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Divine Liturgy Schedule
Christ is Risen! Indeed, He Is Risen!
Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!
April 11, 2021



Saturday, April 10

6:00PM

Sunday, April 11

10:30 AM

Tuesday, April 13

10:00AM

Wednesday, April 14

10:00AM

Thursday, April 15

9:00AM

Saturday, April 17

6:00PM

Sunday, April 18

10:30 AM

BRIGHT SATURDAY

God's Blessing & Good Health for Anna Kutsup-Ellen Alqrainy

SUNDAY AFTER EASTER-THOMAS SUNDAY

God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners

God's Blessing for America – Ulana Campbell

God's Blessing for Slava Szczerbaniuk- Ulana Campbell

Pray to End Abortion & Respect Life- Diane & Rita

† Joseph Kovalchik-Len & Louise Golemb

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS

God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners



Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners: Please pray for our Parishioners **Assisted Living:** Olga Yurkowski, Anna Hopiak, Mary Hoolick. **At Home:** Anna Kutsup, Helen Bogdan, Dolores Miller, Arlene Czarnecki, Mary Louise Bailey, Sophie Staronka, Andrew Kobela, Josephine Latoszewski; MaryAnn Kelly **Away:** Leona Kobela **Prayer Request:** Michelle Miller; Kerri; Ellen Kobela, Sister Martin Rodko; Fr. Uriy Markewych; Fr. Peter Waslo; Bishop John Bura Emeritus; Sister Evhenia Prusnay MSMG; Mary Oresick; Fr. Paul Wolensky, Fr. Daniel Gurovich.

"God loves each of us as if there were only one of us." - **St. Augustine**

THOMAS SUNDAY

April 28, 2019



TROPAR: While the tomb was sealed, O Christ God, You dawned as life from the sepulcher, and while the doors were shut, You came to Your disciples, the Resurrection of all, renewing a right spirit in us through them, according to Your great mercy.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever, Amen.

KONDAK: With his searching hand, Thomas explored Your life-giving side, O Christ God. For when You entered while the doors were shut, he called out to You with the rest of the Apostles: You are my Lord and my God!

PROKIMEN: Great is our Lord and great is His strength; and of His knowledge there is no end. verse: Praise the Lord, for a psalm is good; may praise be sweet to our God. Great is our Lord and great is His strength; and of His knowledge there is no end.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (5: 12-20):

Brethren, in those days many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. And they were all together in Solomon's Portico. None of the rest dared to join them, but the people held them in high esteem. Yet more than ever believers were added to the Lord, great numbers of both men and women, so that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured. Then the high priest took action; he and all who were with him (that is, the sect of the Sadducees), being filled with jealousy, arrested the apostles and put them in the public prison. But during the night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors, brought them out, and said, "Go, stand in the temple and tell the people the whole message about this life."

ALLELUIA: Alleluia (3). Come, let us sing joyfully to the Lord, let us acclaim God our Savior. Alleluia (3). For God is the great Lord and the great king over all the earth. Alleluia (3).

GOSPEL OF JOHN 20: 19 - 31



When it was late, that same day, the first of the week though the doors where the disciples gathered had been closed for the fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst and said to them "Peace be to you!" And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples therefore rejoiced at the sight of the Lord. Jesus therefore said to them again, "Peace be to you! As the Father has sent me, I also send you." When he had said this, he breathed upon them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit; whose sins you shall forgive, they are forgiven them; and whose sins you shall retain, they are retained." Now Thomas, one of the Twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the print of the nails and put my hand into his side I will not believe." And after eight days his disciples were again inside and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being closed and stood in their midst, and said "Peace be to you!" then he said to Thomas "Bring here your finger and see my hands; and bring here your hand, and put it into my side; and be not unbelieving, but believing." Thomas answered and said to him "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Because you have seen me, Thomas, you have believed. Blessed are they who have not seen, and yet have believed." Many other signs also Jesus worked in the sight of his disciples which are not written in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in his name.

IN PLACE OF "IT IS TRULY PROPER": The angel exclaimed to her, full of grace: "Rejoice, O pure Virgin. And again I say: "Rejoice!" Your Son is risen from the grave on the third day. With himself he has raised all the dead. All you peoples, rejoice!" IRMOS: "Shine, O Shine! New Jerusalem! For the glory of the Lord has shone on you! Sing now and exult with joy, O Sion. And you, O pure Mother of God, adorn yourself in the splendor of your Son's resurrection."



COMMUNION HYMN: Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem. Praise your God, O Zion. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

IN PLACE OF: "Blessed is He"..., "We have seen the true light..." , "May our mouths be filled..." , "Blessed be the name..." , "Glory be to the Father..." : Christ is risen from the dead, conquering death by death, and to those in the tomb bestowing life.



*Christos Voskres! Voistinu Voskres! Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!
Wishing you & your families a Very, Blessed Easter! May you be
blessed with Many, Happy Years, Peace, Health & Salvation!*

THERE SHOULD BE NO KNEELING DURING THE PASCHAL SEASON UNTIL PENTECOST SUNDAY. This regulation is mentioned by the Council of Nicaea, which met in the year 325, and which also set the date for Pascha. Our Father, Saint Basil the Great, explains that this symbolizes our personal resurrection as well as our calling to higher, heavenly things.

FATHER WALTER'S CELLPHONE: JUST A NOTE: Father Walter's cell phone literally smashed into pieces in an unfortunate incident. Please text Father your name in conjunction with you cell phone number as he is unable to access his data from his broken cell phone and it was not backed up. Father was unable to receive calls on Good Friday due to this incident. Father Walter's cell phone has been replaced, it's just missing your cell phone number!! Give Father a Text!

PYROHY PROJECT: We are extremely grateful for everyone who contributed to the success of our Pyrohy Sale! Many thanks to our Pyrohy Champions who made pyrohy to sell and for the Flea Market. Thank you for your dedication.

FLEA MARKET: This past Saturday, April 10th was our half-price Flea Market Sale.

PRAYERS: Please remember in your prayers all who are in need of God's help. Remember those in the nursing facilities, hospital and at home, all the sick and the suffering. Please say a special prayer for all of our nation's soldiers and their families at home and abroad.

VESPERS OR MOLEBEN??: Is there any interest in doing Moleben or Vespers on a Sunday Afternoon? Maybe once a month? Or Sundays of May? Any suggestions are welcomed.

GENESIS 6:9-22 A DESERT BOAT

<https://royaldoors.net/>- [Fr. Michael Bombak](#)

Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Ever seen a boat in the middle of the desert? Noah's contemporaries hadn't either. In the midst of the confusion, chaos and moral degradation which is described in the book of Genesis, the Lord comes to Noah and tells him he needs to build a giant boat...in the desert.

Imagine the kind of trust that Noah would have had to have. I'm sure it wasn't made any easier by those of Noah's time passing by "the boat guy" day in and day out while the Ark was being constructed. We see here an incredible counter-cultural mission, and one which ultimately saves mankind. It is interesting to note that the "Nave" of the Church, the part where all the people sit and assemble as Church, is a Latin word for ship. The Church is the Ark in a troubled world.

Brothers and Sisters, let us continue to listen to the voice of the Lord, even when we would prefer not to, even when other voices are trying to shout it down. The flood's coming!

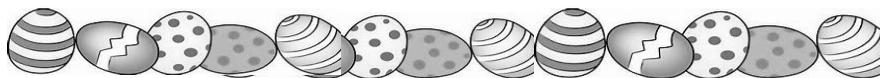
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PRAYER BEFORE LITURGY: We bow before Your most pure image. O kind Lord, and beg pardon for our sins, O Christ our God. Of Your own will You consented to ascend the cross in the flesh to free Your handiwork from enslavement to the enemy. In thanksgiving we cry aloud to You: By coming to save the world, our Savior, You filled all things with joy. ***Before the Liturgy, the priest prays the prayers before the Liturgy begins, this is one prayer said by the priest before of the Icon of Christ.***

FOR UNFAILING STRENGTH

Do not look forward to what may happen tomorrow; the same everlasting Father who cares for you today will take care of you tomorrow and every day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then. Put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginations, and say continually: "The Lord is my strength and my shield. My heart has trusted in Him and I am helped. He is not only with me but in me, and I in Him.

ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Father, in the Roman Catholic tradition at Easter Time, we have the symbol of the lamb of God- is that part of our Ukrainian Tradition- why does it not appear as prominent in our church? Father after church on Sunday, you were wearing a White Cassock- why? The Lamb of God absolutely is in our tradition in plain sight-but unrecognized. The white cassock of the priest is part of our tradition that if a priest or deacon has a cassock made of pure wool-the hair of the lamb- he wears it during Eastertide from Easter till Eve of Ascension. Likewise, the priest wears the brightest vestments he has during this time for the Liturgies. All of these are a reminder and a living of the sacrifice of the most pure and unblemished Lamb to atone for sin. Lastly the word, Pascha translates into "Lamb of God, Passover, and Bread of Life." Our church calls Easter the Feast of the Lamb of God.



APRIL CANDLES

The Altar Candles are given by Maday & Niezgoda Families in loving memory of John & Anna Kulmatiski-Maday.

The Eternal Light is given by Brian & Joanne Kawczenski in loving memory of Mary & Leo Kawczenski.

The St. Nicholas Candle is given by Ed & Mary Schwartz For God's Blessings on their grandchildren Samantha & Christopher.

The Candle Before the Icon of Christ is given by MaryAnn Jarolen for all The deceased members of the Hvozda & Frankowski Families.

The Candle Before John the Baptist is given by Brian & Joanne Kawczenski in loving memory of Paul Kawczenski.

The Candles on the Tetrapod are given by Joan Cominsky in Loving memory of John (Sonny) Petrochko.

The Candles before the Icon of the Transfiguration given by Joan Cominsky in loving memory of John Cominsky.

The Icon Table Candles before of the Theotokos is given by Joan Cominsky in loving memory of her parents, John & Marion Petrochko.

The Candles before the Icon of the Theotokos are given by Lipowski/Placek Families in loving memory of Barbara Siviluch.

The Proscomedial Table is given by Father Walter Pasicznyk for God's Blessings on Father Dan Gurovich.



PSALM 118



Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let Israel say: "His love endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say: "His love endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say: "His love endures forever." When hard pressed, I cried to the LORD; he brought me into a spacious place. The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me? The LORD is with me; he is my helper. I look in triumph on my enemies. It is better to take refuge in the LORD than to trust in a man. It is better to take refuge in the LORD, than to trust in princes. All the nations surrounded me, but in the name of the LORD, I cut them down. They surrounded me on every side, but in the name of the LORD, I cut them down. They swarmed around me like bees, but they were consumed as quickly as burning thorns; in the name of the LORD, I cut them down. I was pushed back and about to fall, but the LORD helped me. The LORD is my strength and my defense he has become my salvation. Shouts of joy and victory resound in the tents of the righteous: "The LORD's right hand has done mighty things! The LORD's right hand is lifted high; the LORD's right hand has done mighty things!" I will not die but live and will proclaim what the LORD has done. The LORD has chastened me severely, but he has not given me over to death. Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD. This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. From the house of the LORD, we bless you. The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

PRAYER TO PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL:

Holy Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our safeguard against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.