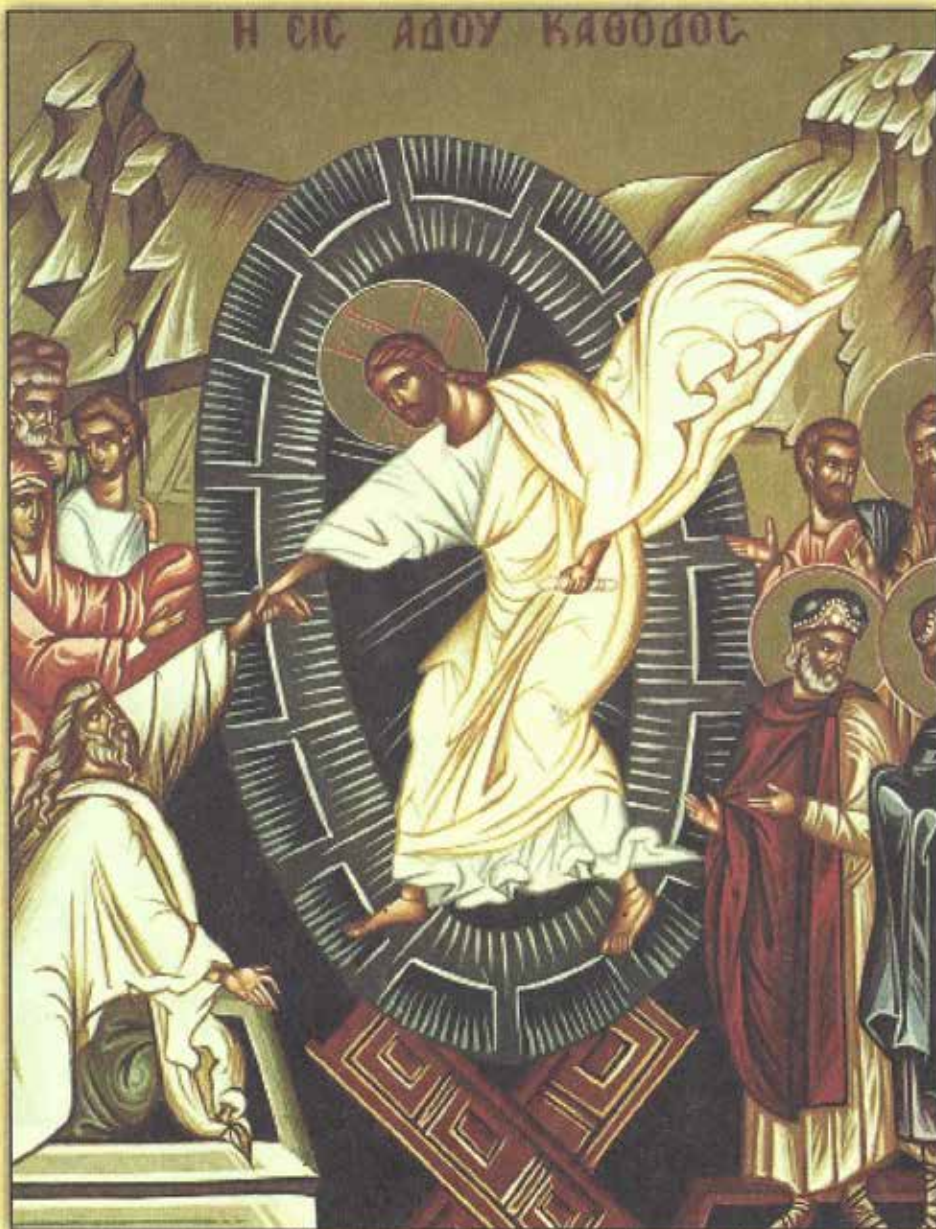


GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR



Icon of the Descent into Hades

April 1, 2018: Pascha: Resurrection of Our Lord

Epistle: Acts 1: 1-8

Gospel: Jn. 1: 1-17

Mon., April 2

Bright Monday (Solemn Holy Day)

9:00 Health & Welfare of Barbara Spryn (Mary Ann Spryn)

Tues., April 3

Bright Tuesday (Simple Holy Day)

9:00 + Robert Harris (Terry & Barbara Chmil)

Wed., April 4

8:00 + Florence Chomo (Peter Yunick)

Thurs., April 5

8:00 + Anna Pronko (Evelyn Cheplick)

Fri., April 6

8:00 + Dorothy Pompey (Karen Beale)

Sat., April 7

No Morning Divine Liturgy

10:30 Confessions

2:00 pm Confessions

4:00 pm + Harry & Olga Pish; + Mildred Polacek (Sister Jean Howarth)

Sun., April 8

Thomas Sunday

9:00 + Mary & Harry Farneti (Leo Danylak)

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!

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!

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.”

L.U.C. Meeting

The North Anthracite Council of the League of Ukrainian Catholics will meet at 6:00 pm, Thursday, April 12, 2018 at Grotto Pizza, 36 Gateway Shopping Center, Edwardsville/Kingston PA. Agenda items will

include the schedule for spring and summer meetings and the upcoming October National Convention in Amherst/Buffalo, New York.

Sviachene: Easter Dinner

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 15, 2018, be-

ginning at 12:15 pm in the Parish Center at 428 North Seventh Avenue. Dinner will consist of Ukrainian borshch, ham, kobasa, red horseradish, holubchy, potato salad, rye bread, rolls, dessert and beverages. Take-

outs available by advance order - must be picked up promptly between 11:30 am and 12 noon. A theme basket and 50/50 raffle will be available. Admission: \$13.00 adults; \$8.00 students; age 5 and under

free. Advance reservations only - no tickets at the door. For reservations contact Maria Black at 570 503-1514. Deadline is Monday, April 9. Everyone is invited to our welcoming church and at our table!

“Barvinok” Ukrainian Dance Ensemble

Scranton’s St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic parish is sponsoring a performance by the Ukrainian Folkdance group “Barvinok” [Periwinkle in Ukrainian] on Sunday, May 6, 2018 at 4:00 pm at its parish center 428 North Seventh Avenue. The highly acclaimed dance group which hails from the Metropolitan New Jersey/New York City area has appeared in numerous venues on the East Coast and in Ukraine where they took first place in an international folk dance competition. Under the direction of Mr. Gregory Momot, the

troupe performs traditional dances from various regions of Ukraine while attired in colorful embroidered costumes. Mr. Momot was trained at the Kyiv Cultural University and danced with the world renowned Virsky Ukrainian National Dance Company. His energetic and intricate choreography along with beautiful regional costumes bring alive the electrifying spirit of Ukrainian dance. Tickets are \$10.00 in advance - \$12.00 at the door and can be purchased by contacting Kristen Waznak at 570 241-1223.

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 2nd.

Sunday Collection for March 24 & 25, 2018: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for April 7 & 8, 2018

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Chylak -- Nicholas Borowski	Andrew Augustine
9:00 am	Cole Marcinko -- John Nasevich	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Jordan Radle -- Brian Radle	Frank Lesnefsky

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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

Great and Holy Pascha

It is the Pasch; the Pasch of the Lord.
O You, who are truly all in all!
The joy, the honor, the food and the
delight of every creature;
through You the shadows of death
have fled away,
and life is given to all,
the gates of heaven are flung open.

God becomes man
and man is raised up to the likeness of God.
O divine Pasch!
O Pasch, light of new splendor.

The lamps of our souls will no more burn out.
The flame of grace,
divine and spiritual,

burns in the body and soul,
nourished by the resurrection of Christ.

We beg you, O Christ, Lord God,
eternal king of the spiritual world,
stretch out your protecting hands
over your holy Church
and over your holy people;
defend them, keep them, preserve them.

Raise up your standard over us
and grant that we may sing with Moses
the song of victory,
for yours is the glory and the power
for all eternity! Amen

St. Hippolytus of Rome