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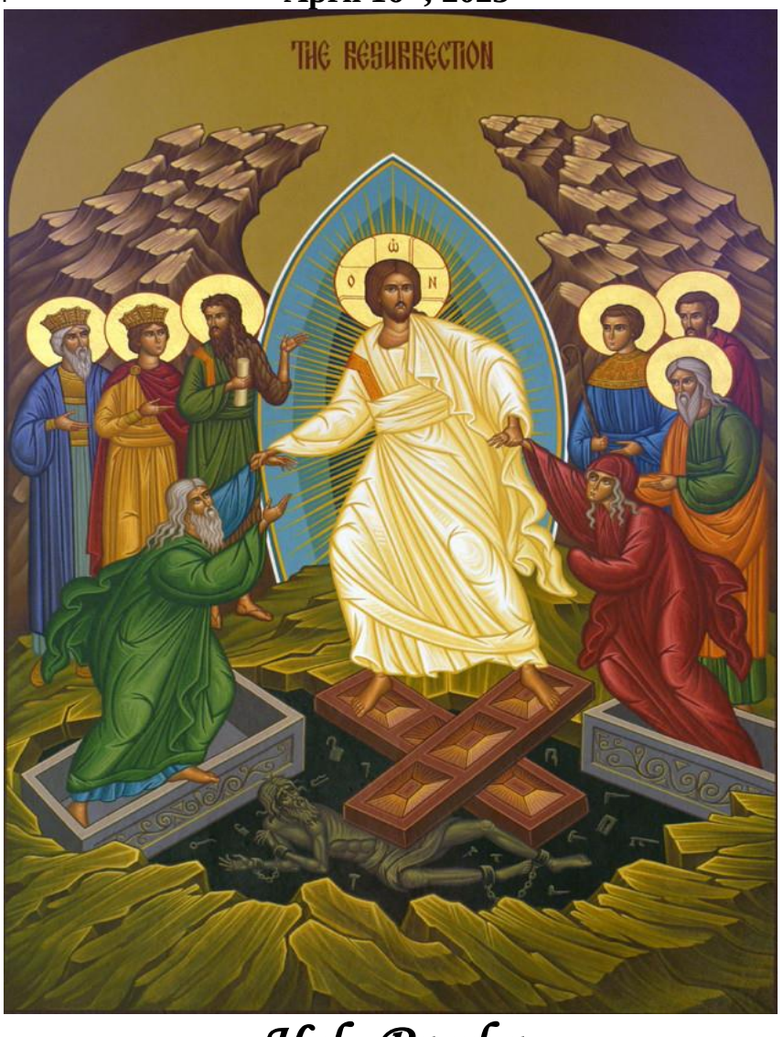
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Holy Pascha

The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom- 9:00 am

Epistle: Acts 1: 1 - 8 Tropar & Kondak: pages 193 - 196 Gospel: John 1:1 - 17

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April 17 - Bright Monday

Resurrection Matins – 8:15 am
Divine Liturgy – After Matins (Approximately 9:00 am)
Epistle: Acts 1:12-17, 21-26 Gospel: John 1:18-28

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April 18- Bright Tuesday

Resurrection Matins – 8:15 am
Divine Liturgy – After Matins (Approximately 9:00 am)
Epistle: Acts 2:14-21 Gospel: Luke 24:12-35

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Sat. 4/22 … Great Vespers……..……..……6:00 pm

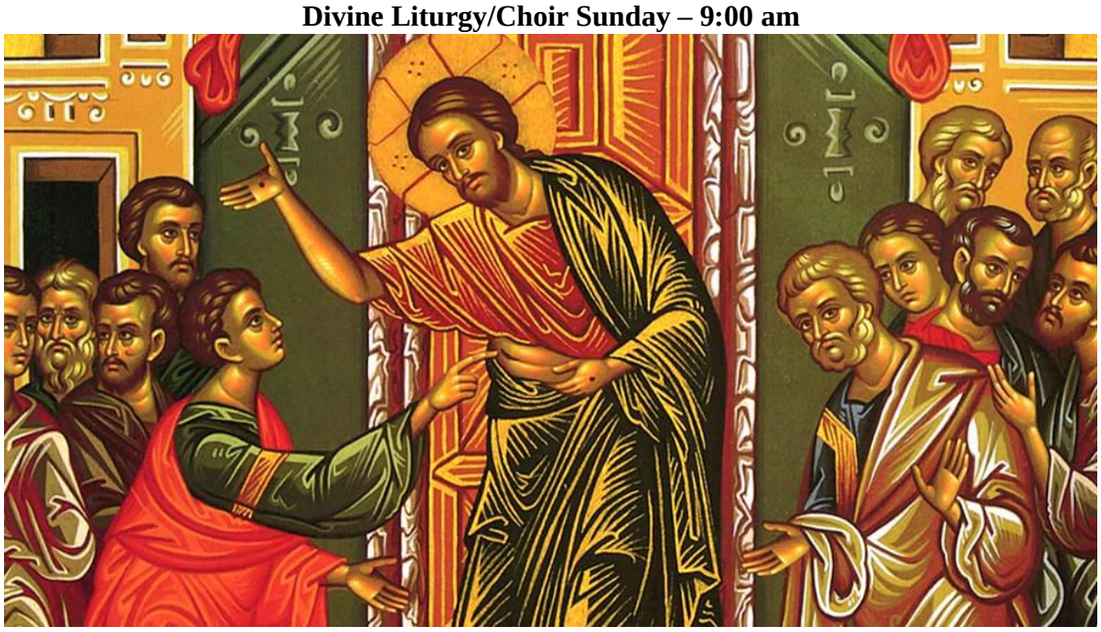
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Sunday, April 23rd, 2023

The Second Sunday of Pascha

St. Thomas Sunday

Divine Liturgy/Choir Sunday – 9:00 am



Resurrection Tone 1
Epistle: Acts 5:12-20 Tropar & Kondak: pages 193 & 199 Gospel: John 20:19-31

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Priests Convocation at Camp Nazareth - April 25th – April 28th

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Sunday, April 30th, 2023

Third Sunday of Pascha

Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women

Divine Liturgy/Choir Sunday – 9:00 am **Sunday School –10:20 am**



Panachida for ***+Michael Pysh*** (23rd Anniversary) offered by Dave and Melanie Dudak;
+Alberta Hanak offered by the Gost Family;
+Michael J. Hanak offered by Julie Messner;
+Anna Fedornock offered by the Fedornock Family;
+Anna Smider (Perpetual); and
+Dorothy Kristofco offered by Mitzi Fishbach

Resurrection Tone 2
Tropar & Kondak: pages 193 & 200

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7 Gospel: Mark 15:17-27; 16:1-2

Baptism and Initiation into the Orthodox Faith of Gideon James Lyons 11:00 am

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Services for the week of April 30th

Wed. 5/03 … +George and Pauine Stegura offered by Pauline Stegura (Perpetual)……8:00 am

Moleben to St. Nectarios……...……...7:00 pm

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Saturday May 6, 2023

Feast of the Great Martyr George

Divine Liturgy - 9:00 am

Remembered in Proskomedia - + Departed members of the Yurcisin & Popovich Families offered by Ann Melanie Yurcisin; +***John Sr., Michael, John Jr. & Mary*** offered by Mary Yech; and ***+Anna Jovorka-Knaze*** offered by grandson Steve Knaze;

Tropar & Kondak: pages 158

Epistle: Acts 12:1-11 Gospel: John 15:17-16:2

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Sat. 5/06 … Great Vespers……..……..……6:00 pm

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Sunday, May 7th, 2023

Fourth Sunday of Pascha

Sunday of the Paralytic

Divine Liturgy – 9:00 am Sunday School – 10:20 am

Panachida for +***Pani Patsy Joseph +Anna Dzura and +Katherine Rogel*** offered by Father Robert and Pani Kathy; +***Mark DeCoske*** (Birthday Remembrance) offered by wife, Rose Ann, son Eric, and grandson Milo; +***Leonard F. Messner*** offered by his wife, Julie; ***+Ann Homyak*** offered by Dennis Tavalsky; +***Margaret "Peg" Ryan*** offered by Carol Skrack

Resurrection Tone 3 - Tropar & Kondak pages 193 & 202

Epistle: Acts 9:32-42 Gospel: John 5:1-15

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BIBLE STUDY - Tuesday, May 2nd, 2023 @6:30 pm

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BIRTHDAY PRAYERS – ***Drake Thomas Billetdeaux (4/16); Stella Nitkulenic (4/18), Jeffrey Robel (4/20), Alec Miller (4/21), Amanda Gilchrist (4/21), Joey Sally (4/24), Jonah Strenski (4/24), Jillian Billetdeaux (4/25), John Barley (4/27), Barry Gilchrist (5/1), Darby Sprintz (5/1), Adam Lichvar (5/3), Pani Betty Jean Baranik (5/5), and Donald Bodnar (5/6).***

You were remembered in Proskomedia!

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BULLETIN SPONSOR – The Cathedral Jottings Bulletin is sponsored on April 16th in memory of +***Daniel Tvarozna by his wife, Darice and the Tvarozna family***

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ALTAR CANDLES – The Altar Candles are offered on the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord (April 16th) in memory of +***Daniel Tvarozna by his wife, Darice and the Tvarozna family***

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ALTAR CANDLES – The Altar Candles are offered on April 23rd in memory of ***+Michael Pysh by Dave and Melanie Dudak.***

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ALTAR FLOWERS – the Altar is beatified with flowers on April 23rd in honor of the ***25th Anniversary of James and Stephanie Kobal by Father Frank and Pani Connie Miloro.***

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ETERNAL LAMP – The Eternal Lamp is offered the week of April 16th in memory of ***+Peter and Helen Dutko by the Tvarozna family***; the week of April 23rd for the health of ***Gaynell Shrift*** by Father Frank and Pani Connie Miloro; and the week of April 30th in honor of the Baptism of ***Gideon James Lyons.***

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ETERNAL MEMORY FUND

Additional donations in Memory of Donna Zizan:

Fr. Frank and Pani Connie Miloro -$25.00
Darice Tvarozna - $50.00
Rosalia Horner - $25.00
Patricia Luberto - $25.00
Michael Hachak - $25.00
Rose Ann DeCoske - $15.00

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CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2023
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Week 1: Sunday, July 16 – Saturday, July 22, 2023 – Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown, and Chicago Deaneries.

Please contact Fr. Buczak for the code if you are planning on going to camp.

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DAY WITHOUT EVENING

To the Orthodox, the celebration of Pascha reveals the mystery of the eighth day. It is not merely an historical reenactment of the event of Christ's Resurrection. It is a way to experience the new creation of the world, a taste of the new and unending day of the Kingdom of God.

This new day is conveyed to the faithful in the length of the paschal services, in the repetition of the paschal order for all the services of Bright Week, and in the special paschal features retained in the services for the forty days until Ascension. Forty days are, as it were, treated as one day.

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The Miracle of the Holy Fire

Orthodox tradition holds that the Holy Fire is a miracle that happens annually on the day preceding Orthodox Easter, in which a blue light emanates within Jesus Christ's tomb (usually rising from the marble slab covering the stone bed believed to be that upon which Jesus' body was placed for burial) now in the Holy Sepulcher, which eventually forms a column containing a form of fire, from which candles are lit, which are then used to light the candles of the clergy and pilgrims in attendance. The fire is also said to spontaneously light other lamps and candles around the church. Pilgrims and clergy claim that the Holy Fire does not burn them.

While the Patriarch is inside the chapel kneeling in front of the stone, there is darkness but far from silence outside. One hears a rather loud mumbling, and the atmosphere is very tense. When the Patriarch comes out with the two candles lit and shining brightly in the darkness, a roar of jubilee resounds in the Church.

The Holy Fire is brought to certain Orthodox countries, such as Greece by special flights, being received by church and state leaders.

The Russian hegumen Daniil (Daniel), who was present at the ceremony in 1106 AD, says that the beliefs "that the Holy Ghost descends upon the Holy Sepulcher in the form of a dove" and "that it is lightning from heaven which kindles the lamps above the Sepulcher of the Lord" are not true. It is the Divine Grace which comes down unseen from heaven that lights the lamps of the Sepulcher of our Lord.

Thousands of pilgrims gather in Jerusalem to partake and witness this annual miracle.

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PRAYER CHAIN

Thomas Buczak
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Eva Zeleniak-Whitak
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Ann Koehnlein
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Charlie Erisman
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Jennifer Gardenhour
Margaret Blehi
Valentina Yaremenko
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Aberdeen Rudge
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Dwight Nugle
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Rosalia Horner
Beverly Mayo
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Brooklyn Balamuto
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CUSTOMS OF THE RESURRECTION

ROYAL DOORS – The Royal Doors (Center Doors) remain open throughout Bright Week. This symbolizes that through the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Paradise is opened for mankind to enter. They are closed at the end of Bright Week when we hear on St. Thomas Sunday that the Lord came through the closed doors and appeared to his Disciples.

DEACON'S DOORS – The "Deacon's Doors (the doors through which the deacon goes in and out) remain open for forty days. This symbolizes that the Resurrected Lord spent forty days teaching and instructing his Disciples. They are closed after the fortieth day on the Feast of the Ascension of Our Lord into Heaven.

STANDING IN PRAYER – NO KNEELING – After entering the Nave of the Church and venerating the icon on the Sacramental Table, we "stand" to pray in the pew. There is no kneeling anytime until the Feast of Pentecost as the priest prays for the Descent of the Holy Spirit to come upon the Faithful of the Church.

"CHRIST IS RISEN" – For the next forty days, we greet each other with the Paschal Tiding "Christ is Risen". Try it out. Instead of good morning or hello, greet each other by proclaiming the Risen Lord; you may be surprised with the reaction you receive; "Christ is Risen!"

MALES ENTER FIRST – This one may cause grief to our "politically correct" society. It is customary during the Paschal Season for the male member of the family to enter the house first when visiting relatives or friends. As he enters the home, he proclaims the greeting "Christ is Risen".

THE HOLY SHROUD (PLASCHANITSA) – The Holy Shroud of Our Lord is taken from the tomb and placed on the Holy Altar Table. The Divine Liturgy is served on it for the next forty days.

SPECIAL BLESSINGS FROM THE PRIEST – In our Tradition, During Bright Week, the priest blesses with the Troytsa (the Triple Candle) which also has the Icon of the Resurrection attached. The priest blesses with the Hand Cross for the remaining days of the Feast.

RED EGGS – Holy Tradition says that after the Resurrection of Our Lord, Mary Magdalene went to Pontius Pilate and gave him a red dyed egg and told him "Christ is Risen!" The egg which was colored red symbolized the blood of the Crucified Lord; but after you remove its shell, it appears as white as the light! (What a shock for him).

These are but a few of our traditions; you may have many more in your household. Never let them die out! Christ is Risen!

