

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Sunday of the Myrr-Bearers, April 18, 2021**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Nick and Mykola Lyszyk r/by Lyszyk Family

11:30 AM - Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

Monday, April 19, 2021

No Liturgy Scheduled

Tuesday, April 20, 2021

8:00 AM - Lit. + John and Sophie Terefenko - Legate

Wednesday, April 21, 20218:00 AM - Lit. + Harry, Tessie Terefenko; Anna Balinski
- Legate**Thursday, April 22, 2021**

8:00 AM - Lit. + Mykola Zinkevych (40 Days) r/by Family

Friday, April 23, 2021

8:45 AM - Lit. + John and Helen Bulecza - Legate

Saturday, April 24, 20218:00 AM - Lit. and Pan. + Lahola, Stempel Families
r/by Family

5:00 PM - Lit. + Charles, John Stek r/by Ann Marie Stek

Sunday of the Paralytic Man, April 25, 2021*Epistle - Acts 9:32-42; Gospel - Jn 5:1-15*

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Ed Pawlak r/by Mary Retalis

Memorial Donations**Bishop Gabro School Endowment Fund:**

\$25.00 - Joseph & Carol Viglianti,

In Memory of + ALEXSANDRA MELNYK

Mothers Day

On Sunday, May 9, 2021, we will remember all of our Mothers at the 9:00 AM 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. The names of mothers and donors will be listed provided the envelopes are turned in by April 25.

DURING THE PASCHAL SEASON:

♣ We say or sing the Resurrection Troparion every day with our devotions.

♣ We continue to share the good news with the greeting, "Christ is risen!"

♣ We read the Book of Acts and the Gospel of John in our family Bibles.

♣ There is a relaxed fast on Wednesdays and Fridays. (Communion fast continues as usual.)

♣ In honor of the Resurrection, there is no kneeling, in Church or at home, until the Pentecost Kneeling Prayers. Standing is a sign of joy. And what greater joy do we have other than the Resurrection of Christ?

Substitute Teacher

Assumption School is seeking an Art Teacher and a Substitute teacher for 3 months of full day employment. Interested applicants should call principal at school 732-826-8721 or Fr. Ivan 202-368-2408.

Covid-19 Recovery Grant

Nova UA Federal Credit Union in Clifton, NJ recently awarded \$8,000 Covid-19 Recovery Grant to Assumption Catholic School. Awarded funds will be used to help our students obtain the resources and supplies needed to improve their education in ACS. Thank you Nova for all you do for our Ukrainian-American community and for your generous support of Catholic Education! For more information about Nova bank you may go to the credit union's website at novafcu.com

Congratulations!

Congratulations and Best Wishes are extended to

JOHN MICHAEL RENNER JR.

JACE JOSEPH RENNER

JACK RYAN RENNER

sons of John and Jaclyn (nee Gager) Renner, upon receiving the Holy Mysteries of Christian Initiation: Baptism, Chrismation and Holy Eucharist.

Warm Welcome!

We warmly welcome all our visitors. It's good to have you with us! If you would like to be a registered parishioner, please see Fr. Ivan after the church service. *My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.* (Isaiah 56:7)

Pastor's Corner

Some time ago, I read about a married Ukrainian Catholic priest who spent twenty years in the gulag prison camps in Siberia, enduring all human indignities because he refused to give up his faith. When he was released, his daughter wrote in her memoirs that she noticed he had difficulty walking and talking. She took him to the clinic, and the doctors indicated that he had what we call today progressive muscular atrophy. Gradually, he lost his ability to walk and to speak. And on Pascha morning, before he died, he scribbled this note to his daughter: "It's terrible to wake up on Pascha morning and have no voice to sing 'Christos Voskrese.' But it's still more tragic to have a voice and not sing, 'Christ is risen. Indeed He is risen'".

Beloved in Christ, yes the pandemic has not ended yet and we still must wear masks and maintain social distancing while worshipping in our church in person but during this special Easter Season, let us not be silent but let us lift up our voices to glorify and praise the divine victory of Christ by singing "*Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life*".

SUNDAY OF THE MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN

The Third Sunday after Easter is dedicated to the memory of seven of the most dedicated and courageous women of the New Testament. We know a great deal about the Twelve Apostles of Christ, but we know very little about the Myrrh-Bearing Women who were devoted to Christ equally as much as the Apostles themselves. They were with Jesus as He preached the message of Salvation. They were with Him when He was taken down from Calvary. It was these women who came to anoint His Sacred Body and prepare it for burial. This is why the Church refers to them as the "Myrrh-Bearing Women." Who were they? 1. Mary Magdalene; 2. Salome; 3. Mary, the Mother of James and Joses; 4. Johanna, the wife of Chuza; 5. Susanna; 6 & 7. Mary and Martha, the sisters of Lazarus. These glorious ladies of the Church remained steadfast in their faith and brought glory to the Church of Christ. The Fathers of the Church consider them "equal to the Apostles."

The Testimony that Christ rose from the dead...

- ***How many saw the resurrected Christ?***

Over a period of forty days, Christ rarely appeared to only one individual disciple. Usually many were present, and He gave ample evidence that His resurrection was in His physical body (they touched His wounds and saw Him eat). From the testimony in the New Testament, we know that well over five hundred people saw the risen Jesus, usually in groups, and there are no contradictions in the accounts nor recorded disputes about these appearances by those who saw Him.

- ***When did they see the resurrected Christ?***

Interestingly, all the resurrection appearances occurred either during the day, afternoon or towards evening. Never is a resurrection appearance recorded at night, lest it be confused with a dream.

- ***Where was the risen Christ seen?***

The risen Christ appeared in many different areas, both indoors and outdoors. He was seen: Near His tomb. On a well-travelled road. The seashore. Inside a home. A mountain. A city. Outdoors. In Judea and Galilee.

- ***How did they see the risen Jesus?***

The appearances of Christ were not passing visions, but they lasted over many hours to people of different backgrounds and occupations, where He would eat with those He appeared to and have conversations with them. None of them had previously believed that He would rise from dead, so initially the appearances confirmed the event and clarified teachings they may not have understood. The apostle John writes in 1 John 1:1-4 that they heard, they saw, and they handled the risen Christ. The apostle Peter says in Acts 10:41 that they ate and drank with the risen Christ.