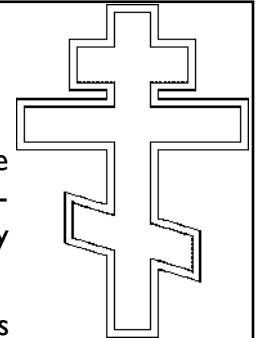




October 2025 Parish Bulletin

To Your Cross, O Master, we bow in veneration!



Lately, there have been quiet mumblings about the viewed increase of a certain version of the Cross within our district. And so I thought it would be appropriate, especially given we just celebrated the Exaltation, to share some excerpts from a paper written by Fr. Stephen Wojcichowsky of the Eparchy of Edmonton. The full article will be available at the entrance of your church.

The chief point of controversy, however, is the slanted bar on the so-called Orthodox cross (which has been called at different times Eastern, Slavic, Russian, etc.). Some would argue that this form of the cross is Muscovite in origin. Although there is no question that this cross is very popular in areas influenced by Russian Orthodoxy, according to archeological and iconographic evidence, the cross is hardly Russian in origin.

For example, at the Basilian Fathers Museum in Mundare, Alberta, a medallion displays this form of cross with the description "Western Ukraine, 11th-13th century." In addition, it was present in Byzantium prior to the introduction of Christianity in Kyivan Rus' as the state religion in A.D. 988 (Moscow was not even a settlement at that time). In the Early Church its use is attested in Jerusalem and Greece. For example, in the monastery of Vatopedi on Mt. Athos, a cross in this form is found on the altar of the main church. Tradition attributes it to Emperor Constantine (early 4th century). Thus, it belongs to all churches of Byzantine heritage.

The three-barred cross with slanted footrest is used in a very prominent way by Eastern Catholics like the Ruthenians (Slavic usage), Slovaks (Slavic usage) and Melkites (Greek usage). It is found abundantly in Melkite churches, homes and publications, and in most Greek-Catholic churches in Slovakia. In conversations over three summers of study in New York City with American Ruthenians, I have come to recognize the deep attachment other Eastern Catholics have to this cross as an expression of their spiritual and cultural heritage.

Ukrainian Catholics are among the Eastern Catholic Churches which certainly use and value this cross. My first experience of its widespread contemporary use in our Church was during the commemorations of the Millennium of Ukrainian Christianity in 1988. Ukrainian Catholic worshippers displayed this cross very freely, throughout Europe and in Rome itself at the main celebrations, to symbolize their religious and national identity. It is being used increasingly in Ukraine itself as a sign of one's Eastern Christian identity. As an aside, in 1990 when I asked the pastor of Kyiv's only Ukrainian Catholic parish how they describe themselves, he said "We are the Catholic Orthodox." This is to say, paraphrasing Patriarch Myroslav Ivan Lubachivsky, that our expression of Christianity is Orthodox in faith, but our mission in Christianity is Catholic in love.

Resistance to the "Orthodox" cross still exists in our Church. Here it would be good to note the words of Pope John Paul II about the Eastern Catholic Churches: "These churches carry a tragic wound, for they are still kept from full communion with the Eastern Orthodox churches, despite sharing in the heritage of their ancestors" (*Oriente Lumen – The Light of the East*. §21).

Specifically, we, Catholic and Orthodox alike, share in the heritage of that curiously shaped cross, a cross which "must not be emptied of its power because if the cross of Christ is emptied of its power, we no longer have roots, we no longer have prospects; we are destroyed!" (*Oriente Lumen*. §3).

This intriguing cross, asymmetrical yet harmonious, offers the wandering heart in search of the Way, both the challenge and the comfort that, in Christ, we are home. It also offers to Ukrainian Catholics the opportunity to witness to the unity of the Body of Christ for we are "the Catholic Orthodox", brothers of Constantinople and sisters of Rome. Let not this cross be the two-edged sword of divisive pride, but the key to humble unity so that we could say with St. Paul: May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. *Galatians 6:14a*



Wed. Oct. 15 6:00pm

Theme: Cremation

Zoom: 815 6824 8203
Passcode: GodisGreat

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Download the Believe & Connect app today and stay connected with our district! Complete schedule and information available at your fingertips. Download the app and search for our district and other parishes throughout the Archeparchy of Winnipeg!

Volunteers Wanted: You'll see that this month we will be starting up some great initiatives within our district. While we have some awesome leaders, extra help is always welcome! If you are interested in assisting with anything, please contact Fr. Jay today!

While you're at it, why stop there? Is there some other area you'd like to volunteer your time with? Is there other ministry you'd like to help get off the ground? Talk with Fr. Jay to see how you can help your parish district today!

Venerating the Gospel: Ever notice that sometimes during the Little Entrance, kids come up and kiss the Gospel book? Did you know that everyone is welcome to come and do the same even if you are over the age of 12? And even if there are no kids present, feel free to step forward and venerate the Gospel. It may even encourage others through your example, including the kids!

Kneeling: The tradition in the Eastern Church is to not kneel on Sundays. Kneeling is a sign of repentance and each Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection and thus is a time to rejoice & celebrate! We encourage everyone in our parishes to keep this practice alive. You are welcome to kneel at church or in your own prayers from Monday to Saturday, but on Sunday's we invite everyone to remain standing! Give it a try for a month and see how natural it becomes!

JUBILEE YEAR 2025

2025 is a Jubilee Year in the Catholic Church throughout the whole world. There are many pilgrimage sites and celebrations happening throughout the year, and many of them are happening right here in Manitoba!



Our Ukrainian Catholic Church in Manitoba has 3 sites you can pilgrimage to during this Year of Hope along with 16 other Roman Catholic sites throughout Manitoba. Check out our website for a Pilgrim Guidebook to find out each location!

Visit: rossburnugcc.ca/news-events

2025 Praznyk Schedule

FINAL PRAZNYK OF 2025!!

All are invited to come and celebrate the Protection of the Mother of God with the community of Mountain Road!

Protection of BVM (Mtn. Rd)

Saturday, Oct. 4



YOUTH ALPHA is coming to our district this Fall! Our district will be joining forces with Pelly Plains Parish (Anglican) to offer a Youth Alpha course this Fall out of our parish of Sacred Heart in Rossburn. This course will be offered on a weekly basis, every Thursday night at 6pm with dinner being provided each week. This course is for those aged 12-18. If you have a mature one that is younger, reach out to Pastor Jen or Fr. Jay to enquire about their attendance. *Sign-up with Fr. Jay today!*

WHEN: Thursdays (starting Oct. 16)

TIME: 6pm-8pm

**WHERE: Sacred Heart Ukr. Cath. Parish,
Rossburn**

Rossburn Pastoral District Children's Catechism 2025-2026



Who is it for? Children, ages 6-12, preparing for the sacraments of confession and communion as well as anyone else who wants to participate - siblings, grandparents, and beyond.

What is the format? Families are invited to come to 11:30 Sunday Divine Liturgy with fellowship lunch to follow. The interactive catechism lesson will go from 1:00pm - 2:00pm.

Who is leading? Fr. Jay, Sophia, and Gaylene will be co-instructors along with any parents or volunteers who are willing to lead a portion of the lessons.

Will it be boring? No way! Each time there will be a story, discussion, game, and craft or activity to help unpack the topic.

Why not Summer Catechism? Summer Catechism is fantastic and we hope to do some version of it 2026. This is just another option that might be a better fit for some families.

What if we can't always make it? Even if you can only come one time, we'd love to see you! There will also be a digital 'take home package' for each lesson so no one misses out.

Who do I talk to? Please email Gaylene at magnowskis@live.ca or Sophia at sophiakorban@gmail.com if you are interested so we can prepare enough supplies.

Proposed Schedule:

October 5	Rossburn	Who is God?
November 9	Russell	Creation & the Old Testament
December 7	Rossburn	Christmas and Jesus' Life
February 8	Russell	Jesus' Death and Resurrection
----	Take Home Package	The Holy Spirit and the Church
March 8	Russell	Understanding the Divine Liturgy & Communion
April 12	Russell	Understanding Confession
May 24-31	Anywhere	First Confession (booked individually)
May 31	Russell	First Solemn Communion

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

Join a conversation on life, faith & purpose

alpha.org/youth | [@alphayth](https://www.instagram.com/alphayth)



WHEN: Thursdays (starting Oct. 16)

TIME: 6pm-8pm

WHERE: Sacred Heart Ukr. Cath. Parish, Rosscurn

Sign Up: Contact Fr. Jay by text at 204-859-3025

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Vigil Candle Intentions for the month of October

October 6 - 10

Icon of Our Lord	For all parishioners
Icon of the Theotokos	For all parishioners

October 13 - 17

Icon of Our Lord	For our Metropolitan Lawrence & Bishop Andriy
Icon of the Theotokos	For all of our clergy in the Archeparchy of Winnipeg

October 20 - 24

Icon of Our Lord	For all parishioners
Icon of the Theotokos	For all parishioners

October 27 - 31

Icon of Our Lord	+Annie Wilk by Kay Wilk
Icon of the Theotokos	+Annie Wilk by Kay Wilk



On behalf of the entire Rosscburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District, we wish to extend our deepest condolences to the family and friends of those who have passed away in our districts over the last months.

Gladys Bonchuk (Rosscburn) - September 2

We extend our prayers as a community for all those who have passed.

Eternal Memory - Вічна Пам'ять!

Please remember in your prayers all of our parishioners who are in our local care homes and feel free to visit them whenever!

Rosscburn PCH:

Kay Luba
Helen Sidoryk
Pauline Sidoryk

Russell PCH:

Anne Snytynski
Sofia Jawa
Bill Kalyniak
Jean Stahchuk
Ed Twardowski

Shoal Lake PCH:

Frances Susinski
Donnie Drozda
Olga Bomak
Tony Voychysyn
Anne Kowal
Eileen Ewachewski
Olga Melnyk

Sandy Lake PCH:

Anne Macksymchuk
Sophie Raginski
Eugene Yanick
Zenon Gerelus
Matt Kowalchuk
Emie Dmyterko

Liturgical Schedule and Sacraments

1st Sunday: Shoal Lake at 9am & Rosscburn at 11:30am; **2nd Sunday:** Oakburn at 9am & Russell at 11:30am.

3rd Sunday: Rosscburn at 9am & Shoal Lake at 11:30am; **4th Sunday:** Russell at 9am & Oakburn at 11:30am.

2nd Saturday: Mountain Road @ 10:30am; **4th Saturday:** Sandy Lake @ 10:30am

Tuesday - Fridays: 10am - Rosscburn

Confessions: By appointment (always available!)

Baptisms & Funerals: By appointment. Please contact Fr. Jay to arrange.

Weddings: By appointment with minimum 6 months notice.

Anointing of the Sick: By appointment. Please contact Fr. Jay for emergencies.

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October 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Protection of Theotokos 10:00am Divine Liturgy Birthday Blessings for Helen Byskal	2 10:00am Divine Liturgy +Penny Mychasiw (3 yrs) by Ray Mychasiw	3 10:00am Sandy Lake PCH For good weather for harvest by David Sytnyk	4 10:30am - Mtn. Road with Praznyk
5 17th Sun. after Pentecost 9:00am - Shoal Lake 11:30am - Rossburn with Children's Catechism	6	7	8	9	10	11 11:00am Divine Liturgy +Leona Yanyk (1 yr)
	Fr. Jay away on Annual Clergy Retreat					
12 Fathers of 7th Council 9:00am - Oakburn 11:30am - Russell	13	14 10:00am Divine Liturgy Deceased Members of Andrusiak Family	15 10:00am Rossburn PCH Sacred Studies - 6pm	16 10:00am Shoal Lake PCH Youth Alpha - 6pm	17	18 Chipelski Wedding 1:00pm Rossburn
19 19th Sun. after Pentecost 9:00am - Rossburn 11:30am - Shoal Lake	20	21 10:00am Divine Liturgy	22 10:00am Russell PCH Altar Servers - 7pm	23 10:00am Divine Liturgy Youth Alpha - 6pm	24	25 10:30am - S andy Lake
26 Great-Martyr Demetrius 9:00am - Oakburn 11:30am - Angusville with AGM	27	28 10:00am Music Practice	29 10:00am Divine Liturgy	30 10:00am Divine Liturgy Youth Alpha - 6pm	31	