

PASCHA - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Icon of the Resurrection

April 17, 2022: Resurrection of Our Lord		
Epistle: Acts 1: 1-8		Gospel: Jn. 1: 1-17
Mon., April 18	Bright Monday	
	9:00	+ Delores Wargo (Srebro/Gazella Family)
Tues., April 19	Bright Tuesday	
	9:00	Dorothy & Andrew Tehensky Chezik & Deceased Members of the Chezik Family (Chezik Children)
Wed., April 20	9:00	+ Ona C. Yankow (Gerald J. Yankow)
Thurs., April 21	9:00	+ Helen Godomski Soxton (Nasevich Family)
Fri., April 22	9:00	+ Myron Krenitsky (Wife, Barbara & Sons)
Sat., April 23	No Morning Divine Liturgy	
	2:00	Confessions
	4:00 pm	For Our Parishioners
Sun., April 24	Thomas Sunday	
	10:30	+ Joan Yeck Turko (Bob & Joan Yeck & Family)

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 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.

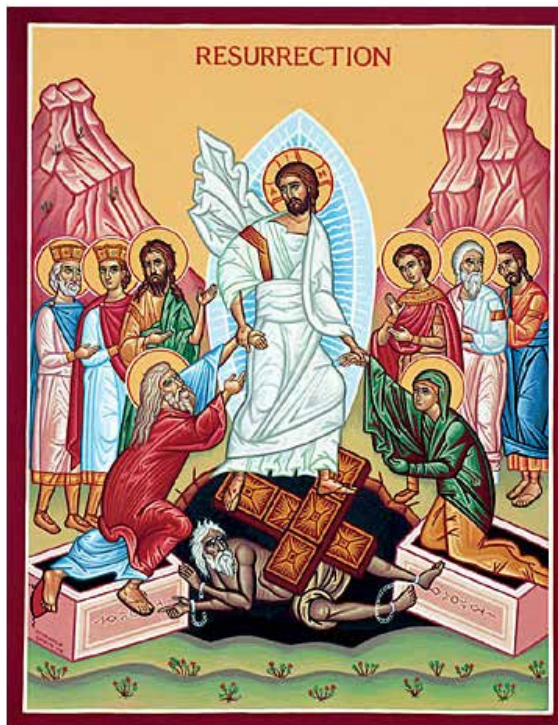
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Communion Verse

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!



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.

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,

**Christ is Risen! -
Indeed, He is Risen!**

**Христос Воскрес -
Воистину Воскрес!**

**Christos Voskres! -
Voistynu Voskres!**

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 lifegiving 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.”

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.

PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us “Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God.” We fervently pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that you inspire men to become peacemakers. May mankind seek reconciliation and peace as is Your Will in this world. May tranquility be restored to all nations and especially Ukraine.

God, Our Father, we beseech You to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the dearly departed into Your heavenly kingdom. May the Most Holy Mother of God extend Her Mantle of Protection over Ukraine and the whole world. May each of us always live our lives as instruments of Your peace, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

MOTHER’S DAY/SPRING FLOWERS

Our Spring Flower Fundraiser continues: partnering with Jerry’s For All Seasons, we are taking orders for hanging baskets. Purchase a voucher for \$20 and select your basket from the wide variety available. Order forms can be found in the church vestibule (note: the due date is incorrect on the form). Orders are due by Friday, April 22nd. Or, call Jule (570) 357-6171,

or Michaelene (570) 209-2026 to order by phone. Payment is required at the time of ordering. Please make checks payable to “St. Cyril’s Church.” Hanging baskets can be picked up from May 1st to May 7th at Jerry’s For All Seasons, 201 Jessup St., Dunmore, PA. (The earlier you go, the more choices you will have.)

MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOP

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church is pleased to present a marriage preparation workshop, “Entering the Holy Mystery of Marriage”, to take place on Saturday, April 30th, 2022 with a follow up session on Saturday, May 14th, 2022. The program focuses on various aspects of marriage, both spiritual and practical, and provides

each person an opportunity for greater understanding of one’s partner and a means to strengthen one’s relationship.

In addition to various presentations and exercises, each couple will be given the opportunity to take the Catholic version of a premarital questionnaire called F.A.C.E.T. (Foundations Applied Conversation and Education Tool).

The F.A.C.E.T. inventory provides participants with a computer-generated profile of unique couple issues, challenges, strengths and realities to be discussed prior to marriage. The F.A.C.E.T. results for each couple involved will be presented to them by a Pastoral Counselor trained in the use of this tool in a subsequent 40 minute private session on April 21, 2022.

Each attending couple must commit to participating in all the sessions on

April 30, 2022 as well as the 40 minute private meeting on May 14, 2022.

The workshop will be held at: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1204 Valley Road, Melrose Park, PA 19027.

The total cost per couple will be \$170 which includes materials, lunch and refreshments. April 23, 2022 - Registration and payment due Date!!! No registration will be accepted after April 23, 2022.

THE 12TH ANNUAL FURNITURE/RUMMAGE SALE FUNDRAISER IN MAY 2022 FOR ST. CYRIL'S

Save the dates: May 27th and May 28th, 2022 Friday and Saturday only!!! We are having a 50% off ticketed price sale on all items (furniture/rummage) inside St. Cyril's school gym. The last year 2021 we made approximately \$ for St. Cyrils Church, during the Pandemic. Now is the time to sell the older merchandise at a reduced price in order to have space for the new (used) items for the traditional Furniture/Rummage sale in September 2022.

Going forward, donations will still be accepted and saved for the "Fall" Sale. Additional information will be in the church bulletin regarding dates and times for preparation/tweaking for the May Sale. Contact Lauren Telep at 570-383-0319 or cell 646-241-9443 or Father Nestor at 570-291-451 Special thanks to all the volunteers over the past 11 years, that has made this event, a financial successful fundraiser (approximately \$) for St. Cyrils Church.

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 Divine Liturgy on Bright Monday, April 18, 2022.

Sunday Collection for April 9 & 10, 2022: \$

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Love Conquers All

A story is told of a man who, while he lived upon the earth, was unconcerned about the state of his soul, or spiritual growth, or eternity. When he died he found himself not enjoying eternal happiness but, rather, suffering eternal torment.

His friends and relatives went down to the gates of hell and tried to intercede for him, giving him a positive endorsement and a good character reference, but the gates of hell would not open to release him. Likewise, his parish priest tried to plead for him saying that he really wasn't all that bad. Still, the gates of hell remained closed. Finally, came his mother. She did not plead for him, she did not try to bargain for him, she did not make excuses for him. She simply said, "Let me in." The gates

of hell opened immediately because they could not withstand the force of love.

Our Father among the Saints, John Chrysostom writes: "Let no one fear death, for our Savior's death has set us free. He has destroyed death by enduring it. He has despoiled death by going down to its kingdom. O Death where is your sting, O Hades where is your victory? Christ is risen and you are abolished! Christ is risen and life is freed! Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied of the dead, for Christ has become the Leader and Reviver of those who had fallen asleep. To Him be glory and honor forever!" (*Paschal Sermon*)

Christ is Risen! Indeed He Risen!
Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!