

GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA
THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR



Icon of the Descent into Hades

April 4, 2021: Resurrection of Our Lord		
Epistle: Acts 1: 1-8		Gospel: Jn. 1: 1-17
Mon., April 5	Bright Monday	
	9:00	+ Stephen & Amelia Malinchak (Daughter, Jule)
Tues., April 6	Bright Tuesday	
	9:00	+ Ona Yankow (Husband, Gerald)
Wed., April 7		9:00 + Olga E. Telep (Daughter, Lauren)
Thurs. April 8		9:00 + Sr. Longina Gawrylow, SSMI (Father Nestor)
Fri., April 9		9:00 + George & Sophia Danylak (Leo Danylak)
Sat., April 10	No Morning Divine Liturgy	
	2:00 pm	Confessions
	4:00 pm	+ Louis, Julia & George Daniels (Dolly Daniels)
Sun., April 11	Thomas Sunday	
	10:00	For Our Parishioners

Easter Sunday

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 for-
ever, 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! INDEED, HE 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 cer-

emonies 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!**

**Христос Воскрес -
Воистину Воскрес!**

**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 impor-

tant 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."

LAZINESS WON'T GET YOU ANYWHERE

"In ancient times, a king had his men place a boulder on a roadway. He then hid in the bushes, and watched to see if anyone would move the boulder out of the way. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers passed by and simply walked around it.

Many people blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none of them did anything about getting the stone removed.

One day, a peasant came along

carrying vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to push the stone out of the way. After much pushing and straining, he finally managed.

After the peasant went back to pick up his vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins and note from the King explain that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the road."

TRADITIONAL UKRAINIAN "SVIACHENE" TAKE-OUT EASTER DINNER

**St. Vladimir Ukrainian Catholic Church
430 North Seventh Avenue - Scranton**

**Sunday, April 25th
Pickup between 11:00am and 1:00pm**

**Kobasa - Sliced Ham - Red Horseradish - Potato Salad
Paska Bread - Dessert - Bottled Water**

**\$13.00 per person
By Advance Reservation Only**

**Phone Maria @ 570 503-1514
No Later Than Tuesday, April 20
As Reservations are Limited**

Variety Basket Raffle and 50/50 Drawing Will Be Available

FURNITURE/RUMMAGE SALE 2021

The date has been set for the 11th Annual Fundraiser Furniture/Rummage Sale for Friday, April 23, and Saturday, April 24th, 2021. Volunteers will be working Pre-Rummage Sale, starting on Wednesday, April 7th at 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and Thursday, Friday and Saturday, April 10th for the 1st week.

Everyone is welcome to help out for the CHURCH fundraiser. Hours may vary, depending on the volunteers each day. Contact Lauren to ensure the gym will be open at that time, at cell 646-241-9443. Lauren will continue for the 11th year as our chairman with a lot of volunteers to make it happen.

The first Sale was held in September 2011. 10 years of dedication, and love for the parish! We thank all the volunteers, friends, and family of St. Cyrils who have all donated in so many areas to the success of all the Rummage Sales.

Due to the 2020 pandemic, the "If and When" rummage sale was delayed. The outside furniture sale (August 2020) and the "Market Place" at the School gym, during the last 4 months of the year were successful, considering the environment. The School gym is packed with merchandise that would have been sold if we had a traditional rummage sale in September 2020. Now is the time to have a spring sale in April with all the merchandise only. We need you to help to make this event, financially successful for St. Cyril's Church. Future bulletins will list the schedule for the pre-sale set-up and the actual sale. Call Lauren: 570-383-0319 and cell 646-241-9443

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...

ALL available Collection Processing Team Members are asked to help with the Holy Week and Easter Collections. This will take place following the 9:00 Divine Liturgy on Bright Monday, April 5th.

Sunday Collections for March 27 - 28, 2021: \$

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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