

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Easter Sunday, Resurrection of Our Lord, Pascha****March 31, 2024**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Anna Kozak r/by Maria Derevenska

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

Bright Monday, April 1, 2024

9:00 AM - Lit. + Halyna r/by family

Bright Tuesday, April 2, 2024

9:00 AM - Lit. + Peter Baralecki r/by Family

Bright Wednesday, April 3, 20248:00 AM - Lit. + Michael Sophie John, Nicholas, Martha,
John, Joseph, Steve Boyko/Yaremczak; John,
Anna, Stan Kmiec - Legate**Bright Thursday, April 4, 2024**

8:00 AM - Lit. Health & God's Blessings for Caterina Iacuzio

Bright Saturday, April 6, 2024

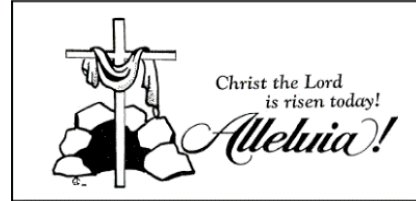
8:00 AM - Lit. + Joseph Kopi - Legate

5:00 PM - Lit. + Olga Yurechko r/by Louise Fowler

Thomas Sunday, April 7, 2024*Epistle - Acts 5:12-20; Gospel - Jn 20:19-31*

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

11:30 AM - Lit. + Walter Melnykevich r/by Family

**Welcome.**

We extend a joyous welcome to all our parishioners and guests that have come to join us this Easter Sunday in offering praise to God, as we celebrate Our Lord's Glorious Resurrection.

At the conclusion of today's Divine Liturgies, as is the custom in our Ukrainian Catholic Church, the faithful will receive a special blessing through the anointing of one's forehead with Holy Oil.

The priest will greet you with either, "*Христос Воскрес!*" or "*Christ is Risen!*", to which one responds: "*Воистину Воскрес!*" or "*Indeed He is Risen!*"

Easter Egg Hunt.

Last Sunday, following the Liturgy, the children from our parish joined in to find a reported over 1000 eggs that were prepared by men from the Holy Name Society. It was a blast! The children had a great time hunting for eggs filled by Assumption School Students with goodies such as coins and candies. From the looks of things, everyone had a great time, and not just the kids either, the parents and grandparents and families had fun just watching.

ARTOS Bread.

The most important of all the Paschal Foods that we bless on this Feast of Feasts is the Resurrection Bread, still called by its Greek name "Artos". This loaf is baked with an icon of the Resurrection etched into the dough or set on top of it. This bread represents the Risen Christ, the True Bread of Life. Followers of Judaism eat unleavened bread on Passover to symbolize the rush in which they had to prepare the food for their original Passover.

The Christian Pascha (which means "Passover") calls for Christians to bless this special loaf of leavened bread because Christ's Resurrection raises all creation, just as yeast raises the dough in bread. Indeed, all creation shares in His Resurrection. The Artos is blessed today at the end of the Liturgy.

Next Sunday, on St. Thomas Sunday, it is distributed to all the gathered faithful. At this service, the priest hands a piece of the Artos to all the faithful. This Artos reminds us that Christ, the True Bread of Life, has served as the Paschal (Passover) Lamb which was slain and sacrificed for our sins, giving us freedom from sin and death, which had held humanity captive since the sin of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

Women's Evening of Prayer - Mark Your Calendar

On Tuesday evening, May 14, 2024 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 Daniel Troyan, Pastor at Holy Myrrh-Bearers Ukrainian Catholic Church in Swarthmore, PA. The theme of the homily will be "Mary, Mother of Jesus - the Love Story of God." 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.

The making of traditional Paska bread.

This week, the smell of freshly baked bread filled the air inside of the Assumption Ukrainian Catholic Church in Perth Amboy, NJ. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped with the Paska bake, donating their time, talents and effort. In two days, over 140 Paskas and 80 small breads will be made under direction of Colette Baginsky and her helpers: Melanie, Alla, Lisa, Mary, John, Elizabeth and others. Thank you for keeping the tradition alive and helping people to celebrate Easter with our traditional Paska bread made with Love.

LITURGICAL NOTES ABOUT THE PASCHAL SEASON

Resurrection of Christ is the celebration of our faith. It is a proof of the divine nature of our Lord Jesus Christ. It is our great hope that as Christ has risen from the dead, so will anyone, who believes in Him and follows His commandments will rise again and live forever in the heavenly realm.

The Holy Church is the place where each of us prepares for the eternal life and strengthens his faith for the day of the Universal Resurrection.

This period of great festivity and joy finds its liturgical expression in the following manner:

- ❖ We greet each other with the Paschal salutation, "Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!" for 40 days, until Ascension Day.
- ❖ We do not kneel or make prostrations either at church services or in our homes until the "Kneeling Prayers" at Pentecost.
- ❖ The Paschal Troparion, "Christ is risen from the dead" is sung or said at the beginning or end of all prayers until the Leave-taking of Pascha on the Eve of Ascension.
- ❖ The prayer, "*O Heavenly King*" is omitted until Pentecost, being replaced with the Troparion of Pascha and then Ascension.

Donation to Church

\$65.00 - Nadine Sensakovic

Donation for Easter Flowers

\$100.00 - Baralecki Family

Donation for Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine

\$1000.00 - Ann Stek

\$1000.00 - Irene & Ron Bigos

\$1000.00 - Stephen Makar

\$1000.00 - Rozalia Czaban & Joseph Britton

- *Thanks and may your tireless efforts to help Ukraine be rewarded with God's Blessings upon you and your families.*

Donation to Assumption Catholic School

\$5,450.00 - Dr. Roman Kernitsky

UKRAINE RELIEF: Please consider donating for our brothers and sisters in Ukraine. The money will be sent there to care for refugees and for all the people there who are suffering from effects of the war.

Ukrainian Catholic - while Ukrainian is in the title of our Church, one need not be ethnically Ukrainian to join our parish. The Ukrainian Catholic Church is a church that comes from the Ukrainian people, but is for the entire human race. We live out our Catholic faith according to the Byzantine Rite (our theology, liturgy, spirituality and canon law are non-Latin), while maintaining full Eucharistic communion with the Catholic Church in Rome.