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Bright Resurrection 24 April 2022

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

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, May 1, 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy

Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, May 1 beginning
at 9:00 AM

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.

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 1, 2022 -

McKeesport/Versailles - Approximately 1:15 PM

Mt. Vernon - 3:00 PM

Round Hill Cemetery - 3:45 PM

Monday May 2, 2022 -

Jefferson Memorial Park - 11:00 AM

Homestead Municipal Cemetery - 12:30 PM

Sunday May 15, 2022

Monongahela Cemetery - 1:30 PM

Belle Vernon Cemetery - 3:30 PM

****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 2022

"The Day of Resurrection, people let us be adorned with light. Pascha, the Pascha of the Lord hath shown forth upon us. For from death unto life, from earth unto heaven, hath Christ God led us forth victorious song singing!" (Ode 1 – Pascha Canon).

With these beautiful words of St. John of Damascus, we usher in the joy of the Feast of Feasts. The Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead should fill the soul of each Christian with a feeling of unexplainable joy. This joy causes the soul to burst into song, singing of Christs' victory over death.

How can our souls be filled with anything but light on the Feast of Pascha? We have just completed the course of the Great Fast. During this Lenten period, we Christians gave very serious thought to our sinfulness and unworthiness before God. We spent much of our time begging God for forgiveness and mercy. The Great Lenten period can be a very dark period for us because we realize just how unworthy we are of God's divine grace.

The Resurrection of the Lord changes everything. Today our souls are filled with light! Today our souls rejoice in the fact that God loves us so much that He gave His Only Begotten Son, to take away our sins. Today we are truly grateful that we have been granted life eternal with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

"This is the day which the Lord has made; Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" (Psalm 118:24)

With Love in the Risen Lord,
Archpriest Dimitri D. Ermakov

Flowers

George & Dorothy Klipa
Dale & Cindy Kuehner
Byrne Family
Patricia Sidun
Fr. Dimitri & Mat. Natasha

Altar Candles

Ronald Demay, Memory of Paul & Pearl Demay.

Arthur & Dolores Vidil

Marcie & Luke Sippey

Michael Mezhinsky, Health of family.

Mat. Natalia Garina, Health of Garine's and Lee's family.

Priatko Family, Health of family.

Daniel & Lindsay Klipa and Family

Robert Barron

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

Georgeann Klipa 2, In memory of husband Steve Milos Klipa;
health of children & grandchildren.

Simo & Paula Dragovich 2, In memory of parents and
grandparents and family; Health of children and family
members.

Beth Bratkowski & Deb Schultz 2, Health of family; Memory of
family.

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

John & Carolyn Greco 3, Memory Homer & Kostura deceased;
Health & safety of family; Memory Greco & Tignanelli deceased.

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

Dorosa Family, Memory of Maxim & Anna Dorosa.

Michael Tomkowitz 2, Memory of Mark Gasparovic; Memory of
Bill Plichta.

Kuehner Family, Memory of Robert Barron, Sr.

Dan & Mary Mizik, Health of family.

Peter Kasich 2, Health, Happiness, Love and Peace children.

Nick Gatto, Memory of wife, Fran.

Altar Candles (cont.)

Catherine Burnet 3, Memory of Joseph & Tatiana Korn; Memory of Joseph Korn, Jr.; Memory of John & Catherine Golubowsky. Helen Pennington, Memory parents Wasily & Mary Lucza, husband Russell Sr., son Russell, Jr., brother Charles & wife Anna, sisters Ann & Michael Dolekary, Mary & Edward Kelly. John Dolekary, Memory of parents Michael & Ann Dolekary, grandparents Michael Sr. & Helen Dolekary and Uncle John.

Advanced Vigils for Pascha: Diane Tomkowitz 5, Health of Joanne/ 2 Special Intention/Mem of Mark/Mem of Ron Sandra Janicki, health Peter Janicki & family Nadine Dorosa 2 Helen Pennington 3, health all parishioners and friends/memory all parishioners/Gratitude to God

Iconostas Lampadi

Dale & Cindy Kuehner, Health of mom.

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".

SAINTS NAMES FOR THIS WEEK: Today, Sunday (April 24/11) Antipus, John, Gregory, Farmufius, Prokessus, Martinian, Jacob, Evfimiy, Hariton, Barsonofius. MON- Basil, *Anthusa, Athanasia*, Isaac, Zinonus, Minus, David, John, Akakius. TUE- Artemon, Kriskentus, Thomaida, Dimitri. WED- Martin, Anthony, John, Evstathius, Ardalion, Azatus, Christopher. THUR- Ap. Aristrachus, Sava, *Vasilissa, Anastasia*, Mstislav, Theodore, Suchius. FRI- Agapia, Chionia, Leonid (Leonard), Chariessa, Nika, Galina (Gail), Kalista, Nunechia, Vasilissa, Theodora, Irene, Vassa. SAT- Bright Pascha: Simeon, Avedlaus, Ananius, Usthansam, Fusicus, *Ascitrea*, Azatus Akakius Zosimus, Adrian, Agapitus, Alexander.

Votive Crosses

GREAT FRIDAY (afternoon)

- 1) Catherine Burnet, Memory of Joseph Korn, Jr.
- 2) The Grimm Family

GREAT FRIDAY (evening)

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

HOLY SATURDAY (Morning)

- 1) Tim & K Andreychek, In memory of departed family.
- 2) The Petrochko Family

BRIGHT RESURRECTION

- 1 & 2) Priatko Family, Christ Is Risen!; In memory of Helen.

PASCHAL VESPERS

- 1) Dan & Mary Mizik, Memory of family.
- 2) Fr. Dimitri & Mat. Natasha, Memory of parents & grandparents.

BRIGHT MONDAY

- 1) Sarah Tomkowitz, Memory of Mark Gasparovic.
- 2) Tomkowitz, Memory of Mark.

BRIGHT TUESDAY

- 1 & 2) Maria and Dimitri D. Ermakov II, Memory of grandparents, Mitred Archpriest Paul & Matushka Pauline White and Archpriest Dimitri H. & Matushka Martha Ermakov.

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 tailor who made new black Altar coverings for Passion Week, to our choir members and Altar servers. Many thanks to all! God Bless!

Shrine Candles

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

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

Dolores Vidil, Memory Theresa Charlesworth.

Diane Tomkowitz 2, Health of family members; Memory of departed family.

George & Dorothy Klipa

Vera Croitoru, Memory of husband Peter.

Robert Barron 5, Memory Fr. Dimitri Ermakov; Memory Mark Gasparovic; Memory Nicholas, Mary & Ronald Nicholas Homa;

Memory John & Eugene Homa; Memory Mary & Carol Lugin.

Helen Pennington, Health of daughter, Mary Jane Pennington.

St. Herman Shrine Votives

GOOD FRIDAY (afternoon)

Dale & Cindy Kuehner, health of family

GOOD FRIDAY (Evening)

John & Carolyn Greco, health of family.

GREAT SATURDAY

Dolores Vidil, Memory grandparents Peter & Theresa Janicki

BRIGHT RESURRECTION (Midnight)

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

EASTER SUNDAY (Paschal Vespers)

The Vaccarello Family

BRIGHT MONDAY – Dolores Vidil, Memory grandparents Stephen & Anna Broda.

BRIGHT TUESDAY

Dimitri D. II & Maria Ermakov, Health of family.

(Last Sunday, April 17, 2022)

Archpriest Dimitri Ermakov 30 Mat. Natasha Ermakov 30
Timothy Andreychek 140 Kathleen Andreychek 140 Patricia Barron 20 Robert Barron Carole Bonczek 22 Ronald Demay 30 John Dolekary 14 Simo Dragovich 20 Paula Dragovich 40 Garine Family 40 Georgeann Klipa 25 George Klipa 25 Dorothy Klipa 25 James Klipa 65 Adriana Klipa 65 Daniel Klipa 50 Lindsay Klipa 50 Cindy Kuehner Dustin Lacko 60 Daniel Mizik Mary Mizik Nina Molchadova 40 Nancy Parker 35 Helen Pennington 80 Mary Jane Pennington 45 Patricia Rogers 15 Deborah Schultz 15 Marion Temple Stephen Tomkowitz 20 Dr. Gerard Werries 100 Lara Werries 50 Karl Baumgart 20 Paula Baumgart 20 Ryan Ray 20 Dale Kuehner

Tanya Dorfner 10 Nadine Dorosa Maria Ermakov Louis Gephart Sandra Gephart Kimberly Gephart Carolyn Greco 10 Nancy Homa 10 Peter Kasich Nicholas Kloszewski Michael Mezhinsky Marina Mezhinsky Marcella Sippey 7 Steve Sujeta Norma Sujeta Diane Tomkowitz Michael Tomkowitz Cathy Torchia 12 Arthur Vidil Dolores Vidil Eileen Wall 10

DEVOTIONAL LAMP OFFERINGS 24

Advance Requests For Today – 24 April 2022

Eternal Light – Ermakov/Vaccarello/Grimm/Petrochko in memory of grandparents

Carol DePaul 2 Helen Pennington, health of family, Joanne & Martha Marcella Sippey Diane Tomkowitz Arthur & Dolores Vidil 2

Last Sunday, April 17, 2021

Georgeann Klipa 5, mem Steve M. Klipa/health Judy Obrknez/health Dawn Hamm/Nick Mrvos Daniel Klipa 5 Lindsay Klipa

FRIDAY, APRIL 15 Joanne Sinichak 7, 4 special int./mem. John Sinichak, Anna Sinichak, John Wesley Elena Annischenko, health Elena and Phillip Helen Pennington

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

Eminent Brother Archpastors, Honorable Fathers, Dear Brothers and Sisters:

CHRIST IS RISEN!

With a sense of jubilation in the Lord, the Victor over evil, hell and death, I greet you all on this luminous night of the Matins and Liturgy of the Pascha of Christ, this “feast of faith” which the great Chrysostom exhorts us to relish! Congratulations with the Bright Resurrection of Christ!

The grace-filled power of Great Lent and Holy Pascha unites us all, elevates, illumines, softens and broadens our souls, which during these holy days are revealed in their finest degrees. Still, no matter how much we have strived to seclude ourselves within the cells of our hearts, mindfully heeding the touching hymns sung during Great Lent and Passion Week, that which is unfolding in the land of Kievan Rus’ – a land so dear to us – forcefully encroaches into our lives. We, as Orthodox Christians, cannot remain indifferent when members of one and the same Local Church gaze at each other through the sights of automatic weapons; we cannot remain indifferent when our brothers and sisters, deprived of shelter, become refugees, as once were the founders of our own Russian Church Abroad.

Our inability to remain indifferent is expressed first and foremost in our fervent prayers for the restoration of peace, lifted up during the Divine Services in the parishes of our Russian Church Abroad. And at this moment, as we worship Christ the Giver of Life, we turn towards His Beatitude Metropolitan Onuphry of Kiev and All Ukraine, the archpastors, pastors, and the multitude of the flock of the persecuted Ukrainian Orthodox Church, and fervently implore that they, and all those who with wearied hearts are tormented by the present tragedy, may experience that which is hymned in the Paschal nighttime, as we sing out: “O Pascha, thou art the ransom from sorrow!” May “this chosen and holy day” be a consolation and joy, an outpouring of mercy, aid, and Divine strength for all!

O God, our God, grant that the “unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace” (Ephesians 4:3) may reign among our Orthodox peoples, that we, not falling into despair, may overcome all tribulations, discord and

conflicts “through Him that loved us” (Romans 8:37), so that “love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and temperance” (Galatians 5:22-23) may be restored among us anew.

Now, as hostility, anger and hatred destroy the concord and brotherhood between nations and bring our sinful world to the threshold of hell, it is not the place of the Church to render political verdicts or take upon ourselves the task of seeking out those responsible for what is happening in the Ukrainian land. It is the work of the Church to join the suffering – not only in prayer, but in deed. Of this, our Lord the Chief Pastor instructed us plainly in the Gospel reading of the Sunday of the Dread Judgment (cf. Matthew 25:31-46).

This is why, beginning already in 2014, we have been offering help to those suffering in southeastern Ukraine; and since February of this year, when the new hostilities began, the dioceses and parishes of the Russian Church Abroad, our Fund for Assistance, and our other ecclesiastical-social organizations have been responding with kind hearts, vigorously and generously, to this terrible catastrophe. May the Lord save you all for your sacrificial labors! Such concrete help prevents us from becoming “salt that has lost its flavor” (Matthew 5:13), and shows that we can and must become more involved in the conciliar work of building the Church. We, as God’s people, scattered throughout the entire world, have many gifts and talents with which we can serve not only Him, Who with His Most-Pure Blood perfected our salvation, but can also serve His Holy Church and our neighbor. So let us not grow weak in spirit or fall into despair, but “let us commit ourselves and one another and all our life unto Christ our God!”

May Pascha, wondrous and sweetly fragrant, warm cold hearts and unite us all! May the exclamation “Christ is Risen,” which forever evokes trepidation among those who have departed from the Father’s house, remind us that we, as Orthodox Christians, are children of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Who Rose on the third day and with Whom and in Whom we shall also be resurrected for the life of the age to come. Amen.

With love in the Resurrected Christ, I ask for your holy prayers,

+ HILARION,

Metropolitan of Eastern America and New York,

First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia

Pascha of the Lord 2022