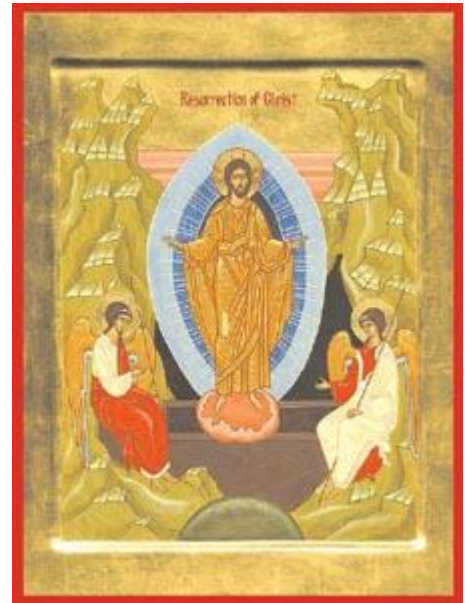


HOLY PASCHA

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the center of the Christian faith. Saint Paul says that if Christ is not raised from the dead, then our preaching and faith are in vain (I Cor. 15:14). Indeed, without the resurrection there would be no Christian preaching or faith. The disciples of Christ would have remained the broken and hopeless band which the Gospel of John describes as being in hiding behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. They went nowhere and preached nothing until they met the risen Christ, the doors being shut (John 20: 19). Then they touched the wounds of the nails and the spear; they ate and drank with Him. The resurrection became the basis of everything they said and did (Acts 2-4): “. . . for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have” (Luke 24:39).

The resurrection reveals Jesus of Nazareth as not only the expected Messiah of Israel, but as the King and Lord of a new Jerusalem: a new heaven and a new earth.



Finally, the events of these triumphant two days are but the passage to Holy Week: the “hour” of suffering and death for which Christ came. Thus, the triumph in an earthly sense is extremely short-lived. Jesus enters openly into the midst of His enemies, publicly saying and doing those things which mostly enrage them. The people themselves will soon reject Him. They misread His brief earthly triumph as a sign of something else: His emergence as a political messiah who will lead them to the glories of an earthly kingdom.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth. . . the holy city, new Jerusalem. And I heard a great voice from the throne saying “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people. . . He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away (Rev. 21:1-4).

In His death and resurrection, Christ defeats the last enemy, death, and thereby fulfills the mandate of His Father to subject all things under His feet (I Cor. 15:24-26).

...Worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing (Rev. 5: 12)

THE FEAST OF FEASTS

The Christian faith is celebrated in the liturgy of the Church. True celebration is always a living participation. It is not a mere attendance at services. It is communion in the power of the event being celebrated. It is God’s free gift of joy given to spiritual men as a reward for their self-denial. It is the fulfillment of spiritual and physical effort and preparation. The resurrection of Christ, being the center of the Christian faith, is the basis of the Church’s liturgical life and the true model for all celebration. This is the chosen and holy day, first of sabbaths, king and lord of days, the feast of feasts, holy day of holy days. On this day we bless Christ forevermore (Irmos 8, Paschal Canon) ...

... O Christ, great and most holy Pascha. O Wisdom, Word and Power of God, grant that we may more perfectly partake of Thee in the never-ending day of Thy kingdom Ninth Ode, Paschal Canon).
The V. Rev. Paul Lazor, New York, 1977

Acts 1:1-8**(Epistle)**

1

The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

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until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen,

3

to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

4

And being assembled together with them, He commanded them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the Promise of the Father, "which," He said, "you have heard from Me;

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for John truly baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

6

Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"

7

And He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

8

But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

John 1:1-17**(Gospel)**

1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

2

He was in the beginning with God.

3

All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

4

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

5

And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

6

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

7

This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe.

8

He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

9

That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

10

He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, and the world did not know Him.

11

He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

12

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in His name:

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who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

14

And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1-17

(Gospel Cont'd.)

15

John bore witness of Him and cried out, saying, "This was He of whom I said, 'He who comes after me is preferred before me, for He was before me.'"

16

And of His fullness we have all received, and grace for grace.

17

For the law was given through Moses, but grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

EASTER BASKET BLESSINGS: Fr Mark will be blessing Easter baskets after the Holy Saturday 10AM service, *and* after the Paschal Vigil Saturday night/Sunday morning.

CANDLES/DONATIONS

- \$100 for candles (*2 lg crosses, candles under the 2 icons*) donated by Jim & Sandy and Michael & Kathy Gulash, in memory of John, Marion, and Michael Gulash, and the Poranda family.
May their memory be eternal!

CANDLE DESK DUTY

April 11 (*Sat. 11pm Pascha vigil*) – George Kasper

April 19 – Barb Dulin

SAFETY/SECURITY ISSUE REMINDER ... Please be reminded that children should not go downstairs *unless* accompanied by a parent or at least two adults present. Thank you!

EASTER PLANTS ... Those who ordered Easter plants may pick them up on Thomas Sunday. Please see Sue Mauerger for payment. Plants are \$20 each.

VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED ... for Holy Friday and Pascha Processions, Candles on Holy Thursday night, and Pascha clean-up crew. Please sign in at the candle desk!

PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY, APRIL 1



Many thanks for making our Presanctified potluck snack an enjoyable evening with fellowship and of course, delicious Lenten goodies!

PARISH SURVEY – FUNDRAISING MEETING APRIL 18 ... The results of last month's Parish Survey are in: we received about 50 responses! The purpose of the survey was for you to make your voice heard to shape the future of Holy Ghost Church, with God's help. We asked, you responded, and now it's time to take action, together. The full results will be published soon. In the meantime, many of you reported in the survey that you're interested in being a part of fundraising efforts. If you're one of those people, come to the Holy Ghost basement hall on **Saturday, April 18** at 5:00pm (after Vespers) for an exploratory meeting and fellowship. Food will be provided! RSVP to holyghostbpt1894@gmail.com by April 15.

THOMAS SUNDAY ... Fr Mark will be blessing graves (weather permitting) on Thomas Sunday, **April 19th**. If you wish to have a loved one's grave blessed, please sign up at the candle desk.

THE NEXT PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ... is scheduled for **April 26th**.

SOUP FUNDRAISER ... We raised \$850 from this fundraiser! Thanks to all who cooked and purchased these delicious soups!

CHURCH GROUND LANDSCAPING ... LCT Home Improvement spent two days donating their time and love to cleaning up the church grounds for the Holy Days. It looks the best it has looked in a long time. An anonymous parishioner is donating mulch for the flowers bed and around shrubbery. Thank you to LCT Home Improvement!

EASTER FLOWERS ... Thank you to those who purchased flowers, as well as those who donated using your thank-offering envelopes. (*Plants ordered can be taken home on Thomas Sunday.*)

<i>Name(s)</i>	<i>For the Health & Happiness</i>	<i>In Loving Memory</i>
Bob Denhup (2)	Rick, Chris, & Kristi	Pat, Dorothy, Emma, Richard, & Elaine
Barb & George Dulin (2)	Alex (AJ) & Dave Zujewski	Jeanne & Gus Zaffis Alexander Zujewski, Sr. Edward, Evelyn & David Dulin
Faith (Zaparyniuk) Jantzi (10)	Gregory J. Zaparyniuk Faith, Doug, Peter, Catherine, & Dallas Jantzi	Peter Jantzi, Dorothy Jantzi, Carlton Jantzi, and Bonnie Brucker
Carole Kaputa (1)		Nicholas, Frank, & Edward
Susan Maugeri (1)		Nathalie
Natalie Pronechen (2)		Matthew Pronechen Michael Jankura, Jr.
Tim & Jody Savisky (4)	Shannon, Dan, & Amalia Jason & Francia Helen Slosar	William & Nancy Savisky Michael & Mary Savisky Michael & Mary Kasper Joseph Slosar
Subdeacon Brian & Ruth Sencio (8)	Mat. Annette Zaparyniuk Lilian Zelter Michael Zaparyniuk, III Faith (Zaparyniuk) Jantzi	Archpriest Michael Zaparyniuk Ann (Zaparyniuk) Tonarely Francine Sencio Ann Sencio
Stephanie Smith (1)		Steven Tyler Smith

GREAT VESPERS, APRIL 3



(Blessing Palms, Pussy Willows)



(Israel Prevail changing cross lights)

LAZARUS SATURDAY, APRIL 4



(Blessing of Robes)

BAPTISMAL DIVINE LITURGY, WAYNE ANTHONY BLOOMFIELD



Godfather, Richard Kendall



***Congratulations,
Wayne!
May God Grant you
Many Years!***

PARISH METRICS (APRIL 12 THRU APRIL 18)

BIRTHDAYS

Daria Sinchuk DeAngelis, April 12th

God Grant her Many Years!

Многая лета!

ANNIVERSARIES

None listed

DEPARTED FROM THE PARISH METRICS

APRIL 12 – Nicholas Ladusky, 1943 (51); Simeon Homeniuk, 1945; Joseph Hukola, 1949; Stephen Dubrow, 1966 (70); Michael Selepec, 1978 (69); Stephen Sidorowich, 1984 (66); Olga Krizanovsky, 1988 (78); Jean Pizaretz Bodnar, 1998 (78); Hope Hylwa, 1999 (80); Helen Shurminsky, 2018 (99)

APRIL 13 – Alexander Zagorulko, 1983 (72); Vera Oleshkevich, 1985 (94); Anastasia (Stacey) (Cherak) Pihonak, 2006 (93)

APRIL 14 – Natalie (Ethel) Kolton, 1968 (74); Mary Chanda, 1952; Alexandra Severin, 1958 (65); Mary Krafchik, 1963 (70); Irene (Motill) Cooper, 2016 (92)

APRIL 15 – Sophia Skomin, 1918 (26)

APRIL 16 – Michael Korshniak, 1901 (26); Efrosina (Rose) Benger, 1959 (60); Frank Peregrim, Sr., 2008 (83)

APRIL 17 – Gregory Kolton, 1937 (50); George Lubow, 1953 (70); Joseph M. Forson, 1984 (60); Mary Selepec, 1988 (70); Anna Wesnak, 1989 (80); Caroline Charak, 1993 (92); Sophia (Buiak) Pistey, 2000 (89); Lydia Chueka, 2003 (82)

APRIL 18 – Andrew Dugan, 1920 (9 months); George Kochiss, 1924 (72); Peter Buiak, 1956 (71); Eleanor Fetcho, 1960 (42); Anna Yanchik Laytar, 1962 (67); Dionisy Koval, 1965 (72); Paul Wallivk, Jr., 1969 (19); Peter M. Jankura, 1988 (87)

Memory Eternal!

Вечная память!



Beautiful flower arrangement by Debbie Rapaport