

**DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK****Palm Sunday, April 13, 2025**

9:00 AM - Lit. + Myroslava Levytska r/by nephew Fr. Ivan

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

**Holy Monday, April 14, 2025**

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

**Holy Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

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

**Holy Wednesday, April 16, 2025**

6:30 PM - Stations of the Cross

**Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025**

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

**Good Friday, April 18, 2025**

9:00 AM - Vespers and Procession and

Exposition of the Holy Shroud

*(School children and choir "Boyan" will sing)*

7:00 PM - Jerusalem Matins

*(Cantors Kenneth and Nancy Bialkowski and the men of Holy Name Society will sing)***Holy Saturday, April 19, 2025**

1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Confessions in the Church

2:00 p.m. - Blessing of Easter Baskets in the School Hall

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5:00 p.m. - Blessing of Easter Food Baskets outside on church grounds, weather permitting.

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

7:00 PM - Procession &amp; Resurrection Matins

**Easter, Pascha Sunday, April 20, 2025***Epistle - Acts 1:1-8; Gospel - Jn 1:1-17*

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy in Ukrainian

Blessing of Easter Food Baskets outside the church

11:30 AM - Divine Liturgy in English

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

On the Feast of the Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem, or Palm Sunday, we recall how the people waved palm branches to welcome Our Savior. In our church, we bless pussy willows, the first signs of spring, or new life for us. 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"*

**Pussy Willow Branches**

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

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

**Donation to Church**

\$4,000.00 - Andrei Kachala,

special donation for "Way of the Cross"

\$200.00 - Ukrainian Women's League Branch #135

\$200.00 - Anonymous

\$100.00 - Alina Rehei

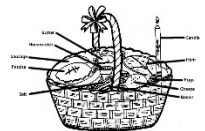
**The Icon of the Resurrection.**

The icon that is also known as "Christ's Descent into Hades" was purchased and donated by Mariya & Volodymyr Derevenskiy. We extend our sincere thanks to them for donating the icon, which will be placed on the Tetrapod (the table in the middle of the church) during the Easter season.

**Women's Evening of Prayer** Will be held on Tuesday evening, May 27, 2025, at 6:30 pm, sponsored by St. Ann's Society. This is a prayer service and is used throughout the month of May, a time for Catholics to focus on honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary.

- *Homilist: Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak.*

We hope you can join us on this evening of Marian devotion where nourishment will be for both body and soul.

**~ WHAT'S IN THE BASKET? ~**

- **PASKA (EASTER BREAD)** is symbolic of Jesus who said: *"I am the Bread of Life"*. He gives Himself as food in the Eucharist saying: *"Whoever eats of this Bread will have life everlasting"*.
- **EGGS** are a sign of hope and resurrection. Jesus comes from the tomb as the chick breaks the shell at birth. Because of the special meaning, it is fitting that the eggs should be decorated with symbols of Easter.
- **MEATS AND SAUSAGE** represent the animals used for sacrifices in the Old Testament. They remind us of Christ who, in the New Testament, as a Lamb, sacrificed himself on the cross for our salvation. The sausage represents the links of the chains of death, which Christ broke by His Resurrection.
- **HORSERADISH** represents the bitter herbs prescribed in the original Passover Meal as a reminder of the bitterness of life in the captivity of Egypt. Today it reminds us of the bitterness of Christ's Passion, the pains of crucifixion by which He entered into the glory of Resurrection.
- **SALT** is the symbol of perseverance of faith, according to the words of Christ: *"You are the salt of the earth"* (Mt. 5:13).
- **CHEESE AND BUTTER** are related to prosperity, abundance and peace in the Promised Land.
- **Candle** - each basket should have a lighted candle as a symbol of the radiance of the Resurrected Christ, who said: *"I am the Light of the World"* (Jn. 8:12).

**A Very Warm Welcome to Our Church!**

Our church is a place where all are welcome!

Together we celebrate the mystery and gift of God's love for the world, a rich Christian tradition, and a loving and caring community of faith. As you worship with us we hope you will feel the love of Our Lord God, who surrounds us every day with the assurance of peace and joy. If you are new to our church community and would like to learn about joining our Cathedral community, please contact our church office by email: [assumptionchurch@verizon.net](mailto:assumptionchurch@verizon.net) or speak to the pastor.

**Parish Catechesis for April:**

- April 12 - teenagers (13-18 years old), Saturday, 6:30-8:30 pm
- April 13 - young adults, over 18 years old, Sunday at 11:15 a.m. after coffee

**Sviachene - Easter Dinner.**

We are happy to announce that our annual Parish Easter Dinner/Sviachene will be held in the school hall on Sunday, May 4, 2025 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 are available today and the Sunday after Easter (April 27, last day to purchase) in the church vestibule and at coffee hour, or during office hours at the rectory. The cost is minimal, \$20 per adult, children \$10, complimentary under 5 years old. Ticket at the door will cost \$30.

\*\*\* *We will also have a special performance by the Ukrainian vocal band "Kruta Vezha"*.

**Easter Bread Sale.**

There will be a Paska and Bread Sale on Thursday April 17th. Please sign up on the order sheet in the vestibule or call the rectory at 732-826-0767. Pickup between 5pm and 8 pm on the April 17th and Good Friday April 18th after Vespers. Paska \$17, Small braided loaf \$7. Pre-orders only, last day to order is Sunday April 13th. Any questions please email Colette at [Ketrn@comcast.net](mailto:Ketrn@comcast.net)

**Liturgy Intention** - Please, contact Fr. Ivan or the church office, if you want to have the Divine Liturgies celebrated in your special (such as: In thanksgiving for favours received, the Infirm, General Intentions, the Deceased, Help of the Holy Spirit, for the Travelers, etc.) intentions.