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EMADEPÄEV

Emadepäeva tähistati maailmas esimest korda 1908. aastal Ameerika Ühendriikides Lääne-Virginias Graftoni kirikus. Päeva tähistamise idee pakus 1872. aastal välja luuletaja ja kirjanik Julia Ward Howe, kuid tähistama hakati seda Anna Jarvise eestvedamisel 35 aastat hiljem.



In 1868, Ann Jarvis organized a committee to establish a "Mother's Friendship Day", for the purpose of reuniting families that had been divided during the Civil War. She had previously organized Mother's Day Work Clubs to improve sanitation and health for both Union and Confederate encampments undergoing a typhoid outbreak, and wanted to expand these into an annual memorial for mothers.

Eelmise sajandi alguses Uderna koolis õppinud Helmi Mäelol tekkis idee emadepäeva tähistamiseks 1922. aastal Soome eeskujul. Olles ise pärit suurest perest ja nähes, kuidas naaberriigis emasid emadepäeval austatakse, otsustas Mäelo ka ise oma kodukoolis emadepäeva korraldada.

Üle-eestilisena tähistati seda päeva aasta hiljem. Emadepäeva tähistamine kogus populaarsust ja seda tähistati kuni 1940. aastani. Uuesti hakati Eestis emadepäeva tähistama 1988. aastal.

MOTHER'S DAY

Mother's Day is a holiday observed in different forms throughout the world. In its modern form, the day originated in the United States.

Some limited local observances were held in the 1870s and 1880's. In 1872, a woman by the name of Julia Ward Howe led a Mother's Day for Peace anti-war observance accompanied by an appeal to womanhood throughout the world which continued in Boston for about ten years but then died out.

Credit for Mother's Day in its present form, is given to Anna Jarvis, when she picked up

She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her: 'Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.'
Proverbs 31:27-29

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her mother's vision of an annual celebration after her mother Ann died in 1905.

A small memorial service was first held in 1907 at her late mother's church, St. Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. Anna's mother had been a Sunday School teacher there. The first "official" service of worship was in May of 1908 in the same church. Within five years virtually every state was observing the day, and in 1914 U.S. Pres. Woodrow Wilson made it a national holiday.



Although Jarvis had promoted the wearing of a white carnation as a tribute to one's mother, the custom developed of wearing a red or pink carnation to represent a living mother or a white carnation for a mother who was deceased. Over time the day was expanded to include others, such as grandmothers and aunts, who played mothering roles. What had originally been primarily a day of honour became associated with the sending of cards and the giving of gifts, however, and, in protest against its commercialization, Jarvis spent the last years of her life trying to abolish the holiday she had brought into being.

UUDISED / NEWS

Good Friday

Our first lay-person service was held on Good Friday at which the Gospel was read about the Crucifixion, hymns sung, and prayers read. Thank you to Margus Jukkum who provided the audio music for the service.



Amongst some of the readers were Kevin Chorowiec, Linda Laikve and Anne & Tiina Pedel.



An enlightening film about the life of Martin Luther was shown after the service.



Honour her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate. Proverbs 31:31

Easter

Easter Sunday was celebrated on March 31st with Pastor Ando Kass and organist Erik Kreem.



Pastor Peeter Vanker dropped in for a visit with Väino Einola and Pastor Ando Kass.





The luck of the "Tiiu's" continued with this year's egg cracking challenge with this year's winner being Tiiu Keefer Leppik. Previous winners have been Tiiu Roiser and Tiiu Jalakas.



Easter brunch food donors and helpers.



Lottery winners Guido Laikve, Ilo Maimets, Toomas Trei, Eneke Mirka, and Eda Oja.



3rd, two Metropolitan Toronto Police officers from the Fraud Prevention Unit of 53 Division, provided invaluable information about fraud prevention. Describing various forms of fraud, the officers provided information about how to recognize and avoid being scammed.

fraud gets reported. If you are a victim of fraud, report it! Call your local police station, or the Canadian Anti-Fraud Centre (CAFC) 1-888-495-8501 or contact www.antifraudcentre-centreantifraude.ca/index-eng.htm

Day of Remembrance Service Sõdades Langenute Mälestus- Jumalateenistus

At the Estonian and English Sunday service on April 21st, we commemorated veterans and the fallen, with Pastor Pamela Kormano and organist Erik Kreem. A remembrance to the fallen was presented by Kairi Taul-Hemingway, President of the EKN. Bible readings were by Eda Oja, Kay Tüll, and Allan Seim.



Three generations of the Kass family: Esther Kass is flanked by son Pastor Ando Kass, and granddaughter Leena Kass-Gates.

Fraud Prevention Seminar

Organized by Maimu Mölder of



In Canada, as of December 31, 2023, over \$554 million has been lost to fraud. An astonishing number given that only 5% of





A coffee social was held after the service. A special thank you to Aida Shelton, Chairwoman of the Guild, who organizes our coffee tables and event with her crew of volunteers.



Doors Open—May 25 & 26

Each May, Doors Open Toronto invites the public to explore the city's most-loved buildings and sites. The event provides rare access to buildings not usually open to the public and an opportunity to visit architecturally, historically, culturally and socially significant buildings across the city.

Since its inception in 2000, the event has attracted more than two million visits to nearly 700 unique locations and remains the largest event of its kind in Canada.

The list of buildings participating in 2024 will be released at the

beginning of May in the Toronto Star and on the Doors Open official website. We are honoured to announce that St. Peter's church was chosen to be on the list of "buildings to visit" this year.

More details will be coming soon regarding the agenda for the Doors Open weekend. Please check our website: www.stpeterstorontoestonianchurch.ca

Guided tours of the building, and displays outlining our history and architecture will be featured. We are also pleased to announce that the artist that created our stained glass windows, Ernestine Tahedl will be in attendance on May 25th to greet visitors and talk about her vision and creation of our beautiful windows.

A HERITAGE MOMENT IN HISTORY



Finnish Boys Memorial — Have you noticed the granite memorial at the front of our church? Arriving in Canada as early as 1950, the Finnish Boys gathered together to support one another and formed The Finnish Boys Club. When in September of 1957, they decided to create a memorial for their fallen brothers, St. Peter's provided them with a space at the south side of the altar. An artist was chosen from a brother-in-arms, Alfred Karu.

Blessed at a church service in October of 1958, the memorial is made from polished Swedish granite. It is adorned with a simple symbol of a flame of hope. The text comes from the Jala-väerügement 200's flag: "For the honour of Estonia, as a pledge for the future" (Eesti auks, tuleviku pandiks). At the blessing, Pastor Puhm stated "I will turn you, black granite, into a living sign for us to behold."

Several years later in 1969, a granite altar was added, also designed by A. Karu. There is a spot to place a candle. At the altar's blessing a small box made from oak containing soil from homeland Estonia was added to the memorial.

Mothers Never Die

*You have never lost your mother,
Though you've said your last goodbyes,
Though there's heartbreak in the parting,
No one's mother really dies.*

*If you love to hear the old songs
for memories they bring,
it's because you had a mother
who had taught your heart to sing.*

*If you stop to help a neighbour,
search your heart and you will find,
it's because you had a mother
who taught you to be kind.*

*If you go to church when weary,
seeking God to guide your way,
it's because you had a mother
who taught you how to pray.*

*No, you've never lost your mother,
though you've said your last goodbyes.
Through your thoughts and deeds
she's living,
No one's mother really dies.*

Author Unknown



*Pea, mu poeg, oma isa käsku ja ära
hülga oma ema juhatust! Seo need ala-
tiseks oma südame külge, mähi need
enesele ümber kaela! Need juhtigu
sind, kui sa kõnnid, valvaku sind, kui sa
magad, ja kõnelgu sinuga, kui sa
ärkad! Vanasõnad 6:20-22*

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats. And he will place the sheep on his right, but the goats on the left.

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'



"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'

Then they also will answer, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Matthew 25:31-46

CHURCH SERVICES & EVENTS / JUMALA- TEENISTUSED & ÜRITUSED*

*New events may be added to the calendar—please check our church website for any additions.

www.stpeterstorontoestonianchurch.ca/event-calendar

May 1 (Wednesday) - 12:00 noon Guild meeting to discuss upcoming events and new cookbook edition. New members welcome!

May 5 (Sunday) - 1:30 p.m. Mother's Day Estonian Service combined with St. Andrews (Vana Andres) congregation. The service will be at the Agricola Finnish Lutheran Church at 25 Old York Mills Road, North York. A coffee social will follow. Please register your intention to attend the coffee so we know how many to prepare for. Please call the church office at 416-483-5847.

May 25 & 26 (Saturday & Sunday) - City of Toronto Doors Open event. More details to follow.

June 5 (Wednesday) - 12:00 noon Guild meeting to discuss upcoming events and new cookbook edition. New members welcome!

June 16 (Sunday) - 11:30 a.m. Service with visiting Pastor Karl Paju followed by services at Mt. Pleasant and York cemeteries.

June 23 (Sunday) - 11:30 a.m. Võidupüha/Jaanipäeva service with Pastor Karl Paju.

June 27 (Thursday) - 7:00 p.m. Concert in sanctuary with Rahvaülikooli Segakoor from Tartu. Choir director Lauri Breede. Tickets \$20.



Ema Süda

*Üks paigake siin ilmas on
kus varjul truudus, arm ja õnn.
Kõik mis nii harv siin ilma pääl
On pelgupaiga leidnud sääl.*

*Kas ema südant tunned sa?
Nii õrn, nii kindel, muutmata,
ta sinu rõõmust rõõmu näeb,
su õnnetusest osa saab.*

*Kui inimeste liukuvat
au, kiitust, sõprust tunda saad,
kui kõik sind põlg'vad, vihkavad,
kui usk ja arm sust langevad,*

*siis ema süda ilmsiks lä'eb,
siis veel üks paik sull' üle jääb,
kus nutta julged igal a'al –
truu, kindla ema rinna na'al.*

*Mõnd' kallist südant kaot'sin,
mis järel' nuttes leinasin,
:aeg andis teised tagasi:
ei ema südant – iialgi!*

- Lydia Koidula

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 5th 1:30 p.m.
St. Peter's and Old St. Andrews combined
Early Mother's Day service
At the Agricola Finnish Church
25 Old York Mills Rd, North York

Pastor Kalle Kadakas

Coffee and refreshments to be served after the service. Please register your attendance for the Coffee social at St. Peter's office at 416-483-5847

*A mother's love is patient and
forgiving when all others
are forsaking; it never fails
or falters, even though
the heart is breaking.*

*Helen Steiner
Rice*