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## Velykden' – Ukrainian Pioneer Easter

(Grades 1 to 9)

The lifestyles of rural Ukrainian settlers, spring preparations and *Velykden'* celebrations are brought to life for students by costumed interpreters. Through the program, students see the religious and cultural importance of Easter within the lives of early Ukrainian settlers in east central Alberta. A hands-on session provides students with the opportunity to learn about the symbolism of the traditional *pysanky*.

### Intended Outcomes

- Awareness of and respect for the beliefs and traditions of other groups and communities.
- Understanding of specific Ukrainian and Byzantine Rite cultural and religious traditions related to the Easter season.
- Knowledge of traditions and customs from the past that continue today.
- Appreciation for the stories and experiences of Ukrainian immigrants to east central Alberta.
- Appreciation for how events of the past relate to and connect families to the present.

This school program aims to teach students the meaning and significance of the Easter season to early Ukrainian-Canadian settlers in east central Alberta. As part of the program activities, religious themes and information will be presented to the students as they pertain to the Ukrainian Easter traditions and activities students are learning about. This program also includes an educational visit to one of our museum's consecrated churches. UCHV staff endeavor to create a learning atmosphere that is respectful and inclusive while educating students about these religious and cultural beliefs and traditions. If you have any questions or concerns about the content and activities related to the Velykden'-Easter program, please feel free to contact us

### Program Activities

This program patterns Ukrainian pioneer lifestyle as it occurred during the Easter season in east central Alberta prior to 1930. During the program students will be involved in home and meal preparation, indoor and outdoor chores, and in learning about special religious customs and traditions such as making *pysanky* and preparation of an Easter basket. Through hands-on activities and interactions with costumed interpreters, students will acquire significant information and images of a Ukrainian Pioneer Easter in Alberta.

### Program Duration and Delivery

*Velykden' – Ukrainian Pioneer Easter* begins at 10:00 a.m. and runs to 2:00 p.m. The program schedule includes a 30 minute lunch break for each group. Teachers will divide students into smaller groups for the program. Each group will have a different schedule to follow but will complete the same activities. Please see the Teachers' Information Booklet for more detailed information.