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### Divine Liturgy Schedule

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He Is Risen!

Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!

April 18, 2021

Saturday, April 17

6:00PM

†Joseph Kovalchik-Len & Louise Golemb

Sunday, April 18

10:30 AM

**SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS**

God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners

Monday, April 19

10:00AM

†Kaminsky & Augustine Families- Denise Kaminsky

Thursday, April 22

10:00AM

For True Conversion of Heart of Gary Poullard- Poullard Family

Friday, April 23

10:00AM

†John Kaminsky- wife, Denise Kaminsky

Saturday, April 24

6:00PM

†Michael Yurkowski- Jo Ann Grout

Sunday, April 25

10:30 AM

**SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN**

God's Blessings and Good Health on all Parishioners



**Petitions & Prayers for Our Parishioners:** Please pray for our **Parishioners Assisted Living:** Olga Yurkowski, Anna Hopyak, 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.

## SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARERS

April 18, 2021



**TROPAR:** When You went down to death, O Life Immortal, You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity. When You raised the dead from the nether world, all powers of heaven cried out: O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory to You!

**TROPAR:** The noble Joseph took down Your pure body from the tree. He wrapped it with a clean shroud and aromatic spices and placed it in a new tomb. But on the third day You arose, O Lord, granting the world Your great mercy.

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.**

**KONDAK:** You commanded the myrrh-bearers to rejoice, O Christ God, and ended the grief of our mother Eve by Your Resurrection. You ordered the apostles to proclaim to all: The Savior is risen from the tomb.

**Now and forever and ever. Amen.**

**KONDAK:** Though you went down to the grave, immortal Lord, You destroyed the power of Hades. Rising in victor, Christ our God, You greeted the myrrh-bearing women "Rejoice!" giving peace to Your apostles and bestowed resurrection upon the fallen.

**PROKIMEN:** Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance. Unto You I will cry, O Lord my God, lest You turn from me in silence. Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance.

### **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles (6:1-7):**

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, "It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word." What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The

word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

**ALLELUIA:** Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. You have shown favor to Your land, O Lord; You have brought back the captives of Jacob. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. verse: For Mercy and truth have met; righteousness and peace have embraced. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



### **GOSPEL OF Mark 15:43-16:8**

At that time there came Joseph of Arimathea, a counselor of high rank, who was himself looking for the kingdom of God. And he went in boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. But Pilate wondered whether he had already died. And sending for the centurion, he asked him whether he was already dead. And when he learned from the centurion that he was, he granted the body to Joseph. And Joseph bought a linen cloth, and took him down, and wrapped him in the linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb which had been hewn out of a rock. Then he rolled a stone to the entrance of the tomb. But Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Joseph were looking on and saw where he was laid. And when the Sabbath was past Mary Magdalene Mary the mother of James and Salome, bought spices, that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb, when the sun had just risen. And they were saying to one another, "Who will roll the stone back from the entrance of the tomb for us?" And looking up they saw that the stone had been rolled back, for it was very large. But on entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right side, clothed in a white robe, and they were amazed. He said to them, "Do not be terrified. You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has risen, he is not here. Behold the place where they laid him. But go tell his disciples and Peter that he goes before you into Galilee; there you shall see him, as he told you". And they departed and fled from the tomb, for trembling and fear had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

**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:** Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality. Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. 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.

**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.

**MORNING PRAYER**

Grant unto me, my Lord, that with peace in mind I may face all that this new day is to bring. Grant unto me grace to surrender myself completely to Thy holy will. Instruct and prepare me in all things for every hour of this day. Whatsoever tidings I may receive during the day, do Thou teach me to accept them calmly, in the firm conviction that all eventualities fulfill Thy holy will. Govern Thou my thoughts and feelings in all I do and say. When things unforeseen occur, let me not forget that all cometh down from Thee. Teach me to behave sincerely and reasonable toward every member of my family and all other human beings, that I may not cause confusion and sorrow to anyone. Bestow upon me, my Lord, strength to endure the fatigue of the day and to bear my share in all its passing events. Guide Thou my will and teach me to pray, to believe, to hope, to suffer, to forgive, and to love. Amen.

**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 your 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:** Many thanks to our Pyrohy Champions who came out Saturday, April 17 to make pyrohy to sell and for the Flea Market.

**FLEA MARKET:** The Next Flea Market is scheduled for Saturday, 24 April from 10am to 2pm and will be a BAG DAY. Customers will pay \$5 for a brown bag and fill it with clothes or/and merchandise. Jewelry, lamps, Capodimonte flowers and some other items are not included in the bag sale. **Pyrohy Take-Out will be available for sale.**

**MOTHER'S DAY:** Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. We will have Divine Liturgy for All Living and Deceased Mothers of our Parish. Remember your Mom in Divine Liturgy.

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE JUNE 26! BREAKFAST & FOOD SALE:** More information to come!



**THE RECIPE CORNER: PASKA BREAD** Does anyone have a fool-proof (sweet) paska bread recipe for a small batch? Would you like to share it? I'd like to print it in the bulletin for everyone. If you do ... we can (or not) use your name and please submit it to the rectory. If anyone has another recipe that they are looking for send an email to the rectory and maybe someone will share it.....



**ASK FATHER A QUESTION? Please tell me what the positions of the fingers in this image signifies.**

It is the Greek letters, not Latin, IC XC. The initials for the name Jesus the Christ in Greek. In ancient Greece initials of a person were used of the first and last letter.

**Strong's number G2424;** Ἰησοῦς, *lēsous, ee-ay-sooce'*, Of Hebrew origin [H3091]; *Jesus* (that is, *Jehoshua*), the name of our Lord and two (three) other Israelites: - Jesus.

**Strong's number G5547;** Χριστός, *Christos, khris-tos'*, From G5548; *anointed*, that is, the *Messiah*, an epithet of Jesus: - Christ.



**And so it brings ANOTHER question. What is the Chi-Rho symbol mean?**



This symbol takes the first two letters of the Greek spelling of "Christ" (X and p) and puts them together. This symbol can be found, again, in artwork from altars to priestly vestments. The history of this symbol is a bit more interesting, however. When the future Roman emperor Constantine was marching with his army towards Rome in his attempt to conquer the empire, he saw a vision in which he was told "Under this sign you will conquer". The symbol he saw was the Chi-Rho. He then proceeded to have his soldiers paint this symbol on their shields and adopt the symbol as the symbol of their army. Constantine and his army won a surprise decisive victory at the Battle of the Milvian Bridge and Constantine became emperor. He stopped the persecutions of Christians in the empire and was even baptized on his death bed. This symbol of the Chi-Rho became a symbol of Christianity from this point forward.

**And so it brings ANOTHER question. Why did Constantine wait to be baptized on his deathbed if he was so faithful?** Constantine recognized the true church and the power of God because of the events surrounding this vision. Sin and penance were much stricter in his day. Many "penances" had the person outside of the church for years and not

permitted to be in full communion with their church and able to receive Holy Communion, in recognition of the strain sin puts between the man and his relationship with God. Baptism, more than merely that an initiation ritual into the church, also forgives a man of all his past sins, Constantine knew this and, in his trust, and hope in God, waited until he was on his deathbed to be baptized and fully become a Catholic so that he would limit his possibility against sinning against God and be free to enter heaven.

## PSALM 82

The theme of this psalm-the maintenance and of equity and justice-is a prerequisite for the continued existence of the world that was revealed on the third day of creation.

It is for this reason that it is the Song of the Day for the third day of the week.

But this message is not limited only to courts. In his personal life, every Jew is a judge, for his opinions and decisions about people can affect their lives.

A song of Asaf: God stands in the Divine assembly; in the midst of judges shall He judge. Until when will you judge lawlessly and favor the presence of the wicked, Selah? Judge fairly the needy and the orphan, vindicate the poor and impoverished. Rescue the needy and destitute and deliver them from the hand of the wicked. They do not know, nor do they understand, they walk in darkness all the foundations of the earth collapse. I said: "You are Angelic, sons of the Most High are you all." But like men you shall die, and like one of the princes you shall fall. Arise, O God, judge the earth, for You shall seek Your inheritance among all the nations.

**Sacrifice of Our Fathers-** A priest in the latter half of the eighteenth century who was frequently moved from one Parish to another was in the practice of planting grape vines in every rectory yard. When he was asked why he planted the vines, even though he would not share the fruits, he answered, "Others will eat the grapes, I am satisfied to plant for others, if who preceded me had planted grape vines, I could be eating grapes today." The spirit of unselfish foresight has given us many of the blessings of American life-our hospitals, libraries, colleges, and museums. But nowhere does the unselfishness and generosity of one generation provide more fruit for those to come than in the parishes where Catholics sacrifice to build so that future generations may enjoy the spiritual fruits of their farsighted generosity.



## 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.