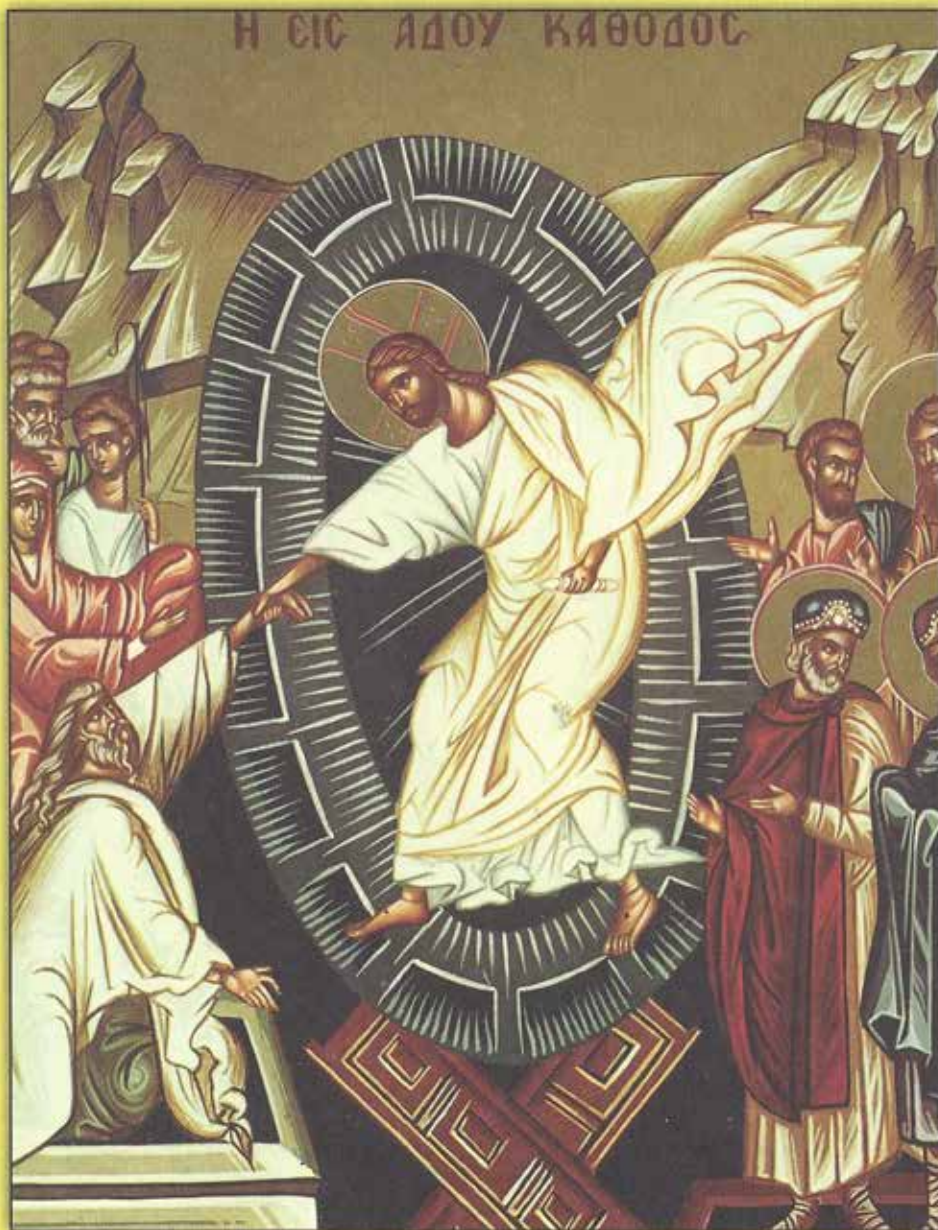


GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR



Icon of the Descent into Hades

April 28, 2019: Thomas Sunday

Epistle: Acts 5: 12-20

Gospel: Jn. 20: 19-31

Mon., April 29	8:00	+ Sharon Hooper (Dolly Daniels)
Tues., April 30	8:00	+ Richard A. Fabri, Sr. (Molly & Family)
Wed., May 1	8:00	+ Jadwiga Bak (Michal Bak)
Thurs., May 2	8:00	+ Jenny Mitchko (Lenny Mitchko)
Fri., May 3	8:00	Health & God's Blessings on Dolly Daniels (Family)
	6:30 pm	Moleben to the Mother of God
Sat., May 4		No Morning Divine Liturgy
	10:30	Confessions
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ Joseph Muchisky (Pauline Muchisky)
Sun., May 5	9:00	For Our Parishioners
	11:30	+ John Marushock (Sister Mary Nagy)



Sunday of Saint Thomas

The Sunday after Pascha is called the Sunday of Thomas. The name comes from the gospel that is read on this Sunday. The Gospel begins with Jesus appearing to His Disciples on the evening of His Resurrection.

When it was late that same day, the first day of the week. . . Jesus came and stood in the midst and said to them, "Peace be to you".

...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!" (Jn. 20:19-27)

Thomas was not present when Jesus first showed Himself to His Disciples. When the Apostles told Thomas of the Lord's appearance, he said that he would not believe until he saw Jesus Himself. Eight days later, Jesus again appeared and called Thomas to Him and showed His hands and side that Thomas might believe.

The Church remembers this gathering of the Disciples and celebrates Thomas' confession on the eighth day after the feast of The Resurrection. Thomas' brief but pointed affirmation of belief "My Lord and my God," (Jn. 20:28) is the title often given to the Icon of St. Thomas. It portrays the greatest confession of anyone in the Gospels.

Thomas, who has seen Christ in His earthly existence, now is transformed to see Christ through the eyes of faith.

In the Icon, Christ shows Himself to Thomas. Christ, the dominant figure at the center, initiates the activity in the Icon as He bends toward Thomas and shows him His side. Thomas is called to see and believe. The remaining Apostles stand as witnesses to the Risen Lord. This event takes place in the upper room where the Disciples gathered, and the closed doors witness to Christ's entering even though the doors were locked. This Icon is a witness of the Resurrection. It is a witness to us and a call to believe and profess our faith in Christ, our Lord and our God.

Our Sincerest Thanks

Our sincerest thanks to all the members of our church who gave of their time and talent to decorate and prepare the church for Holy Week and the celebration of Pascha -- We thank you for all your help. We also thank all

those who helped with the singing. I would thank all the altar servers for all of their help. May God bless all of you for bringing the Risen Christ in our midst. [*Fr. Nestor*]

Liturgical Notes About the Paschal Season

This period of great festivity and joy finds its liturgical expression in the following manner:

Easter Greeting - we greet each other with the Paschal salutation, "Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!"

for 40 days, until Ascension Day.

No Kneeling - Please remember that here is NO kneeling during the entire Easter Season. Kneeling has been our position of prayer during the Holy Season of the Great Fast (Lent) as the expression of our humility and our repentance.

The Paschal Troparion - “Christ is risen from the dead” is sung or said at the beginning or end of all prayers until the Eve of Ascension.

The Paschal Artos Bread - “Artos” is a Greek word which means bread made with yeast. The Artos is blessed on Easter Sunday after the

Ambon Prayer which is said at the end of the Liturgy. It remains on a table before the Iconostasis throughout Bright Week. It is customary, to kiss the Artos, as a way of greeting the Risen Christ. On Thomas Sunday (i.e. the Sunday after Easter), the Artos bread is distributed after the Liturgy. The Artos reminds the faithful that Christ came from Heaven to Earth, took on a human body, suffered for us, was crucified, and on the third day arose from the dead to be with us always to the end of the world. Our Lord said of Himself: “I am the living bread who came down from Heaven”(John 6:51)

Baked Haddock Dinner Report

Revenue:

163 Dinners @ \$13.00	\$2,119.00
10 Dinners @ \$15.00	150.00
Donations	149.00
Total Revenue	\$2,418.00

Expenses:

Regal Room, Food Containers and Flyers	\$1,461.40
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Net Profit from Baked Haddock Dinner \$ 956.60

A special thank you goes out to Quinn’s Market for donating the cole slaw, John Turko for printing of admission tickets, Leo Danylak for donating the dinner rolls, to our wonderful bakers for the delicious desserts and to Lauren Telep for publicity.

Mark Your Calendars

Over the past few years, attendance at the Memorial Services at the Cemetery on Pentecost Sunday has been declining. It was decided at a Parish Meeting to change the Memorial Services from Pentecost Sunday to the Sunday of the Memorial Day Weekend. **THEREFORE, THE MEMORIAL SERVICES AT OUR CEMETERY WILL TAKE**

PLACE ON SUNDAY, MAY 26TH AT 10:00 AM. THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE DIVINE LITURGY ON THAT SUNDAY. Following the Divine Liturgy, a Panachyda Service will be held to pray for all those buried at our Cemetery, after which, individual graves will be blessed. Hopefully this will increase attendance.

The Great Confusion: “Spectator” or “Participant”

It seems that when people go to a sporting event, a football, basketball, or baseball game where they are supposed to be spectators, they act like participants.

BUT...

When they go to church, where they are supposed to be participants, they instead act like spectators.

YOU may think this is funny and that perhaps this statement is meant to be a joke. It Is Not!

You must Participate in church and

let God Participate in Your Life.

Imagine half the members of your favorite team choosing to sit and watch the game instead of playing in it – Crazy, Yes? How much more ridiculous is it that men, women, boys, girls who have been baptized, confirmed, blessed, saved by the blood of our Lord, VIEW Church as merely an occasional spectator event.

IF YOU DON'T KNOW HOW TO PARTICIPATE, SIMPLY ASK, SOMEONE WILL HELP!

Books Appetit

Valley Community Library will hold its annual “Books Appétit” fundraiser Thursday, May 2, 2019, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wine-tasting by Case Quattro Winery, with bottles available for sale. The \$25 tickets (cash or check only), includes food from local restaurants and markets, and

free wine or beer. Dozens of raffle baskets. Guests are encouraged to bring new socks or toiletries to donate to the Gino Merli Veterans Center. Books Appétit is a 2019 NEPA Match Day event, for which the Scranton Area Community Foundation will match fundraising up to \$1,000.

Valley Community Library is at 739 River Street, Peckville. Phone 570-489-1765.

www.lclshome.org/valley.

Easter Dinner - Sviachene

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, May 5, 2019, beginning at 12:15pm 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. Takeouts available by advance order - must be picked up promptly between 11:30am and no later than 12 noon.

Musical entertainment by the delightful Ihor and Regina Duo. A theme basket and 50/50 raffle will be available along with a drawing for an attractive Ukrainian tablecloth.

Admission: \$15.00 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 29.

Everyone is invited to our welcoming church and at our table!

Bus Trip to Enthronement

The North Anthracite Council of LUC has chartered a 33 passenger bus to the Tuesday, June 4th Enthronement of Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak at our magnificent Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia. Pick-ups will be at 5:15am at SS. Cyril and Methodius Church in Berwick, 5:45am at SS. Peter and Paul Church in Plymouth and 6:15am at St.

Vladimir Church in Scranton. Cost is \$35.00 per person - please make out check to North Anthracite Council - LUC. Reservations can be made by contacting Janina Everett at 570 441-9593, Paul Ewasko at 570 563-2275 or Sandra Berta at 570-383-9487. Reservations are on a first-come first-served basis. Payment in full reserves a bus seat.

From Auxiliary Bishop Andriy Rabi

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

During the week of June 2 - 9, the Metropolitan Archeparchy of Philadelphia will welcome our new Metropolitan-Archbishop, Most Reverend Borys Gudziak. It is a time

of great joy for our Church, not only here in Philadelphia, but for the United States.

As you are aware, there are a number of events scheduled to celebrate His Grace's enthronement during this week. One, in par-

ticular, is a Day for Youth were Metropolitan Borys wants to spend a day to get to know, get to listen and share with not only the future of the Church, but it's present generation.

The day, scheduled for Saturday, June 8, will be a day of prayer, of reflection, of dialogue, of visiting and of celebrating. Regardless of what language one speaks, the day will offer an opportunity for our youth and young adults to be with the leadership of our Church, not only in America, but with the head of our entire Church, His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

We invite children, youth and young adults of your family, parish and organization to come and be a part of the celebration of our Church which will highlight them. There will be catechesis for all age groups:

Pre-School (up to age 6), young children (ages 6 - 12), teenagers (ages 13 - 17) and young adults (18 and older). All they have to do is register and bring a sleeping bag.

To register, please have them send an email with their name, address, age and primary language to: h2hyouthday@gmail.com. Once we receive it, information and forms will be sent to be filled out. Enclosed, you will find a copy of the schedule for the day.

We thank you for your willingness to give the children and youth the time to deepen their faith by sharing with our leaders and especially with others of their same age group. Sincerely Yours, and the Lord,

Most Reverend Andriy Rabi

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of April 2019 is Team #4: Joe Smagula and Ronald Barkofsky.

Sunday Collection for April 13 & 14, 2019: \$

Sunday Collection for April 20 & 21, 2019: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for May 4 & 5, 2019

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Brett Lowe -- Nicholas Chylak	Michael Shumek
9:00 am	Cole Marcinko -- Patrick Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Samuel Sczesniak -- Tyler Muchisky	Frank Lesnefsky

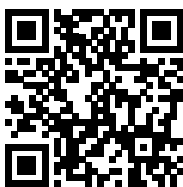
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Rev. Nestor Iwasiw, Pastor

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