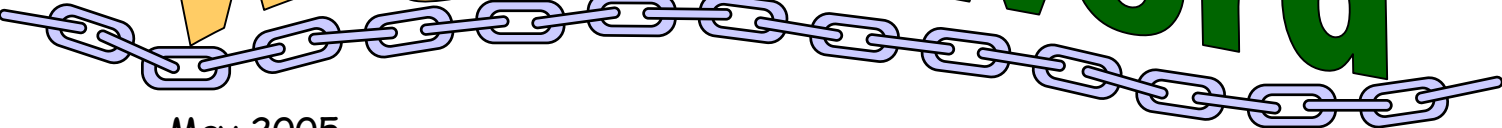


# The Wigglesworth



May 2005

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,  
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

-Paschal Tropar

Christ is Risen!

May 1st was Easter (Pascha) in Eastern Orthodox churches worldwide. So after two months of fasting and increased services we have emerged into the season of celebration! For now though, we're still in shock and trying to recover from the Pascha weekend. Here's a glimpse why:

March started with a church retreat/visit from our Bishop and ordination of our deacon to the priesthood. Then Lent started on March 13th with a minimum of 4 services a week (Wed, Fri, Sat, and Sunday). April 23rd was Palm Sunday which started the Holy Week services: Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday nights; Thursday afternoon and night, Friday morning, afternoon, and night; Friday night vigil (all night at the church); Saturday morning, afternoon; Saturday night at 11:30 the Easter services start: nocturnes, matins, liturgy, blessing of the baskets (filled with all sorts of goodies we've been fasting from), then a meal! We arrived home at 4am to sleep a bit and then back to church Sunday afternoon for one more service and big supper potluck!

Each service is different and takes us on a journey of reliving the final events of Christ's life, death, and resurrection. We were at almost every service during Lent/Holy Week since AmandaEve is one of two music directors and Kevin is a reader. We are now very blessed to turn the calendars to May and see blank squares on the page! From now to Ascension and Pentecost services have returned to normal and focus on Christ's resurrected life on earth.

A Weekend Retreat

In the middle of April, we were blessed to make use of one last wedding present: a weekend at Chateau Lake Louise! This was a wonderful weekend to spend time with each other and relax! There was still a lot of snow up there but we did go out for a walk to the end of the lake. Otherwise we enjoyed the comforts of the hotel and our room. We hit the pool and hot tub a couple times a day... enough that the pool attendant recognized us!

## Kevin's Finger Surgery Update

April 11th was the date scheduled for Kevin's second finger surgery. But when the surgeon saw his finger he was pleasantly surprised at the progress made and decided that the surgery might do more harm than good! So Kevin drove himself home from the hospital and went off to work! We were very excited to say goodbye to this second surgery and the added physiotherapy appointments this would have meant.

One year review: What a difference a year makes!

We were struck the other day at how much has happened in the last year. Here's a list of the major changes that occurred during the last year:

Kevin became a member of the Orthodox church; Kevin started taking the Reader's Course through St Arseny Institute and has been reading at church;

Kevin stopped working for and resigned from Wycliffe Bible Translators;

We got engaged and married;

We were both unemployed for a few months;

We started taking dance lessons together;

AmandaEve started working at Rocky Mountain College; Kevin started working at Point Inc.;

AmandaEve moved twice, Kevin moved once;

Our first Christmas and Easter as a married couple.

Please pray with us!

We know that there are friends and family praying with us and for us. Here are our recent and continued requests:

Pray:

Continued prayer for direction and progress in our application with OCMC;

For God's direction (and our hearing) in our lives concerning employment;

For God's blessing in our relationship.

Praise:

For our time at Lake Louise;

That we made it through Lent by God's grace despite sickness;

That Kevin's finger continues to progress well.

***Kevin and AmandaEve***