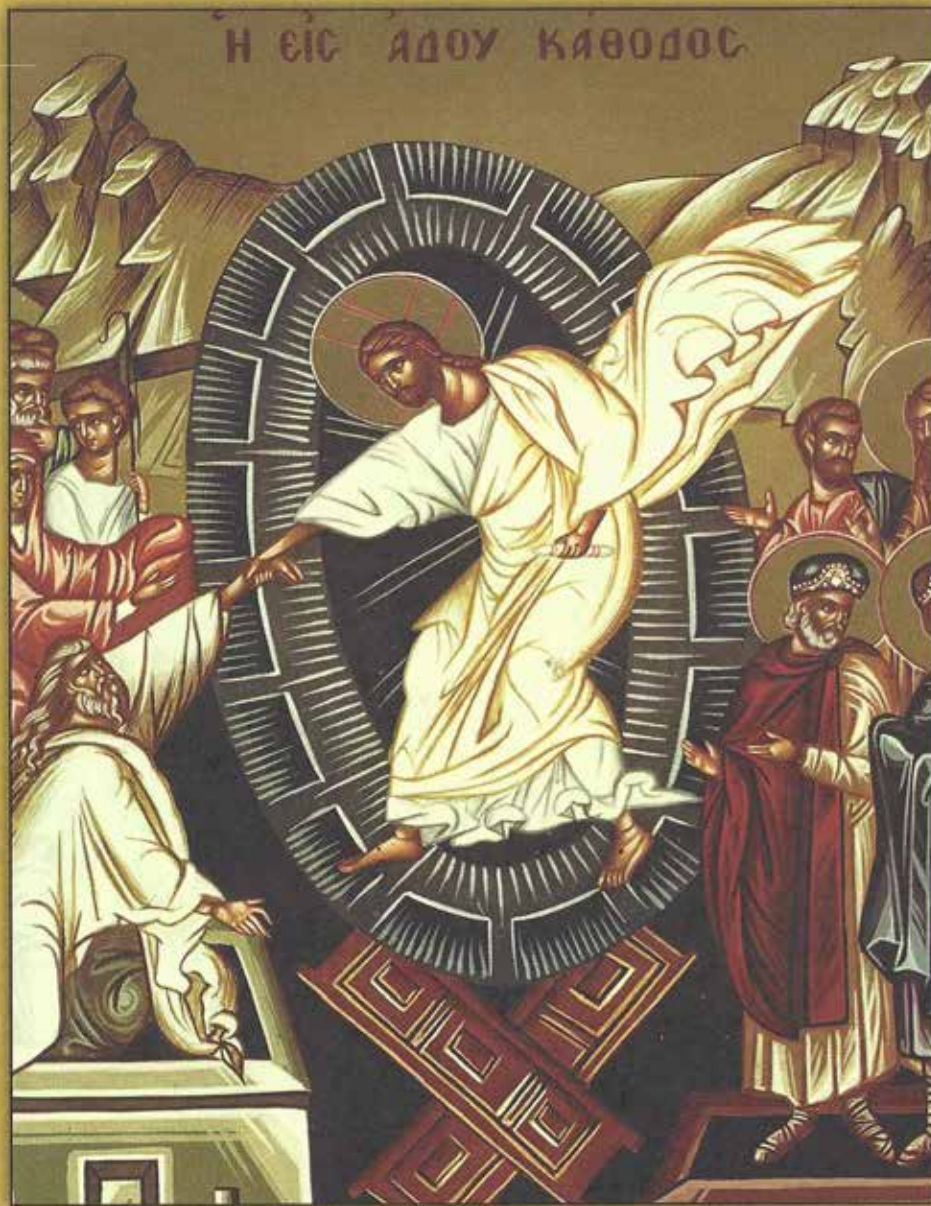


RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST



Icon of the Descent into Hades

March 27, 2016: Pascha: Resurrection of Our Lord

Epistle: Acts 1: 1-8

Gospel: Jn. 1: 1-17

Mon., March 28 **Bright Monday**
9:00 + Msgr. Stephen Hrynuck (Ann Louise Ganiban)

Tues., March 29 **Bright Tuesday**
9:00 + Anne Spryn (Mary Ann Spryn)

Wed., March 30 8:00 + Martha Myshrall (Father Nestor)

Thurs., March 31 8:00 + Raymond Dench (Parents)

Fri., April 1 8:00 Special Intention (Anonymous)

Sat., April 2 **No Morning Divine Liturgy**
10:30 Confessions.
2:30 pm Confessions
4:00 pm + Raymond Dench (Jule Harris & Family)

Sun., April 3 9:00 For Our Parishioners
11:30 + Dorothy Pompey (Family)

First Antiphon

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Say unto God, "How awesome are your works! Because of the greatness of
Your strength Your enemies will flatter You.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Let all the earth worship You and sing to You, let it sing to Your name, O Most
High!
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

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Third Antiphon

*Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered;
and let those who hate Him flee before His face.*

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death,
and to those in the tombs giving life.

As smoke vanishes, as wax melts before the fire, so to let the wicked disappear.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death,
and to those in the tombs giving life.

So too may sinners perish, but let the righteous rejoice in the sight of God.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death,
and to those in the tombs giving life.

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In Place of "Holy God"

All you who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ. Alleluia. (*thrice*)

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

You have put on Christ. Alleluia.

All you who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ. Alleluia.

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Hymn to the Mother of God

The angel cried out to the One full of grace: "O chaste Virgin, rejoice! and again I say, rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day and raised the dead." Let all people rejoice!

Shine, shine, O Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exalt now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

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Communion Verse

Receive the Body of Christ; drink from the fountain of immortality.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ Is Risen!

For a long time, by many prayers, liturgical services and ceremonies, the Church has been preparing us for the glorious day of Christ's resurrection, Easter Sunday. Hoping that during Lent everybody had an opportunity to be cleansed from his or her personal sins, the Church now celebrates externally and with beautifully joyous ceremonies the final triumph and life-giving resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. After the long ages of darkness brought about by original sin, after the seemingly endless expectation of the prophets, after the thirty hidden years and the three

years of public life, after the frightful passion which had seemed to be the end of all hope, after the three days in the depth of the tomb, behold: Christ is Risen! The time of weeping is over; now is the time for joy. Christ's resurrection is the greatest miracle. It is the most divine and least human, for it took place when the Man-Christ was in the grave. We now know that Christ is God and we rejoice.

**Christ is Risen! - Indeed, He
is Risen! Christos Voskres! -
Voistynu Voskres!**

Properly Receiving Holy Communion

When approaching to receive Holy Communion, do not be afraid to approach the Priest. Father's arms are only so long and when you stand too far away, it is difficult to distribute Holy Communion.

We also remind everyone to tilt your head back and open your mouth WIDE. Please keep your tongue in your mouth. Please do not bite down on the communion spoon. There is no need to say anything since the priest

says the prayer. There is no need to say AMEN as is done in the Roman Catholic Church.

Now finally, a little about the red Communion Cloth. Sometimes the Altar Servers hold it; sometimes Father holds it. When the Altar Servers hold, simply approach (i.e., come close to the Priest). If Father is holding it, simply lift it up to your chin. The purpose of the Communion Cloth is to help prevent accidents.

Kneeling in Our Church

The Pastoral Guide of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the United States (the official rule book for our Parishes in all four Eparchies), states in article 464: “Because kneeling is a sign of pen-

ance in the Eastern tradition, the faithful should be discouraged from kneeling during the Paschal [Easter] Season and all Sundays of the year.

Say Hello ...

If you see someone in church that you do not know – stop and say hello and welcome them to St. Cyril’s. Your friendly greeting will help them to decide to make St. Cyril’s their spiritual home.

Also if you see someone who may be unfamiliar with the services offer to give them a hand. Make sure you introduce newcomers to Fr. Nestor. Don’t be shy!

Parish Meeting

There will be a Parish Meeting on Saturday, April 2, 2016 following the 4:00 Divine Liturgy. It is hoped that more people will be able to attend the meeting at this time. Among the topics of this meeting will be an

update on the sale of the Parish School, future plans for the New Hall (kindergarten building), and a possible Pilgrimage on the occasion of the Year of Mercy. All are invited to attend.

Homemade Pyrohy Sale

St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish is sponsoring an early spring sale of their popular potato-cheese pierogies on Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 2:00 to 6:00pm in the Parish Center, 428 North Seventh

Avenue, Scranton. These are freshly made that day and are not frozen. Cost is \$7.00 per dozen. Orders must be placed no later than Easter Monday, March 28 and are being taken by Leslie Izak at 570 342-3749.

Easter Dinner: Sviachene

The traditional annual Easter Dinner - “Sviachene”- sponsored by St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will take place at the parish center, 428 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton on Sunday, April 10, 2016, beginning at 12:30pm. Dinner will

consist of holubchy, mashed potatoes, vegetable, rolls, dessert and beverages. Advance takeouts and table reservations only - no tickets sold at the door. Takeouts available from 11:30am to 12 noon. Drawing for door prizes including Ukrainian pysanky and a

theme basket raffle will be conducted. Admission: \$13.00 adults; \$6.00 children age 6-12; age 5 and under free. For reservations contact

Dorothy Fleck at 570 346-4164. No reservations will be accepted after Monday, April 4.

Night at the Races

“Night at the Races” sponsored by the Eureka Hose Co. No. 4 and the Olyphant Girls Softball Association will be held on Saturday, April 16th at the Fire Station, 717 E. Grant St. in Olyphant.

Doors open at 5:30 pm with races at 7:00 pm. \$15 tickets include buffet and refreshments. Baskets and raffles for sale. Adults only. For tickets contact Jody at 570-487-1404 or John at 570-383-1406. Seating is limited.

St. Joseph Breakfast

St. Joseph Melkite Church on North St. Francis Cabrini Avenue, West Scranton, is holding their annual St. Joseph Breakfast, Sunday, April 17, 2016 in the church hall. Adults are \$8.00, \$4.00 children 6-10 and free under 6. Breakfast, consisting of eggs, ham, olives, hash browns, pancakes, bread, juice and

hot beverages will be served from 8:00am to 1:00pm. Take-outs are available during that time. Our special St. Joseph bread will be available in two-loaf packages. Come early for the bread, it is a best seller! Tickets will be available at the door.

2016 Women’s Day of Prayer: Women as Caregivers: Spiritual, Pastoral and Practical Matters

Sunday, April 24, 2016 at St. Vladimir’s Church - Scranton

Once again, the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia, in partnership with the Sisters of the Order of St. Basil the Great, the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate and the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God will be sponsoring the 2016 Women’s Day of Prayer. Developed by the members of the Philadelphia Archeparchy’s Committee for the Enrichment of Women, the theme for the 2016 Women’s Day reflects the Committee’s Mission to offer women of all ages an occasion to grow spiritually and deepen their

faith; to expand their social consciousness and their understanding of the social issues and problems facing today’s women and families; and to nurture their personal development through various opportunities for enrichment.

The Day will begin with Divine Liturgy at 10:30 a.m. Lunch, a formal program presented in English and a closing ritual will follow. The Day will conclude by 4:00 p.m.

The program will focus upon the pastoral and practical aspects of caring for family members with special needs due to chronic ill-

ness, disability and/or advanced age and will be presented within the framework of Sacred Scripture and the values and ideals of Eastern Christian Spirituality. Additionally, suggestions as to how caregivers may provide spiritual, pastoral and practical “self-care” will be offered. Our program will be presented by Sister Joann Sosler, OSBM, Assistant Provincial for Jesus, Lover of Humanity Province of the Order of the Sisters of St. Basil the Great, and Ann Stefanic, a parishioner of Presentation of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church in Lansdale, Pennsylvania. Sister Joann’s presentation will address the pastoral aspects of caregiving. Ms. Stefanic’s discussion will focus on the importance for caregivers to be mindful of their need for self-care. Sister Joann holds a certificate in Clinical Pastoral Education (CPE). Her studies for this professional designation have provided her essential skills which enable her to contribute to the

biophysical, psycho-spiritual and socio-relational healing of individuals and community. She has gained much practical experience in this area through previous service as chaplain at Jeanes and Abington Hospitals.

Ms. Stefanic has cared lovingly for both her mother (during her mother’s later years) and her brother who, throughout his lifetime, struggled with the effects of a chronic, disabling disease. She will offer first-person insight into the rewards and challenges she experienced during her years as caregiver for these members of her family.

We cordially invite you to participate in the 2016 Women’s Day of Prayer and to complete a Registration Form. An offering of \$10 is suggested to help defray the cost of lunch. For more information, please contact Sr. Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM, at 215-379-3998. Please plan to attend ... and to bring a friend!

Collection Processing Team...

ALL available Collection Processing Teams Members are asked to help with the Holy Week and Easter Collection. This

will take place following the 9:00 Divine Liturgy on Bright Monday, March 28th.

Sunday Collection for March 19 & 20, 2016: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for April 2 & 3, 2016

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Muchisky -- Daniel Chylak	John Sakson
9:00 am	Patrick Marcinko -- Joseph Skirpan	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Thomas Radle -- Brian Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

Celebrating Holy and Great Pascha

Brethren, how fine a thing it is to move from festival to festival, from prayer to prayer, from holy day to holy day. The time is now at hand when we enter on a new beginning: the proclamation of the blessed Passover, in which the Lord was sacrificed. We feed as on the food of life, we constantly refresh our souls with His precious blood, as from a fountain. Yet we are always thirsting, burning to be satisfied. But He Himself is present for those who thirst and in His goodness invites them to the feast day. Our Savior repeats His words: If anyone thirsts, let him come to me and drink.

He quenched the thirst not only of those who came to him then. Whenever anyone seeks him He is freely admitted to the presence of the Savior. The grace of the feast is not restricted to one occasion. Its rays of glory never set. It is always at hand to enlighten the mind of those who desire it. Its power is always there for those whose minds have been enlightened and who meditate day and night on the holy Scriptures, like the one who is called blessed in the holy psalm: Blessed is the man who has not followed the counsel

of the wicked, or stood where sinners stand, or sat in the seat of the scornful, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night.

Moreover, my friends, the God who first established this feast for us allows us to celebrate it each year. He who gave up His Son to death for our salvation, from the same motive gives us this feast, which is commemorated every year. This feast guides us through the trials that meet us in this world. God now gives us the joy of salvation that shines out from this feast, as He brings us together to form one assembly, uniting us all in spirit in every place, allowing us to pray together and to offer common thanksgiving, as is our duty on the feast. Such is the wonder of His love: He gathers to this feast those who are far apart, and brings together in unity of faith those who may be physically separated from each other.

St. Athanasius the Great

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