

ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA ORTHODOX CHURCH BULLETIN

TWO-WEEK
PASCHAL EDITION

SUNDAY, APRIL 24th & SUNDAY, MAY 1st

CHRIST IS RISEN!
INDEED HE IS RISEN!

CHRISTOS VOSKRESE! VOISTINU VOSKRESE!







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PASCHA ARCHPASTORAL LETTER

To the Very Reverend Protopresbyters, Very Reverend and Reverend Fathers, and Faithful (young and old) of our God-Protected Diocese:

CHRIST IS RISEN!

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"Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and to those in the tombs bestowing life."

Today I greet you with great love and joy in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ following His glorious Resurrection. On Great and Holy Pascha, we behold the triumph of Christ, as He rose from death to life, from darkness of the tomb into the Light. With the Resurrection of Christ, all Creation is filled with a new Light of life and joy. On this Feast of Feasts, this Holy Day of Holy Days, we all proclaim the only truth that matters, the Truth that Christ is Risen!

We gather together as family and friends, in joy and in love, celebrating the presence of the Risen Lord in our midst, and singing with one voice the triumphant hymn "Christ is Risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and to those in the tombs bestowing life."

This day of the Resurrection marks the beginning of an explosion of joy that comes immediately after the spiritually intense and challenging period of Great Lent and Holy Week. This beautiful hymn captures in three verses the fundamental message of the Feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a message of victory, of love, and of hope in everlasting life. On this day and throughout the Paschal season over the next 40 days, we proclaim this message of victory, of love and of hope together in song through this hymn at the beginning of very divine service in our Church. This hymn, simple in form yet deep in power, is worthy of study as we seek to fully understand its meaning.

The first verse of the hymn expresses the reality of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, "Christ is Risen from the dead." This reality of the Resurrection has been a distinguishing feature of Christianity

The American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese of North America ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE OF CONSTANTINOPLE from the beginning. St Paul expresses this idea to the Corinthians "If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins" (I. Corinthians 15:17). He declares unequivocally that Christ has been raised from the dead, that He appeared after His Resurrection to as many as 500 people at a time, most of whom were still alive when St. Paul was writing (I. Corinthians 15:6). The reassuring words of this Epistle continue to provide us today with their intended effect, which is that our faith in Christ is not futile at all and that, because of the reality of His Resurrection, we are no longer held captive to our sins.

The second verse of the Paschal hymn explains to us the extraordinary manner by which Christ conquered death's dominion over us once and for all: "Trampling down death by death." When Jesus was crucified, He took on the sins of all humanity and suffered the intensity of which remains truly incomprehensible to us as human beings. This demonstrates the unending love of our God, Who took on human flesh and Who died on a Cross for our salvation. By submitting Himself to death, Christ not only annihilated sin but also death. The final defeat of the archenemy death could not happen but only through death itself, not an ordinary death however, but the death of God who became man.

The third and final verse reveals the very essence of the Feast, for it encapsulates the full consequence of Christ's Resurrection from the dead: "And to those in the tombs bestowing life." To all of us on this day then, this is a day of promise and of hope for everlasting life with Him. This last verse reiterates the message that St. Paul was communicating to the Romans when he wrote that as Christians we are dead to sin, but alive in Christ: "We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). This is the message of our Orthodox Christian faith which we celebrate on this day of Pascha and indeed every day of our lives here on Earth. It is a message that proclaims our ultimate victory over all forces of darkness that attempt to impede our progress on the road to salvation and eternal life with Jesus Christ.

It is in this spirit that our repeated singing of this beautiful triumphant hymn for 40 days will enable us to come closer and closer toward understanding the power of its message:

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

May the Clergy and Laity, Friends and Supporters of the American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese experience the love, joy, and excitement of the early followers of Christ when they first saw Him after His Resurrection. Christ is Risen!

Working in the Risen Lord's Vineyard with much love,

+Metropolitan Gregory of Nyssa

To be read as the sermon in all churches of the Diocese at the Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord, God, and Saviour Jesus Christ!



ST. NICHOLAS OF MYRA ORTHODOX CHURCH

A PARISH OF THE AMERICAN CARPATHO-RUSSIAN ORTHODOX DIOCESE OF THE ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE OF CONSTANTINOPLE

288 E. 10th Street, New York, NY 10009

"HE IS RISEN! HE IS NOT HERE!"



Sunday Divine Liturgy: 10 AM

Pastor: Rev. Fr. William Bennett Cantor & Choir Director: Nicholas Timko Asst. Cantor: Reader Robert Zizik Church Phone #: 212-254-6685

WELCOME, ALL ST. NICHOLAS FAITHFUL & VISITORS!

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APRIL 24th, 2022: GREAT & HOLY PASCHA!

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17 Troparia: p 49-51

PARISH PRAYER LIST

PLEASE CONTINUE PRAYERS FOR: Matuska Olga Andrejuk, Walter Bubniak, Kim Busel, Jane Cabes, Peter & Maria Ceselka, Tony Ceselka, Michal Derevjanik Sr., Pani Kathy Dutko, Cassandra Eddy, Mary & Tommy Fackovec, Gia Fazio, Charlie & Helen Gaydos, John Geida, Julius Gontkovsky, Olga Gubinski, Diana Hannan, Priest Joseph Hoffmann, Noah Hromyak, Magdalena Ilanovska, Jana Johnson-Plutchok, Helen Karpiak, Michael Kerr, Paul Koehler, Maria Koneval, Betty Kormanik, Donna Larson, Barry Lerner, Ann Mammoliti, Anna Mamrillova, Alex & Holly Marchak, Luboš Matlak, Richard McCullough, Stephanie McNellis, Christine Merriam, Sean Merriam, John Ochlan, Stephen Pezzulich, Deacon Michael Pirich, Fred Polik, Priest Daniel Rentel, Rastislav Salon, John Salony, Mary Seewald, Paul Sikoryak Sr, Toni Sikoryak, George Sipko, Miroslav Strenk, Katherine Tam, Paul Tymus Sr, Teri Upton, Lorraina Vira, Marek Vattek, Bill Vislocky, Catherine Vislocky, Dennis & Cathy Walsh, and Reader Bob Zizik. For the newly-Baptized handmaiden of God Ivy Tan! For all of those suffering from COVID-19 & for those embattled for the health of others. For those suffering in the invasion of Ukraine. For requests, please contact Fr. William Bennett: fr.william.bennett@gmail.com



O HOLY FATHER NICHOLAS, WONDERWORKER OF MYRA, PRAY TO THE LORD GOD FOR US!

REMINDER: THERE IS NO KNEELING IN CHURCH SERVICES UNTIL THE KNEELING PRAYERS OF PENTECOST IN 50 DAYS, FOR CHRIST IS RISEN!

PASCHA SUNDAY, APRIL 24th:

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita! Let us all wish many more happy & blessed years to those celebrating their birthdays this week, especially to John Gidicsin Jr., Pam Vislocky, Priest Alexandre Ioukliaevskikh, Michele Munich, Magda Matlak, Adriana Kumta, Maria Ceselka, Jarka Derevjanik, Matthew Busel, Lorraine Bulko, & Marcela Stenko!



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY: Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita! Let us all wish many more happy & blessed years to those celebrating their anniversaries this week, especially to Bill & Sherry Vislocky and Konstantine & Andrea Haralampopoulos!

BLESSING OF PASCHAL BASKETS, in addition to Saturday night's blessing in the Main Hall, will take place following Divine Liturgy today. Place all baskets on and around the tomb, or even along the side of the aisle, if necessary.

COFFEE HOUR will take place after Divine Liturgy in the Main Hall, all are invited downstairs. Join us! And a special thank you to the Altar Society and volunteers who make it possible today. *If you are not part of a coffee hour team and would like to be, please contact Debbie at* **debbiedev@verizon.net**

THANK YOU FOR BRINGING DESSERTS! After Divine Liturgy, we look forward to a simple (yet awesome) dessert table supplied by...you. With desserts on a disposable tray or dish, cut and ready to go for the table, we can go downstairs, eat, enjoy, and go home with little to no clean-up.

DURING THE WEEK:

BRIGHT MONDAY, APRIL 25th - DIVINE LITURGY @ 9 AM, with Gospel Procession to follow.

BRIGHT SATURDAY, APRIL 30th - GREAT VESPERS @ 6 PM

THOMAS SUNDAY, MAY 1st:

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ARTOS BREAD: All week long, like the Risen Lord, the *Artos* bread that was blessed at the end of Resurrection Matins remained with us in the Church. At holy anointing after Liturgy, it will be distributed as *antidoron*, or *ofera*, the blessed bread for all faithful and visitors to take.

BLESSING OF GRAVES is scheduled to take place today following Divine Services. Join us after Liturgy at Mt. Olivet Cemetery, 6540 Grand Avenue, Maspeth, NY 11378, all other places will be by appointments made with Fr. William.

DURING THE WEEK:

TUESDAY, MAY 3rd THRU FRIDAY, MAY 6th - CLERGY CONVOCATION @ CAMP NAZARETH

SATURDAY, MAY 7th - GREAT VESPERS @ 6 PM

MYRRH-BEARER SUNDAY, MAY 8th:

MOTHER'S DAY BLESSINGS will take place with prayers in the Divine Liturgy, along with a special blessing for all our Mothers, Babas, Aunts, and Godmothers after services. May God grant to them peace, health, and long life for many blessed years! *Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!*

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

YOU CAN STILL CONTRIBUTE FUNDS TOWARDS THOSE SUFFERING IN UKRAINE: Whether you contributed already or not, there's still time to help out more. Any additional funds we raise from the church will continue to be sent through the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA. Make any checks to "St. Nicholas Church" with the memo "Ukraine", or you may also contribute directly online yourself through www.iocc.org. Thank you to everyone who donated supplies up til now!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT: Litmanova & Jarabina, ancestral villages to our parish founders, are now on the front line of assistance for refugees fleeing the invasion by Russia in Ukraine. They seem to be doing everything they can to provide that help but more help is needed. Please read the letter below and help as able:

"We all have seen the images of what's happened as a result of Russia's unprovoked and brutal invasion of Ukraine ~ attacks on civilians leading millions to flee their homes with only what they could carry, women and children suddenly refugees in different countries as their husbands, fathers and brothers stayed behind to fight for their right to live freely. The people of Slovakia have welcomed these innocent mothers and children into their homes, schools, towns and villages starting in March and continuing as war rages in Ukraine. Rusyns & Slovaks are assisting with food, clothing, school supplies and documentation; providing work, friendship and love to these children and mothers who feel lost in a foreign country. The Slovak government provides small and very temporary assistance, so much of the work and financial impact falls on the shoulders of individual people.

To ease the burden in our ancestral villages of Jarabina and Litmanova, we have sent funds to the school in Jarabina (hosting new children from Ukraine) and to refugees staying in Litmanova. It is very overwhelming for everyone.... A huge financial burden....



Children are crying for their fathers, losing weight from nerves, wearing the same pieces of clothing. The horror, mental torture and pain they have all had to endure in their homeland Ukraine is heartbreaking.

But, you can make a REAL difference.

We are in DIRECT contact with educators, principals and clergy. Every single dollar will stay in Eastern Slovakia for Ukrainian refugees and ease the burden of our Rusyn & Slovak people. We hope to continue to aid Jarabina, Litmanova and target areas of need. Our people are good hearted, and have given so much to those in need. The Rusyns, Slovaks and Ukrainians are so grateful and thankful when they learn that in the United States we are thinking, supporting, and praying for them. We appreciate your consideration during this Pascal Season for this very meaningful cause.

Please see Stephanie Salony as she will graciously accept cash/check or Venmo donations @STEPHANIE-SALONY or to Michelle Salony Ryan@M-Ryan-5 or checks made payable to: Michele Ryan: 18 Goldfield Lane, Rexford, NY 12148."

YOU CAN STILL ADD TO OUR FOOD COLLECTION! We continue to support the North Rockland Food Pantry, who alone serves 100+ families EACH week. Please remember those less fortunate and help us feed the hungry. May God bless you for your generous donations! *Please submit donations to Board Chairman Bob Zizik, and thank you to Bob for all that he does to head this and make this happen!*

TRACY HEIDENFELDER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP STILL AVAILABLE! We are pleased to announce that the 10th Annual Tracy Heidenfelder Memorial Scholarship is being made available to graduating students at St. Nicholas of Myra Orthodox Church! Diane and Gary Heidenfelder ask that all applications be sent in no later than May 20th.

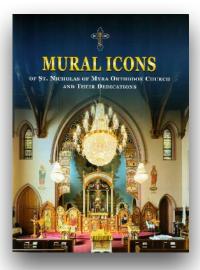
WITH SPECIAL THANKS FOR YOUR PASCHAL DONATIONS

ITEM	DONATED BY	FOR		
14 Decorated Candles on Main Altar	Charles J. Honara	In Blessed Memory of Parents +Charles & Helen, and Brother Steven.		
6 Main Altar Candles	Evelyn & Mike Kormanik	In Memory of Departed Family and Health of All Family Members		
Triple Bar Cross of Votives (Lord's Side)	Zizik & Fornazor Families	In Memory of Parents & Grandparents +M/M Peter Ceselka		
Triple Bar Cross of Votives (Theotokos Side)	Bob & Debbie Zizik	In Memory of Parents +Frank & Mary Zizik, and Uncle John & Aunt Helen Fornazor		
2 Large Side Altar Candles (Christ in Garden)	M/M Jan Kormanik	For the Health of Family		
2 Large Side Altar Candles (Baptism of Christ)	Lillian Benc	In Memory of Husband +Andrey Benc		
Nativity Vigil Light, Side Altar	Lillian Benc	In Memory of Departed Members of the Benc, Bulko, & Kramer Families		
Resurrection Vigil Light, Side Altar	Pauline Petrick	For Continued Good Health & Many Blessed Years to my Nanashka Lillian Benc		
Sacramental Wine	Merka & Robert Stack	For the Health of the Stack, Salony, Hofmann, & Tymus Families		
Festive Oil	Iveta Canjura	In Gratitude for the Health of Family		
4 Vigil Lights, Top of Round Votive Stands	Jane & Vasil Rusinak and Family	For the Health of the Rusinak, Matlak, & Petrik Families		
Eternal Lamp, Center of Church	Stephanie Salony	In Memory of Parents +Michael & Anna Salony		
Charcoal	M/M John McAusland	In Loving Memory of Father +Andrey Benc		
Altar Boy Candles	The McAusland Family	For Continued Good Health to all St. Nicholas Altar Boys, young & old		
Incense	Stephanie Salony	In Memory of Grandparents +Mikulaš & Maria Salon, Vasil & Maria Vislocky		

MURAL ICONS BOOKLET - \$25

Copies of this newly-published booklet are still available for purchase at today's coffee hour. It is also available for distribution by mail to anyone who wishes to place an order and for future Sundays. This published booklet is a compilation of the mural icons of St. Nicholas Church, photographed together with their dedications and their backgrounds.

This was put together with good work done by Junior Trustee Andrew McAusland, Trustee Bogdan Horbal, Photography by Paul Krzyzanowski, and edited by Jeffrey Paison. Thank you to all of them for their work! All proceeds will be put toward upcoming projects for the parish, including the creation of a new St. Nicholas Parish Honor Roll.





Restoration Project - In Memory of +Anna Lichvar Beno Special Thank you to Donna Lichvar and family for donating the entire amount to refinish our Litija Tray, used on the eve of major Feast Days in the Church for the blessing of wheat, wine, oil, and bread. See the difference you have made!



PROTOCOL ANNOUNCEMENT:

Going into the Paschal season, while COVID-19 has shown some resilience in our own communities, Fr. William and the Board encourage faithful to simply be mindful of their personal health at this time. Masks are optional and all are asked to continue regular hand-washing/sanitizing and general hygiene. If you feel unwell at any time, please contact Fr. William and remain home. While there can be no substitute for being present in church, online streaming will remain available for the homebound.



ABOVE: May God Grant you Many Years, Mary! We celebrated the 87th birthday of Mary Seewald, a mother to our parish community, captured here with beloved family.

Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!

LEFT: May God Grant you Many Years, Ivy! The Handmaiden of God Ivy Tan was newly-received into the Holy Orthodox Church after Sunday Liturgy through Holy Baptism.

Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita!

CHURCH SERVICE & ACTIVITY CALENDAR

Note from Fr. William: If you would like anyone remembered or prayed for during the course of the week or would like someone remembered in a memorial service, please see Fr. William or simply email: fr.william.bennett@gmail.com

APRIL - JUNE 2022

*Shaded areas indicate days of fasting

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
APRIL 24 PASCHA Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM - Blessing of Baskets	25 BRIGHT MONDAY Divine Liturgy @ 9am	FAS	ST-FR	28 EE W]	EEK	30 Great Vespers @ 6pm
MAY 1 THOMAS SUNDAY Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM - Blessing of Graves @ Mt. Olivet Cemetery	2	3 Clergy Convocation @ Camp Nazareth	4 Clergy Convocation @ Camp Nazareth	5 Clergy Convocation @ Camp Nazareth	6 Clergy Convocation @ Camp Nazareth	7 Great Vespers @ 6pm
8 MYRRH-BEARING WOMEN Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM	9	10 Senior Retreat @ Camp Nazareth	11 Senior Retreat @ Camp Nazareth	12 Senior Retreat @ Camp Nazareth	13	14 *No Services
Mother's Day Blessing		ABOVE: All Diocesan Seniors (55+) are specially invited to Camp Nazareth for 3 days				
15 HEALING OF THE PARALYTIC Deacon Service @ 10 AM	16	of fellowship, retreat: "(<u>Fait</u> Call the cam	prayer, and fun. T Coping with Chan hful No Matter W up at (724) 662-48 tion. Sign up by F	20	21 First Holy Confessions - Great Vespers @ 6pm	
22 THE SAMARITAN WOMAN Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM	23	24 STS CYRIL & METHODIUS Divine Liturgy @ 9am	25	26	27	28 Great Vespers @ 6pm
29 HEALING OF THE BLIND MAN Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM	30	31	JUNE 1	FEAST OF ASCENSION OF OUR LORD Divine Liturgy @ 9am	3 Camp Nazareth Family Camp	4 Camp Nazareth Family Camp
					ABOVE: Registration closes May 27th, contact Fr. William	
					St. Nicholas Altar Boy Retreat	St. Nicholas Altar Boy Retreat
						Great Vespers @ 6pm

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT		
5 FATHERS OF THE 1st ECUMENICAL COUNCIL Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM	6	7	8	9	10	11 +ALL SOULS SATURDAY Divine Liturgy @ 10am		
Camp Nazareth Family Day!	11	LEFT: Camp Nazareth Family Day is a joyful time in our diocese! Fellowship and fun all day, beginning with Liturgy at 10 am, picnic lunch to follow.						
12 PENTECOST Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM	SPIRIT MONDAY Divine Liturgy @ 9am	FAS	ST-FR	EE W	EEK	18 Great Vespers @ 6pm		
19 ALL SAINTS DAY Divine Liturgy @ 10 AM	20	21	22	23	24	25 Great Vespers @ 6pm		

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Congratulations Danielle!

Danielle Hofmann competed in and completed the Boston Marathon last Monday! May God grant her and her family many blessed years! Mnohaja i Blahaja L'ita! Special thanks to everyone who brought and contributed to all the beautiful flowers we see in the Church right now. Because of you, with the Holy Spirit, we experience the beauty of God's house and feel drawn even closer to the beauty of paradise. Christ is Risen!



PASCHA

By Elizabeth Andreycak
This Easter poem is dedicated in loving memory of
Anna Kanuck and Catherine Andreycak.

A SLAVIC EASTER... THE TRADITION CONTINUES

'Twas the day before Easter and all through the house,

The Hrutka was hanging, even tempting the mouse.

The beets were boiling and I was grating with care

Because the horseradish aroma was filling the air.

The Paska was sticky, it was a big lump of dough

I kneaded to plump it so it would grow.

Raisins were added, then into the pan

Where inside the oven it began to brown and expand.

With baba in the kitchen and dzedo taking a nap

I began cracking walnuts, leaving the shells in my lap.

Opened jars of lekvar were soon everywhere,

Filling rolls of kolachi were all I could bear.

Two dozen boiled eggs were waiting to cool

For coloring in pastel yellow, pink, green and blue.

Softening for the mold was a pound of sweet butter

How I prayed that my counter would be free from this clutter.

The salt shaker was cleaned and filled to the top

Leaving only the meat before I could stop.

Smoked kielbasa and bacon and brown-sugared ham

Why couldn't they just bless cans of ready-to-eat Spam?

Finally on Sunday with filled baskets in hand

And while singing "Christos Voskrese" the congregation did stand.

With candles and incense and blessings for us all

We bidden each a Happy Easter and left the church hall.

At home the family gathered to begin the holy meal

But shortly thereafter I wondered if it was all real.

Within an hour of eating everything that they were able

My family was too full to clear the dishes from the table.

Happy Easter to All! Christos Voskrese! Voistinnu Voskrese!



CAMP NAZARETH ANNUAL FAMILY DAY SUNDAY, JUNE 5, 2022

FELLOWSHIP & FUN ALL DAY

GREAT FOOD, MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT, SWIMMING, CRAFT ACTIVITIES, GAMES AND MORE!

10AM -- DIVINE LITURGY

FR. MICHAEL AND PANI ELEANOR POLANICHKA DEDICATION TO FOLLOW

LUNCH/PICNIC FOLLOWING LITURGY AND DEDICATION

MENU:

ROAST BEEF

BBO CHICKEN

MASHED POTATOES

SWEET CORN

TOSSED SALAD

DINNER ROLL

HOMEMADE DESSERTS

DRINKS

VEGETARIAN OPTION: GRILLED VEGETABLE WRAP

ADULTS: \$10.00

CHILDREN UNDER 13: \$6.00

CHILDREN UNDER 5: FREE

FAMILY PRICE: \$30.00 (INCLUDES 2 PARENTS & ALL CHILDREN UNDER

AGE 13)