

# THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST (PASCHA)



*Icon of the Resurrection*

## April 9, 2023: Resurrection of Our Lord: Pascha

Epistle: Acts 1: 1-8

Gospel: Jn. 1: 1-17

<b>Mon., April 10</b>	<b>Bright Monday</b>
9:00	+ Msgr. Stephen Hrynuck (Roman & Eileen Kushner)
<b>Tues., April 11</b>	<b>Bright Tuesday</b>
9:00	+ Paul Homick (Bill & Jane Granza)
<b>Wed., April 12</b>	9:00 + Andy Mitchko (Vince & Joan Narcoonis)
<b>Thurs., April 13</b>	9:00 + Dorothy & Andrew Chezik; Deceased of Chezik & Tehensky Families (Family)
<b>Fri. April 14</b>	9:00 +Harry Smetana (Legate)
<b>Sat., April 15</b>	<b>No Morning Liturgy</b>
	2:00 pm Confessions
	4:00 pm + Anna Mae Krisanda (Marisa Fabri)
<b>Sun., April 16</b>	<b>Thomas Sunday</b>
	10:30 For Our Parishioners



## PASCHA: 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!



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!**



## ICONS IN BYZANTINE CHURCHES

Statues have never been a part of Byzantine Christian liturgical worship. Not because statues were completely unknown in the Byzantine world, but because the icon came to be the most perfect artistic way of depicting Christ and the saints. And this is no accident.

In fact, the Byzantine tradition developed a whole theology out of icons. Sometimes every color, every angle, every shape, every line, every expression on their faces – just about anything and everything – in an icon can have deep theological meaning. On the contrary, statues in the Latin West have always been considered as ‘reminders’ of the holy person, without much theological meaning in and of themselves.

Because icons have an entire theology behind them, the way we paint (or ‘write’) an icon depends heavily on orthodox theology. Icons are written according to specific rules, or ‘canons,’ to make sure that the same orthodox Christian truths are

communicated to new generations. Icons are theology in color, and so they must follow a certain standard.

Icons often seem unrealistic to us, as opposed to the three-dimensional statues of the Latin Church. But we should not assume that this is only because the Byzantine tradition is all about murky mysticism. Byzantine Christianity is most concerned about realism... but true, spiritual realism. In other words, icons are meant to depict Christ or the saint according to the heavenly reality in which he or she is already living.

Lastly, icons are considered ‘windows into heaven.’ As such, they have sacramental meaning to the worshipping assembly. They are not just objects of devotion, that arouse good feelings and pious sentiments within us. They remind us of where we are all going, of our heavenly destination, and of our vocation to be saints of God.

## 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.

## LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME

All children of our parish (newborn infants and older) are to be receiving Holy Communion every week at the Saturday evening or Sunday morning Divine

Liturgy. Children who have not yet made their First Confession may receive without any hesitation or reservation. What our children learn during their young and

impressionable years, they will take with them into their adult lives. Let us teach them early the beneficial and lifegiving

habit of frequenting the Holy Mysteries (the Sacraments)!

## **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.

## **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!

## **PRAYERS FOR FR. PAUL WOLENSKY**

Please keep Fr. Paul Wolensky in your prayers. He collapsed at home and it was three days before he was found. Currently, he is recuperating in the Wilkes Barre General Hospital. He will then be released to a rehab facility.

UPDATE: Fr. Paul has been transferred from the Hospital to the Meadows Rehab Center in Dallas, PA. He still has a long road ahead of him as he recovers. He appreciates all the prayers that are being offered up for him.

## **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 10, 2023.

**Sunday Collection for April 1 & 2, 2023: \$**

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### *The Appearance of the Risen Christ*

Christ the Resurrector will appear in the heights with glory. He will bring the dead to life and raise those in the graves. The children of Adam, who were made of earth, will all arise together and give praise to the Resurrector of the dead.

Let not your hearts be sad, you mortals. The Lord's day shall come and He will awaken and gladden us who have reposed. Those who have kept the law shall be roused before the Lord, and the angels shall rejoice in the day of resurrection. Let not your souls be sorrowful, you who were redeemed by the cross and called into the kingdom. The Lord's day shall come; He will give voice to the deceased and the dead will arise and give Him praise.

Let us glorify and worship Jesus, the Word of God, who, according to His love, came to save us by His cross and is coming again to resurrect Adam's children in the great day when His majesty shall shine forth.

Grieve not, you mortals, over your corruption. Christ the King shall shine forth from on high;

He who is omnipotent shall beckon and thus raise the dead from their graves, and clothe them with glory in his kingdom. If death has reigned and laid waste to our nature because Adam sinned and violated the commandment, then shall we not be justified and saved all the more by the sufferings of Christ who has vanquished death and vindicated our nature?

Our Lord has granted the deceased hope and consolation, for He Himself rose from the grave, vanquished death, promised resurrection and life, and bestowed great blessings on Adam and all his children.

Praise and glory to the Father who created us, to the Son who saved us by His cross, and to the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to the all-praised and incomprehensible Trinity who raises the dead and clothes their bodies with glory.

*St. Ephrem the Syrian*

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