifice. My Son has shown you the way - He who became incarnate and made of me the first chalice, with His exalted sacrifice He has shown you how you need to love. Therefore, my children, do not be afraid to speak the truth. Do not be afraid to change yourself and the world by spreading love, by doing everything for my Son to be known and loved by loving others in Him. As a mother I am always with you. I am imploring my Son to help you for love to reign in your life - love that lives, love that draws, love which gives life. I am teaching you such love - pure love. It is up to you, my apostles, to recognize it, live it and spread it. Pray with feeling for your shepherds so that they can witness my Son with love. Thank you."

Remember the sick, the lonely, & the elderly in your prayers, & try to visit them:

Nikulus Kokotilo; Terry Bezubiak; Helen Lewitski; Julian Warawa; Saul Sych; Joseph Bayduza; Olga Prosky; Peter Syvenky; Victoria Skitsko; Elizabeth Nakonechny; Alex & Alvina Andruchow; Larry Kuchmak; Ray Holyk; Eleanor Holowaychuk; Edward Chmilar; those afflicted by COVID-19; our Canadian Peace Keepers; and those confined to their hospital beds or their homes.

PLEASE NOTE: ***The list is kept to the end of the month. If desired, you must re-submit the person's name for the next month.***

E-Transfer Donation Option Available –
Options are available for donating by E-Transfer. The email for E-Transfers is donationstbasilchurch@gmail.com. If you have any questions or problems, please call the office at 780-434-8010.

Sunday Donation for March 31, 2024	
Sunday Offerings	$12, 017.00
E-Transfers –	$780.00
POP – (Preauthorised Offering Withdrawal)	00
PAD – Reno Pledge (Preauth.Withdrawal)	00
Church Reno Donations	$1,300.00

Renovation Funding Appeal

"The church renovation project is now complete. The total cost was approximately $2,037,000. Significant funding for the project in the amount of $1,800,000 was provided by a loan from the Basilian Fathers. Thank you to those who have contributed, to date, towards the renovation fund. We ask and encourage you, as your financial situation permits, please consider future donations to help repay the loan."

Please Note: The 2024 Graveside service at St. Michael Cemetery on Sunday, April 14, is scheduled for 2:00 pm. However, should the weather dictate otherwise – like snow, cold or rain, the service will be held at St. Basil's Church at 1:00 pm as the church has been booked by Axios (Men's Choir) from 2:30 pm onwards. Any inconvenience is regretted.

USHERS NEEDED !

Time is one of the greatest gifts God has given us. We can be good stewards, that is, good caretakers of the time God gives us if we divide it up well

We are in need of Ushers at our church and would invite you to consider volunteering your time. Ushers greet parishioners as they come in, collect weekly donations during Divine Liturgy, they regularly perform a head count for parish and eparchial records and archiving purposes. Ushers wear an "Usher" name tag by which they will be recognized. Please do not pass the buck to the other person, be like Mary who said "yes" to Christ. Christ is calling you to share your gifts.

Please respond favourably as we are in great need of your gift of time and talent in our parish. We invite men, women or families. If you feel you would like to do this, please call

Murray Pitchko at 780-460-2084 or
Jerry Pasternak at 780-461-5586.

Thank you

ATTENTION:
We are in need of volunteers for the various upcoming events/functions being St. Basil's Cultural Centre. If you are able to donate some of your time to help, please call:

the Cultural centre at 780-434-4288

Thank you for helping make our events a success.

The Eparchial Altar Boy Camp

Calling all Knights of the Altar! The Eparchial Altar Boy camp will be held August 5 to 10, 2024 at Camp St. Basils for boys ages 7 years and older. The overnight camp is not only for boys who currently serve, but for those who are interested in learning about the many jobs involved in serving. The camp provides an opportunity for the boys to further develop their knowledge of serving, the important role they do, their Ukrainian Catholic Faith, and each other. The camp also includes sports, crafts, other activities and great food. Registration information will be available in the coming weeks. Please mark your calendars! For further information at this time, contact Ken Stelmach at kenstelmach@hotmail.com.

"If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honor." John 12:26

St. Basil UCWLC General Meeting

St. Basil UCWLC General Meeting April 9, 2024 following the evening Divine Liturgy. Members are invited to attend the Rosary starting 6:15 pm followed by Divine Liturgy.

Fr. Hannas Council Knights of Columbus
Spring Fertilizer Fund Raiser Lawn Fertilizer
25-10-12 Secret Summer Blend
10 kg (22.5 lbs) @ 25 per bag
Pre-Order from Leo Derkach
Phone 780-465-5999 or 780-720-2944
Cash Payment & Pick up on May 4 & 5, 2024 10 am – 2 pm
At St. Basil's Cultural Centre
God Bless & many thanks for your generous support

Dear Grand Knight, Neil Koziak &
members of the Knights of Columbus at St. Basil's Parish:

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

Thank you, dear members for assisting us so graciously at the Divine Liturgy Funeral celebration for Brother Nicholas by organizing pall bearers and ensuring that everything transpired in an orderly fashion. We sincerely appreciate your help and I will be celebrating a Divine Liturgy for your intentions.

May God bless you.
Fr. Gabriel Haber, OSBM - Pastor

A CLARION CALL TO PRAY

A group of dedicated people have been meeting at St. Basil's Church at 6:30 p.m. every Wednesday to pray the rosary for the conversion of Russia, peace in Ukraine, stop the war atrocities, and that the peace of Christ will prevail.

Our Lady of Fatima is the title given to the Virgin Mary as she appeared before 3 shepherd children near the village of Fatima, Portugal on May 13, 1917 asking that the rosary be recited daily for peace and devotion.

Please seriously consider placing your name on a list with Charlotte Martynuik <lavender60lily@gmail.com>, so we know who is praying with us. This is the greatest weapon in the 21st century. Let us use this valuable time to make a difference in the world.

Dear St. Basil's family and friends:

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

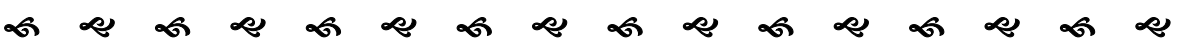
Thank you to all the people who participated in organizing the Holy Week celebrations as well as Easter. This includes Cantors, Lectors, Altar boys, Children of Mary, Ladies League, Choir, Linen Committee, Ushers, Office Staff, Sacristy, Flower Committee, Candle Committee, Janitors, K of C Honor Guards to the Sepulchre, etc.

I am greatly humbled and deeply touched to see the harmony and perfection in which all the celebrations transpired so beautifully. It was such a joy to see young fathers and mothers and their precious children assembling and disassembling the sepulchre together. This the way in which the parish is growing in Liturgical life and the faith is passed on and nurtured.

"And whatever they do in word or deed, they do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus and in dependence upon His person, giving praise to You, Father, through Him."

I wish you and your families the resurrected life.

Most thankfully and appreciatively,
Fr. Gabriel Haber, OSBM
Pastor



To All Organizations:

Dear Chairpersons or Presidents of the Organizations of St. Basil's Parish:

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

I am greeting you with the wonderful news that Christ is risen which is the foundation of our faith, the essence of our Christian life. I hope and pray that you all experienced a happy and joyful Easter. I wish upon all of you abundant blessings and the graces of our resurrection which Christ brings.

As we are wanting to keep everything in our parish centralized and in order, from now on please pick up your mail from the Parish office during office hours and NOT from the Cultural Centre. I understand that for some of you this is an inconvenience, but for the sake of centralization, you can discover what is happening in the parish life and we can discover what is happening in your organization. This creates unity of one body which we call a parish. If somebody has changed the address to the Cultural Centre, please change it back to the Parish office. We have created a mail slot for each organization.

All the best,
Fr. Gabriel Haber, OSBM
Pastor

St. Thomas's experience of the Resurrected Christ!

“My Lord and my God" (John 20:28).

When the Apostle Thomas felt the wounds of the Lord Jesus, he cried out: "My Lord and my God!"

When Mary Magdalene heard the voice of the resurrected One in her soul, she cried out: "My Lord and my God!"

When Saul saw the light and heard the words of the resurrected One, he acknowledged: "My Lord and my God!"

When the pagans, in amazement, observed how the countless numbers of martyrs joyfully undergo pains and asked them: "Who is this Christ?" All of them replied: "My Lord and my God!"

When the scoffers ridiculed the army of ascetics and asked them: "Who is He, for Whom they took upon themselves the awesome burden of mortification? They all had one answer: "My Lord and my God!"

When the scorners derided the virgins who vowed their virginity and asked them: "Who is He for Whom they renounced marriage?" They all had one answer: "My Lord and my God!"

When the avaricious in astonishment asked the very wealthy: "Who is He for Whom they distribute their wealth and become beggarly?" All of them replied, one and the same: "My Lord and my God!"

Some have seen Him and have said: "My Lord and my God!" Some have only heard Him and said: "My Lord and my God!" Some have only felt Him and said: "My Lord and my God!" Some have only observed Him in the fabric of events and in the destinies of peoples and said: "My Lord and my God!" Some have felt His presence in their lives and cried out: "My Lord and my God!" Some have recognized Him by some sign, on themselves or on others, and cried out: "My Lord and my God!" Still some have only heard about Him from others and believed and cried out: "My Lord and my God!" Truly, these last ones are the most blessed!

Let us also at the feet of our Eucharist Lord exclaim, with all our hearts, regardless of how we have come to recognize Him or how we have come to learn about Him: "My Lord and my God!"

BROTHER NICHOLAS EUGENE KOZIAK, OSBM (1940 – 2024). Brother Nicholas Koziak, OSBM died peacefully in the hospital in Lamont, AB on Saturday March 30, 2024 at the age of 83. Born Eugene on May 21, 1940 in Edmonton, AB, he was orphaned from age 7 and was sent to live at St. Joseph's Orphanage in Mundare, AB, which was a ministry of the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate (SSMI). It was during his time in the orphanage under the Sisters' care that Bro. Nicholas began to contemplate a vocation to the religious life. He entered the Basilian Novitiate in Mundare, AB on March 15, 1957 and made his Solemn Profession of Vows in the Basilian Order of St. Josaphat on September 8, 1962.

Throughout his years in the Basilian Order, Bro. Nicholas served in the kitchen as a monastery cook in the Order's communities in Mundare, AB; Vancouver, BC; Rome, Italy; and Grimsby, ON. When the Order closed its monastery in Grimsby in 2003, Bro. Nicholas, was assigned, once again, to live in the Mundare monastery. For the past few years, due to failing health, he was living in Fr. Filas Manor, next to the Basilian Monastery in Mundare. Brother Nicholas will be remembered for his always pleasant and cheerful disposition as well as his amazing ability to remember even the most minute details of every obituary he has ever read.

Bright (Resurrectional) Parastas was celebrated at Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Mundare, AB on Wednesday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. The Funeral Divine Liturgy was celebrated on Thursday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m., also at Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, with burial in the Basilian Order's section of Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery, Mundare, AB.

For his long service in our Ukrainian Catholic Church, please offer Divine Liturgies for his soul or make a donation in his memory to the Education of Basilian Priests, c/o Basilian Fathers, 737 Bannerman Avenue, Winnipeg, MB, R2X 1J9.

God grant Brother Nicholas eternal rest and entrance into the eternal happiness where all the saints repose! Khrystos Voskres!