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Bright Resurrection

5 May 2024

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY

Acts 1:1-8; John 1:1-17

Next Sunday, Acts 5:12-20; John 20:19-31

Vespers Saturday Evening @ 6:30 PM

Church Services This Week

Today, 12:00 Noon - Paschal Vespers

Bright Monday/St. George & Bright Tuesday, 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy

Every Saturday Evening, 5:00 PM - Vespers

Next Sunday, April 23, 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy

Sunday School classes will resume next Sunday, beginning at 9:00 AM

Week Day Parking

Just a reminder that when parking for weekday services, use the back parking lot of the city lot. It would be helpful to place a sign on your dashboard saying that you are "In Church."

THERE ARE NO FASTING DAYS DURING BRIGHT WEEK!

Kneeling during private prayers and formal worship in the church is prohibited from the Day of Resurrection until the Feast of Pentecost. We shall be greeting each other throughout this Paschal season with the joyous proclamation: "Christ is Risen!" until the Feast of the Lord's Ascension.

INDEED! THIS IS THE DAY WHICH THE LORD HAS MADE FOR US; LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!

Cemetery Visitations

Sunday May 12, 2024 -

McKeesport/Versailles - Approximately 2:00 PM

Mt. Vernon - 3:45 PM

Round Hill Cemetery - 4:30 PM

Monday May 13, 2024 -

Jefferson Memorial Park - 11:00 AM

Homestead Municipal Cemetery - 12:30 PM

Sunday May 19, 2024

Monongahela Cemetery - TBA

Belle Vernon Cemetery - TBA

****Please note that this schedule is dependent on the weather. All times are approximate****

Please contact Fr. Dimitri for other cemetery visitations.

When the Myrrh-bearing Women stood, very early in the morning, before the sepulcher of the Life-giver, they found an Angel sitting upon the stone. And he proclaimed unto them saying: "Why seek ye the living among the dead? Why mourn ye the Incorruptible amid corruption? Go, proclaim the glad tidings to His disciples."

Remember that only offerings made in the "Easter Christ is Risen" envelope will be printed in the gift list in next Sunday's bulletin.

Pascha 2024

Christ is Risen!

Today we greet each other with these joyous words which were exclaimed to the Myrrhbearing Women by the angels. It is with these glorious words that we usher in the Feast of Feasts. The Holy Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

We begin today a forty day celebration in the church that simply can not be matched by any other celebration. The festive atmosphere that we experience in the beautiful liturgical services definitely lifts our hearts and minds to the heights of heaven, where we truly celebrate with the Risen Lord and all the Heavenly Hosts. Today, the Lord has passed over from death unto life eternal and He allows us to follow Him. He truly has shown us the way.

May all of you continue to experience this wonderful feeling throughout the entire Paschal Season. Never let us forget the beautiful gift that we have received from God – Life Everlasting!

Indeed He is Risen!

Archpriest Dimitri D. Ermakov

Flowers

Priatko Family, 25
George & Dorothy Klipa, 25
Grimm Family, 20

School Excuses

School excuses are available for those students who attended and will attend services throughout the Paschal weekend. Please see Fr. Dimitri to received your school excuses.

Altar Candles

Michael Mezhinsky, Health of family.

Carolyn Simkovich 2, Health & Blessings for my family; In memory of my son, Eric Paul.

Priatko Family, Health of family.

The Dorosa Family, Memory of parents Maxim & Anna Dorosa.

Beth Bratkowski & Deb Schultz, memory of family.

Dale & Cindy Kuehner 3, Health of family; Memory Robert Barron, Sr.; Memory Michael & Anna Hatalovich.

Georgeann Klipa, Memory of husband Milos Steve Klipa.

Simo & Paula Dragovich, Memory of parents Milos Klipa and Mihailo & Draga Dragovich.

Daniel & Lindsay Klipa and Family 2, health and salvation of our family; Blessed repose of Peter & Clara Klipa.

Ronald Demay, Memory of Paul & Pearl Demay.

Sandra Janicki 3, Health of family; Memory of parents Anthony & Rose Janicki; Memory of deceased members of the Hatalovich & Janicki families.

Carolyn Greco 3, Memory of husband, John; Memory of parents Jacob & Anne Homer & sister Shirley Piggford; Memory of brothers Joseph & James Homer & nephew Alec James Kahler. Robert Barron, Health for Godchildren.

Barron Family 3, Memory of deceased in Hatalovich family; Memory of Homa family; Memory of deceased in Barron family.

Dan & Mary Mizik, Memory of deceased in Mizik family.

Nancy Homa, Memory of Homa, Nichi and Piontka families.

Marlene, John & Jenn Sinichak 3, Memory of John W. Sinichak; Memory of John & Anna Sinichak; Memory of Joanne Sinichak.

Nick Gatto, Memory of wife, Fran.

Elena & Phil Anischenko, Health of family & friends.

Marcie & Luke Sippey

Jeremiah Martin, Memory of Martha D. Martin, Joseph Martin, Archpriest Dimitri, Mat. Martha & Cho-Chi Kyra.

Pete T. Kasich, Health, Happiness children & grandchildren.

Altar Candles (cont.)

Saundra Gephart 2, Memory of husband Louis W. Gephart & grandson, Alec Health of family.

Helen Pennington, Memory parents Charles & Mary Lucza, husband Russell Sr., son Russell Jr., brother Charles & wife Anna, sister Mary & Edward Kelly and sister Anna & Michael Dolekary.

John Dolekary, Memory of parents Anna & Michael Dolekary Jr., grandparents Helen & Michael Dolekary, Sr. and uncle John.

Shrine Candles

Sarah Tomkowitz 2, Memory of Mark Gasparovic; Memory of Joanne Sinichak.

Diane Tomkowitz, Memory of deceased family; health of all family members.

Dolores Vidil, Memory of Theresa Charlesworth.

Arthur Vidil 2, Memory of Ruth Ann Williams; Memory of Margaret Vidil.

Ronald Demay 2, Memory of Theodore & Mary Demay; Memory of Edward & Eva Sapinsky.

Dan & Mary Mizik, Memory of brother, Kevin.

Robert Barron 5, Memory of Nicholas Hatalovich, Jr.; Memory of Nicholas, Mary & Ronald N. Homa; Memory of Fr. Dimitri Ermakov; Memory of Mary & Carol Lugin; Memory of David Nothnagle.

Marcie Sippey 2, Health of parents; Memory of grandparents.

Iconastas Lampadi

George & Dorothy Klipa

Grand Chandelier

BRIGHT RESURRECTION - Tomkowitz Family

PASCHAL VESPERS - Carolyn Greco, Memory of cousin, Sharon (Buchina) Sabo.

Advanced Vigils for Pascha

Nadine Dorosa 2 Sandra Janicki, health Peter Janicki & family Helen Pennington 4, Health of family & friends; Memory of family & friends; Gratitude to God; Health of daughter Mary Jane

SAINTS NAMES FOR THIS WEEK: Today, Sunday (May 5/April 22) Theodore, Nathaniel, Luke, Clement, Vitaly, Vsevolod, Gabriel. MON- George (Great Martyr), *Alexandra*, Anatoly, Protoleon, Glikerius, Athanasius, Valerius, Donatus, Therinus, Lazarus. TUE- Sava, Evsevius, Neonus, Leonty, Longine, Pasikratus, Valentine, *Elizabeth*, Luke, Nicholas. WED- Ap. Mark, Macedonius, Sylvester THUR- Basil, Stephen, *Glafira*, Joannicius, Justis. FRI- Simeon, Stephen, John. SAT- Jason, Sosipater, Dadus, Maxim, Quintilian, Satornius, Iakischol, Faustian, Januarius, Marsalius, Evfrasius, Mammius, Evsevius, Neonus, Vitaly, Kyrill, Auxivius, Kyriakus.



Holy Dormition Bookstore

We ask that you please visit our newly restocked bookstore in the church auditorium. Several new publications have been made available for purchase. Please stop in and view the new inventory. If you have any questions or suggestions, please see Fr. Dcn Andrew Temple.

St. Herman Shrine Votives

GOOD FRIDAY (Evening)

Ronald Demay, Health of Danielle & Chelsea.

BRIGHT RESURRECTION (Midnight)

Carolyn Greco, Health & safety of family.

EASTER SUNDAY (Paschal Vespers)

Dan & Mary Mizik, Health.

BRIGHT MONDAY

Dolores Vidil, Memory of Peter & Theresa Janicki.

BRIGHT TUESDAY

Dolores Vidil, Memory of Stephen & Anna Broda.

Thank You!

We would like to express our gratitude to all who have been present during this Great Lenten season. To those who came to sing the services and those who came to volunteer with several projects including our Bake Sale and to our Readers, to our choir members and to our Altar servers. Many thanks to all! God Bless!



VS.



Join us June 9th at 1:35 for a group outing to PNC Park

Ticket Price: \$30.00

\$10.00 loaded value to be used at concession stands or gift shops

All tickets need to be ordered by May 12th

Please use the sign-up sheet in the back of church.

See Rdr Dimitri if you have any questions.

Please have your reservations in by next Sunday

Votive Crosses

GREAT FRIDAY (Afternoon)

1) Robert Barron, Preservation of this temple.

2) The Ermakov Family

GREAT FRIDAY (Evening)

1) Dolores Vidil, Memory of Steve & Nettie Janicki

2) Arthur Vidil, Memory of Arthur Sr. & Margaret Vidil.

HOLY SATURDAY (Morning)

1) Daniel Mezhinsky, Health of family.

2) The Grimm Family, Health & Memory of family members.

BRIGHT RESURRECTION

1) Priatko Family, Christ is Risen!

2) Deb Schultz & Beth Bratkowski, Health of family.

Hot Dog Brigade

The Hot Dog Brigade is once again planning on what has become a traditional trip to "Mr. Hoagie" on Bright Monday following services. This tradition started several years ago that began at "Sam's" in McKeesport. Please join us this year.

Mother's Day Luncheon

We will be holding a Mother's Day breakfast after Liturgy on May 8th. If you are planning to attend, please place your name on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule so that we have an idea of how many people to plan for.

Paschal Epistle of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Eastern America and New York, First Hierarch of the Russian Church Abroad

With a sense of Paschal joy and special spiritual closeness, despite the distance separating us, I greet you, Eminent Brother Archpastors, honorable fathers, dear brothers and sisters scattered throughout the world, on this great and light-bearing day of the Pascha of Christ!

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Approaching Great Lent, a repentant Christian gazes into his soul and sees his own helpless situation, reminding him of the field of "dry bones" described in the Book of Ezekiel (Ezekiel 37:1-14). But depending on the degree of one's zeal in carrying out the podvig of repentance and the approach of the "Feast of feasts," he begins to taste joy and spiritual peace. A Christian, together with the entire Church, praying together, fasting, repenting and communing, begins to come alive, stands up upon his feet and joins "an exceeding great army" of the faithful (Ezekiel 37:10). All come alive together with him; the entire Christian world, all of nature—all rejoice, brightly celebrating the Three-Day Resurrection of God, the Lover of Mankind.

Our earthly celebration of Pascha means sensing the grace of the Kingdom of God to the degree possible. Metropolitan Anthony (Khrapovitsky) would say that with attentive spiritual living a person acquires the ability to rejoice not for one day, but beginning with Bright Week and continuing another 40 days of celebration, and then over the course of his entire life, as it was with Saint Seraphim of Sarov, who lived with this joy, declaring it not only with his heart and mouth, but in his very way of life. May the Lord help us preserve this unspeakable joy, foreshadowing for us the blessedness "in the unwaning days of the Kingdom" of Christ, and may we thereby sanctify all the rest of our earthly days!

Pondering the tribulations of our time, we understand that the Son of God became man, preached His Gospel, worked miracles, died and was risen in order to save the world in which the righteous suffer persecutions, but where sinners perish. God, "Who loves the righteous and is merciful to sinners," seeks the salvation of all. It is in this unity with Christ together with all of mankind that we must fervently pray for the salvation of the righteous and the sinners, for the great mercy of God for the former and for the latter, that it is not our version of the truth that reigns nor anyone else's, but the truth of God. That, like His victory over evil, sin and death, always leads to love, the triumph of unity and the victory of Goodness and Beauty. Thus prayed

Metropolitan Hilarion (+3/16 May, 2022) of blessed memory, who always shone with Paschal joy and served as an example of good Christian living. May we likewise pray as we approach the first anniversary of his repose.

I take this opportunity to ask the archpastors, pastors, monastics and the millions of faithful children of the Ukrainian Orthodox Church headed by His Beatitude Metropolitan Onouphry of Kiev and All Ukraine, Archimandrite of the ancient Kiev-Caves Lavra, to accept from us all the Paschal kiss of peace, empathy and Christian love! May the Lord help them continue upon the path of witness, which Apostle Paul described to all Christians in his Epistle to the Corinthians: "by honor and dishonor, by evil report and good report: as deceivers, and yet true; as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and, behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things" (2 Corinthians 8:10).

"Ye are the light of the world" (Matthew 5:14), said the Lord to His disciples. And we, dear fathers, brothers and sisters, counting ourselves as among the disciples of Christ, are called to preach His Resurrection both with a good word and by the power of living according to the Gospel. When we invest our faith in our words and deeds, they gradually transfigure into the Light of Christ, illuminating and warming all. In difficult times, this Light, shining forth from the Life-Bearing Sepulcher of the Lord, is especially needed by everyone. And the more this Light exists among people—in good words and deeds—the more they will feel themselves close and dear to one other. Therefore, let us in all ways strive to be in the Light of Christ's Resurrection, sensing His strength and power! Amen.

INDEED CHRIST IS RISEN!

Asking your holy prayers, I remain with Paschal joy in Christ and with the kindest of wishes,

+*NICHOLAS*

Metropolitan of Eastern America and New York

First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia