



April 4, 2021

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Parish Schedule

Apr. 3 (Sat) Great and Holy Saturday
Solemn Resurrection Matins with the Divine Liturgy 8:00pm
Blessing of Baskets with Paschal Food

Apr. 4 (Sun) PASCHA: THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
Blessing of Baskets with Paschal Foods

Apr. 5 (Mon) Bright Monday
Divine Liturgy and 7:00pm
Procession with the Four Gospels

Apr. 6 (Tue) Bright Tuesday
Divine Liturgy 7:00pm

Apr. 8 (Thu) Bright Thursday
Funeral Liturgy for Jean Figel 10:00am

Apr. 10 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm
Intention of our parish family

Apr. 11 (Sun) Thomas Sunday
Divine Liturgy 10:30am
Intention of our parish family

Our Tithe to our Parish - March 28, 2021 - \$2550.00

To all those who have been so faithful in your donations, especially during these trying times, we offer a huge Thank You! Our parishioners have been very conscious in the support of our church that allows us to continue to meet our expenses and even the extra items that come up.

Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.



Tillie Abraham, Diana Abraham, Ron Bishop, George Bodnar ,
Jude Bodnar, Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick,
Kevin Ianni, Ted Race, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi,
Joseph Rusinko Sr.

The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of April 4 thru April 10, for +Nicole Yurko req by parents.



We greet each other during the next forty days with our Paschal greeting:

CHRIST IS RISEN ! (English) INDEED HE IS RISEN !
CHRISTOS VOSKRESE ! (Slavonic) VOISTINNU VOSKRESE !
CHRISTOS ANESTI ! (Greek) ALITHOS ANESTI !



BRIGHT WEEK

The glorious feast of Pascha is celebrated as one continuous feast all week long. The doors of the icon screen remain open even when there is no service being celebrated. The liturgical services of each day are celebrated just as on Sunday. Among the spiritual writers, it is called the *day of the unsetting sun*. In our homes and among our families, we seek to make this whole week a continuous day of celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.



Both Bright Monday and Bright Tuesday are feast days in our Church. After the Divine Liturgy on Bright Monday, there is a procession around the inside of the church, and the four Gospels of the Resurrection are read at the four sides of the church. In this way, we continue to keep the feast very much alive in our parish and in our hearts.

ON THE LIGHTER SIDE

After all the rigors of fasting and penance during the forty days of the Great Fast and the days of Holy Week, it is now time to lighten up a bit.

Once again, among the Eastern Europeans there is a custom of sprinkling. On Monday of Bright Week, the men and boys sprinkle the women and girls with water, and on Tuesday of Bright Week, it is reversed and the gals get the guys! As they sprinkle each other with water, they announce: Christ is Risen! A folk custom ... yes ... and a lot of fun.

PASCHA - 2021

*Let us cleanse our senses
that we may see the risen Christ,
in the glory of his Resurrection
and clearly hear Him greeting us:
Rejoice! As we sing the hymn of victory.*



Indeed, our senses have been cleansed and purified ... not only by the prayer and fasting of the Lenten season ... but even more so by the *divine visitation* ... the presence of Christ who comes and dwells in our midst as we gather in faith and in prayer.

Throughout the season of the Great Fast, we have sought to open the doors of our minds and hearts ... to be touched by the healing and forgiving presence of Christ.

We have sought to have our senses cleansed ... our vision restored ... our lives re-centered and re-focused.

And now we have come to the glorious light of Pascha ... and see the resplendent Christ coming forth from the tomb ... as a Bridegroom. He comes forth, leading Adam and Eve ... and all the others who had been swallowed up by Death.

He takes us by the hand and also leads us forth from the tombs of darkness and gloom and despair that have sought to swallow us.

We gain a glimpse into the Kingdom of heaven! And for those who experience this re-birth ... there are no words to adequately describe it. Yes, we sing many hymns ... we exchange joyful greetings ... we break the fast and enjoy the full-laden tables ... and yet ... beneath it all ... there is a joy for which silence is the only adequate language.

It is the feast that calls us to remember our baptism ... our birth into New Life.