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Lyndon B. Johnson

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# Khrystos Voskres! — Christ Is Risen!

### MIRACLE OF MIRACLES

EASTER PASTORAL LETTER OF HIS EXCELLENCY, THE MOST REVEREND JOSEPH SCHMONDIUK

By the Grace of God and the Blessing of the Apostolic See, Bishop of the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese of Stamford.

**KHRYSTOS VOSKRES! CHRIST IS RISEN!** With this traditional greeting I extend my sincere Easter wishes to all on this Feast, the Resurrection of Our Divine Lord. These words are full of meaning; in them we have the reason for living, the foundations of our holy faith, all the hopes of our daily struggles.

Holy Mother Church desires that we keep the overtones of this great truth ever in mind, not only on Easter Sunday, but throughout the year, amidst all our joys and sorrows, all our actions, successes and failures. For this reason the rituals of the Eastern Churches dedicate each Sunday of the year to the memory of Christ's Resurrection; every Sunday is as it were another Easter, with the liturgical hymns and prayers repeatedly hailing Christ's victory over death and His rising from the grave. In this greatest of all miracles we have summed up all the hopes of religion. With it Christ has placed the divine seal of approval on all His words and works. While all the other miracles wrought by Jesus could have been performed, with the help of God, by men; indeed, many of the prophets, apostles and saints actually did perform such miracles, as Christ had foretold, but to rise by His own power from the grave was a miracle that only Almighty God could work. This is, therefore, the cause of our Easter joy.

Through Christ's Resurrection God sanctioned all His teachings, and it is in the light of the Resurrection that we understand, as much as this is possible for our limited human reason, and accept without reservation all Christ's teachings; in the light of the Resurrection all Christ's words and actions assume a real and true meaning. Examine some of the wondrous teachings and works of Jesus and see how they carry compelling force under the light of the Resurrection. To the

paralytic Jesus said: "Thy sins are forgiven." The Pharisees murmured: "Who can forgive sins but God?" If they had legitimate doubts, these are scattered away now in the Risen Lord. "Whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them," He told His Apostles. Only God could make such a statement, transferring such unheard-of power to men. This the Risen Christ did.

"Before Abraham was, I AM," said Jesus to the Jews. This He proved by His Resurrection. What man would dare add to or correct Sacred Scriptures? This Christ did, and in the light of His greatest miracle of Easter Sunday we can clearly understand and accept His words: "You have heard it said, 'An eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth,' but I say to you, do not resist evil, (one who is evil), but if anyone strikes you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also... I say to you, love your enemies."

Recall the astounding words of Christ: "He who loves father or mother more than me... son or daughter more than me, is not worthy of me." Who would dare make such demands on our family loyalties but God himself? And Jesus did demand such love, and His Apostles and followers down through the ages have given Him such love and loyalty in the light of the Resurrection.

In the sixth chapter of the Gospel of St. John we read: "I am the bread of life... the bread which I shall give... is my flesh." The Jews ask: "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" They were right; man cannot do this. But in the light of His Resurrection His followers can understand and do accept His words as divine truth.

"Go, teach all nations... Who hears you, hears Me." Oly a Risen Lord could utter such far-reaching words. Yes, the Resurrection of Christ is (Continued on p. 2)

### Eternal Blessing of Easter

EASTER PASTORAL LETTER OF HIS EXCELLENCY, THE MOST REVEREND JAROSLAV GABRO, D. D. By the Grace of God and the Blessing of the Apostolic See, Bishop of the St. Nicholas Diocese in Chicago for the Ukrainians.

The glorious promises of Our Lord Jesus Christ to those who love and fulfill His Divine laws in obedience to His Church, are nowhere so eminently completed as in His Resurrection, the cornerstone of our Faith.

It is in the light of the Resurrection of Christ that our trials, our misunderstandings, and especially, our crosses can be understood in their true light, and that their ultimate purposes are harmonized with our own resurrection and salvation. The joy resounding in the intonations of all our chants, the triumphant import of each Easter prayer—all these combine to raise our minds and hopes above the level of necessary human sacrifice and hardship that is the lot of humanity before it can enjoy the eternal happiness of the Easter promise.

In all the changing circumstances of our lives we are gladdened with this great certainty—each one of us believes that the splendor of Christ's resurrection will be reflected in us, and that the happiness so elusive of attain-

ment in this life can be ours in abundant measure in the life to come. We are required to complete our lives with confidence in God's Providence, trust in His Mercy, and devotion to His Church. May the anticipation of this eternal blessing give you a foretaste of such happiness and peace even now, as in Christian love and serenity we offer our humble prayers to the Divine Saviour of the world.

It is our fervent hope that the blessing of this Easter measure to our Universal Season come in abundant measure to our Universal Church, His Eminence, Cardinal Slipyj, all our Ukrainian Catholic Bishops, the clergy and religious with all the faithful of our St. Nicholas Cathedral and Diocese, and to our faithful throughout the world.

Christ is Risen!

Given from the Cathedral of St. Nicholas in Chicago, East-Sunday, 1967.  
† Jaroslav Gabro  
Bishop of St. Nicholas in Chicago

# ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС



**WINNIPEG, Man.** — The World Congress of Free Ukrainians, a historic gathering scheduled for November 12 in New York, will be convening for the entire week through November 19, according to an announcement made here last week following a weekend series of meetings of the Ad Hoc Committee and the Executive Board of the Pan-American Ukrainian Conference (PAUC).

The plenary sessions of the Congress will last three days, according to the announcement, November 16-19, including a series of cultural and social events planned for the three days.

### Mass Rally

As reported earlier, a huge mass rally at New York's Madison Square Garden is expected to attract a large number of Ukrainians from the neighboring areas of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Connecticut, in addition to hundreds of delegates taking part in the Congress's proceedings.

The decision to extend the World Congress of Free Ukrainians for the duration of the week beginning November 12th was prompted by the fact that more than a dozen Ukrainian organizations have expressed desire to hold their congresses within the framework of the world gathering.

Ukrainian scholars, students, journalists, women's

### World Congress in New York To Last Whole Week

PLENARY SESSIONS TO MEET THREE DAYS; COMMITTEES REVIEW PROGRESS AT PARLEY IN WINNIPEG

groups and professional organizations have already taken initial steps in convening simultaneously during the week of the scheduled World Congress of Free Ukrainians.

### Ad Hoc Committee

The Ad Hoc Committee's meeting Saturday, March 18, in Winnipeg was preceded by meetings of the Executive Board of the Pan-American Ukrainian Conference and the Program and Organizing Commissions which are in charge of the various phases of preparation for the Congress.

Both Commissions were given permission to include as many persons as they deem necessary to expedite the preparatory work. In another decision, made by the Executive Board of the PAUC, the composition of the Program and Organizing Commissions was

further expanded by allowing each member organization of either the Ukrainian Canadian Committee or the Ukrainian American Congress Committee of America to have a representative on either one of the two Commissions. The Program Commission is based in Winnipeg, Canada, while the Organizing Commission has its headquarters in New York.

Taking part in the PAUC Executive Board meeting were: Rev. Dr. Vasyl Kushnir, president, who also chaired the meeting, Joseph Lesawyer, vice-president, I. Billinsky and J. Syryk, secretaries, Dr. M. Stachiw, N. Plaviuk, I. Ewanchuk, members, Y. Hwozdun, representative from Brazil, Dr. J. Kalba, Dr. B. Hnatiuk and A. Dragan.

The Ad Hoc Committee meeting was attended by the following: Rev. Kushnir, J.

Syryk, N. Plaviuk, I. Ewanchuk, W. I. Sarchuk, Y. Hwozdulych, Dr. M. Marunchak, Dr. T. Mychajlowsky, O. Matla, T. Kobzey, S. Wolynec, Dr. J. Kalba, I. R. Kowalewych, I. Pawliuk, I. Yusyuk, A. Kachor, P. Korytowaky, Dr. S. Ripecky and Dr. M. Prokop, as well as members of the Organizing Commission, J. Lesawyer, Dr. M. Stachiw, I. Billinsky, Dr. B. Hnatiuk and A. Dragan.

### Representation

The Committee decided that no limitation will be placed on the number of delegates representing individual organizations. However, each duly accredited delegation will be entitled to one vote regardless of its numerical composition. This is of little practical significance, inasmuch as all proposals and resolutions will be agreed upon before the Congress and new resolutions will not be accepted during the proceedings.

The Commissions announced that in all matters relating to the Congress, Ukrainian organizations should write to the Ukrainian Canadian Committee, 430 Main Street, Winnipeg, Man., Canada (concerning the program), and to the Organizational Commission, Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, 302 West 13th Street, New York, N.Y., 10014, in matters concerning the organizational phase of the Congress.

### ETERNAL TRUTH OF RESURRECTION

EASTER PASTORAL LETTER OF HIS EXCELLENCY, THE MOST REVEREND AMBROSE SENYSHYN, O.S.B.M.

By the Grace of God and the Blessings of the Holy See, Archbishop and Metropolitan for Ukrainian Catholics in the United States of America.

### KHRYSTOS VOSKRES! — CHRIST IS RISEN!

Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers, Venerable Sisters, Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

The Resurrection of Christ is not only the basic truth of Christianity but also the truth that elucidates the suffering and death of our Lord, Jesus Christ. While on their way to Emmaus from Jerusalem, Christ's disciples could not reconcile two great paradoxes: the triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and the Way of the Cross on Good Friday. They could not harmonize the joyous cries of "hosanna" with the wild shouts of "crucify him." The joyful picture of the triumphal entry of our Lord into Jerusalem hovered in their minds but at the same time the bitter events of Holy Week were there: imprisonment, the unjust trial, the blood scourging, the Way of the Cross, the crucifixion, death and the grave. But the resurrected Christ solved their dilemma by saying: "Was it not necessary for the Christ to suffer these things and thus enter into His glory?" (Lk. 24:26).

We indeed are grateful to the resurrected Christ for the great mystery of the Resurrection from the dead. By His Resurrection, Christ gave us ample proof that divine truth cannot be hidden in any grave and cannot die therein, even though the potentates of this world demand committing it to the grave. This truth is amply underscored by the Resurrection of our Lord and the history of the Church.

Just as the victory of the risen Christ over death along with His subsequent glorification did not exclude sufferings and even death on the cross,

so too is it with His Church. Although it has a divine guarantee "that the gates of hell will not prevail against her" (Mt. 16:18), nevertheless, in spite of her flourishing successes, it was necessary for the Church also to move along the way of the cross albeit in an aspect differing from the sacrifice of Golgotha. Even Christ's closest followers, His apostles, disciples and believers of all ages, were not exempt from sufferings and tribulations. Sufferings, trials and sacrifices in their apostolic work were, as if to say, a necessary condition for the fulfillment of their mission and eternal reward in the heavenly kingdom, if Christ's apostles had doubted like the disciples at Emmaus and deserted the vineyard of Christ, then who today would know about them? Nobody! Their life and their domestic occupations would have been buried in the ashes of oblivion. But, in view of their faithful service to Christ to the end, they merited great glory in the Christian Church and eternal reward in heaven.

Let us take a look at our Saint Joseph. Who would know of him had he not followed Christ and dedicated his talents for the glory of God and the salvation of human souls? Nobody would really know about him. He would have lived a quiet family life like hundreds of thousands of other young men of his time. Today also the enemy crucifies Christ in His faithful believers. This is true not only in regard to individuals but also in regard to entire Christian communities and nations among which we find our Ukrainian Church which is suffering and even death on the cross.

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### Bazaar in Elizabeth Displays Ukrainian Easter Foods



Dressed in Ukrainian native costume, Mrs. John Korytko, left, and Mrs. Michael Procak, of Daughters of Ukraine, display traditional Easter table at a bazaar held last Sunday, March 19, at the Ukrainian National Home in Elizabeth, N. J. Some thirty ladies took part in the preparation and display, which featured traditional Easter foods, including "pysanky," and many other items. Individual booths were set up and serviced by the members of the organization. Local press reported extensively about this successful affair staged each year by the Daughters of Ukraine.

To all our readers who celebrate the Feast of Resurrection according to the Gregorian calendar, we extend our traditional greetings at Eastertide:

KHRYSTOS VOSKRES!





