

# КАТЕДРАЛЬНИЙ ЗВ'ЯЗОК

## THE CATHEDRAL CONNECTION

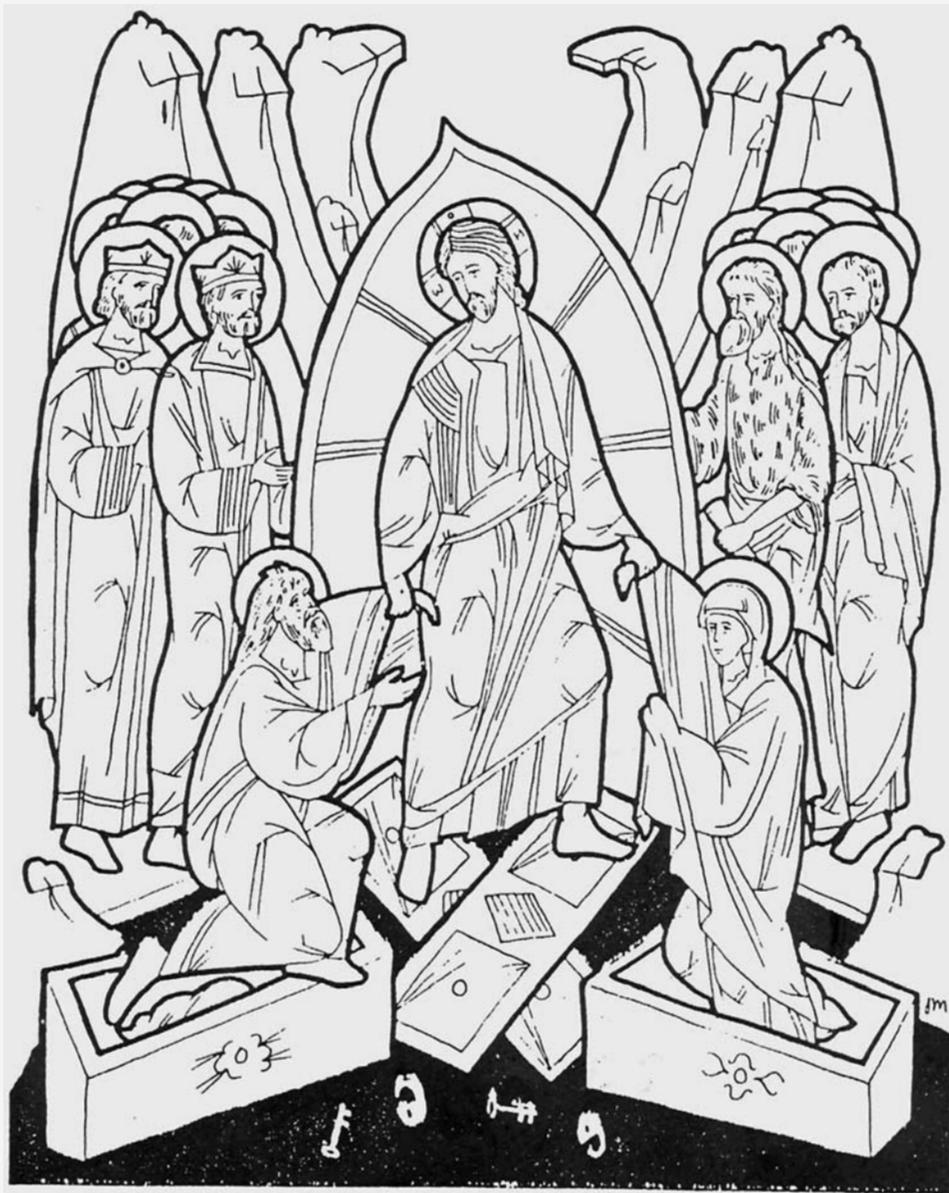
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### ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!



ВОЇСТИНО ВОСКРЕС!

## NOTICE TO ALL CATHEDRAL CONNECTION CONTRIBUTORS

The deadline for submission to the next issue is August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005.

The next issue will be an excellent vehicle for informing members about our organizations — their principles, their goals, their membership criteria, their regular meeting dates, their special events for the year, and so on. Kindly bear this in mind when preparing your submissions.

In addition, please include the dates of your special events which were not included in our pocket calendar. Photographs of your members and/or your activities are always interesting to include as well.

Please submit your information to Father Stephan's mailbox in the Church Office or directly to the compiler (Orasia Yereniuk) via her e-mail: [orasia@yereniuk.com](mailto:orasia@yereniuk.com)

Thank you! And may you all enjoy a blessed Easter!!

## **ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС! ВОІСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС!**

З нагоди великого й радісного Свята Воскресення Христового від себе на своєї родини, сердечно вітаю всіх членів та прихильників Катебри Св. Івана та бажаю всім веселих Великодних Свят.

There is no other greeting more solemn than *Christ Is Risen!* And the response *He is Risen Indeed!* Each of us from early childhood remembers that no other feast or celebration is comparable to the Holy Resurrection of Christ. Even people of little faith, or no faith at all, on this Lord's Day hasten to Church for the Resurrection services and willingly observe the Paschal Feast and its customs. It is difficult to imagine that anyone would be able to show ill-will towards others on this day, for everyone has the urge to embrace one another.

It is almost two thousand years since Jesus Christ appeared to the myrrh bearing women after His glorious resurrection and said "Rejoice!" (Mt. 28:9). And even to this day no one can take away the happiness and joy from us. As long as the Christian world exists, and it will exist until the end of time, Christians will always observe Pascha very triumphantly.

May Easter be for us, not just a happy annual holiday which is soon past, but the renewal of a firm commitment to our Faith which will be evident to others as they observe our way of life. If we walk in the light of the Resurrection, Easter will renew and refresh us. This Easter can be the beginning of a new life as well as of a new day. The shining Figure beside the empty tomb beckons to us. For almost twenty centuries many thousands have witnessed to His power and His love. May we all be among the immortal fellowship both this year and forever.

Нехай же блаженна Великодня Радість Христового Воскресення пройме нас усіх. Відчуймо її і всі ми всією душею своєю і всім серцем своїм. Ще раз, усіх сердечно вітаю з Воскресенням Христового і всім голосно й щиро проказую: *Христос Воскрес!*

In Christ's love,  
Father Stephan



Дорогі в Христі брати і сестри.

### **Христос Воскрес! – Воістину Воскрес.**

Які чудові почуття радості охоплюють нас, коли ми робимо цей виголос рано на Великдень, коли вперше співаємо "Христос Воскрес", або коли ми вітаємо родину, приятелів чи парафіян. Яка то велика була побідна радість у серці Христа в той Великодній ранок, коли Його душа вернулася назад до Його тіла, приносячи життя і свідомість, почуття і сили. Світло ніколи не є таке ясне як після темноти. Жодна радість не є така зворушлива як після глибокого смутку.

Застановляючись над подіями Великої П'ятниці, пригадаймо собі, як то Христове тіло корчилося серед страждань і смерті на хресті. А тепер, на Великдень, тільки кілька годин після тяжких терпінь, ми бачимо Його воскреслого, повного сили безсмертного Сина Божого. Ми знаємо, що Він наш Спаситель, Князь ангелів і людей, Цар Слави. Тепер краса, величність, світлість і вічність Бога є Його, і то на віки.

Розважмо ціле це таїнство безмежної жертви Ісуса Христа, Який віддав Своє життя за нас, Який побідив гріх і смерть, щоб ми осягнули спасіння. Святкуймо цей празник Його Воскресіння з любов'ю і радістю, бо Він наш Цар, наш відкупитель і наш Бог. Він задля нас умер і воскрес із мертвих, тому ми повинні любити Його понад усе. Він бо сказав: "Я - воскресіння і життя. Хто в Мене вірує, той навіть умерши живе!" (Ів. 11 :25).

На Великдень нам треба заховувати навчання чи радше заповідь Церкви, щоб приступити до святої Тайни Сповіді та прийняти Тіло і Кров нашого Спасителя у святому Причастю. Ці дві великі тайни злучають нас з Ісусом Христом. Через ці таїнства ми стаємо одно з Ним навіки, як це Він сказав: "Хто тіло Моє їсть і кров Мою п'є той у Мені перебуває, а Я в ньому...той живе життям вічним" (Ів. 6:54-58).

З нагоди цього Празника Воскресіння Христового прийміть найкращі побажання від мене та моєї родини. Нехай Воскреслий Син Божий поблагословить Вас усіх Своїми щедрими ласками, нехай освятить Ваші душі, посилаючи Вам добре здоров'я, мир і злагоду в сім'ї. Бажаємо Вам радісних святкувань у Ваших родинях, і також засилаємо наші молитовні побажання для похилих віком і трудами, немічним, хворим і опущеним.

Пасха 2005 року.

От. Володимир Білоус з родиною.

## **REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT**

On February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2005, the parish held its Annual General Meeting. We are very pleased to welcome four new members to the Board: Dr. Don Chomyc as Vice-President, Orest Pohoreski as Treasurer, Donna Kowalishin as Events Chairman, and Ivan Sapiha as Hospodar. Our appreciation also goes to those members of last year's Board who agreed to continue in their positions: Iris Ciona as Secretary, Gloria Zaharia as Membership Chairman, Taras Jereniuk as Assistant Treasurer, and Marshall Opyr as Archivist. Since we were not successful in recruiting a new President, Paul Garrick remains as Past President, and I once again will remain as your President. In my opinion the parish is fortunate to have a strong Board, comprised of members having a variety of strengths, and a long record of excellent support of the parish. Your support of the Church Board and its efforts will be very important in the ongoing success of St. John's.

At this time, I want to acknowledge two retiring members of last year's Board, those being Emil Yereniuk and Len Hawreliak. Emil held the position of Vice-President and in that role chaired two very active and important standing committees, those being the Cultural Centre Advisory Panel and the Stewardship Committee. Under Emil's very competent and dedicated leadership, both committees were able to make some very positive strides for the betterment of the parish. He also chaired an ad hoc committee addressing a review of proposed changes to the by-laws provided by the Consistory of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada. Since we had operated last year without an Events Chairman, Emil took on this responsibility and did a super job. Emil, thank you for your unwavering support of the parish. Len Hawreliak held the position of Treasurer for many years and always did an excellent job of handling the parish's financial affairs. During his tenure, the budget more than doubled in size, but under Len's stewardship, the transition was very smooth. Len, thank you for your dedicated support of the parish.

Although our members can be very pleased with many aspects of our parish, there are always ongoing concerns that our parish and the UOCC must deal with. Financial health is an on-going issue, and to this end we have, and currently are implementing processes that will ensure financial stability. Membership is also a critical issue that faces, not only our parish and Church, but also other traditional churches. In this age of a growing secular society, we must be constantly examining the ways we do things. We must explore new ways to meet the spiritual and missionary needs of both adults and youth. This may appear easy enough, but any of the changes that we would like to entertain, would have to conform to our Church's dogma.

This brings us to a very important event that will occur this summer. In July, the Sobor of our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada will be held in Winnipeg. Issues related to the governance of our Church will be discussed and we must be prepared to address the issues that will have an impact on the viability and acceptability of our church in a changing society. Another very important matter that will be dealt with at the Sobor is the election of a new Metropolitan of the UOCC along with new Bishops to fill our complement of the Council of Bishops. Our own Archbishop John, who is currently serving as the acting Metropolitan in place of the late Metropolitan Wasyly, has indicated

his willingness to assume this most important position in our Church. We extend to His Eminence, our unqualified support in his calling to assume the highest office in our Ukrainian Orthodox Church of Canada.

Elsewhere in this issue of the Cathedral Connection, there will be information about an evening in May to honour our youth who have, or will be graduating from high school or post-secondary institutions. The graduates will be guests of the parish and tickets will be available for sale to family and friends of these young people, as well as other members of the parish. The parish members should see this event as an opportunity to let our youth know how proud we are of them, and that we recognize them as the “future of our parish”. On behalf of the Board, I extend my sincerest thanks to Mary Ann Baziuk for agreeing to coordinate this special event.

My sincerest thanks also go to all those who serve on the church board and church committees, help with the catering, assist the priests during the liturgy, and everyone who contributes in any other way to the activities of the parish.

As we prepare ourselves for celebrating Easter and sharing paska with our family and friends, **I extend to all parishioners my warmest wishes for a Blessed Easter.**

**Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!**

**ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС! ВОЇСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС!**

George Zaharia  
President



## СОЮЗ УКАЇНОК КАНАДИ при КАТЕДРІ СВ. ІВАНА

**Дорогі Союзанки та Члени парафії Святого Івана!  
Знагоди Воскресення Христового, сердечно вітаю Вас та бажаю Вам всім  
сердечні поздравлення, щастя, радості й Господного благословення!**

With spring upon us and summer approaching, СОЮЗ is busy planning and executing various events and activities. To ensure you do not miss out on these activities, I should like to remind you when they will be happening and encourage you to participate in as many ways as you can.

Our **Easter Bake Sale** will continue on **April 22 and 23** with the sale of Easter Breads, home baking, kovbasa, and the White Elephant Sale. We strongly encourage **all members** of our parish to contribute with donations of baking and items for the White Elephant Sale. As this is our major fundraising event for the year, any assistance we receive is very much appreciated. The sale of breads will also take place immediately after Divine Liturgy on April 10, 17, and 24 for those unable to attend on April 22 and 23. For further information, please contact the convenor, Gloria Zaharia (435-5842) or Elaine Harasymiw (437-6629).

The **Annual Members Dinner** will take place **Monday, June 6 at Cultural Centre**. This year we will feature Mrs. Judy Schultz as our keynote speaker. Her topic, obviously, is food--the role it plays in our family and social life, and international and Ukrainian cuisine. I am sure this will be a "sell-out" performance, so be sure to purchase your tickets early!

The **Northeast Regional UWAC Conference** is being held in St. Paul, Alberta, April 16, 2005. A bus to transport individuals interested in attending is being organized by the Provincial Council. This **transportation is free of charge** to UWAC members. The Conference is featuring Rev. Lang, father of Jason who was killed at Taber High School, who will speak about loss and forgiveness. Afternoon session include wheat weaving, paska making, butter moulding, and yoga. Dress is casual . . . so come prepared to have fun. **To secure a place on the bus, contact Sandra Hohol (466-0810) by April 10.**

At this time I should like to thank **Mrs. Kay Hunchak** for the many functions she has performed these past few months. In addition to her responsibilities with funeral dinners and organizing refreshments for our Membership Tea, she has recently undertaken to organize and supervise the preparation of refreshments for **Пасія** which took place March 27 at St. John's Cathedral Cultural Centre. For this occasion she set an outstanding menu, recruited numerous workers, supervised the preparation of food, and organized the serving of these refreshments. We are, indeed, fortunate to have such a skilled, organized, and dedicated worker in our organization. Thank you, Kay!

Elaine Verchomin Harasymiw, President

**ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!**

## CULTURAL CENTRE UPDATE

Greetings to all St John members!

THANK YOU to all volunteers, some of who put in long hours, for all their help during the busy winter season. Hopefully we will see the end of the snow soon and begin to enjoy a LONG spring/summer.

Below is a list of the events to the end of the summer. If you wish to volunteer, please call Joanne at the Cathedral office at 425-9692 or email her at [stjohnuocc@telus.net](mailto:stjohnuocc@telus.net). Those volunteers who have an email address will be contacted with weekly updates. All others will be called by one of the phoning volunteers. If you have an email address and wish to be contacted that way, please forward your address to [stjohnuocc@telus.net](mailto:stjohnuocc@telus.net).

Thanks to all, in advance, for your dedication to our Parish.

April 9	Dance Sport Alberta Competition	evening
April 10	Fellowship/Special general meeting	lunch
April 16	Strictly Dancing Dinner/dance	evening
April 22	Pyrohy Supper (Pysanka Bingo)	evening
April 23	Lazarus Saturday	breakfast
May 7	Ivan Franko	morning
May 7	ME Lazerte Fundraiser	evening
May 8	Spilne Sviachene	lunch
May 19	Conference/dinner	evening
May 21	Private party	evening
May 22	Strictly Dancing Light dinner/dance	evening
May 25	St. John's Celebrates Graduates dinner	evening
May 27	Pyrohy supper	evening
June 4	Isis dance workshop – lunch	lunch
June 5	“ ” ” - lunch	lunch
June 8	UWAC Annual member's dinner	evening
June 11	Ivan Franko year end	morning
June 11	UBLA Proshchannia	evening
June 12	Church School Picninc	lunch
June 18	Wedding shower – dinner	evening
June 25	Mikulin/Chereshynski wedding	evening
June 26	Patron Saints Dinner	lunch
July 2	Long wedding	
July 9	Huculak/Morrison wedding	
July 10	Wedding shower	lunch
July 23	Lesburg/Cheyney Wedding	
July 30	Holyk wedding	
July 31	Holyk Gift opening	lunch
July 31	Strictly Dancing Light dinner/dance	evening
Aug 6	Sapiha wedding	
Aug 20	Strictly Dancing Dinner/dance	evening
Aug. 27	St. John's Golf Tourney – Barbeque	evening
Sept. 3	Thompson wedding	evening
Sept 4	Strictly Dancing Light dinner/dance	evening

## MEMBER PROFILE

*The parish has commenced a practice to honour members who have been recognized for their accomplishments. When you have the opportunity, please congratulate our member who is being profiled. I would like to request that if you are aware of a member who deserves to be profiled, please prepare the profile and submit it to the church office. Let us honour those who have significantly contributed to society and have well represented our Ukrainian Orthodox Community.*

### **Dr. Ehor W. Gauk**

Dr. Ehor W. Gauk was born and raised in Saskatchewan. Ehor earned his medical degree from the University of Manitoba and first came to Alberta in 1958 as a junior intern at the University of Alberta Hospital. He then completed a residency at the Children's Memorial Hospital in Chicago, Illinois and studied pediatric neurology at the Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto and clinical neurology and neuropathology at the National Hospital in London, England. In 1964 Ehor returned to Edmonton as a consultant pediatric neurologist at the Baker Clinic, and remained until 1972.

He worked as an attending physician at the Royal Alexandra, University of Alberta and Glenrose Hospitals and as a consulting physician at the Misericordia and Edmonton General Hospitals and W.W. Cross Cancer Institute. Retired since 2000, he continues to work at the Glenrose Spina Bifida Clinic and reads EEG's at the Royal Alexandra Hospital. Ehor has taught at the University of Alberta since 1964 and in 2000 was appointed professor emeritus of Pediatrics and Neurology.

Ehor has also served as a member of a childhood disability delegation to China and as a visiting professor to Harbin, China and to Mbarara, Uganda. Since 1992 he has been the chairman of the Chernobyl's Children Project that provided medical aid to children affected by the Chernobyl nuclear disaster; and Medical Project Osvita that trained Ukrainian physicians. In 2002, his work on behalf of the children of Ukraine earned him a Governor General of Canada Meritorious Service Medal. For outstanding contribution to the Canadian Medical Association, in 2003 Ehor was nominated and elected as a Senior Member of the Association. In 2003 he was also honoured by having his name included on the Honour Wall of Prince Albert Collegiate Institute. In 2004 he was the recipient of the Shevchenko Medal presented by the Canadian Ukrainian Congress. He has been the recipient of numerous other awards and recognitions in the fields of teaching, medicine, orchid growing and historical foundations.

Ehor continues to be active in his profession and professional, social and charitable organizations. He has been a member of the Ukrainian Orthodox Parish of St John since 1964 and has served on the board of directors. He sits as a board member of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, the Winspear Centre, and the Orchid Species Preservation Foundation. He is an avid orchid collector and grower. He is married to Dr Julianna Nagy, a physiatrist (rehabilitation medicine) at the Glenrose Hospital and has three grown children: Stephan, Rachel and Catherine and four grandchildren.

The members of the Ukrainian Orthodox Parish of St John convey to Ehor sincerest best wishes for many more years of good Health and Happiness.

**“НА МНОГИ ЛІТА!”**

# Greetings from St. John's CYMK!!

I hope everyone is having another exciting year! Here is an idea of what the combined Jr./Sr. local at St. John's in Edmonton has been up to in the last little while.



As always, CYMKivtsi actively participate in the Liturgy. The senior CYMKivtsi also join the church choir when possible. Following the Alberta CYC Convention, our local organized the 2nd annual Remembrance Day Panachyda, during which CYMKivtsi held candles and the CYMK flag. We followed this up with a pizza lunch and headed over to the bowling alleys to test our skills! There was some pretty special moves out there on the lanes! Next up was our church's Puschennia, so we busied ourselves with organizing games and activities to have in the CYMK room to kill time between dinner and the dance. Unfortunately, it was cancelled at the last minute, but no worries...we'll just save

'em for next year! Another one of our activities in November was the making of Hutsul vests for stuffed animals. It's a pretty cool project if you ask me! Cutting out the vest, making the braids, sewing it on (yes, some of our boys learned how to use a sewing needle, and they're not too shabby with it either!) This is still a work in progress, but once finished some will be sent to orphanages in Ukraine through Project Liubov-Love.

The Christmas season was a busy time for our local. First up, an Orange Day fundraiser was held at St. John's (sponsored by KYK), to raise money in support of Victor Yuschenko's election campaign. Our local took part in it by running a coatcheck, and donated the proceeds to the cause. A week later, CYMKivtsi, in conjunction with Church school, participated in the annual St. Mykolai skit. It sure was a thriller!

Near the end of December, we had a family day during which we made Kolachi, had a Koliada workshop, and potluck supper. It was rounded up with some intense floor hockey, complete with on-floor commentary. The following night we met up for a family hay-ride at a stable just out of town. Everyone had a blast, and I sure think this will become annual thing to do ( even though my toes were frozen solid by the end of it!...hmm, maybe because I somehow mysteriously kept falling off the sleigh!!) So much for the "no jumping off of the sleigh in the dark" rule! Ooops! Well, we had a little help with that....ahem..ahem...Pan Gerald...ahem....Pani Lesia....those



responsible parents of ours...tsk tsk....hahaha, good times! This also included a vatra complete with hot chocolate and snacks. In addition to this, some CYMKivtsi also took some time out of their busy New Year's party plans to volunteer in the kitchen and run the coatcheck that night.

On with Rizdvo...our local went carolling for the church on two nights, and some of the Sr.CYMKivtsi stayed up past their bedtimes to sing the midnight Rizdvo Liturgy. We also had the opportunity to record 4 carols for St.John's Rizdvo radio segment on CKER radio, which broadcasts on Cviat Vechir. Once again, CYMKivtsi played a big role in our parish's Malanka. We worked coatcheck, carolled from table to table after dinner, and....oh yes...all of us took part in the annual crowd-drawing, "traditional," knee-slapper Malanka skit, written by one of our advisors, Lesia Pohoreski. Look for this attraction near you! This year, the skit was loosely based on the NHL lockout, and our CYMKivtsi could be seen playing main characters in the skit. Look for Malanka to be drafted next year! She's a star!

Just recently, our parish held a Member Appreciation Dinner, and some of our Jr.CYMKivtsi volunteered to perform and share their gifts with the members! Who knew tap dancing could be so intense?! I foresee some future Riverdancers here...

Sr. CYMKivtsi also met to create "spiritual hearts" to greet parishoners with, in the spirit of



Random Acts of Kindness week and Valentines Day. On the hearts were written a variety of spiritual and inspirational quotes about love, life, and friendship. These "spiritual" hearts were once again well received by our parishoners for the second year in a row, though I don't know if it was because of the special quote, or the Hershey's Hugs and Kisses we attached...hmmm....either way, they liked them! This day also marked the launch of our 2nd annual Food Bank Drive, with donations being donated to the Edmonton Food Bank after completion of the drive. Last year was a success and I hope this year's is too!

Next up...Easter Season..oh yes! Bring on the Pysanky, Haivky, Pasky! CYMK will be organizing the parish's annual Pysanka Bingo, and will be busy making pysanky to donate as well as running the event, which always brings a big crowd! What better to spend a Friday night than playing bingo and bonding with baba, especially when beautiful pysanky are at stake? The chance is too good to pass up!

AND....again in May, St.John's CYMK will be hosting ZUSTRICH 2005, which will be held at Camp Bar-V-Nok. We're just getting into the planning stages now. This year's line-up is going to be awesome! Can't wait!

Until next time,

Katrina Baziuk  
President  
St.John's Sr.CYMK

## ВЕЛИКОДНІ ОГОЛОШЕННЯ / EASTER ANNOUNCEMENTS



СТРАСНИЙ ТИЖДЕНЬ І ВЕЛИКОДНІ ВІДПРАВИ: Заряд Катедральної Громади є готовий допомогти Вам прибути на Богослуження Страсного Тижня і Великодня. Якщо Вам потрібно транспортації до Катебри, або якщо Ви готові привезти когось до церкви, будь ласка вдайтеся до Катедральної Канцелярії (425-9692).

PASSION WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES: Our Cathedral Executive is prepared to help you attend our Passion Week and Easter Services. If you require transportation or are willing to provide transportation during this time, please contact the Cathedral Office at 425-9692.



У СВІТЛИЙ ПОНЕДІЛОК, 2-го травня ц.р. слухайте Великодню Архиерейську Службу Божу із Катебри Св. Івана по радіо станції CKER 101.9 FM від год. 5:30 до 6:30 ввечорі.

ON EASTER MONDAY, May 2<sup>ND</sup>, 2002, the Hierarchical Easter Divine Liturgy from St. John's Cathedral will be broadcast from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. over radio station CKER 101.9 FM.



СПІЛЬНЕ СВЯЧЕНЕ / PARISH EASTER DINNER

SUNDAY, MAY 8<sup>TH</sup>, 2005

The dinner will be held in the Cultural Centre following the Divine Liturgy.

Adults \$12                      Children (5-12) \$6                      Under 5 free

Please purchase your tickets in advance so we can accommodate all.

## BOARD NEWS

Слава Ісусу Христу!

WELCOME! To all of our new Member families.

We wish to welcome ...

Donna Faryna  
Fedir and Vera Horobec  
Jeff Huculak and Carrie Morrison  
James Strukalo.

We are pleased that you have chosen St. John's as your place of worship.

Вітаємо всіх нових членів нашої Української Православної Громади при  
Катедрі св. Івана!!



### ВЕЛИКОДНЕ ПРИВІТАННЯ КАТЕДРАЛЬНОГО ХОРУ

**ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС! ВОІСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС!**

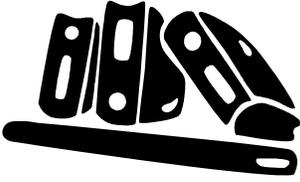
During this blessed season of the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Cathedral Choir extends sincere Easter greetings to everyone. May this be a time of hope, renewal and rejoicing.

On Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, the Choir will be singing during the Holy Thursday Vespers, Страсний Четвер. We encourage all to attend this special service and hear the beautiful music that is sung only at this time.

We also encourage new singers, especially basses and tenors, to join the Cathedral Choir. Please consider singing with us, even if you are able to sing only on Sundays. Please contact Lesia Chumer (455-9868) or me (469-3526).

**CHRIST IS RISEN! TRULY HE IS RISEN!**

Eugene Topolnisky, Choir President



## БІБЛІОТЕКА

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«...Гаряча дума Кобзаря, Що і в огні не спопеліє,  
І молоток Каменяра, І струни Лисенка живії,  
І слави золота зоря Круг Заньковецької Марії! ...»

Від імені Управи Відділу Союзу Українок – Наталя Гриців.



*ST. JOHN'S SENIORS* meet weekly every Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. We offer choir, keep fit and bridge.

We will be showing Ukrainian videos on the last Wednesday of each month and much more.

Phone Irene Cepin at 483-5070 or Lena Gulutsan at 436-3010.

## FALL FUNDRAISER DONATIONS - 2004

As was stated in our letter of request for donations to the fall fundraiser, the names of all donors would be acknowledged in the spring issue of the Cathedral Connection. We have also included the names of those who made their contributions subsequent to the conclusion of the year 2004. Consequently, when all donations are added up, the total amount that was donated reached thirty-nine thousand seven hundred seventy-nine dollars (\$39,779). For this we extend to each and every one of our donors, our sincerest thank you for your generous support of the parish.

We have made every attempt to publish accurate information; however, should we have made an error, please accept our humblest apologies.

George Zaharia, President

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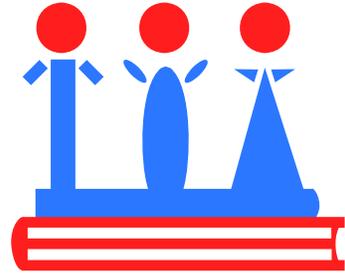
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**POST - EASTER INSPIRATION**

So what is expected of us now that Lent has passed and Pascha is here? The answer is to keep Lent and Pascha all throughout the year. What we mean by this is that it is possible to practice the repentance, prayerfulness, and fasting of Lent, as well as the joy of the Resurrection of Christ every week! Try and make your Wednesdays and Fridays (the two days of the week designated as fasting days unless it is a fast-free week) as two "mini-lents". Continue for those two days of the week in your fast. Continue in your prayer. Continue in your Scripture reading. Continue in your works of charity for the poor and needy. And then when each Sunday comes, treat it as a "mini-Pascha". Every Sunday the Church provides us with hymns and prayers on the theme of the Resurrection of Christ to put us in a joyous mood for the Sabbath. You can celebrate the Risen Christ every Sunday of the year. Get together with family, friends, acquaintances, strangers, anyone, and rejoice in the risen Christ. Share a meal together. Make Sunday a special day. Why relegate festive joy in Christ's Resurrection to only one day of the year? To all we wish a blessed paschal season, and through the saving grace of the risen Christ may we all proceed closer to our goal: to abide eternally with the author of life. Amen.

## ST. JOHN'S UKRAINIAN SADOCHOK

(PLAYSCHOOL) is an excellent program for children ages 3-5 which uses songs, crafts and games to teach the Ukrainian language and culture. No previous knowledge of Ukrainian is required.



We are accepting registrations for the 2005-06 year.

We invite all those interested to our Open House on Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. or you can also Try-A-Class with your child the week of May 9<sup>th</sup>.

For more information, please call Monica at 460-5498 or St. John's Sadochok at 426-1795.



## St. John's Celebrates Graduates

Dear Parishioners,

As announced at this year's Annual General Meeting by President George Zaharia, St. John's Cathedral will be hosting its first " *Celebrating Graduates* " banquet on **Wednesday, May 25, 2005.**

If you have a son or daughter that graduated from high school or any other post-secondary institution last year (2003-2004) or will be this year (2004-2005 ) and would like to be a part of this celebration please contact:

MaryAnn Baziuk @ 457-3042 or by email @ [mbaziuk@shaw.ca](mailto:mbaziuk@shaw.ca) so that a list of participants can drawn up and further plans can be made for this celebration.

Also, if you are interested in helping out with this celebration please contact MaryAnn immediately.

Thank-you,  
MaryAnn Baziuk

## **ХРАМОВЕ СВЯТО**

в Катедрі Св. Івана  
буде відсвятковане в неділю 26-го червня, 2005 р.

Зустріч Високопреосвященнішого Владика Івана  
відбудеться о год. 9:30 рано.

Обов'язком кожного члена Катебри Св. Івана є взяти участь в нашому  
Храмовому Святі!

## **OUR ANNUAL CATHEDRAL PATRON SAINT DAY FEAST**

will take place on Sunday, June 26, 2005.

The Hierarchical Divine Liturgy will commence at 9:30 a.m. with the greeting of  
His Eminence Archbishop John.

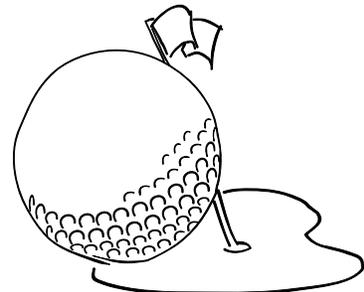
It is the duty of each Cathedral Member to attend this important celebration.

## **ST. JOHN'S ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

All members and friends are invited to join us for our Annual Golf Tournament  
which will take place

**Saturday August 27, 2005  
At Twin Willows Golf Course**

**Barbeque Dinner to be served at  
St. John's Cultural Centre  
10611-110 Ave**



More details will be available through our website at [www.uocc-stjohn.ca](http://www.uocc-stjohn.ca) or by  
calling the Cathedral office, 425-9692 after June 1<sup>st</sup>.

St. John's Sr. CYMK presents

# Pysanka Bingo!

St. John's Cultural Centre 10611 110 Ave.

**Friday April 22**, immediately following Pyrohy Supper (**approx. 8:00 pm**)

Cost: **\$3.00** (includes admission and one card) Extra Cards: **\$0.50**

**Proceeds from Bingo support Project Liubov, Orphanages in Ukraine!**

Many pysanky made by **CYMKivtsi** and other parish members!

Bring Baba! Bring Your neighbours!

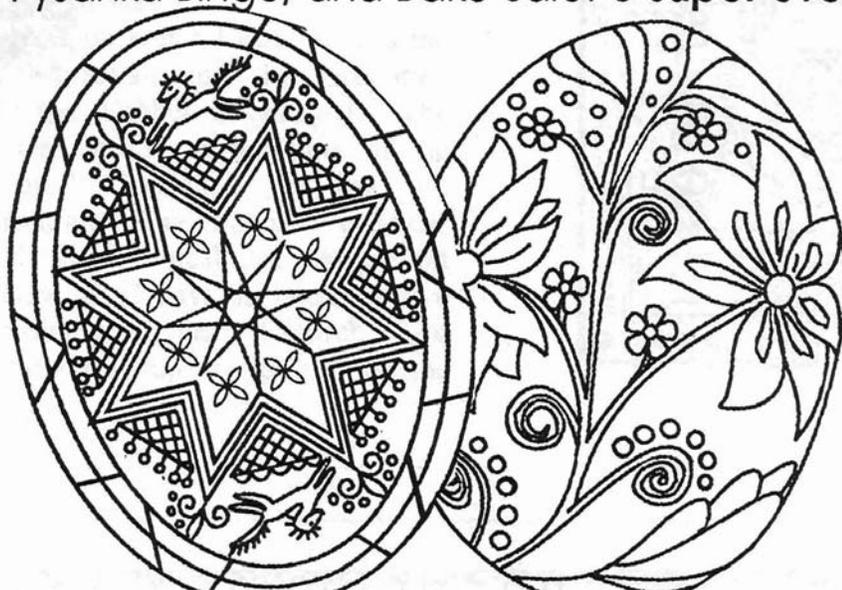
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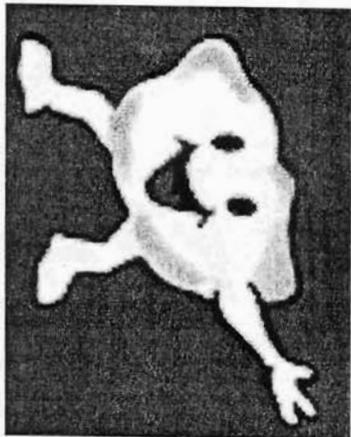
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UWAC Bake Sale also happening!

WOW!

Pyrohy Supper, Pysanka Bingo, and Bake Sale! **3 super events**, all in **one night!**





**ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT  
PYROHY SUPPER**

**Next Pyrohy Supper  
Friday April 22  
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM**

**St. John's Cultural Centre  
10611 – 110 Avenue  
425-9692**

**Adults – \$12.00    Seniors – \$10.00    Children (6–12 years) - \$6.00  
Children (5 years and under) – no charge**

***Come and Play***

**\*\*\*\*\*PYSANKA BINGO\*\*\*\*\***

**(April 22 only)**

**Frozen Pyrohy and Cabbage Rolls for Sale  
COME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS!!**

***Sponsored by Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. John***  
**Next suppers:    May 27 and June 17**

## THE DATE OF EASTER

The rules for establishing Easter Sunday were set down by the Holy Fathers at the First Ecumenical Council of the Christian Church which was held in Nicaea in 325 A.D.

The following rules are to be observed in computing the date of Easter:

1. Easter Sunday is to be the Sunday after the full moon which falls on or immediately after the spring equinox (March 21-22). If the full moon occurs on a Sunday, Easter is the following Sunday. From this we note that Easter is computed after lunar calculations.
2. The Council established that Easter must always follow the Jewish Passover, and may not be celebrated before or at the same time with it. As the Old Testament becomes fulfilled in the New Testament, as the Gospels follow the Mosaic Law, as the New Pascha comes after the Old Pascha, so also the Christian Pascha must follow Jewish Passover.
3. In the event that Easter Sunday is calculated to fall on a Sunday before or on the same day as Jewish Passover, Easter Sunday will then be celebrated the Sunday after Jewish Passover. This rule is now disregarded by the Latin Church and other Western Churches although they too are bound by the decisions of the Great Ecumenical Councils. In 1948 the Latin Easter was celebrated on March 28<sup>th</sup> (the Sunday of the full moon after March 21<sup>st</sup>). Jewish Passover in this year did not occur until April 24<sup>th</sup>. Accordingly, the Orthodox Easter was observed on May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The day itself on which Easter falls is the same in both the Julian and the Gregorian calendars. Only the number is changed. The Julian calendar was in use at the time of the Nicaean Ecumenical Council. It was not astronomically accurate. The Gregorian calendar was in line with the astronomical time. At present there is a difference of 13 days between the two calendars. Accordingly, the date of March 21 of the Julian calendar shows up as April 4<sup>th</sup> on the Gregorian calendar.

According to the Gregorian calendar, Easter may fall between the dates of April 4<sup>th</sup> and May 8<sup>th</sup>.

## THE PLASCHANYTSIA

When Christ died upon the Cross, His body was lifted down, wrapped in a winding sheet and placed in a new tomb.

We, as the Orthodox followers of Christ, observe all Feasts as if we were (or are) the participants of the actual events. For this cause, on Great Friday, we commemorate the placing of Christ's body in the tomb as if we ourselves were at the Cross and the tomb. At a Vesper Service we commemorate the placing of Christ's Body in the tomb. An Icon of the Body of Christ is taken up and carried in reverent procession about the Church and is then placed in a symbolic tomb.

The processional hymn is sung repeatedly: "Noble Joseph, when he had taken Thy pure body from the tree, did wrap it in fine linen and spices, and sorrowing, did lay it in a new sepulcher."

Our love of Christ and our dedication to His service is represented by the flowers which we lay at the symbolic tomb, by the offerings of lights which we place at the Plaschanytsia, by the offerings we make to His Church, by the Services of Reverence which we offer before the Plaschanytsia.



## ARTOS

The Artos is the Easter bread also called "pascha" or "darnyk". The Artos is blessed at the Easter Divine Liturgy before the Benediction. The Artos commemorates the Resurrection of Jesus Christ who is "the Bread of Life Eternal descended from Heaven and nourishes us with food of His divine mercies".

The blessed Artos is covered with the Icon of the Resurrection and is placed to stand in the Church, before the Royal Doors, where it remains during the Holy Easter week to commemorate Christ's sojourn with the disciples after His Resurrection.

On the Saturday of Holy Easter week (on St. Thomas' Sunday, usually) the Artos is broken with prayer and is then distributed to the faithful together with the Antidor, or is distributed separately — often with the Parish Easter dinner.

## STAND AND DO NOT KNEEL

We stand and do not kneel during prayers and worship from Easter until and Evening Prayers of Pentecost. This is a period of fifty days. We, who have arisen from death through Christ, do not kneel during these Holy Days to mark the great gift given unto us.

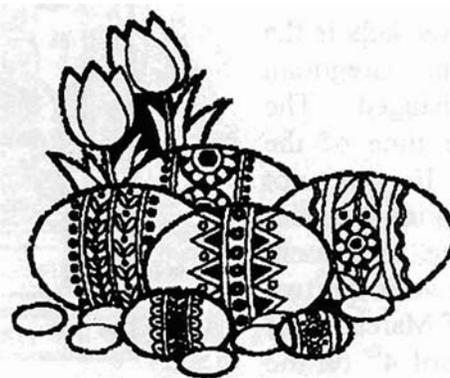
## NO FASTING DURING EASTER HOLY WEEK

Fasting shall not be observed during any period of the Holy Easter week. This is a period of rejoicing. The Church, however, does place a restriction on the solemnization of marriages and forbids all manner of public dancing, entertainments, etc. during this week which is dedicated to spiritual rejoicing.

## PROVODY: EASTER IN MEMORIAM

Christ's Church, as the "Church Universal", is composed of the living membership (called the Church Militant) and souls of the departed (called the Church Triumphant). The living membership share their Easter joy with the departed and pray for the repose of their souls. Liturgical processions to the graves are held. The Easter hymn and the In Memoriam are sung at the graves. Such processions among Ukrainians are called *provody*.

Provody usually commence after St. Thomas' Sunday. For this reason it is called *Providna nedilia*. However, Provody are arranged in many areas of Orthodox Christendom for any days of Holy Easter week. Provody are held to Ascension Day, if necessary, which is the period during which the Easter hymn is sung.



## **What Does Easter Mean to You?**

By James T. Cunningham

Once again the glad news of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is proclaimed around the world. "The Lord is risen indeed" (Luke 24:34). Mankind needs the message of the Resurrection, and you and I need it for our own lives personally.

What is Easter to you? Is it a "spring break," the day to wear a new outfit, an "egg hunt" for the youngsters, an especially nostalgic church service, or a vague tradition celebrating Christ's Resurrection? Let us consider the true meaning of Easter, this Resurrection Reality.

The way things were going, it looked as though Jesus and His program were headed for definite defeat. After our Lord had gone to Jerusalem for the final Passover, it suddenly happened—Judas betrayed Jesus, the soldiers arrested Him in the Garden, He was brutally treated like a criminal in a mock trial, and then he was crucified. In a few short hours the disciples of Jesus Christ saw all of their hopes completely shattered.

The followers of Jesus had seen Him do amazing things — even raise the dead. And now he had become the victim of the worst kind of political treachery and religious hypocrisy. We can be very sure that the hours following the crucifixion and burial of Christ were the most disappointing, discouraging and devastating that His followers had ever experienced.

Then something happened. They received word from the women that Jesus was ALIVE. Mary even saw Him. Two men walking on the road to Emmaus saw Him. Then Jesus appeared to all the disciples at one time. Yes, Jesus was alive. What a difference it made when they saw the Risen Redeemer. Discouragement vanished and despair disappeared. Fear melted away, and new courage dawned in their hearts. "The Lord is risen indeed."

Far too many people who profess to be Christians are living as though Jesus Christ is still dead. A dark cloud of doom hangs over their heads. They look back, and life seems to be a mistake. They look around and life seems to spell defeat. They look ahead and life seems to be misery and uncertainty. This is the way people live when they do not really believe that Jesus Christ is alive. If this is your situation, my friend, then be reminded once again of

the GOOD NEWS OF EASTER morning—"The Lord is risen indeed."

When Jesus died and rose again, He stifled once and for all the greatest problem that mankind faces, the problem of sin. He was your substitute on the Cross where He died for you. And when He arose triumphantly from the tomb, it was proof that God had accepted His sacrifice, and that full and free salvation was now available for all who would trust Him.

The Cross looked like a gigantic defeat, but in reality it was God's greatest victory. To Him, the Cross was a battleground where He met and defeated all the forces of sin and Satan and the world, and He came out of that battle as the Great Conqueror. Thus the Resurrection means victory. Men thought that they had won the victory, and for almost three days it seemed that they had, but Easter morning changed everything.

Now you and I share in His victory when we trust Him, and surrender to Him. When the first disciples discovered that Christ was alive, it transformed them into courageous servants who turned the world upside down.

The Resurrection is more than past history; it is a present reality and a present victory for all who believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Now, if the Resurrection means victory for the believers, what does it mean for unbelievers? It means confusion and defeat. The Resurrection of Christ still leaves the unbelieving world confused and condemned. Confused, because they do not know how to explain it; condemned, because they will not believe it.

We who love the Lord Jesus Christ have experienced His Resurrection power in our lives, and we have seen Him change the lives of others. And so, year after year, the unbelieving world celebrates a religious holiday in the same empty fashion. But for those of us who know Christ, and know from experience that HE IS ALIVE, Easter is an exciting time of reality. The Lord Jesus Christ is alive. He lives within us (Galatians 2:20).

Thank God for the Resurrection Day, the first day of the week, and for the dynamic declaration, "He is not here, for he is risen, as he said" (Matthew 28:6). Thank God also for the demonstration of the power of our living, loving Lord in the lives of those who put their trust in Him. Can you honestly say that the Resurrection Reality has brought spiritual victory and vision to your life?

WHAT DOES EASTER MEAN TO YOU?

**ВЕСЕЛИХ ВЕЛИКОДНІХ СВЯТ!  
ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС!  
ВОІСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС!**

Let the heavens rejoice in a worthy manner and let the earth, be glad and let the whole world, visible and invisible keep festival. For Christ our eternal joy is risen!

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*Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.* The words of the Easter Troparion constantly resound the theme that Christ's Resurrection has put an end to death, through *His* death. Man has been set free from sin, the *ultimate* death, the *spiritual* death, the complete alienation from God.

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In the Old Testament, we find that our Passover, the Resurrection of Christ, is prefigured. The Jews, the *Chosen People*, were being held captive in Egypt, and God, displeased with the Egyptian Pharaoh for this, sent an angel to destroy the first-born male in every Egyptian family, while *passing* over the houses of His Chosen People. Each Hebrew family, by God's command, in turn sacrificed a lamb and sprinkled its blood on the door frame. The family, in gratitude to God for directing His angel to *pass over* their houses, then roasted the lamb and ate it with unleavened bread.

Similarly, for Christians, the *New Israel*, the *Chosen People*, death and sin *pass over* us because of the Resurrection. Christ, whom the Evangelist John calls the *Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world*, is our Passover Lamb, whom we partake of in the Eucharist. Hence, we derive the term *Pascha*, or *Passover*.

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Through the Resurrection, the entire world is transformed, renewed, refreshed. Christ, the *New Adam*, has appeared in the *New Creation*. That which was worth saving from the old creation was saved; that which was not, has been annihilated. That is what makes it possible to proclaim that *death is no more*.

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Certainly, we cannot help but recognize that death is still here. It hits our families; it hits us personally. Yet, we still exclaim that Christ *trampled down death by death*. He put an end to death. He gave eternal life. Sure, we still experience death, but the Resurrection changed the very nature of death. No longer is it a total and complete *end*, with no chance of attaining the Kingdom of God. On the contrary, death is our *passing over* to the Kingdom of God, to life eternal. Death is only the end of our physical life, our mortal life on this earth. The Resurrection transforms it into a *beginning*, the beginning of a new life, a constant *passage* from this world into the Kingdom already revealed in Christ. The day of our death thus becomes, as the early martyrs refer to it, our *birthday*. *Christ is risen and not one dead remains in the grave!*

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Pascha is the ultimate victory. It is *Christ's victory*; it is *our* victory. It is *the day which knows no sunset*, on which the divine light of God's everlasting love and mercy eternally shines. It thus becomes for us the ultimate joy. We shout, proclaim, and resound the words, or rather, the *experience*, *Christ is Risen!* Because we have experienced the Resurrection of Christ and the Kingdom of God, we *know* it, we *enjoy* it, we *love* it. How can we live in accordance with something we do not know, enjoy, and love? Something we have not experienced? We can't. Christ's Resurrection is *real*. It is not a mere symbol or pious legend, but *real* in every sense of the word.

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