

**** HOLY WEEK SERVICES – 2009****

****UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE B.V.M.****

Dear Parishioner,

This week, we prepare for two great truths that shed light on everything we believe in as Christians: The Death of our Lord Jesus Christ, followed by His glorious Resurrection. Active participation in the rites of this Holy Week will enrich your understanding of these truths and give you profound joy.

Below is a schedule of Holy Week Services. We urge you to join your Christian brothers and sisters in attending these services and in the reception of Holy Communion so that true Easter joy will be yours.

May the Risen Christ fill your hearts and entire being with His love.

HOLY WEDNESDAY

6:30 p.m. – STATIONS OF THE CROSS

HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 p.m. – SACRED PASSION SERVICE

“Matins of the Holy and Saving Passion of our Lord and God Jesus Christ”

GOOD FRIDAY

9:00 a.m. – GOOD FRIDAY VESPERS AND PROCESSION

School children and Choir “Boyan” will alternate in singing the responses.

Bearers of the Holy Shroud:

John Adamshick, Mark Boyko, Peter Baralecki, Charles Patulak

Bearers of the Holy Gospel Book:

Friday: **Charles Boyko** Saturday: **Vasyl Kitchoula**

7:00 p.m. – JERUSALEM MATINS

Holy Name is asked to assemble at 6:30 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY

3:00 to 5:00 p.m. – CONFESSIONS

3:00 & 4:00 p.m. – BLESSING OF PASKA AND EASTER BASKETS, School Auditorium

6:30 p.m. – PRAYER AT THE TOMB – “NADHROBNOYE,” SOLEMN PROCESSION

7:00 p.m. – RESURRECTION MATINS

Responses will be sung by Church Choir “Boyan”

Altar Boys report to church hall by 6:15 p.m.

EASTER SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. – DIVINE LITURGY, in Ukrainian, sung by Choir Boyan

11:00 a.m. – DIVINE LITURGY, in English, parts sung by the congregation

THE PASCHAL KISS

Our traditional kissing of the Holy Cross or Resurrection Icon, takes place after the Resurrection Matins, and after each Liturgy. The faithful approach the priest by way of the center aisle. While kissing the Holy Cross held by the priest, he greets us with the joyful news:

CHRISTOS VOSKRES! – CHRIST IS RISEN!

We should reply by professing our faith, and saying:

VOISTYNU VOSKRES! – INDEED HE IS RISEN!

