



## *Holy Virgin Dormition*

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Bright Resurrection

20 April 2025

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#### SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY

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

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

*Vespers Saturday Evening @ 5:00 PM*

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#### Church Services This Week

Today, 12:00 Noon - Paschal Vespers

Bright Monday & Bright Tuesday, 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy

Every Saturday Evening, 5:00 PM - Vespers

Next Sunday, April 27, 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy

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

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#### 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!

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#### Cemetery Visitations

Sunday April 27, 2025 -

McKeesport/Versailles - Approximately 2:00 PM

Mt. Vernon - 3:45 PM

Round Hill Cemetery - 4:30 PM

Monday April 28, 2025 -

Jefferson Memorial Park - 11:00 AM

Homestead Municipal Cemetery - 12:30 PM

Sunday May 4, 2025 -

Monongahela Cemetery - 2:00 PM

Belle Vernon Cemetery - 3:45 PM

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

Please contact Fr. Dimitri for other cemetery visitations.

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*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."*

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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 2025

Christ is Risen!

“Right early, let us wake in deep of dawn, and in the place myhrr, let us bring a song to the Master. And we shall behold Christ, Sun of Righteousness, who lighteth life for us all.” (song 5 – Paschal Canon)

Just as the myhrrbearing women went to the tomb of Christ early in the morning, so we too imitate them by coming to the church service early in the morning to greet the risen Christ. These brave women went to the grave with myhrr and other things to complete the burial process for the crucified One who was buried in haste. But we come to the burial place of Jesus Christ (the church) with a song to the Master in stead of myhrr (“Thy resurrection O Christ the Saviour, the angles sing in heaven....”)

There is perhaps no grater joy then knowing that we are all witnesses of Christ’s holy resurrection. Now that the Great Lent is behind us and that only a week ago we held in our hands the branches that were put in front of Christ as He made His entrance into Jerusalem, we are now witnessing His triumph over death. We fully understand that His suffering and death was voluntary so that we can be giving that victory over the devil and live with Christ forever in His glorious kingdom.

May the joy and love of our risen Lord fill your hearts and let this feast radiate your souls with peace. We know that Jesus Christ assured us that He is with us, even unto the end of the world. So let us rejoice today and every day and truly shout to the world that Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Indeed He is Risen!  
Archpriest Dimitri D. Ermakov

## *Flowers*

Priatko Family, 25  
Kuehner Family, 25  
George & Dorothy Klipa, 40  
Beth Bratkowski & Deb Schultz, 25 – In Memory of sister,  
Shirley

## *Altar Candles*

Dolores Vidil 2, Memory of Peter & Theresa Janciki; Memory of Stephen & Anna Broda.  
Michael Mezhinsky, Health of family.  
Dale & Cindy Kuehner, Health of family.  
Barron Family 3, Memory of deceased in Homa family; Memory of deceased in Hatalovich family; Memory of deceased in Barron family.  
Elena Kalinin, Health of family.  
Carolyn Simkovich 2, Special Intentions and health for my family; In memory of my son, Eric Paul.  
Georgeann Klipa, Memory of husband Milos Steve Klipa and health of children & grandchildren.  
Simo & Paula Dragovich, In Memory of our parents & health of mom, Georgeann.  
Daniel & Lindsay Klipa and Family 2, Health and salvation of family; Blessed repose for Peter & Clara Klipa.  
Sandra Janicki 3, Health of family; Memory of parents Rose & Anthony Janicki and brother Peter Janicki; Memory of deceased members of the Janciki & Hatalovich families.  
Saundra Gephart 3, Memory of family departed; Health of family; Memory of husband, Louis.  
Priatko Family, God’s blessings.  
Nick Gatto, Memory of wife, Fran.  
Nancy Homa, Memory of husband Dan and the Piontka & Nichi families.  
Deb Schultz & Beth Bratkowski, Health of family.  
Beth Bratkowski & Deb Schultz, Memory of family.  
Carolyn Greco 4, Health & Safety of family; Memory of husband, John; Memory of parents Jacob & Anne Homer & sister Shirley Piggford; Memory of brothers Joseph & James Homer & nephew Alec James Kahler.  
Ronald Demay, Memory Paul T. & Pearl S. Demay  
Marcie & Luke Sippey

## *Altar Candles (cont.)*

Peter & Dorine Kasich 4, Health & Happiness children & grandchildren; Memory of Paul & Helen Rager; Memory of Peter & Mary Kasich and Marjorie Dagger; Memory of father, Patrick Rager.

Dan & Mary Mizik 2, Memory parents Steve, Anna, Charles & Agnes; Health of family.

Elena & Phil Anischenko, 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*

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

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

Dan & Mary Mizik, Memory of Kevin.

Marcie Sippey 2, Health of parents; Memory of grandparents.  
Robert Barron 5, Memory of Fr. Dimitri Ermakov; Memory of Michael Hatalovich, Jr.; Memory of Ronald Nicholas Homa; Memory of Mary & Carol Lugin; Memory of David Nothnagle.

## *Iconostas Lampadi*

Beth Bratkowski & Deb Schultz, Memory of Mom.

\*\*\*Parish Council Meeting next Sunday following services\*\*\*

## *Grand Chandelier*

BRIGHT RESURRECTION

Tomkowitz Family

PASCHAL VESPERS

Dolores Vidil, Memory of Pete & Ken Janicki.

BRIGHT MONDAY

George & Dorothy Klipa

BRIGHT TUESDAY

Carolyn Greco, Memory of cousin, Sharon Sabo.

SAINTS NAMES FOR THIS WEEK: Today, Sunday (April 20/April 7) George, Daniel, Kalliopus, Rufinus, *Aquilina*, Serapion, Neal. MON- Irodion (Ronald), Agafus, Asinkritus, Rufus, Flegon, Ermus, Nifont, Pasivlipus, Celestine, John. TUE- Eupsichius, Disanus, Mariavus, Avdies, Vadim. WED- Terence, Africanus, Makary, Zinonus, Alexander, James, Azadanus, Avdikus., Dimus. THUR- Antipus, Gregory, James, Barsonofius, Prokessus, Martinian, Farmufius, John, Evfim, Hariton. FRI- Basil, Zinonus, Isaac, Minus, David, John, *Anthusa*, *Athanasia*, Akakius. SAT- Artemon, Kriskentus, Thomaida, Dimitri.

### Mother's Day Luncheon

We will be holding a Mother's Day breakfast after Liturgy on May 11<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### Special June Lottery Ticket

We only have a little over a month left before these lottery tickets will be going off and as of time of print, we still have around 500 that still need sold. This is enough to pay any winners but the church will not make any profit. This has a potential of bringing in \$5,000 for the parish. This fundraiser requires help from all of our parishioners. We are hoping that parishioners help sale some tickets to their family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers (if permitted). It will be based off of the 7:00 PM Pick 3. The ticket costs \$10.00 and the prizes range from \$75.00 to \$2000. Please see Natalia Grimm for these tickets.

## *St. Herman Shrine Votives*

### GOOD FRIDAY (Afternoon)

Ronald Demay, Health & safety for Elliana, Madison, Brock and Asher.

### GOOD FRIDAY (Evening)

Deb Schultz & Beth Bratkowski, Memory grandparents, Anna & Andrew Dorich.

### GREAT SATURDAY

Pat Barron, Health of family.

### BRIGHT RESURRECTION (Midnight)

Carolyn Greco, Special Intention.

### EASTER SUNDAY (Paschal Vespers)

Peter & Dorine Kasich, Memory of Ryan Kerr.

### BRIGHT MONDAY

Dale & Cindy Kuehner, Memory of Barron Family.

### BRIGHT TUESDAY

Fr. Dimitri & Mat. Natasha, Memory of mother, Matushka Pauline White

### 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!

### 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.



### Holy Dormition Bookstore

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



## *Votive Crosses*

### GREAT FRIDAY (Afternoon)

- 1) Dale & Cindy Kuehner, Health of Ian.
- 2) Dale & Cindy Kuehner, Health of Bob.

### GREAT FRIDAY (Evening)

- 1) Dolores Vidil, Memory of Steve & Nettie Janicki
- 2) Arthur Vidil, Memory of Arthur Sr. & Margaret.

### BRIGHT RESURRECTION

- 1) Kuehner Family, Memory of grandparents.
- 2) Kuehner Family, Memory of Robert Barron.

### BRIGHT SUNDAY (Paschal Vespers)

- 1) Priatko Family, Christ is Risen!

### BRIGHT MONDAY

- 1) Sarah Tomkowitz, Memory of Mark Gasparovic, Ron DePaul & Joanne Sinichak
- 2) Diane Tomkowitz, Health of family members & memory of deceased family.

### BRIGHT TUESDAY

- 1) Robert Barron
- 2) Robert Barron

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

Your Eminences, Brother Archpastors, Reverend Pastors and Monastics, Colleagues and Helpers in the Harvest Fields of Christ, and All the Beloved Children of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia:

CHRIST IS RISEN!

With God's help, we safely crossed the sea of Great Lent and reached the bright days of the Lord's Pascha. May the present celebration, for which we have been preparing with prayer and fasting, renew the right spirit, that is, a healthy spirit, in our hearts, in order to understand the mystery of Christ's Resurrection, to enjoy the "riches of goodness" of which Chrysostom writes, and to anticipate "eternal joy"! Let us give praise to the Savior as the destroyer of Hell and death, and, embracing one another with holy kisses, let us be comforted by the common spiritual joy in Him, in accordance with the Apostle's admonition: "Rejoice, be perfected, be comforted, be of one mind, be peaceable, and the God of love and peace will be with you" (2 Corinthians 13:11).

Let us thank God that we have the opportunity, living among other peoples, according to the customs of our ancestors, to pray, fast, celebrate and glorify the Risen Christ, telling the truth about our persecuted brothers who are enduring great sorrows. May our feast be united with the general yearning of the faithful to God for peace and for the persecuted Ukrainian Orthodox Church, headed by His Beatitude Metropolitan Onouphry of Kiev and All Ukraine. For "if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it," says the Apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 12:26). As we gather to celebrate the feast of Pascha, let us pray for one another, for our beloved Church, for the persecuted and those in need, and for peace in the world.

May the grace of Holy Pascha unite all of us into one strong and friendly family. The power of celebrating this "sacrament of the sacraments," as His Beatitude Metropolitan Anthony (Khrapovitsky) spoke of Easter, strengthens us in bearing the cross of life, renews

our inner strength, and inspires us with spiritual vigor and undaunted courage to endure all the sorrows, temptations, and sufferings that befall us in life.

By their example, the hierarchs and confessors of the twentieth century, who died one hundred years ago, call us to such a celebration of Pascha: Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, and Jonah, Bishop of Hankow. Both of them, surrounded by chaos, suffering and human passions, lived in holiness and beauty, showing concern for their neighbors who were hungry for Christian love, preaching the Gospel to them in word and deed, filling their hearts with peace, grace and hope. Through the prayers of these great hierarchs, who by their feats sanctified not only our Fatherland, but also the centers of our emigration in North America and China, may our words and deeds become a witness to faith and love, so that we, like them, may become like lamps illuminating the dark corners of the world with the light of Christ.

I pray to God that this triumph of our faith will unite children and youth around the Church even more, for whom St Jonah expressed special warmth and selfless care. How dear and cherished to the believing heart are the ways of our Paschal life and the touching beauty of the night-time service! May the Lord help the clergy, parents, grandfathers and grandmothers to instill in the younger generation a love for meaningful divine services, traditions and customs of Great Lent, Holy Week and Pascha, confirming children, young men and women in faith, piety and churchliness!

May the life of the Church be the source of our joy, the inspiration of our souls and the strength of our spiritual striving! Amen.

With Paschal joy in the Resurrected Christ,

+ *NICHOLAS*

*Metropolitan of Eastern America and New York*

*First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia*