



*** *Easter Sunday* ***

Pascha / Великдень

Resurrection of Our Lord

*** Sunday, April 17th, 2022 ***

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Easter Season Greeting

Christ Is Risen! - Indeed He Is Risen!

Chrystos Voskres! - Voistynu Voskres!

Христос Воскрес! - Воістину Воскрес!

Parish Liturgical Services

Easter Sunday, April 17 ** 8:00 a.m. ****** *Paschal Procession, Easter Matins, Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.* After the Liturgy - blessing of Artos and blessing of Easter Foods.

Bright Monday, April 18 * 10:00 a.m. ***** *Divine Liturgy*

Bright Tuesday, April 19 * 10:00 a.m. ***** *Divine Liturgy*

Bright Wednesday, April 20 * 9:00 a.m. ***** *Divine Liturgy*

Bright Thursday, April 21 * 9:00 a.m. ***** *Divine Liturgy*

Sunday, April 24 – Thomas Sunday ** 9:30 a.m. ** **Rosary** (Eng.) *** **10:00 a.m. ***** *Divine Liturgy* (Eng./Ukr.). After the Liturgy, distributing of the Artos (the Blessed Bread), anointing with blessed oil and “Spilne Sviachence”/Parish Easter Lunch.

Liturgical Instruction: After the priest exclaims “Blessed is the Kingdom” and we have responded “Amen,” the priest sings the following Troparion once and the congregation repeats it. Then the priest sings the first half, and the congregation concludes it. This is done every day until the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday.

Troparion: **Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life. (3x)**

First Antiphon

Verse 1: Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, * O Saviour, save us.

Verse 2: Say unto God, "How awesome are your works! Because of the greatness of Your strength Your enemies will flatter you".

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God...

Verse 3: Let all the earth worship You and sing to You, let it sing to Your name, O Most High!

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God...

+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Third Antiphon

Verse 1: Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face (Ps 67:2).

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

Verse 2: As smoke vanishes, let them vanish, as wax melts before the fire (Ps 67:3).

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead...

Verse 3 (Soloist): So let sinners perish before the face of God, but let the righteous be glad (Ps 67:3-4).

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead ...

Entrance Verse:

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

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

+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion (Tone 8): Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One, * yet You destroyed the power of Hades;* and You rose as victor, O Christ God,* calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice!* and giving peace to Your apostles:* You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen.

Instead of "Holy God... ": All you, who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ! Alleluia!

Prokimenon, Tone 8: This is the day which the Lord has made; * let us rejoice and be glad in it (Ps 117:24).

verse: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever (Ps 117:1).



Epistle: A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts 1:1-8):

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’ So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’

Alleluia, Tone 4: When You rise, You will have compassion on Sion.

verse: The Lord looked down from heaven to earth to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free the sons of those put to death.

Gospel: *A reading of the Gospel according to St. John (Jn 1:1-17):*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word

became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, 'This was he of whom I said, "He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me." ') From his fullness we have all received grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

Instead of "It is truly...": 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!

Irmos (Tone 1): Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! 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! (3x).

Instead of "Blessed is He..." & "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 "Let our mouths..." & "Blessed be the name of the Lord..." we sing: "Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life" (3x).

After the final "Amen", the priest, with cross raised on high, exclaims "Christ is risen" thrice and we respond "Truly, He is risen" each time. Then, the Troparion "Christ is risen" is sung as at the beginning of the Liturgy, but with the addition:

And to us he has granted life eternal;* we bow down before his resurrection on the third day.



***** *Prayers* *****

Prayer for the Afflicted People of Ukraine in Time of War

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine today. We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow, that Your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment, and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all, we pray for all Your precious children, at risk and in fear, that You would hold and protect them. We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in these Holy Gifts! I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot receive You now, I place before You my whole life and hope, O loving Master; and I ask, pray, and entreat You: Make me worthy to partake in a mystical way and with a pure conscience of Your awesome and heavenly Mysteries: for forgiveness of sins, for the pardon of offenses, for communion of the Holy Spirit, for the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven, for confidence before You, and not for judgment or condemnation. I embrace You as You enter and abide in me, and I unite myself completely to You. Permeate my soul and body, and never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

**** ANNOUNCEMENTS ****

Thank you for joining us!

A warm welcome - to all parishioners, your families, visitors and guests. Thank you for joining us in this Divine Liturgy. Have a blessed



Bright week!

*“O day of Resurrection! * Let us beam with festive joy! * This indeed is the Lord’s own Pasch * for from death to life, from earth to heaven Christ has led us, * as we shout the vict’ry hymn: Christ is risen from the dead!” (Resurrection Matins)*

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ!

May our resurrected Lord fill Your hearts with joy, peace and love, and grant You many blessings and graces as we celebrate this glorious time of Pascha!

In Christ ! - Fr. Andrzej & family



Thank you to all our Volunteers – Дякуємо – our sincerest gratitude to all parishioners for your hard work in

preparing our church for celebration of the great feast of Pascha/Velykden. May God bless you and reward you abundantly!



Please Pray for health of ... All those affected by the coronavirus, those wounded in the war in Ukraine and: Paulette K., Bev. N, Msgr. Jerry D., Irene M., Sharon & Al L., Wilma C., Rob E., Elsie K., Billie M., Peter O., Rob R., F.T., Zbigniew K., Pat B., Anne D., Margaret M., Ernie P., Ambrose S., Dave & Betty C., Matt D., Bill P., Thomas H., Lawrence & Ping B., Gladys O., Zonia K., Brian K., Mary & Dave E., Jeanne R., Lisa M., Michael L., Melynda S., Suzanne C., Clay B., Stefanica K., all sick brothers and sisters in our families and parish community. Please let Fr. Andrzej know if you would like to add names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

Kneeling during the Easter Season – a reminder that traditionally from Easter Sunday until Pentecost, we do not kneel during the Divine Liturgy. As a sign of our redemption and final resurrection, we offer our prayers to God while standing.

Monthly Parish Council Meeting – will take place this coming **Tuesday April 19th** at 6:30 p.m. at the parish hall.

Zahalnytsia – due to the festive Easter season, **the Friday after Pascha (April 22)** is not a fasting day. Let us feast and rejoice!

Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Monthly Meeting – will take place on Thursday, April 21st at 7:00 p.m.

“Spilne Sviachence”/Parish Easter Lunch – will take place next Sunday, April 24th after the Divine Liturgy. On that morning there will be traffic restrictions on the **Overlander Bridge & Tranquille Rd.** due to the Annual “Boogie the Bridge”. Please give yourself extra time to get to church.

Day of Prayer for Ukraine and for Peace for the World - the Canadian Council of Churches, has organized a Day of Prayer for Ukraine and for Peace for the World, next Sunday, April 24, 2022 – Easter, according to the Julian Calendar. On that day, we are invited to join Christians across Canada in prayer for peace for Ukraine and throughout the world. We will include a petition during the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and will pray one of the prayers prepared by the Canadian Council of Churches.

Support & Prayers for Ukraine - Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, please continue to pray for the end of the war in Ukraine and for peace. Our collection for financial support is ongoing. Thank you to those who have already donated. We have collected \$ 3,810.00. For more options and information on how to support Ukraine, please refer to the Eparchial website: <http://nweparchy.ca/help-the-people-of-ukraine-to-survive-the-war-donate-here/>

Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:

1. You are a member of the Catholic Church (Orthodox faithful are welcome to receive Holy Communion); 2) You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently; 3) You attend Divine Services regularly; 4) Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church; 5) You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water and medicine does not break the fast). 6) You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel. 7) To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace.

If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are very welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.

Pastoral Ministry and Sacraments:

Reconciliation: on Sundays and Holy Days: before Divine Liturgies and other days, by appointment.

Holy Communion: for the sick, by appointment, any time.

Baptisms: by appointment.

Marriages: six months' notice should be given to the parish priest, and he should be contacted before any other arrangements are made.

Funerals and Memorials: by appointment.

Anointing of the Sick (Holy Unction): Those anticipating surgery, hospitalization or treatments and who would like to receive anointing or to meet with parish priest, please call or email Fr. Andrzej in advance to arrange a time and a day.

