

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023**

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Peter Baralecki Jr. r/by Family
Blessing of Willows

EASTER EGG HUNT after Sunday Liturgies

Holy Monday, April 3, 2023

6:30 PM - Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Holy Tuesday, April 4, 2023

6:30 PM - Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Holy Wednesday, April 5, 2023

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross for Peace in Ukraine

Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023

6:30 PM - Matins, Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels

Good Friday, April 7, 2023

9:00 AM - Vespers and Procession,
Exposition of the Holy Shroud
(School children and Choir Boyan will sing)

7:00 PM - Jerusalem Matins

Holy Saturday, April 8, 2023

1:00 - 4:00 PM - confessions in church

6:30 PM - Nadhrobne (Prayer at the Tomb)

7:00 PM - Procession & Resurrection Matins

**Easter Sunday, Resurrection of Our Lord, Pascha
April 9, 2023**

Epistle - Acts 1:1-8; Gospel - Jn 1:1-17

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

11:30 AM - Lit. Special Intention of the Sisters Servants of
the Lord and the Virgin of Matara.

Bread Sale

St Ann Society will sponsor a Paska Sale on Thursday April 6th. Please sign up on the order sheet in the vestibule or call the rectory at 732-826-0767. Pickup between 5:00 pm and 8:00 pm on the 6th and Good Friday after Vespers. Paska \$15, Small braided loaf \$7. Pre-orders only, last day to order is Sunday April 2nd. Any questions please email Colette at Ketrn@comcast.net

St. Ann Society Meeting.

The monthly meeting of St. Ann Society will be held today, April 2, after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy. Topics for discussion include the paska sale, the Sviachene, and the Women's Evening of Prayer. Lunch will be served at the meeting.

Sviachene - Easter Dinner

We are happy to announce that our annual Parish Easter Dinner/Sviachene will be held in the school hall on Sunday, April 23, 2023 following a 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy. As in the past, only one liturgy will be held that Sunday. The dinner will consist of traditional Easter food, such as ham, kobasa, eggs, paska, cold salads, beets with horseradish, etc. Tickets will be available for the next couple of weeks in the church vestibule and at coffee hour. The cost is minimal, \$15 per adult, children \$10, complimentary under 5 years old.

Pussy Willow Branches

We thank the Putykewycz/Zakanycz Family for donating the beautiful pussy willow branches for Palm Sunday in memory of:

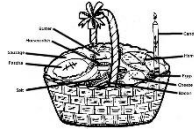
- + PETER & MARGARET ZAKANYCZ and
- + STEPHAN & OLGA PUTYKEWYCZ.

Church Grounds Work Day.

Thank you to all the volunteers who delivered and helped spread mulch around our beautiful church grounds on Wednesday. The work went quickly and the best part of the day was the good fellowship enjoyed between the workers. Thanks to Joseph & Rozalia, Ron & Irene, Ralph, Father, Vasyla and Wasyl.

Stuffed Cabbage Sale - Pre-Order ONLY

Branch 135 of UNWLA is making Ukrainian Stuffed Cabbage. Price \$3 each. Sign up sheet is in the church vestibule. Pick up - Thursday, April 6, 5-8 pm, in the church basement

**Blessing of Easter Food Baskets**

Baskets will be blessed in the school hall on Holy Saturday at 2:00 and 4:00 PM as well as outside the church (weather permitting) at 5:00 PM. On Easter Sunday baskets will be blessed following the 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, outdoors, weather permitting, or in the church hall.

TODAY: Palm Sunday (Kvitna Nedilya)**The beginning of Holy Week**

Preparation for Easter starts one week before the holiday (a week called "Holy Week") and begins with "Willow Sunday". Unlike people of other countries, who call this celebration of Christ's entry into Jerusalem "Palm Sunday," Ukrainians use the branches of the willow tree (called loza) instead of palm fronds. These are blessed in the church on this Sunday and given to the faithful to decorate their homes. This change is due to the willow's symbolic meaning in the pre-Christian pagan culture as well as lack of local palm trees. The willows (used in place of palms) also represent the scourging of Christ, and give rise to a practice among Ukrainians to tap each other with the willows and say:

- "Лоза б'є, Я не б'ю, від нині за тиждень, буде Великдень"
- *The willow is hitting, I'm not hitting, one week from today, it will be Easter"*

Great & Holy Week and Paschal Service.

These services provide us with an opportunity to spiritually enter into the saving events of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. There are services offered each day this week. Without these services, our week will be "ordinary and secular". Don't do this to yourself. Make the week "Great and Holy" by putting God first.

Vigil at the Lord's Grave**Attention Holy Name and St. Ann members:**

We have a sign up sheet for the traditional Vigil at the Lord's Grave. We are asking for two people for each hour, one a member of Holy Name Society and one a member of St. Ann's Society. Please sign the list in the vestibule.

Donations to Church

In her love of her parish and the Ukrainian Catholic Church, the late Olga M. Yurechko bequeathed the following:

- \$8,857.64 - Assumption Church
- \$5,000.00 - ACS Scholarship Fund
- \$1,000.00 - St. Ann Society
- \$1,000.00 - Holy Name Society
- \$1,000.00 - Rev. Ivan Turyk, for Divine Liturgies

Women's Evening of Prayer - Mark Your Calendar

On Tuesday evening, May 9, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., the ladies from St. Ann Society invite all ladies from our parish to participate in a Moleben to the Blessed Mother of God. The homilist will be Rev. Archpriest Michael Hutsko. The theme of the homily will be "*Mary: Mother, Intercessor, Protector*". Mark your calendar and be sure to attend this event of spiritual renewal. It is our hope that you will join us not only in these prayerful devotions, but also in fellowship afterwards in our church hall as guests for refreshments.

World Youth Day.

Lisbon, Portugal - August 1-6, 2023

Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchy of Philadelphia and Archbishop Borys invite all youth and young adults - in fact, every person age 16 to 35 in the United States - to join them on the trip. The cost of the trip is \$4,300 and it will be covered by the Archdiocese, parish and a delegate.

If you are interested, please call Fr. Ivan Turyk 732-826-0767 or 202-368-2408.

Sincere Sympathies

Our most sincere sympathies are extended to the family and friends of + JAMES MELNYK who was recently called to his eternal reward.