



April 21, 2019

PASCHA

The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord

Liturgical Schedule

Apr 20(Sat) Resurrection Matins 8:00pm
Paschal Divine Liturgy
Blessing of Baskets

Apr 21 (Sun) Paschal Divine Liturgy 10:30am
Blessing of Baskets
Blessing of the Artos

Apr 22 (Mon) BRIGHT MONDAY 7:00pm
Divine Liturgy
Health of John Churma req by wife Audrey

Apr 21 (Tue) BRIGHT TUESDAY 9:30am
Divine Liturgy
+Michael Simko

Apr 27 (Sat) BRIGHT SATURDAY 5:00pm
Divine Liturgy
+Helen Sabol req by MM Michael Dzura

Apr 28 (Sun) SUNDAY OF THE APOSTLE THOMAS 10:30am
Divine Liturgy
Blessing and Breaking of the Artos
Health & Blessings Paul West and Family



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 21 thru April 27 for our parish family.

Our Tithe to our Parish

April 14, 2019 — \$2,338.00

GOD SPEAKS

DO WE LISTEN?

SIXTEENTH ANNUAL
DAY OF REFLECTION
FOR WOMEN

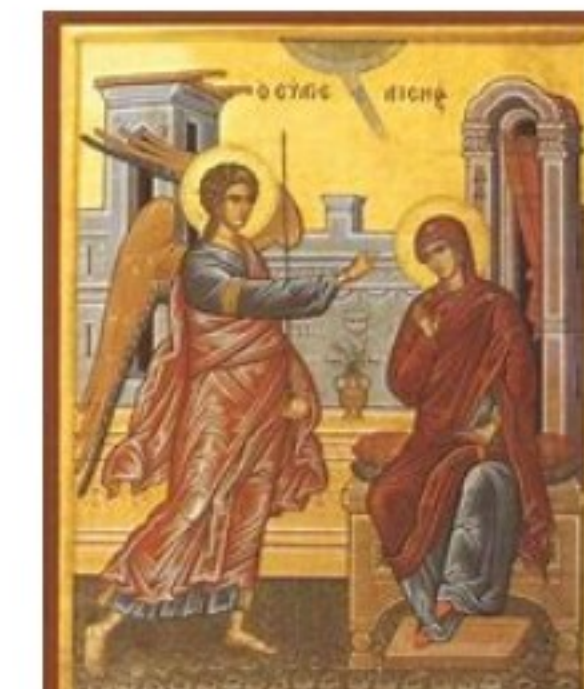
Saturday, May 11, 2019

9:00am - 2:30pm

Cathedral of St. John the Baptist

210 Greentree Road

Munhall, Pa. 15120



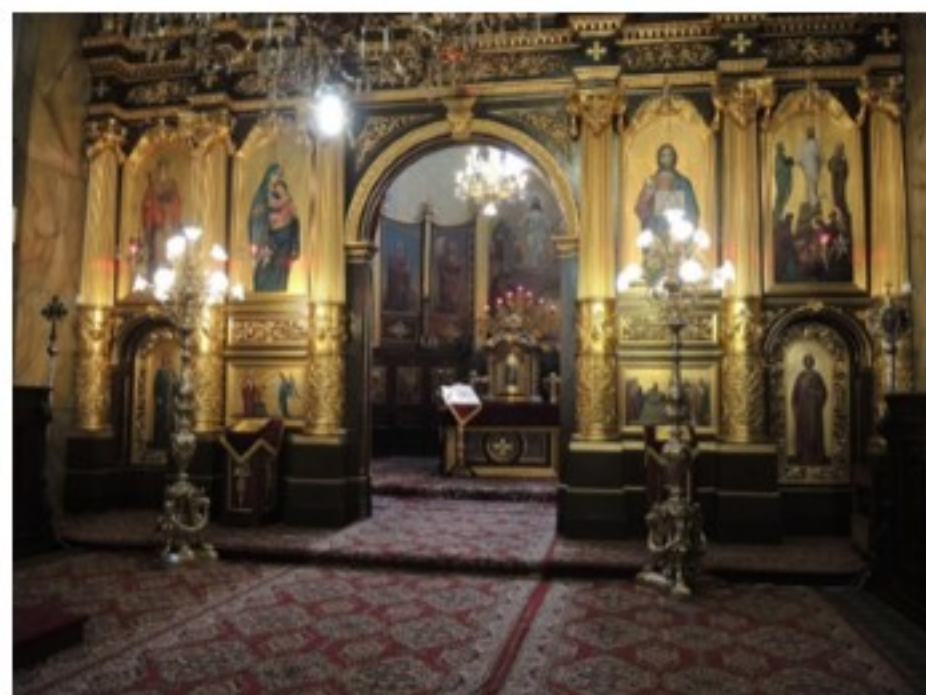
(Registration Deadline: April 24, 2019—forms available in entrance to church)



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, Marion Campbell, Steve Fekete, Kevin Ianni, Clarence Rizzi, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko Sr., Sue Sabol, Ruth Seech, Mary Soltis, Terry Soltis, Debbie Vasko

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.

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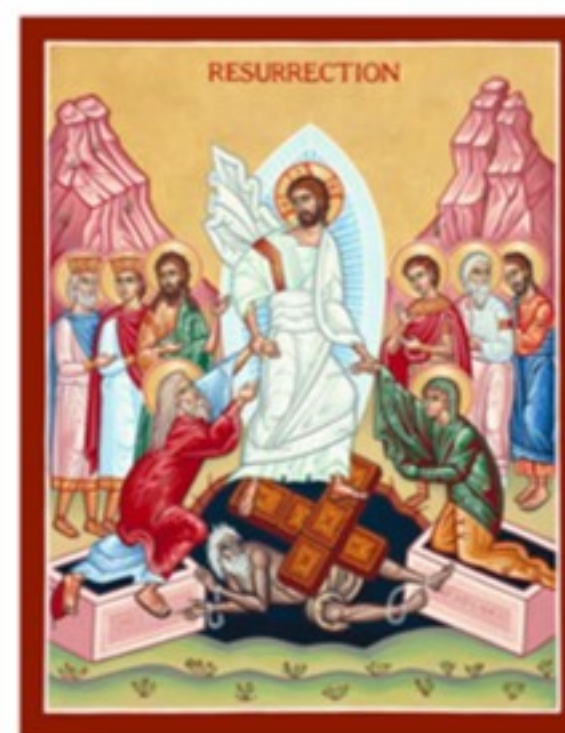
Both Bright Monday and Bright Tuesday are feast days in our Church. After the Divine Liturgy on Bright Monday, there is a procession around the inside of the church, and the four Gospels of the Resurrection are read at the four sides of the church. In this way, we continue to keep the feast very much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

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!**

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*I was buried yesterday with You, O Christ;
But today I rise, resurrected with You.
Yesterday I crucified myself with You, O Savior.
Now glorify me with You in your kingdom.*



Christian life begins with our Baptism is our *immersion into Christ* ... into life in the Trinity.

Each time we celebrate a baptism in our Church, we are immersed in the powerful *symbols* which point to this *New Life* in Christ ...

all the senses are *anointed* and dedicated to Christ ...

the *baptismal waters* flow over us and cleanse us ...

we are clothed in a bright *baptismal garment* ...

a *lighted candle* is carried ...

we walk in the *baptismal procession* of New Life in God .

Baptism is indeed our *personal Pascha* ... our personal dying and rising with Christ. We put on Christ ... Christ is now our life!

This is what we celebrate in this glorious feast of the Holy Resurrection. It is the feast of the Resurrection of Christ and his victory over sin and death, to be sure. But it is also the feast of our New Life with him.

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