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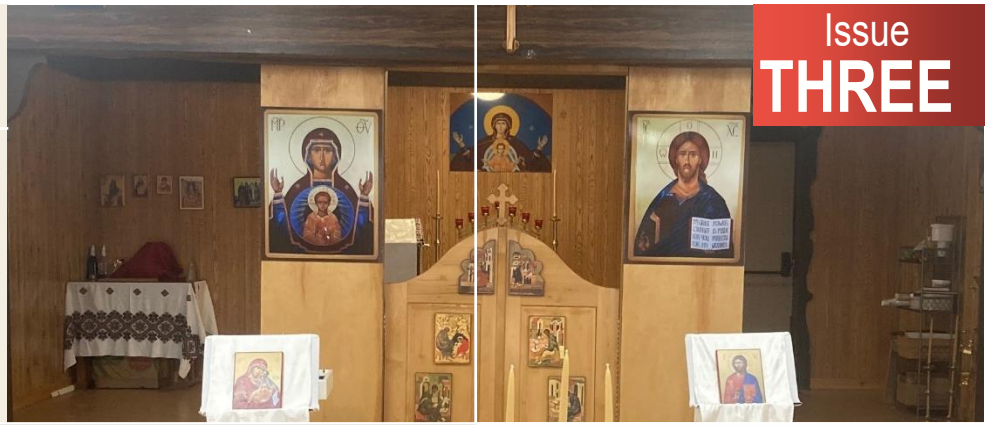
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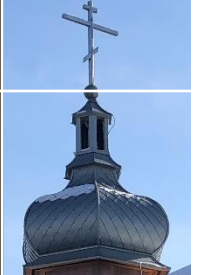
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Meant 2B Loved

Another chance to help others during Great Lent! Meant 2B Loved Pet Rescue is holding a bake sale and bottle drive at Home Hardware Cranbrook on Saturday, April 1 from 10 am - 4pm.

Stop by, drop off your empty bottles, cans, and milk containers, then head inside to get yourself a sweet treat (or two) and check out all the cool stuff Home Hardware has available.

Click the photo below for more info:



We're having a...



April 1 (no joke!)
10 am - 4 pm

Home Hardware
Cranbrook



Father's Desk

Pascha's Holy Fire

The highlight of the Church year and the earliest festal celebration of the Church is Pascha (Easter). The celebration was originally tied to the Jewish feast of Passover (Pesach) where Christ's Passion and Resurrection occurred. As the Church grew to encompass the Gentile (non-Jewish) nations, Pascha began to be celebrated on the first Sunday (the day of Resurrection) following the first full moon in the spring (following the Passover). There was some disagreement regarding what day Pascha (Easter) should be celebrated between the Armenian and the Georgian Christians and others. St. Gregory the Illuminator placed an unlit lamp on the stone in the Tomb of Christ and beseeched God in his prayers that on the proper day of the feast, God would illuminate

the lamp with immaterial light/fire. This light (Holy Fire) has continued to appear from this time right up to today.

Every year at Pascha in the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem, the lamp of the

The light of Christ passes from the Altar to all those who are holding candles.

Patriarch of Jerusalem waiting at Christ's tomb spontaneously ignites with a fire which does not burn or contain heat at first. This flame is then passed back throughout the crowd

of more than 8000 attending each year at the Holy Fire Paschal service. This is the origin of our midnight Paschal candle lighting ceremony in our Orthodox Churches. Click below to watch a video: [Holy Fire](#)

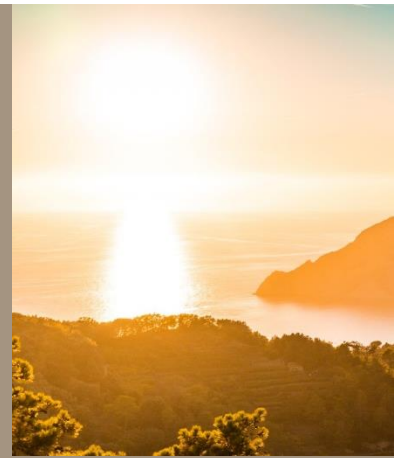
(saintaidan.ca)

This Month >>>

Pascha Time

We are creatures of linear time, always moving forward, only glancing back imperfectly at the past. . . That's because we believe time only flows one way. Are we sure it does? We live in Chronos time, but there is also time-outside-of-time, Kairos time, God's time, eternity. What would happen if Kairos intersected with Chronos?. . . That happened with the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ; the pivotal point around which all of space and time revolves, a fixed point in time and space, in all of creation. All of history begins and ends at this

point. Christ's entry into creation caused a ripple effect along linear time affecting all of the past and the future. Think of a pebble dropped into the middle of a still pond. . . .When the Orthodox celebrate Pascha, the Orthodox Easter, we experience a taste of eternity. Time has no meaning for us during the services, we enter into God's time and worship with the angels and the saints who are with God. . . . Pascha is the eye in the storm of life swirling around us, a place of calm where we meet eternity, where time stands still,



a breathing space allowing us to catch our breath before entering the fray once again. Pascha is eternal life... for now.

(Excerpts from Pascha Time by Anastasia Bartlett.)

Upcoming Events >>>

Times may change, please check website calendar before services

Apr 2 – 5th Sunday of Great Lent: St. Mary of Egypt, 10:30am

Apr 5 – Wed @ 5:30pm: Vespers with Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

April 8 – Lazarus Saturday, 9:30am – 11:30am

April 8 – Great Vespers, 5:30pm

April 9 – Divine Liturgy: Palm Sunday, 10:30am

April 10 – 14: Holy Week Services

April 10 – Great and Holy Monday Bridegroom Matins, 5:30pm – 7:30pm at Christ Church – Anglican.

April 11 – Great and Holy Tuesday Bridegroom Matins, 5:30pm – 7:30pm, Christ Church – Anglican.

April 12 – Great and Holy Wednesday, Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, 5:30pm–7:15pm, Christ Church - Anglican

April 13 – Great and Holy Thursday, Vespertal Divine Liturgy of St Basil, 10:30am-12:30, Christ Church-Anglican

April 13 – Matins with the 12 Gospel Readings, 5:30pm – 8:00pm, Christ Church – Anglican

April 14 – Vespers with Shroud Veneration/Matins with Praises and Shroud Procession, 7pm – 10:30pm, Boys and Girls Club Hall.

April 15 – Vespertal Liturgy of Holy Saturday, 10:30am – 1pm, Boys and Girls Club Hall

April 15 – Nocturns, Matins and Paschal Divine Liturgy, 10:30pm – 1:30am, followed by the Blessing of Paschal Baskets, Boys and Girls Club Hall

April 16 – Agape Vespers, 10:30am – 12:15pm, followed by Paschal Feast, Boys and Girl's Club Hall

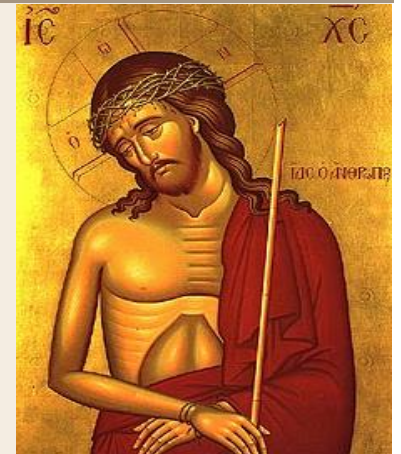
April 17 – 22: Bright Week

April 22 – Great Vespers, 5:30pm

April 23 – Divine Liturgy: St. Thomas Sunday, 10:30am

April 29 – Great Vespers, 5:30pm

April 30 – Divine Liturgy: Sunday of the Holy Myrrbearing Women, 10:30am



Church School

Do you like to have a meal with people you love? What is nice about eating with people you like and love? Jesus Christ liked it, too. One of the last things He did while He was on earth was to share a special meal with His disciples. Here is an icon of that meal. Do you see how close everyone is sitting? They loved Jesus and He loved them. Jesus showed His love in a way that really might surprise you. You remember that in Jesus' time people did not wear shoes and stockings or socks as we do. They either walked barefoot or wore sandals. The roads were dusty and hot. When someone had guests, he would have a servant bring a basin of water and a towel to bathe his guests' feet. It was a way to welcome guests and make them comfortable. On the day Jesus and His disciples gathered for the holiday supper there was no

servant to serve them. Therefore Jesus got up from His place, tied a towel around his waist, took a basin, filled it with water, and began bathing His disciples' feet. When He finished, He said: "Do you know what I have done? Even though I am your Master and Lord, I have served you. Therefore, when you go out into the world, you must serve one another." During the supper, Jesus took a loaf of bread, blessed it, broke it, gave it to His disciples, and said: "TAKE, EAT, THIS IS MY BODY." Then He took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying:

"DRINK OF IT ALL OF YOU; FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD, WHICH IS SHED FOR MANY." In this way, for the very first time, Holy Communion was given. Jesus Himself gave the Holy Communion to His disciples, and told us to do so in His memory. (dce.o.ca.org)



Ask Father >>>

Q: *Why is the right hand good and left hand bad as in Matthew 25 with the sheep on the right hand and goats on the left hand?*

A: The right hand was often used as a symbol of strength and honour in the bible; Christ "sits at the right hand of God", the right hand is used by the clergy for blessing, "the Lord has sworn by His right hand", when a priest vests he puts on his right cuff and says "Your right hand O Lord is glorified in strength, Your right hand O Lord has shattered Your enemies" the mentioned sheep and goats and many other examples. This is not to demean the left hand or left-handedness although there are some periods of history where left handedness was discouraged – even here in Canada. But it is simply considered symbolic language, probably based on the fact that the majority of people have more strength in their right side than their left.



Church Youth

"Most assuredly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it produces much grain."

John 12:24

Spring is a time of rebirth, when many things that appeared dead 'come back to life' – seeds, trees, hibernating bears and Jesus himself.

Here, He is telling us that we need to give control of our lives to God – to die in a sense – to give up on running our own lives and let Jesus take the wheel.

But there is a second kind of 'dying' for God. And that comes every day: choosing again and again and again to follow Jesus. We automatically try to control our lives and it's in this daily 'dying' to our own desires that we get closer and closer to God.

Why does God ask us to do this?

The reason Jesus wants us to give up control isn't to mess up our lives – the reason is to give us life! So that we can experience and enjoy the bounty of God's creation, and so that we can spend eternity at God's side.

"If anyone serves Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also. If anyone serves Me, him My Father will honor."

John 12:26

Elevator Addition Build Update



The build is coming along nicely. The plumbing, heating and electrical are all completed. After they are inspected, the insulation goes in and the drywallers close up the walls.

Dcn Paul and Dcn Kurt have been working away at the altar area.

Fthr. Andrew has submitted an application for a Heritage BC grant of \$50,000. If successful, this will come to us in May to help pay the trades!

We are still in need of funds to complete the project. Please pray and consider helping!

Funds may be e-transferred directly to saintaidan201@gmail.com

Credit Cards:
<http://www.saintaidan.ca/donate/>

We are in the final stages of the major church building addition and renovation we began in 2021 here at St. Aidan Orthodox Church in Cranbrook, BC. Our budget estimate to complete our project, adjusted in the summer of 2022 was +/- \$700,000. Despite our small size, God blessed us, and we raised the funds for this budgeted amount.

However, there has been a dramatic 40% inflationary increase in costs throughout the construction industry since we began, and we are experiencing this difference first-hand. We have a cost increase of \$250,000 to complete our building project above our \$700,000 budget (now: \$950,000 total), and have exhausted all our building funds. The need is urgent as we are in the final stage and are scheduled to finish construction this June, but will be out of funds to pay bills by April.

We are therefore reaching out to you, our friends and family, and brothers and sisters in Christ for help!

If you are willing and able to help, we would be most grateful! Our contact information is below. Please give me a call to discuss if you are able to contribute so we can plan accordingly. In Canada, all donations are tax deductible, and can be carried forward for 5 years.

Thank you for your prayers and donations, they are most appreciated! May God bless you, and may your contributions accrue directly into your heavenly investment account!

Check out our building project progress at:

<http://www.saintaidan.ca/about-us/projects/elevator-building-addition/> or

<https://staidando-a-thon2022.blogspot.com/2022/06/may-2022-build-begins.html>

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Book Study

A Total Rediscovery

“What we need then is, first of all, the real *rediscovery* in the Church and by her faithful members of the true meaning of the Eucharist as the Sacrament of the Church, as that essential act in which she always *becomes what she is*: the Body of Christ, the Temple of the Holy Spirit, the gift of the new life, the manifestation of the Kingdom of God, the knowledge of God and communion with Him. The Church becomes all this by the ‘sacrament of the gathering’ – many coming together to constitute the Church, by offering as one body united by one faith, one love, one hope, the Holy Oblation, by offering ‘with one mouth and one heart’ the Eucharist, and by sealing this unity – in Christ with God, and in Christ with one another – in the partaking of the Holy Gifts.”

Fr. Alexander Schmemmann , Great Lent: Journey to Pascha.



Tuesday Night Book Study has had to be

Cancelled

due to scheduling conflicts.

Do please finish reading the book at home and we will choose another book for book study after Pascha.

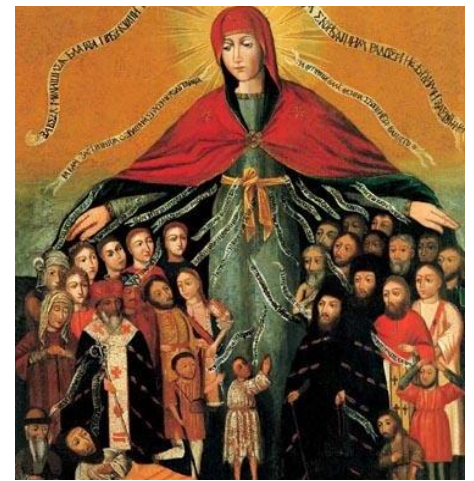
Church Garden



Keep your eyes open: we need pussy-willows for Pascha!

The Garden Committee will be starting seeds in the greenhouse this month. Watch for the email or get in touch with Ellen if you would like to help out with the Church Garden this year!

We can always use volunteers no matter the season – Spring time planting and harvesting of greens, summer weeding, autumn harvesting and clean up.



Please do continue to pray for our dear brother who reposed March 13th, may his memory be eternal and may he rest in God's love. Please do also keep his wife and children in your prayers, may they be held in His grace and comfort, and may they be protected by the Most Holy Theotokos always: “Encompass us beneath the precious veil of your protection”



Lenten Reading

We have many blog posts on the Lenten season for you to read as well. Just type your keyword into the [search button](#) and they will come up for you.

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