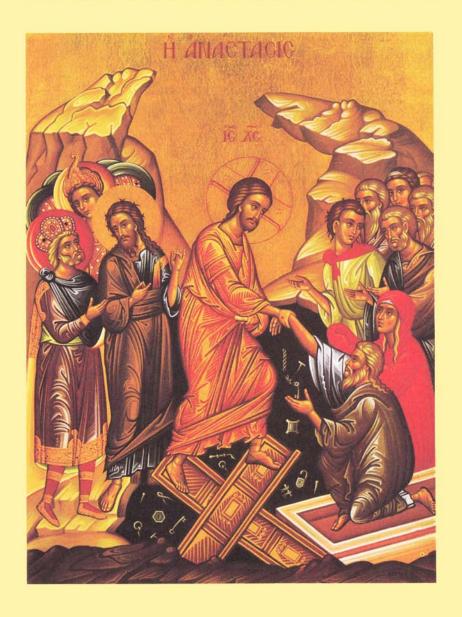
GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA -- THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD



Icon of the Resurrection

THE GLORIOUS FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST – PASCHA – IIACXA

Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес!

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR BRIGHT WEEK

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MONDAY, APRIL 5 – BRIGHT MONDAY – ОБЛИВАНИЙ ПОНЕДІЛОК

9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

♣ Bohdan Odezynskyj, Ihor Bohachevsky, Mykola Nychay; Reg: Olena Bankston

SATURDAY, APRIL 10 6:00 PM GREAT VESPERS SUNDAY, APRIL 11 – SUNDAY OF THOMAS 9:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY

FOR ALL PARISHIONERS

&& Remember in your prayers &&



Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish, our family and friends who are ailing, are in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join actively in their community. Remember

especially the following: Katherine Andrus, Walter & Isabella Bachynsky, Susie Boyko, Sonya Cronin, Helen Davis, Megan Hartman, Stephen Hricko, Bohdanchik James, Bohdan Knianicky, Lorene Lagrone, Maria Laszok, Maria Lavasanipour, Lesya Loznycky, Alice Melnyk, Shawn Moore, Gregorio Ortiz Peña, Sophia Skop and Sonya Villa Señor, Ariadna Wall. Please let Fr. James know if there is anyone else who should be remembered.

"The Future Of Our Church Begins Today" We are in the midst of St. Nicholas Eparchy's Ukrainian Catholic Appeal 2009-2010. Please receive this appeal warmly and kindly consider Bishop Richard's request. Our parish goal is \$5000.00. If each household were to donate 1% of its annual income or even \$250.00 we will be well on our way to achieving this goal.

Agape Vespers – Today at 5:00 PM All are invited to return (and bring your family and friends) to the church today at 5:00 PM to continue in the great Paschal celebration with Agape Vespers.

Cards for sale

Easter Cards and Birthday Cards are available for sale in the church hall following each Divine Liturgy. See Mary Kitt to purchase.

PLEASE NOTE: Next Sunday - Thomas Sunday, April 11, following the Liturgy will be the annual parish Sviachenne meal. Adults: \$12.00; Youth (15-18) \$6.00. Children under 15: Free.

Everyone is invited.

Parish Rummage Sale

There will be a rummage sale on May 1 to benefit the parish. It will feature a special Ukrainian craft section! We will start accepting donations two weeks prior to the event. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Olena Bankston at (619) 567-6967.

50th Anniversary Celebration

Preparations are underway for the celebration of our Parish's 50th anniversary. There is lots of work to be done in the way of planning, sending out of invitations and various other tasks.

Remember Those In The Armed Forces

Let us especially remember in our prayers those family members and friends who are actively serving their countries in the Armed Forces: Luke and Slavamira Haywas, Elizabeth Heltsley,



Oksanna Hirniak, Andrew Hrynkiw, Zenon and Susan Keske, Michael Lopes, Vasyl Lylak, Thomas Orr, Paul Richelmi and Brian Tuthill. Please give any names of those you would like remembered in the Liturgies to Fr. James.

A Reminder about Standing on <u>all</u> Sundays and from Pascha to Pentecost

This is not an innovation, rather it is the explicit reiteration of a long tradition and teaching of the early church about the nature of the celebration of the Lord's Day (i.e. Sunday.) This proscription of the church dates from the time of the Œcumenical Council of Nicaea (325 AD.) There was a divergence in practice in various places and the church identified the need to emphasize resurrectional character of the Lord's Day. The fact that an Œcumenical Council discussed and eventually issued a Canon (rule) on this subject shows the importance in the eyes of the church fathers. Canon 20 of the Council states: Since there are some communities that still bend their knees on the Lord's Day (Sunday) and on the days of Pentecost, this Holy Council decrees that the common prayers (i.e., at Liturgy) are to be rendered to God standing.

May the Lord Bless!

those who during Great Lent and Holy Week assisted with the many things which needed to be done (cleaning, singing, serving, decorating, cooking, etc). Your labors, time, and offerings are greatly appreciated!

Liturgical Notes:

This period of great festivity and joy finds its liturgical expression in the following manner:

- We great each other with the Paschal salutation, "Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!" for 40 days, until Ascension Day.
- We do not kneel or make prostrations either at church services or in our homes until the "Kneeling Prayers" at Pentecost.
- The Paschal Troparion, "Christ is risen from the dead" is sung or said at the beginning or end of all prayers until the Leave-taking of Pascha on the Eve of Ascension.
- The prayer, "O Heavenly King" is omitted until Pentecost, being replaced with the Troparion of Pascha and then Ascension.

"Now all is filled with light: HEAVEN AND EARTH AND THE LOWER REGIONS. LET ALL CREATION CELEBRATE THE RISING OF CHRIST IN WHOM WE ARE ESTABLISHED!"

"THIS IS THE BRIGHT AND SAVING NIGHT, SACRED AND SUPREMELY FESTAL. IT HERALDS THE RADIANT DAY OF THE RESURRECTION ON WHICH THE TIMELESS LIGHT SHONE FORTH FROM THE TOMB FOR ALL!"

- PASCHAL CANON

Святкуємо 50-років! Celebrating 50 Years!

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Following the Risen Lord in All Things

Christ has redeemed us by giving Himself as our ransom; He is the price paid for every soul, and by redeeming us from death and giving us immortality He has made us His own. So now that we belong to the Lord we must follow His will in all things, not living for ourselves anymore but only for Him who has purchased us with His life. We are no longer alone but belong to the One who has bought us, and we must be ruled by His will. As long as death had power over us we were ruled by sin, but now that we belong to the Lord of life we must give our allegiance to our new Master. Sin must never again make us disobey Him, for that would bring us once more under the domination of the evil one and of death.

We feel bound to Christ when we know that He is, as Paul tells us, both victim and priest, that He was actually offered for us as our paschal sacrifice, and that He Himself was the priest who made this offering to God. He gave Himself up, says Paul, as a sacrifice to us. Those who realize that Christ gave Himself up and became our Passover will in their turn offer themselves to God as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable. They will become spiritual oblations. Refusing to conform to the standards of the world, they will change their whole outlook so as to know the will of God, what is good, pleasing to Him, and best in every way. While our minds remain subject to our lower nature we are at enmity with God and refuse to obey His law. Meditating on Christ's offering of His own blood in atonement for our sins should teach us to imitate Him and to make atonement for our own sins, mortifying our bodies in order to purify our souls.

St. Gregory of Nyssa