

PASCHA - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD



Icon of the Resurrection

April 5, 2026: Pascha: Resurrection of Our Lord

Epistle: Acts 1: 1-8

Gospel: Jn. 1: 1-17

This Weekend	5:00 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great for Easter 10:30 Procession, Resurrection Service and Divine Liturgy
Mon., April 6	Bright Monday (Solemn Holy Day) 9:00 + William Krenitsky (Loree, Daria & Jeanne Krenitsky)
Tues., April 7	Bright Tuesday (Simple Holy Day) 9:00 + Thomas Higgins (Tom & Rebecca Comerford)
Wed., April 8	9:00 + George Chmil, Jr. (Jule Harris)
Thurs., April 9	9:00 + George Danylak (Andy & Andrea)
Fri., April 10	9:00 + Harry Smetana (Legate Liturgy)
Sat., April 11	No Morning Divine Liturgy 2:00 pm Confessions 4:00 pm + Susan & Andrew Horvath (Family)
Sun., April 12	Thomas Sunday 10:30 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.*

Third Antiphon

*Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered;
let those who hate Him flee from before His face.*

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,*
and to those in the tombs* giving life.

As smoke vanishes, let them vanish, as wax melts before the fire.

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,*
and to those in the tombs* giving life.

So let sinners perish before the face of God, but let the righteous be glad.

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,*
and to those in the tombs* giving life.

Entrance

In the churches bless God, the Lord from the fountains of Israel.

Instead of Holy God

All you who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia! (3)
*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!

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 new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has
risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God,
take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Verse

Receive the Body of Christ,* taste the fountain of immortality.*

Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

*Instead of "Blessed is He Who comes..." we sing: Christ is risen from the dead,**

trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

Instead of “We have seen the true light...” we sing: Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

Instead of “May our mouths be filled...” we sing three times: Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life. (3)

Instead of “Blessed be the name of the Lord...” we sing three times: Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life. (3)

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 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.

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**ХРИСТОС ВОСКРЕС -
ВОІСТИНУ ВОСКРЕС!**

**CHRISTOS VOSKRES! -
VOISTYNU VOSKRES!**

EASTER PASTORAL LETTER OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHS IN THE USA

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

As we enter the holy days of our Lord’s Passion, Death and Resurrection, the Church invites us to contemplate the

mystery that begins with Christ’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Our Lord entered the Holy City welcomed by crowds filled with joy. Children

sang, “Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel.” The people of Jerusalem, together with the disciples, rejoiced as they welcomed Christ.

Yet each of them carried their own hopes and expectations. The people longed for a king who would transform their reality and free them from the oppression of Roman authority. Many expected a political liberator, a ruler who would restore earthly power and justice.

But Christ our Savior entered Jerusalem for another purpose: for His Passion, His Crucifixion, and His Resurrection.

Those who welcomed Him with palm branches would soon turn against Him and cry out for His crucifixion. The disciples who walked beside Him with joy would soon scatter in fear and abandon their Teacher.

When we reflect on this Gospel in the light of our own time, we see how deeply it speaks to our world today. Our world trembles under instability and suffering. Powerful forces promise a better tomorrow while seeking to conquer others in the name of justice or security. Political tensions at home and abroad, social divisions, violence, uncertainty, and moral confusion surround us.

At the same time, Ukraine now enters yet another Holy Week of suffering, enduring devastation and fear, as if sharing in

the wounds of Christ Himself. The nation continues to endure the illegal invasion of a brutal foreign regime that seeks not only to conquer territory but also to extinguish hope and life itself. In the midst of suffering and sacrifice, the people carry their own cross with courage and faith.

Yet the question remains: what changed the lives of the disciples after the darkness of Good Friday? What transformed their fear into courage, their uncertainty into hope?

The turning point came through their encounter with the Risen Lord.

The joy of the Resurrection always begins with a personal encounter with Christ. What caused the tears of Mary Magdalene to give way to the joy of Easter morning? Nothing less than meeting the risen Christ Himself. When the Lord called her by name, her grief was transformed into faith and joy. And after encountering the risen Savior, Mary Magdalene faithfully obeyed His command to go and proclaim the Good News of the Resurrection to the disciples.

The risen Christ desires that each of us experience this same joy of encountering Him. He calls us to live not for ourselves, but for Him—to be liberated from the sins that trap us in self-centeredness and to discover the blessing of Christ’s self-giving love. No matter what may be happening in our lives, we can still expe-

rience spiritual joy through the love of God and by living as God created us to live: in self-giving love.

The Easter Gospel is not only about new life in general, but about new life that comes to each of us personally. It is not only that Christ was raised from the dead, but that the risen Christ meets us and calls us by name. Easter is an encounter, a call, and a mission. “Go and tell what you have seen and heard.”

Christ is alive. And more than that—He has sought us out and called us by name.

Whatever our doubts and fears, whatever our failures and betrayals, whatever wounds we carry and try to protect—today is a new day. We are called to become witnesses of the Resurrection of Jesus. We are called to bring the light of the Resurrection into every human situation: into joyful mo-

ments, making them even more beautiful, and into times of sorrow, bringing serenity and hope.

Let us therefore experience the joy of Easter morning and radiate this joy through our lives. Let the mercy of Christ shine in our words and in our deeds. Just as Christ’s Resurrection brought hope and new life to His followers, so we too must hold fast to hope and work for a future of peace, knowing that Christ is always with us.

Our fervent prayer is that our Resurrected and Living Lord may bestow His peace and grace upon you and your loved ones, and upon all our brothers and sisters scattered throughout the world.

**Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!**

+Borys Gudziak (Archbishop of Philadelphia)

+Paul Chomnycky, OSBM (Eparch of Stamford Eparchy)

+Benedict Aleksiychuk (Eparch of St. Nicholas Eparchy in Chicago)

+Bohdan J. Danylo (author & Eparch of St. Josaphat Eparchy in Parma)

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 it, 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 life-giving habit of frequenting the Holy Mysteries (the Sacraments)!

COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM

This week's collection includes Good Friday, Holy Saturday, Easter, and Bright Monday. Given the significance and increased workload during these holy days, we kindly ask for additional members of the Sunday Collection Processing Teams to volunteer and assist. It is important that the responsibility does not fall solely on two or three individuals; your help ensures a fair

and efficient process for everyone.

Furthermore, since Monday is Bright Monday, a solemn Holy Day, we recommend processing the collection after the 9:00 Divine Liturgy. This adjustment will allow everyone to participate in the service and then come together to complete the collection tasks. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Sunday Collection for March 28 & 29, 2026: \$

Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity.

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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!**