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**GOSPODOV
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**ASCENSION
OF THE LORD**

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KRISTUS ODHAJA V BOŽJO SLAVO

Današnji svetopisemski odlomki o vnebohodu poročajo dvakrat. V prvem berilu vidimo apostole, ki še ne razumejo Božjega načrta in so še vedno vezani na političen vidik obnove izraelskega kraljestva: »Gospod, ali boš v tem času obnovil izraelsko kraljestvo?«

Jezus jim odgovori, da ni njihova stvar, da bi poznali čase in trenutke, ki jih je Oče pridržal za svojo odločitev. Vendar pa jim obljubi moč Svetega Duha, ki bo prišel nadnje in jih naredil za priče v Jeruzalemu, po vsej Judeji in Samariji in do skrajnih meja zemlje.

Namesto obnove izraelskega kraljestva gre za to, da bodo priče vstalega Kristusa ne samo v Jeruzalemu, v Judeji in Samariji, ampak po vsem svetu. Tako se bodo apostoli po moči in luči, ki ju bodo prejeli od Sv. Duha, lotili izredne naloge širjenja vere v Jezusa pri vseh ljudstvih.

Po teh besedah se Jezus dvigne pred očmi apostolov in oblak ga zastre njihovim pogledom, apostoli pa strmijo v nebo in so kot zamaknjeni. Toda dva moža v belih oblačilih - v katerih prepoznamo angela - jim pravita: »Galilejci, kaj stojite in gledate v nebo?«

Sedaj ni čas za gledanje v nebo, ampak je čas za delovanje na zemlji, da se širi vera v Jezusa, z njo pa upanje in ljubezen. Čas je, da se zemlja spremeni, da jo bo Jezus, ko se bo vrnil - in vrnil se bo zagotovo - našel pripravljeno na svoj prihod.

Zato vnebohod za nas ni samo temelj našega upanja, da bomo na koncu s Kristusom zbrani v nebesih, ampak je spodbuda, da delamo za preobrazbo sveta v skladu z Božjim načrtom.

Kakor v Apostolskih delih tudi v evangelijskem odlomku odkrijemo univerzalni pogled. Vstali Jezus sporoča svojim učencem, da se bo »v njegovem imenu oznanilo vsem narodom spreobrnjenje v odpuščanje grehov, s čimer bodo začeli v Jeruzalemu«. Jeruzalem je izhodišče, da gredo k vsem ljudstvom in jim ponudijo to, kar je sad Jezusove velikonočne skrivnosti: spreobrnjenje in odpuščanje grehov.

To bo mogoče po zaslugi Svetega Duha, ki ga je obljubil Oče. Jezus pravi: »In glejte, jaz pošiljam na vas obljubo svojega Očeta; vi pa ostanite v mestu, dokler ne boste odeti v moč z višave.«

Jezus potem odvede apostole proti Betaniji, dvigne roke in jih blagoslovi. Medtem ko jih blagoslavlja, se od njih odmakne. Njegova kretnja blagoslova z dvignjenimi rokami je pomenljiva, ker je kretnja velikega duhovnika po daritvi. Stara zaveza o njej poroča samo dvakrat in obakrat gre za velikega duhovnika, ki blagoslavlja ljudstvo po slovesni daritvi.

Tako nam Luka da razumeti, da je bila Jezusova smrt najpopolnejša daritev, ker je po njej postal veliki duhovnik, ki blagoslavlja, razširja Gospodove milosti, izliva Svetega Duha in spreminja vse naše življenje.

Kristus je po daritvi resnično dokončno vstopil »v sama nebesa«. Njegovo sedenje na Božji desnici je za nas razlog polnega zaupanja, saj se je v nebesih »za nas pojavil pred Božjim obličjem« kot predhodnik in ker je po drugi strani začrtal pot, ki bo tudi nam omogočila vstopiti v svetišče. Popolnoma poveljučana človeška narava vstalega Kristusa je »nova in živa pot, ki nam jo je odprl«, in nam je na voljo. Krst je povsem očistil našo vest. Povabljeni smo torej, da se približamo Bogu »v polni gotovosti vere«, »v neomajni izpovedi upanja« in v najvišji stopnji ljubezni. Tako lahko s polnim zaupanjem pričakujemo drugi prihod našega Odrešenika, ki sta ga na dan vnebohoda naznanila že angela.

V Pismu Efežanom, nam Pavel da občudovati izredno veličino Božje mogočnosti, ki se kaže v Jezusovem vnebohodu in jo je Bog »uresničil v Kristusu, ko ga je obudil od mrtvih in ga posadil na svojo desnico v nebesih, nad vsakršno vladarstvo in oblast, nad vsakršno silo in gospostvo ter nad vsakršno ime, ki se ne imenuje samo na tem svetu, temveč tudi v prihodnjem«. Pavel želi kristjanom, da bi Bog razsvetlil oči njihovega srca, da bi vedeli, kakšno je upanje, v katerega so poklicani, »kako bogato je veličastvo njegove dediščine v nebesih« po tej izredni mogočnosti, ki se je razodela v Jezusovem vstajenju.

Vnebohod polaga v nas močno razgibanost upanja, hkrati pa apostolske delavnosti, vsakemu po njegovi lastni poklicanosti. Sprejeti moramo moč, ki se kaže v njej, da bomo spreminjali življenje okoli nas in tako pripravljali Gospodov ponovni prihod, ki je obljubljen za konec časov.

Prosimo Gospoda, naj nam da globoko vero in veselje v Jezusovem vnebohodu, skupaj s poslušnostjo do izredne moči, ki nam je v njem podarjena.

(Prim. Oznanjevalec 2010)

ASCENSION OF THE LORD

FIRST READING: *Acts 1.1-11*

For forty days the risen Jesus continued to keep company with his disciples until the time came for him to be lifted to heaven.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM 47

God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

SECOND READING: *Ephesians 1.17-23*

St Paul prays that the Spirit will open the minds of all believers to grasp the sheer wonder of the inheritance which awaits them there.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Matthew 28.19,20*

Alleluia - Go, make disciples of all nation; * I am with you always, to the end of the age. - Alleluia.

GOSPEL: *Luke 24.46-53*

The disciples had been instructed by Jesus. Now they were promised a share of his Spirit. They were to take his life-giving message to every corner of the globe.

Illustration

What is the difference between an onlooker and a witness? An onlooker does just that: looks on. A witness looks on, too, except that what they have seen or heard leaves an impression, one which they may feel impelled to share. Not everyone, of course, is willing to be a witness. Witnesses run the risk of being laughed at, disbelieved, or closely interrogated. Where a crime has been committed, they may be afraid to disclose what they know. It is not uncommon for police to have to appeal for witnesses. Coming forward is the prelude to speaking out, and for many people, even that first step into the public arena is a step too far. It is why forensic science is so important. In the absence of witnesses, investigators must reconstruct what happened from clues left at the scene. In some cases, the only source

of evidence is the physical remains of the murder victim themselves. Helen Whitwell, who died in 2024, was the first female professor of forensic pathology. Many times, her scientific findings secured or quashed convictions. Renowned for her courageous and often relentless pursuit of the truth, she was the real-life inspiration for the popular and long-running BBC drama series Silent Witness.

Gospel teaching

The death of Jesus was observed by huge crowds, and many witnessed his resurrection. Our Lord's body certainly had a story to tell! For a period of forty days, Jesus revealed himself alive on numerous occasions. People had long regarded him as a prophet: now they were beginning to perceive a truth more wondrous still... that in Jesus, they were seeing God! As he was lifted into heaven, they fell to their knees in worship. Speaking out about all this was dangerous. It was not the kind of news the authorities wanted broadcast. Even so, Jesus' friends did speak out, not just with courage but with joy! Most fearless were those to whom the ascending Lord now entrusted his mission. He promised them a share of that same powerful Spirit who had raised him from the dead and who was now lifting him to his rightful place at God's right hand.

And as we listen to today's readings, we become aware of a transformation taking place. Many had been no more than onlookers at the crucifixion, standing at a distance, terrified the same might happen to them. These same traumatised friends of Jesus now came forward as witnesses, journeying to the farthest reaches of the known world to proclaim him as Lord. As the Apostle John was later to write: "We saw for ourselves... and we testify!" They were witnessing, not just to the truth of external events, but to an inner reality: to the continuing life of Jesus

within them. The Spirit was more than an injection of courage: God was changing them to be Jesus in their world.

Application

As powerful as the apostles' preaching was the example of their lives... yes, it is possible to be a silent witness! The gospel is still being wordlessly proclaimed wherever Christians are caring, serving, and reconciling. Such "everyday miracles" happen all the time; sometimes they make headlines. Today is World Communications Day, when we remember the important role of journalists and



filmmakers in celebrating human achievement, highlighting need, and pressing for justice. The media are in many ways the fulfilment of St Paul's plea in our second reading: a prayer for perception, for the ability to see beyond what lies before our eyes. More than anyone, it was Christian believers for whom St Paul prayed that prayer. The ascension of Jesus had shown that heaven lies only just beyond the limit of our vision. Divine life is in no way remote: it spills over into ours. St Paul prayed that the eyes of our minds might be opened to the fullness of Christ that fills creation.

It took time for the disciples to grow to that awareness. We are told they stood staring into the sky, wondering where Jesus had gone! Such is the experience of many people who look without seeing, uncomprehending – indifferent, even – to the spiritual realm all around them. The life of heaven need not go unnoticed or unheralded. Jesus calls men and women like us to testify to the power of God at work in their lives. He appeals for witnesses to come forward, silent witnesses as well as outspoken ones. May the Spirit of God enlighten us to perceive Christ's presence, and the courage to share what we know to be true!



Invitation

To a

Celebration of Slovenia's Independence Day

With Keynote Speaker

H.E. Andrej Gregor Rode
veleposlanik Slovenije v Kanadi
Ambassador of Slovenia to Canada

Friday, June 6, 2025
7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

St. Gregory the Great (Slovenian) Church
125 Centennial Pkwy N,
Hamilton, ON L8E 3n6

Music by Ansambel Sibaj

Light Refreshments

Special Guests

Hosted by:

Slovenian Embassy in Ottawa
Canadian Slovenian Chamber of Commerce

***Please kindly RSVP by Friday, May 30, 2025:**

<https://forms.gle/5fnpmvS32xP486ig7>

Contact: **905-847-8566** or **sonya@canslo.com**

Father's Day Picnic

SUNDAY JUNE 15, 2025

Mass at 1:00 pm

Entertainment: Sibaj



Tickets:

Adults \$10

Kids 5-15 \$5

Kids under 5 FREE

Slovenian poet dr. France Prešeren, who died in 1849

Menu:

Roast Chicken / Chicken Snitzel

Roast Pork / Čevapi

Krajske / Hotdogs

Potato Salad / Coleslaw / Krofe

Bled Hall

4650 South Service Road

Beamsville ON

www.bled.ca

Praznik prvega sv. obhajila

Praznik prvega sv. obhajila smo obhajali v nedeljo, 25. maja. Letos smo imeli pet prvoobhajancev in sicer: Amelia Antolin, Jalon Dsouza, Elaina Hočevnar, Oliver Lamarre in Tomas Mills.

Že v soboto dopoldne smo imeli skupaj s starši neposredno pripravov ključno s spovedjo. V nedeljo smo se zbrali ob 10h pri kipu Marije Pomočnice pri dvorani. Vsako leto KŽZ preskrbi za prvoobhajance šopek za na roko - tokrat je poskrbela Sidonia Poppa. Jutro je bilo sončno, jasno brez oblaka, sicer še sveže. Lorie Mramor je tudi letos pomagala v pripravi in organizaciji prvoobhajancev. Slovesno smo začeli z Marijino pesmijo, zmolili O Gospa moja in Sveti angel, potem sta deklici položile v vazo cvetje, fantje pa prižgano svečo na mizico pred Marijinim kipom. Po posvetilni molitvi smo se ob Marijini pesmi podali v cerkev, na čelu s križem (Joe Gosgnach) in dvema svečama, ki sta ju nosile ministrantke Olivia Brajkovič in Sofia Kežele.

Tokrat se je cerkev napolnila, angleški zbor je pel, Ivan Mertuk je spremljal na kitari, Manica Perše na orglah, Frank Novak pri kameri za Facebook prenos, Tony Horvat pa je vse ovekovečil s fotoaparatom. Hvala tudi Olgi Glavač, ki je pripravila lep simbol za prvo obhajilo.

Pri maši so sodelovali še z branjem božje besede: Jeff Mills (Prvo berilo in Psalm) v angleščini, Kristina Hočevnar (drugo berilo v slovenščini) in Meaghan Antolin (prošnje), družina Dsouza pa je prinesla darove. Tudi provoobhajanci so dodali svoj del, ko so se po obhajilu zahvalili Bogu za ta lep duhovno bogat dan. Ob koncu maše smo se še poslikali s prvoobhajanci in starši in tudi družine. Prčvo obhajilo je vsako leto globoko duhovno doživetje za vsakega, saj se vsak gotovo spomni, ko je sam prvič prejel Jezusa v svoje srce.





34th Slovenski Dan - 2025

St. Gregory the Great Slovenian Parish
125 Centennial Pkwy. N. Hamilton
June 22, 2025

Volunteers!

To make this a great day for all, we are looking for volunteers to help out. With more volunteers, we can have shorter shifts so that everyone can enjoy the day. Call, text or email if you can help out!

Contact Heidy Novak

905-317-6002

Novakhsn@gmail.com

PECIVO



It is fitting to have traditional Slovenian home baking along with some tasty Canadian treats, available for guests to purchase and enjoy. So... start your baking now and bring them to our hall for our volunteers to prepare delicious plates for our pecivo table. Please let us know if we can count on your baking talents.

MINI-OLYMPICS

A quick reminder that we will have children's activities set up in the afternoon, after the program outside. If it rains, meet in the lower hall!

Children will be having fun with various activities - Families and friends are encouraged to watch the good times.

"Skip the Line"

Purchase your tickets **in Advance** and avoid entrance line-ups!

We will record your name and keep it on file should it be required

Adults (18+): \$10

Youth (13-17) \$5

Children (12 and under): Free



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125 Centennial Pkwy N, Hamilton, ON, L8E 1H8

Invites you to come and celebrate 34th



Slovenski Dan

Sunday, June 22, 2025

- 10:00 a.m. - Holy Mass
- 12:00 p.m. - Lunch Available for Purchase
- 2:00 p.m. - Cultural Program
Followed by songs and dancing
to the music of Ansambel
Šmarnogorski kvintet



Everyone Welcome:

**adults, children,
family and friends!**

**a fun filled day for the whole
family!**

Welcome to the celebration of
Slovenian Independence
& Canada Day



**Ansambel
Šmarnogorski kvintet**

OBVESTILA - ANNOUNCEMENTS

KOLENDAR DOGODKOV

- June 1st - **London** - Mass with procession 3 PM.
- June 15th - **Bled SCC** - Father's Day Picnic - Mass at 1:00 PM.
- June 22nd - **St. Gregory the Great - SLOVENSKI DAN** - Mass at 10:00 AM.
- June 27-30th - **Slovenski Park** - Canada Day Long Weekend - Mass June 29th at 1:00 PM.
- July 6th - **Lipa Park** - Summerfest Picnic
- July 13th - **Bled** - Proščenje - Mass at 1:00 PM
- July 18th - **Slovenski Park** - Pečenkafest
- Aug. 1-4th - **Slovenski Park** - Civic Holiday Long Weekend - Mass Aug. 3rd at 1:00 PM.
- Aug. 6-8th - **St. Gregory the Great** - Day Camp
- Avg. 10th - **Lipa Park** - Music in the Park Picnic
- Avg. 10th - **Sava-Breslau** - Mass 1:00 PM, Picnic

BRALCI - READERS:

- Slov.: Mirko Zorko
- Eng.: Sidonia Poppa

GIFT BEARERS

- Hapke/Holder Family

ČIŠČENJE CERKVE - CLEANING OF THE CHURCH

- June 6: Gosgnach team

SPRING MEMORIAL MASS AT CEMETERY

On Saturday, June 14, 2025 at 11:00 AM, Spring Memorial Mass is celebrated at Gate of Heaven Cemetery.

Cheques:

When you write a cheque for donation to our Parish, please write only:

ST. GREGORY THE GREAT PARISH

Bank told us a few times, that you can not write other than official name registered with the bank.

SLOVENSKI DAN 2025

Our Parish is proud to be hosting the **34th Slovenski Dan** in the Niagara Region celebrating the independence of Slovenia and how proud we are to be Canadian Slovenians.

Being Slovenian we all have a story:

- how Slovenians left their country to make a new home
- why Slovenians chose to make a new home in Canada
- what it took to create our Slovenian communities in this great country of ours
- how being Slovenian impacted our lives being raised by first, second, third generation Slovenians
- our participation in Slovenian events and the precious friendships made along the way
- our social experiences with Slovenian family and friends
- the fun had by those who participated in the folklore groups in our communities
- the polkas, the songs and of course our favourite foods.

Being Slovenian impacts our lives in so many ways and being a proud Slovenian is certainly something that deserves to be celebrated.

We invite everyone who has a connection to the Slovenian community to come out and not only celebrate, but take pride in being connected to this great community be it through family, friendships, clubs or our faith.

We look forward to hosting a great Slovenski Dan event.

To put on a great Slovenski Dan event **we will need many volunteers!**

We've already had members of our community come forward and offer a helping hand, but we can always use more. We will need help before hand as well as on the day of.

Please contact **Heidy Novak 905-317-6002** if you are able to help out.

We also ask everyone to help with **baking of Pecivo** so that everyone can enjoy the various tastes of the many regions in Slovenian. We will be sharing more details closer to the event on when and where to bring your delicious creations.

We will also need help in the kitchen, in the bar, at the BBQ at the entry of our event and more. So... if you are willing to help out - reach out to us and join us as we work together to organize a Slovenski Dan to remember!

Invite your family and friends not only to come, but to help out. With many volunteering hands, we can all pitch in a little and enjoy the day together. We look forward to seeing you June 22nd at Slovenski Dan 2025! - *Heidy Novak*

PRVI PETEK

Ta teden vstopamo v mesec junij, posvečen Srcu Jezusovemu. Ta petek je prvi v mesecu juniju. Kot navadno bo ob 6:00h zvečer priložnost za sveto spoved, molitev pred Najsvetejšim, rožni venec in sveto mašo ob 7:00h zvečer.

VEČNA LUČ

V mesecu juniju bo večna luč svetila za pokojnega Lojzeta Prilestnik, po namenu žene Marije in družine.

DVIG SLOVENSKE ZASTAVE

You are all invited to attend the Slovenian Flag Raising Ceremony in honour of Slovenia's Independence Day.

The Flag Raising ceremony will be held on Wednesday, June 25th, 2025 at 12:30 PM at Toronto City Hall on Queen Street West, Toronto.



V tem tednu so naslednje obletnice smrti faranov, ki so zapisani v naših knjigah:

Kotze	Marcus	June 2, 1973
Volf	Ferdinand	June 2, 2013
Selšek	Anika Anna	June 4, 2009
Ftičar	Štefan	June 4, 2013
Bukvič	Marija	June 4, 2019
Prša	Joseph (Kathy)	June 4, 2020
Pirc	Karolina	June 5, 1977
Mozetič	Alfonz	June 5, 2000
Grdun	Franc	June 5, 2007
Rev	Srečko	June 6, 1995
Gimpelj	Marjeta	June 6, 2018
Razpotnik	Josef	June 6, 2021
Volčanšek	Karl	June 7, 2011
Rosmus	Sonya Ana	June 7, 2018



SV. MAŠE - MASSES: Mon. to Fri.: 7:00 P.M.; Saturday: 5:30 P.M. (Slo); Sunday: 9:30 A.M. (Slo); 11:00 A.M (Eng) - From July to Fall Banquet only 10:00 A.M. - **KRSTI / BAPTISMS:** For an appointment, call one month before. **POROKA/MARRIAGE:** By appointment, call one year before the wedding date. **SPOVED/CONFESSIONS:** First Friday of the month 6 to 7:00 P.M. (or by appointment) **BOLNIKI** - Sporočite, če je kdo bolan ali v bolnišnici, da ga obiščemo. You are welcome to call for a personal conversation with your priest – please call for an appointment. Tel: 905-561-5971 or Cell: 905-520-2014

SVETE MAŠE - MASSES

GOSPODOV VNEBOHOD ASCENSION OF THE LORD 1. junij <i>Nedelja sredstev</i> <i>družbenega obveščanja</i>	†	Za žive in rajne župljane	9:30 AM	-----
	†	Monika Gašpar		Družina
	†	Vojan Mozetič		Žena z družino
	†	Milka Ferko		Družina Kolmanič
	††	Pavel in Paul Richard Novak	11:00 AM	Jožica Novak z družino
	††	Pokojni Slovenci iz Londona	3:00 PM	St. John the Divine Church
PONEDELJEK - MONDAY 2. junij <i>Marcelin in Peter, muč.</i>	†	Antonio Valeri	7:00 PM	Irma in Rocco Valeri
		All souls in purgatory		Irma in Rocco Valeri
TOREK - TUESDAY 3. junij <i>Karel Lwanga in ug. muč.</i>	†	Anton Vengar	7:00 PM	Rose Marie & Tony Vengar z druž.
	†	Tilka Vengar		Rose Marie & Tony Vengar z druž.
	††	Angela in Franc Urh		Rose Marie & Tony Vengar z druž.
SREDA - WEDNESDAY 4. junij <i>Frančišek Caracciolo</i>	††	Tilka in Anton Vengar	7:00 PM	Jožica Novak z družino
		Po namenu		T. in M. F.
ČETRTEK - THURSDAY 5. junij <i>Bonifacij, škof</i>	†	Eileen MacKenzie	7:00 PM	N. N.
	††	Pokojni farani		Marija Korošec z družino
PRVI PETEK - FIRST FRIDAY 6. junij <i>Norbert, škof</i>	†	Ada Forte	7:00 PM	Agnes Doma
	††	Joseph in Eufemia Tompa		Dragica Tompa
SOBOTA - SATURDAY 7. junij <i>Robert, opat</i> <i>Bogumil, opat</i>	†	Jakob Muhič Jr.	5:30 PM	Družina Muhič
	†	Matija Vlašič		Žena Jožica in otroci
	†	Ivan Nedelko		Brat Martin in Regina Nedelko
	†	Ivan Nedelko		Family Žalik (Montreal)
	††	Jure in Jože Rajbar		Sestra Ana Gergyek
	††	Frank in Verona Korošec		Marija Korošec z družino
	††	Vneci in Marija Ferenčak		Regina in Martin Nedelko
BINKOŠTI PENTECOST SUNDAY 8. junij <i>Medard, škof</i>	††	Za žive in rajne župljane	9:30 AM	-----
	†	Paula in Franc Pelcar		Stan Pelcar & Josie Dubé z druž.
	†	Marjeta Gimpelj, obl.		Mož Jože
	††	Lojze Prilesnik, obl. in starši		Marija Prilesnik in družina
	†	Karl Volčanšek, obl.		Družina
	††	Pavel in Paul Richard Novak	11:00 AM	Jožica Novak z družino
	†	Elizabeth Ferko		Jožica Novak z družino