



May 2026

The Ascension Restores Reality

This month, we celebrate the joyful feast of the Holy Ascension. But this feast is not simply about where Christ went—it reveals what has happened to our humanity. When Jesus ascended into heaven, He did not go alone. He brought our human nature with Him—restored, healed, and glorified—and seated it at the right hand of the Father.

This means something incredible: Our humanity now has a place in heaven. St. Paul tells us that God has: “made us alive together with Christ... raised us up... and made us sit together in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus.” Not just in the future—but even now, we begin to share in this reality.

And yet, we often struggle to see it. Why? Because we tend to think of ourselves as isolated individuals. But the Church teaches that we are deeply connected. When Christ heals human nature, He opens that healing to all of us. A helpful image is that of a vast tree called Pando, which looks like thousands of trees but is actually one living organism with one root system. In a similar way, humanity shares a common nature. What happens to one affects the whole.



Through His Ascension, Christ has restored the “root” of our humanity. So where do we encounter this new reality? Most powerfully—in the Divine Liturgy. When we gather, we are not just attending a service. We are stepping into heaven itself. We are invited to “lay aside all earthly cares” and receive Christ, who is present among us.

The Ascension reminds us: We are not meant to live only for this world. Our life is already hidden with Christ in God. May we open our hearts to this reality, and live as those who belong not only to earth— but to heaven.

Adapted from the homily and article by Fr. Jeremy McKemy, published 14 June 2024. For the full article visit: <https://www.orthodoxroad.com/the-ascension-restores-reality/>

PRAZNYK STEWARDSHIP DRAW

Throughout our praznyk season, we invite all parishioners and guests to take part in our **Praznyk Stewardship Draw** — a simple and joyful way to support the life and mission of our Rossburn Ukrainian Catholic Pastoral District.

At each celebration, you will find a bucket of numbered ping pong balls. Participants are invited to draw a ball, and the number drawn becomes the amount of your donation. Each ball is numbered from 1-200 meaning that the biggest donation someone will give is no more than \$200. If we get through every ball throughout the summer, we will have raised **\$20,100!!** Every gift, whether large or small, contributes to the ongoing care of our district, the support of our ministries, and the strengthening of our parish communities.

To add a bit of fun, 8 special balls have been included in the draw. If you happen to pick one of these, you will receive a prize instead of making a donation.

This initiative is a meaningful way for us to practice stewardship together—offering back to God a portion of what He has graciously given to us, while building up our pastoral district from feast to feast.

We thank you sincerely for your generosity, your faith, and your continued support of our parishes.

“From feast to feast, we build together.”

Restoring Liturgical Practices

Over the past years we have revived a number of ancient liturgical practices within our district. We want to remind everyone that everyone is welcome to participate in these at any time!

- **Kissing the Gospel** at the ‘Little Entrance’ is not just for kids, but open to anyone wanting to reverence the Holy Word of God.
- **Holding candles** at the reading of the Gospel is how we express that the Word of God how we witness the Light of Christ coming into the world.
- **Lighting candles** (in particular in Rossburn) is how we offer a visual sign of our prayers being offered up to God. Light a candle for your intention or in memory of a loved one.
- **Singing**, well that’s just a given, we should all be singing during our services!

PRAZNYK TOUR 2026

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Holy Ascension Parish (Ruthenia; cemetery only) **Saturday, May 16**
Holy Ghost Parish (Sandy Lake) **Saturday, May 23**
Holy Ghost Parish (Lakedale) **Sunday, May 24**
Holy Eucharist Parish (Oakburn) **Sunday, May 31**

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Wisdom! Let us be attentive... for the next 40 days of Pascha!

Just a reminder that during the 40 days of Pascha (plus 10 between Ascension & Pentecost), we are encouraged to remain standing throughout all of our prayer. Whether that’s at home, or during the Divine Liturgy, or in our pew before a small service, we are invited to stand for our prayers as a celebratory stance. Kneeling is a sign of repentance, and while we celebrate our Lord’s Resurrection, we stand in joy and celebration!



Lights, Camera, Faith!

As our Paschal season nears its end in, we want to invite all of our parishioners for a movie night in Rossburn on Sat. May 9th at 7pm. Together we’ll watch the movie, *Risen* (2016). *Risen* is about a Roman military tribune who is tasked to investigate the mystery of what happened to Jesus following the Crucifixion. With his aide Lucius, his quest to disprove rumors of a risen Messiah makes him question his own beliefs and spirituality. Eventually, Clavius discovers the truth that he’s been seeking.

FREE

Kids of All
Ages

SAVE THE DATE! SUMMER CATECHISM

**AUGUST
17-21
10AM-3PM**



HANDS ON FAITH & TONS OF FUN! EVERYONE WELCOME!

More information in coming months!



Vigil Candle Intentions

Week of May 3: *In memory of +Elsie Macksymchuk by Kay Wilk*



On behalf of the entire Rossburn 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 month.

+William (Bill) Kalyniak (Angusville) - April 12

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!

Rossburn PCH:

Kay Luba
Helen Sidoryk
Pauline Sidoryk
Verna Juba
Josephine Genovie
Olga Herechuk
Stella Shewchuk

Shoal Lake PCH:

Frances Susinski
Olga Bomak
Winnie Danyluk
Anne Kowal
Eileen Ewachewski
Olga Melnyk
Milton Ostash
Raymond Mychasiw

Sandy Lake PCH:

Anne Macksymchuk
Eugene Yanick
Zenon Gerelus
Ernie Dmyterko
Teenie Buternowsky
Lena Kalyniak

Liturgical Schedule and Sacraments -- **SCHEDULE CHANGES PENDING FOR 2026!**

Sundays: 9:00am & 11:30am (check schedule for locations) **Saturdays:** 10:30am (check schedule for locations)

Tuesday - Fridays: 10:00am - Rossburn (check schedule)

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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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><i>Sunday of All Saints</i> 31 9:00am - Rossburn 11:30am - Oakburn Praznyk</p>					<p>1 Sandy Lake PCH 10:00am</p>	2
<p><i>Saints: Peter & Paul</i> 3 9:00am - Shoal Lake 11:30am - Sandy Lake Baptism of Sylvie Yakimishyn</p>	4	5 Divine Liturgy 10:00am +Elsie & +Harry Spjutala	6 Divine Liturgy 10:00am +Steve & +Elsie +Emer & +Gemma Trakalo by Adele & Walker Divine Liturgy 7:00pm +Diane Mackadenski by family	7	8	9 10:30am - Mtn. Rd. Movie Night - 7pm
<p><i>Man Born Blind</i> 10 9:00am - Rossburn 11:30am - Dolymy Mother's Day Lunch</p>	11	12 Divine Liturgy 10:00am Health of Andrusiak Family	13 Rossburn PCH 10:00am	14 <i>Ascension of our Lord</i> Shoal Lake PCH 10:00am Divine Liturgy 6:30pm	15 Divine Liturgy 10:00am +Helen Sytnyk by David Sytnyk	16 10:30am - Ruthenia Grave Blessing
<p><i>Fathers of 1st Council of Nicaea</i> 17 9:00am - Oakburn 11:30am - Rossburn 1st Solemn Communion</p>	18	19 Divine Liturgy 10:00am +Roxanne Warniski by Sytnyk Family	20	21 Divine Liturgy 10:00am God's blessings for Kay Wilk by Janice Klemnick	22 Divine Liturgy 10:00am	23 10:30am - Sandy Lake Praznyk
<p><i>Pentecost</i> 24 9:00am - Shoal Lake 11:30am - Lakedale Praznyk</p>	25	26 Divine Liturgy 10:00am +Pat Sytnyk by David Sytnyk	27	28 Divine Liturgy 10:00am +Morley Luhowy by David Woychynshyn	29 Divine Liturgy 10:00am	30