

## DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK

**Thomas Sunday, April 15, 2012**

9:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

11:30 AM Lit. + Helen Maslak r/by Senior Citizens Club

**Monday, April 16, 2012**

7:20 AM Lit. + Mary Hojson r/by Fr. Ivan

**Tuesday, April 17, 2012**

7:20 AM Lit. + Michael, Sophie, John, Nicholas, Martha, John, Joseph, Steve, Boyko-Yaremczak; John, Anna, Stan Kmiec - Legate

**Wednesday, April 18, 2012**

7:20 AM Lit. + John &amp; Sophie Terefenko - Legate

**Thursday, April 19, 2012**

7:20 AM Lit. + Joseph &amp; Ann Kopi - Legate

**Friday, April 20, 2012**8:45 AM Lit. + Vasyl Hrunuyk (90 Days)  
r/by Daughter, Maria**Saturday, April 21, 2012**8:00 AM Lit. + Pauline Medwick  
r/by Lee, Debbie, Kristen, Stephanie  
5:00 PM Lit. Sp. Int. Health of Carol Teliszewski  
r/by Arlene & Gerald Chismar**Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers, April 22, 2012***Epistle - Acts 6:1-7; Gospel - Mk 15:43-16:8*

10:00 AM Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

**Epistle Readers, 11:30 a.m. Liturgy:**

Peter Baralecki	4/15/12
Joan Zaleski	4/29/12

**Sviachene - Easter Dinner**

The annual Sviachene, a traditional Easter Dinner, will be held in the church hall on Sunday, April 22, 2012 following a 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Only one liturgy will be held that Sunday. The dinner will consist of traditional Easter food: ham, kobasa, eggs, paska, etc.

Tickets are now on sale, following Saturday evening Liturgy, between Liturgies on Sunday, or at the rectory during office hours. Tickets are \$10 per adult and \$5 for student/child age 6 to 18. This is the last weekend to purchase your tickets. Please purchase your tickets in advance, so that we will know how many people to set-up for, and how much food to prepare.

**Generations of Faith**

On Sunday, May 20, 2012 we will hold our next Generations of Faith gathering. There will be one liturgy at 10:00 AM, and Generations of Faith will follow, in the church hall. The theme will be "*Blessed Mother, Save Us.*" The next meeting of the committee will be on May 15, after the Moleben.

**Mother's Day**

On Sunday May 13, 2012 we will remember all of our Mothers at the Sunday Divine Liturgy. There will be petitions for their health and continued blessings, and a requiem service, panachyda, for all our Mothers who have died, that the Lord God remembers them. If you wish to have your living or deceased mother remembered during the Liturgy, please use your yellow Mother's Day envelope and place it in the collection basket. The list of mothers and donors will be published in our bulletin provided the envelopes are turned in by Sunday, May 6.

**Spaghetti Dinner at the School**

The school faculty with Olive Garden Restaurant is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner at 5:30 PM on Thursday, April 19 in the school hall. Tickets are \$8 per adult and \$5 per child. Prices go up on April 17 so get your tickets early. Call the school for tickets, 732-826-8721, or pay a little bit more at the door.

**PASCHA**

The English word "Easter" is not a biblical word. It is thought to be a translation of the name of the Anglo-Saxon spring goddess, "Eostre". In any case, it is an English word which is used today to translate the Greek term 'Pascha', which translates the Hebrew term for 'Passover'. The Christian Church transformed the Jewish Passover, which commemorated the freeing of the Hebrew people from Egyptian bondage, into a feast which commemorated the death and resurrection of Christ which freed humanity from the bondage of death, sin and evil. We do not have a command from Jesus to celebrate the Paschal Feast. But the Bible clearly indicates the New Testament belief that Christ is the New Pascha for believers in Him, and that this is to be celebrated by Christians: "For Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us therefore celebrate the festival ..." (1 Corinthians 5:7). Thus the celebration of Christ's Resurrection became the first Christian Feast - the Christian Pascha.

**CELEBRATING OUR PASCHAL JOY**

The churches of the Byzantine tradition celebrate Holy Pascha with great joy and splendor. The following are some of the Easter customs of our people which we will try to observe beginning today:

- We celebrate the Resurrection for a full 50 days until Pentecost, as if it were one great day of rejoicing.
- In our tradition, we use different Christian greetings throughout the year. From Pascha to Ascension Thursday, we use the greeting Christos Voskres - Voistynu Voskres or in English, Christ is Risen - Indeed He is Risen!
- The clergy wear only bright colored vestments even for funerals.
- Parishioners are reminded that according to ancient tradition there is no kneeling at any time from Easter to Pentecost Sunday. This is done to celebrate the joy of the Resurrection since for the Eastern Church kneeling is a sign of repentance and sorrow for our sins.

Please try to observe all these beautiful customs at home and in Church during this joyful season!

**Great and Holy Lent at ACS**

Every Wednesday during Lent, students in Pre-K through Grade eight participated in the Divine Liturgy and Stations of the Cross. On March 28 the Sacrament of Penance was available after these devotions. Then, on Holy Thursday, "The Living Stations of the Cross" were enacted by the 6th, 7th and 8th graders, during a whole school Spirituality Day. The school children concluded Holy Week by leading the singing of the Good Friday Vespers in English, along with Choir Boyan who sang the Ukrainian responses. At the end of this service, during the procession with the Most Holy Shroud, the girls in grades K, 1 & 2 had the privilege of portraying the angels who accompanied our Lord to His burial. Many school families and alumni attended the Good Friday Services and Veneration of the Shroud.

Throughout the remainder of Good Friday over 30 Altar Boys and Sodalists returned to Church in order to pray and keep vigil at Our Lord's Tomb. ACS is truly grateful to be able to offer such a wealth of spiritual opportunities to the children under our care! For more school articles go to

[www.assumptioncatholicschool.net](http://www.assumptioncatholicschool.net)

**Pyrohy Sale- April 19**

Today is the last day to place your order for potato pyrohy. Pick-up is Thursday at 5:00 PM.