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Bright Resurrection

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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 @ 6:30 PM

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 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."

Parish Council Meeting next Sunday following services.

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 April 23, 2023 -

McKeesport/Versailles - Approximately 1:30 PM

Mt. Vernon - 3:15 PM

Round Hill Cemetery - 4:00 PM

Monday April 24, 2023 -

Jefferson Memorial Park - 11:00 AM

Homestead Municipal Cemetery - 12:30 PM

Sunday April 30, 2023

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 2023

Christ is Risen!

“ This is the day which the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it!” These words resonate throughout the Paschal Services of our Holy Orthodox Church and they ring in our ears with such a great joy. We greet each other on this Feast of Feasts with ardent love and peace.

The world today seems to be filled with great turmoil and dark hatred, especially towards those who follow the teachings of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Satan is working hard to defeat the followers of Our Lord and Saviour, just as he did two thousand years ago. He was able to capture the soul of Judas, the traitor, and turned the Jewish nation against the Christ. But all of this had to be done for our salvation.

Let us never forget that Jesus Christ often told His disciples and secular rulers, that His Kingdom is not of THIS world. He said, “I pray not for the world, but for those in it.” And there is where we find our hope and salvation; in Christ Our Lord, who voluntarily died on the cross, descended into hades, resurrected from the dead and ascended into heaven to rule His Kingdom.

May all of you be filled with the joy of the Risen Lord. May His peace be with all of you forever!

Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!

Archpriest Dimitri D. Ermakov

Flowers

Priatko Family, 25
George & Dorothy Klipa, 25
Byrne Family, 25

Altar Candles

Nancy Kreinbrook, In memory of Olga & James Speelman and James Speelman, Jr.

Tomkowitz Family, in memory of deceased family.

Priatko Family

Simo & Paula Dragovich

Georgeann Klipa

Nick Gatto, memory of wife, Fran.

Daniel & Lindsay Klipa and Family, health of Peter Klipa.

Sandra Janicki 3, Memory of parents Rose & Anthony Janicki;

Health of family; Memory of deceased members of the Hatalovich & Janicki families.

Michael Mezhinsky, Health of family.

Marcie & Luke Sippey

Arthur & Dolores Vidil

Elena Anischenko & Family

Dan & Mary Mizik, Memory of deceased family.

George & Dorothy Klipa

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

Robert Barron, Health Godchildren Anastasha, Katerina, Gabrielle, Anthony, Ian and Christian.

Ronald Demay, Memory of Paul T. & Pearl S. Demay.

Carolyn Greco, health of husband, John.

Dale & Cindy Kuehner 2, Memory Robert Barron, Sr.; Memory Michael & Anna Hatalovich.

Dorosa Family, Memory of parents Maxim & Anne Dorosa.

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

Mat. Natalia, Protodeacon Andrei & Emilyan Garine

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, Jr.

Altar Candles (cont.)

John Dolekary, Memory of parents Michael & Ann Dolekary, grandparents Michael Sr. & Helen Dolekary and uncle John. Nancy Homa, Memory of husband Dan, Pionka & Nichi family. Marlene, John, & Jenn Sinichak 2, Memory of John, Anna & Joanne Sinichak; Memory of John W. Sinichak. Saundra Gephart 5, Memory of husband Louis W. Gephart; Memory of Homer & Gephart departed; Memory of parents Jacob & Anne Homer; Memory of grandson Alec James; Memory of sister Shirley, brothers Jack & Jim. Beth Bratkowski & Deb Schultz 2, Health of family; Memory of family.

Shrine Candles

Tomkowitz Family, Health of family.
Arthur Vidil 2, Memory Ruth Ann Williams; Memory Margaret Vidil.
Dolores Vidil, Memory Theresa Charlesworth.
Robert Barron, Memory Ronald, Nicholas & Mary Homa.
Ronald Demay 2, Memory of Theodore & Mary Demay; Memory of Edward & Eva Sapinsky.
Saundra Gephart, Memory grandson Alex James.
Dale & Cindy Kuehner, Memory uncle Mike.
John & Carolyn Greco 3, Memory parents Jacob & Anne Homer and sister Shirley; Memory brothers Joseph & James Homer and nephew Alec James Kahler; Memory of Greco & Tignanelli Families.
Daniel & Lindsay Klipa and Family, For a blessed repose for Clara Klipa.
Pete T. Kasich, Health, Happiness, Love Children and Grandchildren.

Grand Chandelier

BRIGHT RESURRECTION – Tomkowitz Family
PASCHAL VESPER – Dolores Vidil, memory of Peter & Theresa Janicki.
BRIGHT MONDAY – Dolores Vidil, memory of Stephen & Anna Broda.
BRIGHT TUESDAY – John & Carolyn Greco, memory of cousin Sharon Sabo.

Advanced Vigils for Pascha: Sandra Janicki, health Peter Janicki & family Dan & Mary Mizik, health family & friends Mary Mizik, Special Int. Nadine Dorosa 2 Helen Pennington 3, health parishioners and friends/health daughter Mary Jane and gratitude to God/memory parishioners and friends Sarah Tomkowitz 3, Memory Uncle Mark; Uncle Ron Diane Tomkowitz 5, Health of Joanne/ 2 Special Intention/Mem of Mark/Mem of Ron

Iconostas Lampadi

Dale & Cindy Kuehner, Health of family.

SAINTS NAMES FOR THIS WEEK: Today, Sunday (April 16/3) Nikita, *Theodosia*, Illyricus, Paul, Elpidephorus, Dius, Bithonius, Galycus, Necatrius. MON- Joseph, George, Zosimas, *Pherbuta*, Mary, Nikita, Theonas, Kallinikos, Benjamin, Nicephorus, John. TUE- Job, Theodulus, Agathopodes, Mark, Plato, *Theodora*, Philip, Fermus. WED- Evtichius, Methodius, Platonida, Jeremiah, Archilias, Gregory, John, James, Sebastian. THUR- George, Daniel, *Eudoxia*, Kallipous, Rufinus, Serapion, Neal. FRI- Heriodion, Agabus, Asyncritus Rufus, Phlegon, Hermes, Sergius, Pausillippus, Celestine, John. SAT- Evsyichius, Desan, Mariabus, Abdiesus, Vadim, Gabriel.

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 the cleaning of church floors, to our Readers, to our choir members and to our Altar servers. Many thanks to all! God Bless!

PASCHA CHRIST IS RISEN



Votive Crosses

GREAT FRIDAY (evening)

- 1) Dale & Cindy Kuehner, Health mom.
- 2) Deb Schultz & Beth Bratkowski, Memory grandparents Anna & Andrew Dorich.

BRIGHT RESURRECTION

- 1 & 2) Priatko Family, In memory of departed family; Christ is Risen!

PASCHAL VESPERS

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

BRIGHT MONDAY

- 1 & 2) Sarah Tomkowitz, Memory of uncle Mark Gasparovic; Memory of Joanne Sinichak.

St. Herman Shrine Votives

GOOD FRIDAY (Evening)

Deb Schultz & Beth Bratkowski, memory mom Anna Mae Mansfield & sister Sherry Nicholson.

BRIGHT RESURRECTION (Midnight)

Ronald Demay, Health & safety Elliana & Madison.

EASTER SUNDAY (Paschal Vespers)

Vera Croitoru Family, health of family and memory of husband, Peter.

April Luncheon

This month's luncheon will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2023. This luncheon will be after Divine Liturgy. Beef and Chicken Tacos is on the menu. This luncheon will be provided by The Ermakov, Vaccarello and Grimm Families. Plan on joining us for some fellowship.

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.*