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He is risen and goes before you...



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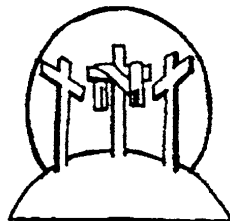
Before I started writing this part of the Bulletin about the importance of Easter, I tried to find relevant information in both print and on the Internet. But I was surprised and to some extent frustrated by how little accurate information I found, and even that lacked the true meaning of Easter. What follows was the best I found.

Easter, for Christians, is undoubtedly the peak festival, and holds the most important place in the church year. The days of Holy Week (beginning Palm Sunday and ending with the Resurrection of the Lord) recall a number of key events. Let's take a look at each day of Easter, its symbolism and significance.

On Palm Sunday (this year 4/1) the procession with palms commemorates Jesus' glorious entry into Jerusalem when the people proclaimed him king. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Holy Week Lenten recollection, prayer and good works, culminates with the realization of our guilt and sins.

Maundy Thursday (4/5) Culminates in the last supper that Jesus celebrated with the apostles and the institution of the sacraments of priesthood and the Eucharist (the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus). In the morning, therefore, all the priests of the diocese meet with its bishop, and bless the sacred oils. This service is called the Chrism Mass. In the evening, Mass is celebrated with the symbolic washing of the disciples feet (a reminder of Jesus' humility), receiving Holy Communion under both species (bread and wine), and the memory of Jesus' prayer in Gethsemane. Bells are rung and musical instruments are played.

Good Friday (4/6) is a day of strict fasting and commemorates Jesus' crucifixion with the Stations of the Cross. The Mass is not celebrated but there are ceremonies to honor the cross. Just as on Palm Sunday, there is the singing of the Gospel section on Jesus' death (the Passion).



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Holy Saturday (4/7), remembers Jesus' sojourn in the grave. There is no Mass during the day. In the evening after dark, the faithful gather for the vigil of the Resurrection of the Lord. During this Mass, the new fire is kindled; Bible passages on the history of redemption are proclaimed and the bells and music resound. The baptismal water is blessed and the catechumens receive the sacrament of baptism.



The Sunday of the Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Sunday (4/8) - is celebrated in a Mass full of joyful spirit, and the most important event of Christian faith, the day Jesus rose from the grave to new life and destroyed sin and death, is proclaimed. This day is so important that it is celebrated for eight days, then followed by the Easter octave. A characteristic part of the Easter ceremonies is the joyful singing of Alleluia.

On Easter Monday (4/9) as indeed throughout the Easter period, the risen Jesus meets with his disciples in various places.

Monika Vudovoda, CBK



As in previous years, also this year we will have an Easter egg hunt in the back yard of the Polish Center after the Czech Mass in Yorba Linda. We ask the parents to bring their children, and also, mothers or fathers, please bring eggs and candy. It would be nice if we could do it in San Diego and San Francisco as well.

The Risen Christ is with us this day, and He continues to need each one of us.

Jesus needs your eyes to continue to see.

He needs your strength to continue to work.

He needs your voice to continue to preach,

He needs your hands to continue to bless.

He needs your heart to continue to love.

And Jesus needs your whole being to continue to build up His body...

As we believe, so let us live!

- Joseph Cardinal Bernardin



Easter, 2009: Let the hunt begin!

At the same time, you probably noticed that we are running about \$2000 short. This is not a good news but one that can hopefully be easily fixed. If we all add \$5-\$20 to our monthly collection, this problem will quickly go away. All of us presidents of the local missions in San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego, thank you all for considering this option.

For those of us who prefer to contribute to a specific cause and who have more disposable funds to support other expenses, please consider signing up for one of the items on the list of additional needs below.

Remember that checks written to **RC Czech Mission** are tax deductible and add the name of the selected item on the "memo" line.

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**Dr. Desider E Slavoj
1915 - 2012**



Dr. Eugene Slavoj, loving husband of 55 years to the late Vera Slavoj, died peacefully after a short illness at the age of 97.

Dr. Slavoj was born in Smizany, Slovakia on July 22, 1915. After receiving his doctorate degree in Surveying Engineering the Slavojs left Europe for Australia where he helped in the construction of the Australian Trans-continental Railroad, and taught at the University of Melbourne.

In 1959 Dr. Slavoj immigrated to San Francisco, where he had a varied professional career, but is best known for his many years of teaching Civil Engineering at City College of San Francisco, where he taught until 1985. In 2004 he donated money to his native village of Smizany, Slovak Republic, where a School of the Arts was built that will help children of Slovakia realize their artistic dreams for posterity. He will be fondly remembered by his many friends, colleagues and students.

On April 15, 2012 at 11 a.m., a memorial service celebrating his life will be held during our Czech Easter Mass at the auditorium of Star of the Sea Church located at 8th and Geary Streets in San Francisco.

PRESIDENTS PAGE

As you can see, our relatively small Czech, Moravian and Slovak Catholic community has collected \$38,000 last year to support the daily operation of our mission. This is a great success and we thank all of you who contributed to it no matter how small or large your donation was.

As you know, we are relying solely on our own financial means since we are not supported by the Church in Czech Republic, or by the American diocese, or by the Vatican. Be assured that we are using your donations very wisely and carefully and that we are running on a very lean budget.



**BLAHOPŘEJEME!
Natali Anna Dohnal**

Natali Anna Dohnal was born on December 19, 2011 in Newport Beach, and was baptized on March 18, 2012 at the Polish Center in Yorba Linda. Her father is Marek Dohnal and her mother is Gabriela Surankova. God parents were Patrik Suranek and Katerina Surankova.

Nicolas David Murina

Nicolas David Murina was born January 24, 2012 in Anaheim, and was baptized on March 18, 2012 at the Polish Center in Yorba Linda. His parents are Marek Murina and Gabriela Zajaczova. The godparents are Jan and Petra Murina.

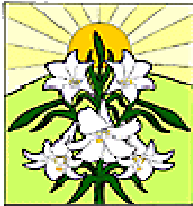
Let us be grateful for this new life and lively faith among us.



Jana Hungate, center, holding baby Stella Jasmin. is surrounded by family and friends, at Stella's baptism in the Polish Center, February 12.

FROM THE DESK OF BISHOP ESTERKA

Dear Friends of our Czech Mission in California



Happy Easter to each and every member and friend of our mission.

Our Easter Mass at Yorba Linda will be for the intentions of the community. May God reward you generously with joy of spirit and peace of heart and mind.



Thanks to all those who responded to my comments in the past few issues by increasing and even doubling their contributions. Some of you have sent checks for the first time acknowledging that you are happy to receive our Vestnik. You will see on pages 8 and 9 of this issue that our Board is becoming more active in trying to get funds for our needs. Please also visit the „donate“ page on www.czechchurch.org.

I want to invite all of our families with children, especially those baptized this year, to come to our Easter Mass to participate in our traditional Easter Egg hunt. As usual, we are counting on parents and others in the community to bring Easter eggs and candy to be „hidden“ in the grass and bushes on the church grounds. Baked goods and flowers to make our dinner more festive will also be very much appreciated.

In some European countries it is customary during the Mass at Easter for the priest to bless bread and food that people bring for that purpose. It is done in Slovakia and also some parts of Moravia. We will continue this custom this year to give thanks to God not only for the food but for all the other gifts we receive from Him.

Holy Saturday's blessing of the water, and the many baptisms we have celebrated lately make me think about the importance to each of us of our baptisms. We should be grateful to our parents that they sought to bring us closer to God in this way. As we renew our baptismal promises at every baptism we attend, let us recall that this was our birth as Christians and the beginning of our spiritual journey.

You are invited to attend

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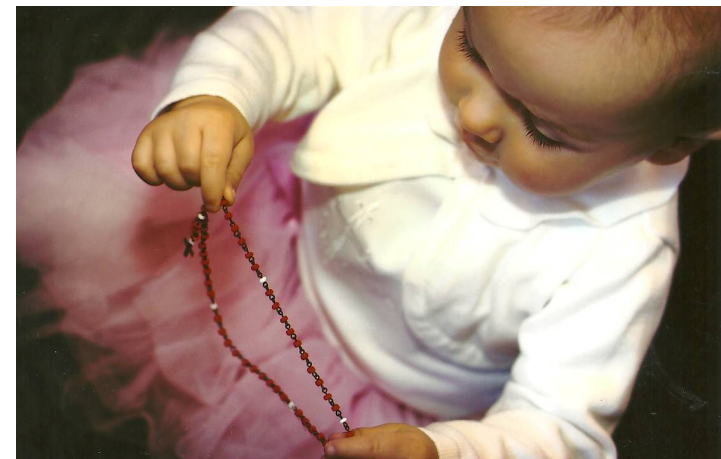
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In SAN DIEGO our Mass will be on Saturday, April 7 at 3:00 in the afternoon at St. John's Church on the corner of Normal and Lincoln.

In LOS ANGELES our Mass will be on Sunday, April 8 at 1:30 in the afternoon at the Polish Center, 3999 Rose Drive, Yorba Linda, CA 92886. Immediately after Mass a meal of roast pork, knedliky and sauerkraut will be served. A donation of \$10.00 is requested, \$5.00 for parky.

IN SAN FRANCISCO our Mass will be on Sunday, February 19 at 11:00 in the morning at Star of the Sea Church, 4420 Geary Blvd, San Francisco, CA.

For MAY: SD 19, LA 20 Note change of place : our Velehrad, 344 Koch Ave, Placentia; SF 27.



Stella Jasmin Hungate discovers the rosary on the day of her baptism. 7