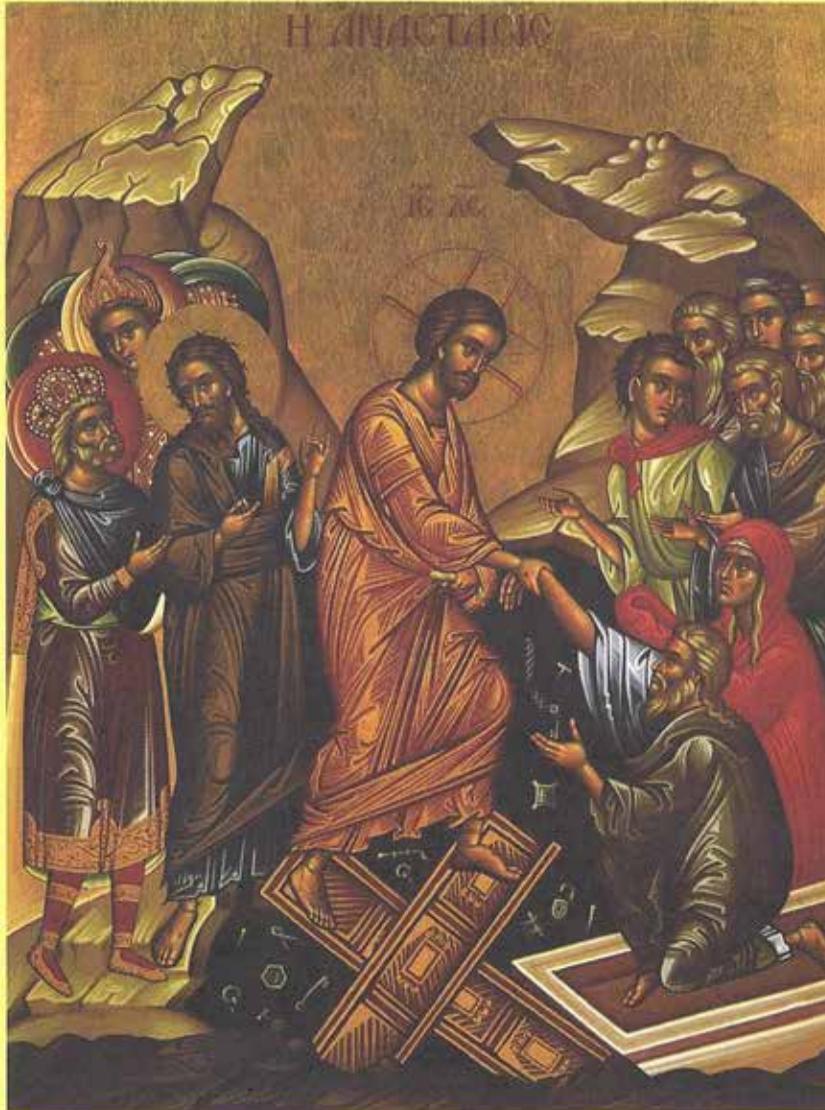


GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA:
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST



Icon of the Descent into Hades

April 16, 2017: Pascha: Resurrection of Our Lord

Epistle: Acts. 1: 1-8

Gospel: Jn. 1: 1-17

Mon., April 17

Bright Monday

9:00 + Louis, Julia & George Daniels (Dolly Daniels)

Tues., April 18

Bright Tuesday

9:00 + Agnes Uhryn (Matt Beckage)

Wed., April 19

8:00 + Michael Evanina (Nephew Howard)

Thurs. April 20

8:00 + Deceased Stecco Family (Joan & Ed Stecco)

Fri. April 21

8:00 + Deceased Moskel Family (Family)

Sat., April 22

No Morning Divine Liturgy.

10:30 Confessions

2:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm Deceased Beggin Family (Family)

Sun., April 23

9:00 + Deacon Willis J. Homick (Joseph & Ann Nasevich)

11:30 For Our Parishioners

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

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

Easter Symbols

Colors and their meanings:

White means purity. Our Lord, at his transfiguration, appeared in raiment “white as the light” (Matt. 17:2, etc.)” White is also the symbol of holiness: The high priest’s holy garments were made of white linen - Leviticus 16:4,32. Purple - is a color royalty and suffering.

Easter Lilies are used to decorate churches and homes. The large, pure white blossoms remind Christians of the pure new life that comes to them through the Resurrection of Jesus. The white lily stands for purity. Artists for centuries have pictured the angel Gabriel coming to the Virgin Mary with a spray of lilies in his hand, to announce that she is to be the mother of

the Christ child.

Eggs - represent new life - Christ coming back to life after death, have been a symbol of spring since ancient times. The oval shape of the egg was the same shape for a raindrop and a seed. These two were important life-giving elements. The egg itself promises new life as in spring, birds, and many other animals are hatched from eggs.

The Lamb - is a particularly important Easter symbol in central and eastern European countries. It represents Jesus and relates His death to that of the lamb sacrificed on the first Passover. Christians traditionally refer to Jesus as “the Lamb of God.”

Notice to the Parish

Please pass this notice to those members of our parish who have not been regular in their church attendance and ask them to carefully consider the

message below.

I want you to know that our parish needs you, and that you also need to be here with us. We have a responsibility

to one another as members of the Body of Christ – the Church – and these responsibilities are growing daily, given the events taking place in the world

around us. Please make church attendance and prayer a regular part of your daily lives. Please.

Ask The Pastor

QUESTION: *Do we have Last Rites?*

ANSWER: In our Eastern (Ukrainian) Tradition, we do not have — Last Rites. We have ANOINTING OF THE SICK, which, when administered, gives the sick person all the benefits of Sacramental Grace, which according to God's will, provides for their physical and spiritual healing, or prepares them to complete the journey of their earthly life, whichever turns out to be God's will. When you call the priest for someone or for yourself, please don't ask for — Last Rites. That

is a custom of the Roman Catholic Church, not of ours. When the priest comes to visit the sick, we do not view him as the Grim Reaper, proclaiming the advent of death. We see him instead as the one who brings hope and Christ's healing power to the sick person. No matter the outcome, the transforming grace of Christ has been given and received, and God will be with that person, whether here or in the hereafter. ANOINTING OF THE SICK — IT'S ALL ABOUT HEALING OF THE BODY AND THE SOUL!

St. Cyril's Day at the Ball Park???

The idea has come up about possibly having a St. Cyril's Day at PNC Field for a Railriders game. This will be pursued if there is enough Parish interest.

If you are interested, please let Father Nestor know by e-mail (sscyriland-methodius@comcast.net) or by phone (570-489-2271).

A Note of Thanks

Frank Lesnefsky would like to express his gratitude to everyone for all your prayers and get well cards after his

truck accident. Thank you to everyone for your remembrances.

Easter Dinner “Sviachene” Celebration

Father Myron Myronyuk and his Parish Family of Scranton’s Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will conduct their annual Easter Dinner “Sviachene” celebration on Sunday, April 30, 2017, beginning at 12:30pm in the Parish Center at 428 North Seventh Avenue. Dinner will consist of borshch, holubchy, pyrohy, ham, kobasa, horseradish, rye

bread, dessert and beverages. Takeouts available from 11:30am to 12 noon. Door prizes will be awarded along with a theme basket raffle. Admission: \$13.00 adults; \$8.00 children age 6-12; age 5 and under free. For reservations contact Maria Black at 570 503-1514. Advance reservations only - no tickets at the door. Reservation deadline is Monday, April 24.

St. Mary’s International Dinner Club

ST. MARY’S BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH DINNER CLUB, 320 Mifflin Ave., Scranton, Pa. will feature La Cena Italiana on May 11, 2017. The menu will start with Pasta e Fagioli Soup and the Entrée will be a Boneless Chicken Breast topped with Eggplant, Prosciutto & Provo-

lone Cheeses and Fresh Marinara Sauce, Pasta Primavera and for dessert an Italian Ricotta Pie. Coffee, Tea, Soda, and Water is available. Seatings are at 5:30 or 6:30pm and the price is only \$20.00 per person. Reservations can be made by calling 570-343-5151 no later than Tuesday, May 9th.

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, April 17th.

Sunday Collection for April 8 & 9, 2017: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for April 22 & 23, 2017

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Joseph Chylak -- Nicholas Chylak	Michael Shumek
9:00 am	Cole Marcinko -- Joseph Skirpan	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Brian Radle -- Jordan Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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The Lamb Who Was Slain Has Delivered Us from Death and Given Us Life

There was much proclaimed by the prophets about the mystery of the Passover: that mystery is Christ, and to Him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

For the sake of suffering humanity He came down from heaven to earth, clothed Himself in that humanity in the Virgin's womb, and was born a man. Having then a body capable of suffering, He took the pain of fallen man upon Himself; He triumphed over the diseases of soul and body that were its cause, and by His Spirit, which was incapable of dying, He dealt man's destroyer, death, a fatal blow.

He was led forth like a lamb; He was slaughtered like a sheep. He ransomed us from our servitude to the world, as He had ransomed Israel from the land of Egypt; He freed us from our slavery to the devil, as He had freed Israel from the hand of Pharaoh. He sealed our souls with His own Spirit, and the members of our body with His own blood.

He is the One who covered death with shame and cast the devil into mourning, as Moses cast Pharaoh into mourning. He is the One who smote sin and robbed iniquity of offspring. He is the One who brought us out of slavery into freedom, out of dark-

ness into light, out of death into life, out of tyranny into an eternal kingdom; who made us a new priesthood, a people chosen to be His own forever. He is the Passover that is our salvation.

It is he who endured every kind of suffering in all those who foreshadowed Him. In Abel He was slain, in Isaac bound, in Jacob exiled, in Joseph sold, in Moses exposed to die. He was sacrificed in the Passover lamb, persecuted in David, dishonored in the prophets.

It is He who was made man of the Virgin, He who was hung on the tree; it is He who was buried in the earth, raised from the dead, and taken up to the heights of heaven. He is the mute lamb, the slain lamb, the lamb born of Mary, the fair ewe. He was seized from the flock, dragged off to be slaughtered, sacrificed in the evening, and buried at night. On the tree no bone of His was broken; in the earth His body knew no decay. He is the One who rose from the dead, and who raised man from the depths of the tomb.

St. Melito of Sardis

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