Christ is Risen!
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“Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni,” which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, “Stop holding on to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and tell them, ‘I am going to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’” Mary of Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and what he told her.” John 20:16-20

Today, we share a joy, a joy of wonder, a joy that comes from within, because Christ is Risen! Today, we share the same

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joy of the disciples to whom Mary Magdalene had brought the Good News that Jesus Christ is risen, and she has seen Him.

This joy of resurrection starts from a personal encounter with risen Christ. What does it take for Mary Magdalene’s tears to give way to Easter joy? Nothing less than meeting the risen Christ. Meeting the risen Savior Himself! Even this is not so straightforward. Jesus appears to her, but Mary doesn’t recognize Him. But then, Jesus calls her name, Mary. She turns, and now when she looks; her world is transformed. Before her is no gardener, but the resurrected Christ, alive and free from death. Around her is no tomb of lifeless rock, but the living Savior who calls her out of darkness and into a marvelous light. After encountering the risen Jesus Mary Magdalene obeys the Lord’s command to tell the news of the resurrection to the disciples.

The same joy is experienced by the disciples on the road to Emmaus. This personal encounter with the risen Lord gives them courage and strength to run back to the disciples and tell them what happened on the way and how they recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

On Easter morning what we celebrate is that Christ has overcome sin and evil and death. There is forgiveness and hope and new life even from the very rock bottom of suffering and despair. And so, the Easter gospel is not only about life from death, but also about this encounter Mary has with the resurrected Christ. Jesus is raised, but then He also meets us. And not merely as a dazzling figure we do not recognize, Jesus meets us – calls our name, opens our eyes, and invites us to see.

At the Resurrection Matins we sing: “Let us rise at early dawn and bring to our Master a hymn instead of myrrh, and we shall see Christ the Sun of righteousness Who enlightens the life of all.” (Resurrection Matins, Ode 5).

The risen Christ wants us to experience the joy of encountering Him and living for Christ and not for self—the joy of being liberated from the sins which trap us in self-centeredness and discover the blessing of Christ’s self-giving love. No matter what may be happening in our lives, we can still experience spiritual joy through the love of God and living the way God made us to live, which is for self-giving love.

The Easter gospel is not just about new life, but new life that comes to us. Not just Christ raised from the dead, but the risen Christ meeting us and calling our names. Easter is an encounter, a call and a summons. Go and tell what you have seen and heard. Christ is alive, and more than that He has sought us out and called us by name. Whatever our doubts and our fears, whatever our failures and betrayals, whatever the wounds we try to protect – today is a new day. We are all to become witnesses of the Resurrection of Jesus. We are called to bring that ‘ray’ of the light of the Resurrection into the various human situations: into those happy ones, rendering them more beautiful, and into those sorrowful situations, bringing serenity and hope.”

In this Year of Mercy, Pope Francis encourages us “to experience the opening of our hearts to those living on the outermost fringes of society” and to “keep alive the desire to know how to welcome the numerous signs of the tenderness which God offers to the whole world and, above all, to those who suffer, who are alone and abandoned, without hope of being pardoned or feeling the Father’s love” (Misericordiae Vultus, Pope Francis).

We know how the poor need help. We know how the sick need healing, how the oppressed need justice, how the grieving need comfort. We know how the spiritual life needs exercise, with daily prayer, meditation, study, and the companionship of kindred, seeking
souls. Being people of the resurrection, graced with this knowledge, it is our calling to talk to people on the road and announce the Good News of the risen Christ to them. During this period of contemplating Christ’s mercy, we are reminded that Jesus not only preached mercy, but He put into action works of mercy as He assisted the poor, consoled the lonely and outcast, relieved suffering and affliction and taught the ignorant. No one person can give what they do not have, thus each one of us must know Christ personally. We need to know Him personally so that we can go out and proclaim Him to every person we encounter.

Today is our time of joy and renewed evangelical spirit to proclaim the Good News of the risen Christ to others. Our parish communities should become places to encounter the living Christ! This is what Christ is inviting us to do! This is the day that Lord has made, let us exalt and rejoice in it. This is the calling to each of us, so we may bring this joy of encountering, the risen Christ to others. Will we be able to share this personal encounter with the risen Christ with our families, our friends, and people we encounter in our daily lives? Let us experience this Easter morning joy and let us radiate this joy in our lives. Let the Mercy of Christ shine in our lives and deeds!

Our fervent prayer is that our Resurrected and Living Lord may bestow his peace and grace upon you and your loved ones, upon all our brothers and sisters scattered throughout the world!

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Easter 2016

On the occasion of the Feast of Feasts - the Resurrection of Our Lord, the Staff of “The Way,” wishes Metropolitan Stefan, all the clergy, religious, and all the faithful a Blessed Easter.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!
In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning. Through Him all things were made; without Him nothing was made that has been made. In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify concerning that light, so that through him all might believe. He himself was not the light; he came only as a witness to the light.

The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world. He was in the world, and though the world was made through Him, the world did not recognize Him. Yet to all who did receive Him, to those who believed in His name, He gave the right to become children of God -children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband’s will, but born of God.

The Word became flesh and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.

John testified concerning Him. He cried out, saying, “This is the one I spoke about when I said, ‘He who comes after me has surpassed me because He was before me.’” Out of His fullness we have all received grace in place of grace already given. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God, but the one and only Son, who is Himself God and is in closest relationship with the Father, has made Him known.

THE DESCENT INTO HADES

“Christ is risen!” is the Gospel proclamation. All four Gospels are silent on the manner of Christ’s Resurrection. Nowhere in Scripture is there a factual account of the event. Byzantine art is faithful to the Gospel and never presents this event, but rather it expresses what occurred before or after the Resurrection.

The Icon of The Resurrection is either the “Descent Into Hades” or the “Myrrh-bearing Women.” The Icon of the Descent in Hades shows Christ as the Life-giver. In it, Christ is seen trampling the gates of Hades, taking Adam and Eve by the hands and drawing them to life. This image is a reflection of the Resurrection Matins: “You have descended into the realm of Death, O Christ, and have broken the ancient bonds which held the captives; and, like Jonah from the whale, on the third day You rose from the tomb.” (Sixth Ode)

Our Lord’s entrance into Hades, into the depths of the earth, transforms it. Through death He entered the realm of Hades which in the icon is shown by the black gaping abyss. His presence in Hades showed that He took upon Himself every humility and degradation of mankind. His
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appearance in Hades is not as its captive, but as its conqueror. He is shown with a radiant halo, the symbol of glory. His garments are no longer those in which He was seen on earth, but they are brilliant and they illumine the darkness of Hades. He fills the darkness with the light of His divine presence. He stands upon the broken gate of the kingdom of Death, thus indicating His victory over Death by His own death and resurrection. Through His humiliation and death He raised all creation to participate in Divine Life. Bolts, broken chains, and keys are scattered about to signify the freeing of those held captive and the breaking of Death’s hold over men. By Christ’s descent, Hades is destroyed and its gates trampled.

Having broken the bonds of Death’s power, Christ is seen raising Adam and Eve from the grave. In freeing our first parents, Christ also frees those who put their faith in His coming. This truth is seen in the presence of Kings, David and Solomon, vested in royal robes and crowns. They stand together with John the Baptist at Christ’s right. Moses and the Prophets of the Old Covenant stand at His left. With them, all of humanity is raised.

The gift is not like the offense. For if by the offense of the one man all died, much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man, Jesus Christ, abound for all...If death began its reign through one man because of his offense, much more shall those who receive the overflowing grace and gift of justice live and reign through the one man, Jesus Christ. (Rom. 5:15-17)

The Icon makes this event present for us. Through it, our minds are lifted to the spiritual effects that Christ’s Resurrection bestows upon us. We experience and know that we are freed from sin and death and have been given New Life.

PYSANKA

Pysanka is an Ukrainian Easter egg. The word is derived from the Ukrainian word “pysaty,” meaning to write. The designs are written or drawn on egg with melted beeswax using an instrument called a “kystka.”

In many cultures, the egg was viewed as a source of creation. Pre-Christian peoples had used decorated eggs to welcome the sun during the spring cycle of festivals.

Written on the pysanka are symbols. The pysanka design blends ancient rituals with Christian traditions. Spring is time of rebirth: the grass turns green again, flowers bloom, and the birds sing a cheerful song.

Easter celebrates the Resurrection of our Lord. The egg symbol was likened to the tomb from which Jesus rose. The pysanka had taken on the symbolism of rebirth. Since the acceptance of Christianity in 988, the pysanka has become part of the Ukrainian Easter celebration. Very often the pysanka contains intricate designs and were regarded as treasured religious momentos and are given as a personal gift with great value.

http://learnpysanky.com
Here are some of the symbolic meanings for colors used in decorating pysanky:

WHITE
Purity, innocence, and birth.

YELLOW
Light, purity, youth, love, harvest, happiness, and hospitality.
For Christians, reward and recognition.

ORANGE
Strength, endurance, eternal sun.

BLACK
Constancy, eternity, death, fear, ignorance.

BLUE
Good health, the sky, life-giving air.

BROWN
Mother earth and bountiful gifts.

GREEN
Spring, new growth, fertility, health, hopefulness
For Christians, bountifulness and victory of life over death; also is a color for Christmas, white and green for Easter.

RED
Joy of life and love, passion and the sun.
For Christians, divine love and passion of Christ.

PURPLE
Fasting, faith, trust, patience.

Sources: Ukrainian Design Book 1, Ukrainian Design Book 2, Eggs Beautiful
http://learnpysanky.com
The Mercy of the Eucharist

In many churches of the Eastern rites, it’s traditional for the congregation to gather outside the sealed church on Easter morning, symbolizing Christ’s time in the tomb. The priest, with his hand cross, knocks three times on the main door and it is thrown open. The people enter, as if entering Christ’s kingdom, to adore their risen savior in the Eucharist.

The ritual reminds us of the opening of the Holy Door of St. Peter’s Basilica that began this Jubilee Year of Mercy—illustrating the idea that, during the Jubilee, the faithful are offered what Pope Francis called an “extraordinary pathway” towards salvation.

In an important way, the message of Easter is forever linked to the message of the Last Supper.

At the Last Supper, Jesus transformed bread and wine into his body and blood. In his resurrection, the risen Christ gives himself to us both in the fullness of his divinity and in his glorified humanity.

As Pope Francis suggests: “In the Eucharist we feel this belonging to the Church, to the People of God, to the Body of God, to Jesus Christ. We will never completely grasp the value and the richness of it.”

Our prayer today: Merciful Jesus, we pray to become more and more worthy of the gift of your body and blood in the Holy Eucharist.

(The image is the Ukrainian Icon of the Resurrection, the Anastasis)

-Peter Yaremko
John 12:1-18
March 20, 2016

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus’ honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with Him. Mary then took about a pound of costly perfume, made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray Him, objected, “Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor? He did not say this because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief; as held the money bag and used to help himself to what was put into it.

Jesus replied. “Leave her alone.” Let her keep this perfume for the day of My burial. You will always have the poor among you, but you will not always have Me.”

Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of Him, but also to see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in Him.

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet Him, shouting, “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel!!”

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written: “Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion; see, your king is coming, seated on a donkey’s colt. At first His disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about Him and that these things had been done to Him.

Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him.
Centralia, Pa.-- His Holiness, Pope Francis has proclaimed this year to be a “Jubilee Year of Mercy” during which we are called to seek God’s mercy in our lives and to show mercy to our brothers and sisters.

As part of this spiritual year the Pope has requested all bishops to designate special “Doors of Mercy” throughout their respective dioceses wherein pilgrims and Christians can enter to seek the “graces this Holy Year offers, through prayer, sacramental confessions of their sins, the worthy reception of the Holy Eucharist and a renewed dedication to the practice of mercy in their daily lives.”

Metropolitan Archbishop Stefan Soroka has named Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in Centralia, among others, to be one of these special places. The Archbishop encourages all the faithful to try to visit one or more of these designated churches during the coming year to receive special graces. He has asked us and all pilgrims to spend time venerating the jewel-covered 18th century icon of Our Lady of Pochaiv which is now located in the Centralia church.

On Sunday, April 10th — the Sunday of the Ointment-Bearers—beginning at 11:00 AM special ceremonies will be conducted for “the Opening of the Doors in commemoration of the Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy inaugurated by His Holiness Pope Francis, Pope of Rome, and the Solemn Blessing of Holy Water.” Additionally, these ceremonies will conclude with the veneration of the historical replica of the Icon of Our Lady of Pochaiv and solemn anointing with the oil of gladness.

Very Rev. Archpriest Michael Hutsko, pastor of the parish states, “Our Holy Father invites us to experience and to share, in a personal and intimate way, the Divine Mercy of God during this Jubilee Year. Assumption Parish has been graced to be chosen as a ‘place of pilgrimage’ wherein special blessings can be received by all pilgrims who pass through the ‘doors of mercy’. We open our doors to all pilgrims and look forward to praying with you on that day and throughout the remainder of this year.

He continues, “We are honored to be among those Churches chosen and are in the process of scheduling special times when our church will be open, special times for confessions, special times for liturgical services. We are also preparing informational brochures to share with any and all pilgrims who visit our Church. I join with our Holy Father Pope Francis and Metropolitan Stefan in encouraging and welcoming all parishioners and all peoples to open their hearts to God’s mercy, to share mercy in our lives and to obtain special graces by visiting one or more of the specially designated Churches.”
Help Wanted

Ascension Manor Apartments is searching for a Full Time Maintenance Technician to help with apartment turnovers, work orders and general maintenance of the property. Ideal candidates will have prior experience in either carpentry, plumbing, electrical or painting. For immediate consideration, please fax your Resume to (215) 922-3735. E.O.E.

Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception Celebrates Deanery Lenten Vespers

Philadelphia, Pa.--On Sunday, March 13 at 4 p.m., Lenten Vespers were sung in the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, 830 North Franklin Street, Philadelphia, Pa. Father Walter Pasicznyk, cathedral parochial vicar was the main celebrant. Rev. Deacon Michael Waak served as the deacon. Rev. Archpriest John M. Fields was the guest homilist and presented a reflection on the Lenten journey, highlighting the covenants God made with Adam, Noah, Abraham and Moses in the Old Testament and how Jesus Christ established a New Covenant at the Last Supper and as the New Passover becomes the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world by his death on the cross and in His glorious resurrection, tramples death by death. Before the services, visiting priests were available for the faithful to receive the Holy Mystery of Penance.

After the vespers services, refreshments were served in the Cathedral social hall.

This was the final Deanery Sunday Lenten Vespers for this year. The Great Fast ends on Friday evening March 18. Sunday, March 20 will be the Feast of the Triumphant Entry of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. On the prior Sundays of the Great Fast this year, the services were held in Swarthmore, Pa., Cherry Hill, N.J., Melrose Park, Pa. and Bristol, Pa. parishes.

The Lenten Vespers were coordinated by Rev. Msgr. Peter Waslo, Dean and the clergy of the Philadelphia Deanery.
Bristol Parish Celebrates Deanery Lenten Vespers

On Sunday, March 6 at 4 p.m. Lenten Vespers were sung in Protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, Bristol, Pa. Father Ivan Demkiv, pastor of the parish, was the main celebrant. Father Paul Makar was the guest homilist and presented a reflection of the Lenten prayer, the Prayer of St. Ephraim. After the services refreshments were served in the parish social hall.

Sviachene to be held in Scranton

The annual Easter Dinner - “Sviachene”- sponsored by St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will be take place at the parish center, 428 North Seventh Avenue, Scranton on Sunday, April 10, 2016, beginning at 12:30pm. Dinner will consist of holubchy, mashed potatoes, vegetable, rolls, dessert and beverages. Advance takeouts and table reservations only - no tickets sold at the door. Takeouts available from 11:30am to 12 noon.

Drawing for door prizes and a theme basket raffle will be conducted. Tickets: $13.00 adults; $6.00 children age 6-12; age 5 and under free. For reservations contact Dorothy at 570 346-4164. No reservations will be accepted after Monday, April 4.
You are cordially invited to attend an Art Exhibition by students of Saint Basil Academy, located in Jenkintown, PA. The exhibit will be presented at the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center. It will open with a concert by Saint Basil Academy students on Friday, April 1 at 7:00 pm at the Dr. Alexander Chernyk Gallery of the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center, located at 700 Cedar Road, Jenkintown, PA. In addition to many beautiful works in a variety of media, featured will be student iconography - made possible through the generosity of the Ukrainian Community Foundation of Philadelphia. A light reception will follow the concert. For more information, please call 215-885-3771 ext. 113.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT CAMP at SAINT BASIL ACADEMY

Saint Basil Academy is hosting Summer Enrichment Camp for boys and girls who are rising 5th–8th graders the weeks of June 27, July 5 and July 11. Explore academics and adventure all in one camp. Register online: http://www.stbasilacademy.org/admissions/summer-enrichment/.

For more information, please contact our Admissions Office at (215) 885-6952.
Ss. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, Olyphant, PA holds successful Food and Clothes Collection for the Church Community Project

On March 9, 2016, a truck load of food was delivered to the Jessup Food Pantry at St. Michael’s Church.

On March 7, 2016, five (5) car/SUV loads and 1 truck load of Clothes were delivered to the United Neighborhood Centers (UNC) of Northeastern Penna, Scranton, PA.

Photo: Parishioner of Ss. Cyril and Methodius Ukrainian Catholic Church, gather the grocery bags collected and delivered on 3/9/2016, for their Church Community Project 2016 for the Jessup Food Pantry. Left to right: Dorothy Zinsky, Helen Pagnotti, Marlene Zelno, Carol Chezik, Cheryl Matuszewski, and Lauren Telep Coordinator of the Church Community.

Assumption Catholic School teacher, Perth Amboy, receives Teacher of the Year Award

On Saturday, March 12th, 2016 at their Annual Shield Awards ceremony the Knights of Columbus, San Salvador Council No. 299 in Perth Amboy, NJ have honored ACS teacher Mrs. Mariya Derevenska with the Teacher of the Year Award. Mrs. Derevenska has been teaching at Assumption Catholic School for almost ten years and in these years she developed an exciting, yet, rigorous reading and writing curriculum that has the majority of her Kindergarten class reading and writing by the end of January. She also created a contagious passion for learning math and counting everything - even the ceiling tiles. Also, she started the Annual ACS Thanksgiving Feast where she cooked and prepared over 12 turkeys and all the fixings with the help of parents. It gave our entire school a time to be thankful for their second family at Assumption Catholic. Mrs. D, as her students lovingly call her, is truly loved by our administrators, our parents and the entire student body for her energy, dedication, passion for Catholic Education and love that she has for our school and for all of our students. Congratulations and thank you Mrs. D for a job well done!
Eastern Catholic Bishops of USA hold Annual Meeting

The Eastern Catholic Bishops of USA met from March 10-11, 2016 in St. Louis, Missouri to discuss matters of common concern to Eastern Catholic eparchies in USA.

Participating were (left to right, first row) Bishop Elias Zaidan (Maronite), Bishop Thomas Mar Eusebius (Syro-Malankara), Bishop Jacob Angadiath (Syro-Malabar), Bishop-Emeritus Robert Shaheen (Maronite). Second row: Auxiliary Bishop Joy Alappatt (Syro-Malabar), Archbishop Stefan Soroka (Ukrainian Catholic), Bishop John Michael Botean (Romanian), Archbishop William Skurla (Byzantine Catholic), Bishop Paul Chomnycky, OSBM (Ukrainian Catholic), Bishop Kurt Burnette (Byzantine Catholic), and Bishop Bohdan Danylo (Ukrainian Catholic).

The meeting is usually held in the Chancery facilities of the Maronite Eparchy of Our Lady of Lebanon, where the bishops enjoy the gracious and generous hospitality of Bishop Zaidan and his staff. Issues of common interest and importance are discussed among the participating bishops. Of particular importance is our identity as Eastern Catholics in the USA, including celebrating the richness of the diversity of our respective traditions as Eastern Catholic Churches, and sharing this with our brothers and sisters of the Latin Church and of other faiths. We can also serve to assist our respective Eastern Catholic Churches in other countries by sharing the positive experience of the existence and proliferation of Eastern Catholic eparchies here in the USA.

+ Stefan Soroka

Father Paul Labinsky Falls Asleep in the Lord

Rev. Paul Labinsky, a retired priest of the Philadelphia Archeparchy, fell asleep in the Lord on his 95th birthday, Thursday, March 17, 2016.

A priestly viewing will be held Flowery Sunday, March 20 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm. Priestly Panakhyda will be sung at 7:30 pm. Another viewing will be held Great Monday, March 21 from 9:00 am until 10 am followed by Office of Funeral for a Priest.

Viewing and services will be held at St. Michael’s Ukrainian Catholic Church, 675 Cooper Landing Road, Cherry Hill, NJ.

Interment will be held on Great Tuesday, March 22 in Holy Spirit Ukrainian Catholic Cemetery, 141 Sarah Wells Trail, Campbell Hall, NY.

May Our Lord grant +Priest Paul rest in the bosom of Abraham, may he be numbered among the saints and may his memory be eternal. Vichnaya pamyat.
Six Reasons Why Giving Away Your Money Makes You Prosperous
by Fr. Dwight Longenecker

My Dad was a Christian businessman who tithed 15% of his income to the church.

That’s right. A whopping 15%. Before taxes. With a wife and five kids.

He did so even when he had to re-mortgage his business property and his business was on the skids.

At the age of fifty he and my brother sold up everything in Pennsylvania and put all their eggs into one basket—they moved to South Carolina and opened a men’s clothing store.

Over the next ten years they began to be fairly prosperous. At that point my Dad gave even more of his money to the Lord’s work.

I’m convinced that tithing brings prosperity. How does it work? Six things begin to happen:

First, when you tithe your attitude to you wealth changes. By giving sacrificially you achieve detachment. The money and the stuff money buys doesn’t matter to you so much anymore. Giving sacrificially sets things in their right priority.

So what happens when you achieve detachment? You don’t care about money and the stuff money buys as much so you live more simply. You don’t give two hoots for the big trophy house. You don’t really want a lake house or beach house. You are happy to lease a car or drive an older car. You don’t need all the toys and all the unnecessary things.

Consequently, as you live more simply you have more money.

Second, when you give sacrificially you start to live on the edge a bit. Your attitude to life changes. You are not resting on your cash and securities, your investments and savings as much (because you don’t have any) and so your approach to life is more one of living by faith.

You are learning to do wave walking—trusting in God and not in your riches. When you have this attitude to life you are more able to take risks and the person who takes risks usually profits from them in the end. You are willing to take risks because you don’t mind losing it all because you are not putting your trust in that stuff anyway? Get it?

Now, this is pretty cool because you are not only taking risks in your business and in your management of money, but you are also taking risks in your relationship with God and with others, and this is an exciting way to live. It is also a prosperous way to live because risk takers usually accomplish more than those who play it safe.

Thirdly, when you break your love of money and you live more simply you will probably start working harder. You’re starting to remember what it was like to be hungry. When you are hungry you see new
opportunities. You make new connections. You’re alert and alive and working at your peak and these things all lead to prosperity.

Fourthly, when you live by faith as a result of sacrificial giving you meet other people who are doing the same. These are the best people in life to associate with. They are successful, happy people. They are powerful, positive people. They are optimistic people who are full of faith. These kind of people can move mountains. These people are stopped by nothing. They accomplish great things and you are part of their network and are moving and living with some of the most amazing and fulfilled and happy people in the world.

Fifth, when you give sacrificially you develop a new dimension of gratitude in your life. You realize how blessed you are and that “gratitude attitude” affects every other part of your life. It brings about a new positive attitude. It grows optimism. It brings happiness and it also brings an even greater level of generosity.

Sixth, giving sacrificially makes you happy. When you learn detachment through sacrificial giving you stop worrying so much. You learn to trust in God. You learn to rest in him, and this attitude changes your life for the better.

By now you will see that when I use the word “prosperity” I am not talking only about having more money in the bank. If you give sacrificially you might end up with more money in the bank. Many people do, but more importantly, you end up with spiritual capital. You have learned the spiritual lessons and you have learned the secret of genuine happiness.

True prosperity is being able to live a happy, contented, abundant and full life that is not dependent on the amount of money in your bank account. True prosperity is prosperity of heart. It is knowing what is most important and knowing how to attain that and how to live within that great gift of contentment.

When I was a kid I had to memorize Bible verses from the King James Version.

One of the best ones is: “Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these things will be added unto you.” (Matthew 6:33)

It was true then. It’s still true today.

Permission was granted to reprint this article in “The Way.”

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‘CONFRONT THE DEFICIT’ CAMPAIGN PROGRESSES WITH GENEROUS DONORS

We are grateful to the many who have already generously and quickly responded to our appeal to assist in confronting the deficit.

Our Cathedral Rectory offices have relocated into the former convent building. The former Cathedral Rectory building has received needed cosmetic work inside to prepare the space for rental use. Plans are underway for the installation of an elevator between the school and convent buildings, so that one elevator may serve both buildings, providing easier access. Two large containers of accumulated and unneeded items have been removed, allowing for more accurate planning for storage needs. Telephone and internet access is also being planned in addition to central air conditioning for the relocated Cathedral rectory building. Work is progressing well. Staff of the Chancery and of the Cathedral has been very cooperative and helpful in the process.

Your generous financial support is needed so that we may successfully proceed with the needed work and relocation of our Chancery, thereby allowing for the rental of the existing Chancery and former Cathedral office buildings. This will generate income needed to ensure our ability to meet the financial needs of our archeparchy without placing additional burdens on the parishes. Your timely and generous help will ensure the success of this challenging and monumental move.

Our heartfelt gratitude to all who have so generously donated for our ‘Confront the Deficit’ campaign. You are remembered in a special way in our prayers. God bless you generously in ways only He can!

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In his Letter to the Galatians, St. Paul teaches us “… not (to) grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” Come join the women of the Archeparchy as our speakers address, within the framework of Sacred Scripture and the tenets of Eastern Christian Spirituality, the pastoral and practical aspects of caring for family members with special needs AND offer suggestions for caregivers on how to care for themselves spiritually, pastorally and practically.

Our Day begins with Divine Liturgy at 10:30 a.m. at both locations followed by Luncheon and Program.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6, 2016
at the
Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family
4250 Harewood Road, Northeast Washington, D. C.

OR

SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016
at
St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church
430 North Seventh Avenue
Scranton, Pennsylvania

St. John, Protector of the Theotokos and Patron of Caregivers

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Sister Dorothy Ann Busowski, OSBM
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THE ANGELS OF MERCY is the title of our second painting in the series of drawings we share with you during this Year of Mercy. How appropriate - this act of service given with unfaltering love!

The painting portrays two Sisters ministering to a family afflicted with typhus in the village of Samolusky. The painting captures the spirit of compassion and service of the Sisters provided to the sick, as expressed by the local pastor in these words: “when the Sisters come to a sick person they not only take care of the patient but...care for the entire home – bake bread, feed the children, do the washing, and water the animals.”

Whether in Ukraine, at the time of the founding of the Sisters Servants or, a hundred and some years later, throughout the world, wherever a Sister Servant is found, the ministry of caring for the sick, fulfilling this corporal work of mercy is carried out. Care for the sick, minister to the elderly and you will easily see the Face of Jesus. Throughout Scripture we find Jesus among the poor, the sick and lame, the defenseless, homeless and sinner; for as Jesus said, “the healthy do not need healing.”

Our church calls upon all Christians to live out the Corporal Works of Mercy – to visit the sick. Who are the sick among us? What do the sick ask of us? An act of mercy, an act of compassion. A little time spent with them. Let us strive to have them see not us, but Jesus within us when they call us “Angels of Mercy.”
In 2004 His Grace, Most Reverend Stefan Soroka met with the superiors of the religious community of women who minister within the Philadelphia Archeparchy – the Sisters Servants of Mary Immaculate, the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God and the Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great. At that meeting it was decided that a committee be established for the purpose of offering a day of prayer, dialogue and information to the women of the Archeparchy. Thus came about the annual Women’s Day held at the Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Philadelphia.

The Committee established of both religious and lay women, which has become known as the Committee for the Enrichment of Women immediately began to offer women of all ages an occasion to grow spiritually and deepen their faith; to expand their social consciousness and their understanding of the social issues and problems facing today’s women and families; and to nurture their personal development through various opportunities for enrichment.

Last year, the committee began to offer the Archeparchy’s Women’s Day of Prayer regionally. Taking our show on the road the committee first went to St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church in Passaic, NJ and then to Presentation of Our Lord Ukrainian Catholic Church in Lansdale, PA. The program “Faith and the Family” was favorably received by women in both parishes and attendance was among the highest when compared to that of past Women’s Days.

Building on the success of last year this year’s Women’s Day of Prayer was held at the Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family in Washington, DC on Sunday, March 6, 2016. The theme “Women as Caregivers” focused upon the pastoral and practical aspects of caring for family members with special needs due to chronic illness, disability and/or advanced age and was presented within the framework of Sacred Scripture and the values and ideals of Eastern Christian Spirituality. Additionally the focus will include the importance for caregivers to be mindful of their need for self-care.

This is a very timely topic since our Pope – Francis – has designated this (continued on next page)
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year as the Year of Mercy. So often and in so many ways have women heeded the Pope’s call toward being merciful to those for whom they care. This is a natural outpouring for women. In turn it is only merciful that we keep in mind self-care.

The day began with the Divine Liturgy celebrated by His Grace, Bishop John Bura with Reverend Robert Hitchens and Reverend Wasyl Kharuk concelebrating. After a delicious luncheon prepared by the parish men and women the program commenced with Sister Joann Sosler speaking on “Touching the Holy” sharing with the women her experience of being a hospital chaplain.

Sophia Shchur then offered her presentation “May I Walk You Home? Courage, Comfort and Coping for Caregivers” in which she encouraged the women that as caregivers it is important that they remember to care for themselves.

At the close of the presentation Bishop Bura, Father Hitchens and Father Kharuk blessed the hands of the women sending them forth to bring comfort to those for whom they care.

The next presentation will be given at St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church in Scranton, PA on Sunday, April 24, 2016.

Bishop John Bura and Father Wasyl Kharuk blessing hands

Sister Joann Sosler, OSBM

Sophia Shchur
“Vacation with God: Embroidery for Jesus Christ”

**What:** Summer Camp for Children Age 8-13  
**When:** August 15 – 19, 2016 (8:30 AM – 3:30 PM)  
**Where:** Basilian Spirituality Center, 710 Fox Chase Road, Fox Chase Manor, PA 19046  
**Sponsored by:** The Sisters of the Order of Saint Basil the Great in cooperation with the Saint Sophia Religious Association of Ukrainian Catholics, Inc.

The camp seeks to pass on both aspects of Ukrainian spirituality and cultural tradition. During this “year of mercy” the children will weave into their design the aspects of mercy – love, forgiveness, compassion, sacrifice and justice. The day includes catechesis, songs, crafts, embroidery and fun.

For more information contact 215.379.3998

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**Holy Transfiguration Hosts Deanery Stations of the Cross**

Holy Transfiguration Ukrainian Catholic Church of the Hanover section of Nanticoke hosted the Deanery Stations of the Cross on Sunday, March 6, 2016.

The men of the Deanery parishes participated in the reading of each Station as they recounted the steps of Jesus before His crucifixion.

Rev. Volodymyr Popyk concluded the service by speaking about the importance of prayer, repentance, and the gift of salvation.

After the service, a Lenten supper was provided by the ladies of the parish in the church basement.
As Pastors We Speak Out on Behalf of Our People
Before the Holy Father and Before the World
“The Holy Father Heard Us.”

Rome, 6 March 2016

War is unbridled evil, a radical violation of the will of God. It brings physical destruction and social mayhem, comprehensive moral degradation and untold human suffering. To us pastors and to all Christians and all people of good will, our Lord reminds us that “Truly I tell you, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.”(Matthew:25:45).

For the past two years Ukrainians have endured a new type of onslaught — a hybrid war directed at their sovereignty, economic viability, historical memory, and international standing. A European nation has been invaded, its land annexed, its industrial infrastructure destroyed, and its economy crippled. The freedom, self-determination, justice, and welfare of the people are under attack. The very identity of Ukrainians is systematically denigrated through relentless and sophisticated international propaganda at a level not witnessed in Europe since the time of Nazi and Soviet totalitarianism.

Why? The answer is simple. Because the people of Ukraine are claiming their God-given human dignity. They are determined to break with a Soviet past—genocidal, colonial and imperialistic, ferociously atheistic and profoundly corrupt. During the past century, dominated by red and brown totalitarianisms, Ukraine became what historians call a “bloodland.” Some 15 million people were killed on its territory: in both World Wars, through campaigns of national and religious repression, genocides, particularly the Holodomor (killing by starvation) and the Holocaust, war-induced famine, and ethnic cleansing. Millions more spent years or even decades in prisons, labor camps, and Siberian exile.

Godless dictators sought to uproot faith and values and to destroy the culture and social fabric of the people in order to dominate, control, and exploit the nation. The state sought to control family life. Abortion became part of state policy. Alcoholism became rampant. All Churches and religions that stood with the persecuted population were prime targets of repression. For three generations terror was promoted as explicit state policy. Fear was driven into the nation’s heart. And yet, faithful Christians survived the persecution, sustained by the words of our Lord: “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world” (John 16:33).

After the Soviet Union dissolved in 1991, peacefully, providentially, its constituent republics, now independent, experienced newfound freedoms, as they sought to establish democratic government institutions and free economies, while respecting the sovereignty and international borders of neighboring states. In many post-Soviet states, however, democracy did not take hold and corruption became a way of life. For some the fall of the Soviet Union was viewed as the “greatest tragedy of the 20th century” and efforts to revive the past were undertaken. This lead to repressive policies and authoritative, kleptocratic regimes in many post-Soviet countries, including Ukraine. The suffering of...
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the people continued and the UGCC remained in solidarity with them systematically proposing to society the social doctrine of the Catholic Church.

God spoke to the conscience of the citizens of Ukraine and the Holy Spirit guided hundreds of thousands of men and women, the young and the elderly, to stand together on the Maidan in prayer for the nation. “Enough! Let us end the corruption and systemic injustice!” While affirming human dignity the nation experienced authentic ecumenism in action: a desire for full and visible Christian unity. A new unity, a new solidarity, a new responsibility for a renewed country. “This very day I appoint you over nations and empires, to dig up and pull down, to destroy and demolish, to build and plant” (Jer 1:10).

Two years ago, by means of peaceful protest of millions throughout the country, accompanied by the prayer of Ukraine’s religious communities—Orthodox, Greek and Roman Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Muslim—the people said: “Enough! We will be free. We want to live without fear and corruption, to live with justice. We have dignity.” People came to realise that their dignity is not only a function of constitutional rights but that it is indeed sacred, God’s own holy plan. The hourly prayers on the Maidan helped the protesters understand the fundamental scriptural tenet: We are created in the image and likeness of God (see Gen 1:26), and while the image cannot be destroyed, the likeness requires effort, virtue, and a determination to order society according to divine law. This manifestation of solidarity and sacrifice fascinated the world.

Not all, however, were thrilled. The new sense of freedom, dignity, and civic responsibility and prospects of association with European peoples and nations needed to be stopped: it could spread to Ukraine’s neighbors. Thus, for the last two years, the entire Ukrainian nation is being punished by its northern neighbor nostalgic for the Soviet legacy of imperial grandeur.

Such hegemony can be maintained only through fear, intimidation, and control of the media. It requires a disregard for human rights and freedom of conscience. The punishment meted out to Ukrainians for their audacity to be free is brutal, cynical, and manipulative. The agenda of abuse seeks international legitimization and cultivates enmity towards and rejection of the will of the people of Ukraine. It seeks to stop the development of civil society and the establishment of true rule of law.

The Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and the members of the Permanent Synod came to Rome to meet His Holiness Pope Francis to share a message from their flock and the entire Ukrainian nation. This message needs to be fully understood by the global Christian family and the international community: We are under violent foreign invasion and we need your moral leadership and charitable help.

Officially nearly 10,000 persons have been killed; unofficially many more. Tens of thousands have been maimed and injured. There are 5 million people directly affected by the war, of which almost half have become refugees. Nearly 2 million are internally displaced, including almost 300,000 children. Up to half a million people have been forced out of the country in the last two years. For any person of faith or good will these people are not a mere statistic—each is a father or mother, brother or sister, neighbor, child or friend.

Ukraine is enduring a mounting humanitarian crisis, the greatest in Europe since the end of the World War II. The effects of two years of hybrid war have put hundreds of thousands into post-traumatic shock from which it will take decades to recover. Virtually the entire population has been impoverished. The currency of the country has been reduced to one-third of the value it held two years ago. The necessary economic
reforms—conditions for international financial assistance—include a 350% increase in heating costs for most citizens. It is important not to forget: Ukraine has a cold climate...

...but the people of Ukraine have a warm and welcoming heart. They have welcomed some two million war refugees. In this regard the witness of millions of Ukrainians is inspiring. The generosity of volunteers has been astounding. Across the country they care for the injured, traumatized, and homeless, the widows and orphans. And yet, the ongoing invasion adds to the human misery. The killing goes on.

Today Europe is challenged at its very heart. For whom is there room in the heart of Europe? How much room is there? The continent is seeing that it is not easy to harbor refugees. Up until now Europe has been large hearted, generous and hospitable. Middle Eastern exiles are, in fact, going mostly to and finding reception in European and other countries where Christian tradition and social doctrine have served as the foundation for the modern respect of human freedoms and human rights. Yet supporting more than one million new refugees is proving to be a great challenge for the European Union. It is a challenge despite the fact that the EU has an annual budget 400 times greater than that of Ukraine. And yet, without great international clamor and commotion Ukraine in the last two years has absorbed 2 million refugees internally displaced persons. The Christian heritage of Europe is being tested. What is our response during the “Year of Mercy” announced by Pope Francis?

During our visit to Rome we explained the realities on the ground in Ukraine, denounced the invasion and hybrid war and decried the suffering of millions of innocent men, women and children. The Church condemns the atrocities, the kidnappings, imprisonment and torture of citizens of Ukraine in the Donbas and Crimea—especially abuses directed at religious communities and ethnic groups, especially Muslim Tatars, as well as broad violations of civic rights and the human dignity of millions.

As Christians we are ready to forgive and seek peace. We announce and actively promote peace and forgiveness. But real peace is unattainable until the invasion ceases and the war is stopped.

We have been in Rome on the eve of the 70th anniversary of what historians call the “Pseudo-synod of Lviv.” Orchestrated 8-10 March 1946 by Stalin’s regime to liquidate the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church (UGCC) this “synod” was held without any Greek Catholic bishops, since all had been imprisoned. Despite being beaten, tortured, and threatened with long prison sentences and even death, they had all refused to deny communion with the Pope. As a result the UGCC became the largest completely outlawed Church in the world. Its property was transferred to the Orthodox Church of the Moscow Patriarchate or confiscated and used for secular purposes.

Stalin wanted to cut the ties of Ukrainian Greek Catholics with the Bishop of Rome. Many of the bishops died in prison or in the Gulag. Hundreds of clergy and religious and tens of thousands of laity met a similar fate.

However, our hope and “our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth” (Ps 124:8). Today the Soviet Union is gone, and the once powerful persecutors are consigned to history and divine judgment. Meanwhile, the martyrs are being canonized, and their spiritual children grow in spirit and number. “And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.” (Rom 8:28). The Lord has blessed the suffering and sacrifice in order to fulfill his purpose. At the beginning of twentieth century —the century of sacrifice—the UGCC had three western-Ukrainian eparchies (dioceses) with three bishops. Today it has thirty-three eparchies and exarchates with

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53 bishops on four continents. If in 1989, at the end of the catacomb period, only 300 aged priests remained of the 3000 pre-war clergy, today there are again 3000 priests with an average age of 38. The Church in Ukraine is vibrant and dynamic. We came to Rome to reaffirm communion of the revived UGCC with the Holy Father and to bear witness to our unity with the Universal Catholic Church.

The UGCC has demonstrated with its very blood its solidarity with the Bishop of Rome and the worldwide Catholic communion. Now, during the Year of Mercy, is the time for the Catholic Church to bring the healing balm of mercy to their suffering brothers and sisters in Ukraine in reciprocal solidarity. The Ukrainian people are proving their commitment to European values of human dignity and the rule of law. Now is the time for Europe to understand that if it does not stand up for these same values in Ukraine, they become endangered throughout the continent. This is a time to confirm what the nations of Europe and its religious communities hold most dear; a time to see whether the blessings of freedom and prosperity that Western powers and societies enjoy might be shared more fully with a long-suffering people.

The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church ceaselessly prays for and promotes peace, and in Rome its leadership appealed to the Holy Father and to the world to help stop the war and stem the humanitarian crisis caused by the Russian invasion of Ukraine. For Ukrainians who belong to different Churches and religious organizations and even secular citizens, the Holy Father is a global moral authority who speaks the truth. This voice of truth is particularly important for the suffering people of Ukraine. If the people do not hear or understand this voice they becomes confused, anxious and feel forgotten.

“The people are suffering, Holy Father, and they await your embrace, the active support of the Catholic communion and all people of good will” was our word. His Holiness made it clear that he would act. It was most important that on the eve of the sad anniversary of the Pseudo-synod of Lviv Pope Francis wholeheartedly acknowledged the faithfulness and heroic witness of generations of Greek Catholics. He prepared a warm pastoral statement calling the events of March 1946 by their proper name. The Holy Father emphasized that one cannot solve ecumenical problems at the expense of an Eastern Catholic Church.

We hope that His Holiness will initiate and support new steps to help relieve the dire hardships endured by millions of Ukrainians, that he will speak out on their behalf and encourage international aid. The UGCC stands ready to facilitate responsible, transparent, ecumenically sound administration of international assistance, serving the Ukrainian population without regard to ethnicity, political or linguistic preferences or religious affiliation. We are ready to cooperate in a well-coordinated plan that includes governmental and non-governmental bodies in order to lift the suffering out of their need, meeting both short-term and enduring needs of those affected by the humanitarian crisis caused by the invasion of Ukraine. Enough of this suffering! It can be prevented. It can be healed. Let us make the “Year of Mercy” a reality for the people of Ukraine.

+Svitoslav (Shevchuk)
Major Archbishop of Kyiv and Halych
Head and Father of the UGCC

+Volodymyr (Vijtyshyn)
Metropolitan and archbishop of Ivano-Frankivsk

+Yaroslav (Pryriz)
Bishop of Drohobych
+Ken (Nowakowski)
Bishop of New Westminster

+Borys (Gudziak)
Bishop of St. Volodymyr the Great in Paris

+Bohdan (Dziourach)
Secretary of the Synod of the UGCC
POPE EXPRESSES GRATITUDE TO UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC CHURCH

7 March 2016

Pope Francis has written a letter of thanks and gratitude to His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk, Major Archbishop of Kiev and Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, Vatican Radio informs.

The Archbishop, together with other members of the Permanent Synod of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church have been meeting in Rome and released a statement in which they affirmed communion with the Catholic Church. They were received in audience by the Pope on Saturday.

In his letter to Archbishop Shevchuk, Pope Francis recalls that some seventy years ago, a particular ideological and political context, as well as the existence of “ideas that were contrary to the very existence of your Church, led to the organization of a pseudo-synod in Lviv, and caused decades of suffering for the pastors and the faithful”.

“In sad memory of these events, he writes, we bow our heads in deep gratitude before those, who at the cost of suffering and even martyrdom, continued to witness the faith in the course of time and to show dedication to the Church in union with the Successor of Peter”.

At the same time, Pope Francis continues, “with eyes lit by the same faith, we look to the Lord Jesus Christ, to place in him, and not in human justice, all of our hope”.

“He is the true source of our trust in the present and in the future, as we are called to announce the Gospel also in the midst of suffering or difficulties” he says.

And the Pope goes on to express deep gratitude for the loyalty of Ukrainian Greek-Catholics and encourages them to be “tireless witnesses of that hope which makes our existence and the existence of all of our brothers and sisters more luminous”.

Pope Francis also renewed his feelings of solidarity with the pastors and faithful for all they do in these difficult times “marked by the hardships of war, to alleviate the suffering of the population and to seek the ways of peace for the beloved Ukrainian land”.

“In the Lord, he concludes, is our courage and our joy. It is to Him that I speak, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the martyrs of your Church, so that the divine consolation may illuminate your communities in Ukraine and other parts of the world”.

Pope Francis writes a letter of thanks and gratitude to His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk

(Official translation from Italian original)

To His Beatitude Sviatoslav Shevchuk
Major Archbishop of Kyiv-Halych

“How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings” (Psalm 36:8).

As people of faith we take refuge under the protective “wings” of the Lord, because while we are, indeed, carriers of divine grace, we are so as vessels of clay (see 2 Corinthians 4:7). In some circumstances, our human condition is made even more fragile due to difficult historical situations, which leave their mark on the life of the People of God, of the Community, which Jesus Christ our Lord acquired with His Blood.

The Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church in these days is commemorating the sad events of March 1946. Seventy years ago, the ideological and political context, as well as ideas opposed to the very existence of your Church, led to the organization of a pseudo-synod in Lviv, causing decades of suffering for Pastors and the faithful.

In remembering these events, we bow our heads with profound gratitude before those who, also at the cost of tribulations and even of martyrdom, in the course of time had witnessed the faith lived with dedication in their own Church and in unfailing union with the Successor of Peter. Meanwhile, with eyes illuminated by the same faith, we look to our Lord, Jesus Christ, placing in Him, and not in human justice, our every hope. He is the true source of our confidence, for the present and for the future, we being sure of our calling to proclaim the Gospel, even in the midst of any suffering or difficulty.

“Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. (...) In your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect...” (1 Peter 3:13-15).

Making mine the words of the Apostle Peter, I express my profound recognition for your fidelity and I encourage you to make yourselves tireless witnesses to that hope which makes more luminous our existence and that of all our brothers and sisters around us. I also renew my solidarity with the Pastors and faithful for all they do in this difficult time, marked by the tribulations of war, to alleviate the sufferings of the population and to seek the paths to peace for the beloved Ukrainian land.

Our courage and our joy is in the Lord. And it is to Him that I turn, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the martyrs of your Church, that divine consolation illuminate the faces of your communities in Ukraine and in other parts of the world. Meanwhile, from the heart I impart to You and to the Bishops, the priests, the religious and the faithful of the Ukrainian Greek-Catholic Church a special Apostolic Blessing as a sign of my continued affection and remembrance.

From the Vatican, March 5, 2016

Francis
UKRAINIAN GREEK CATHOLIC BISHOPS MET POPE FRANCIS

5 March 2016

On March 5, at the Apostolic Palace his Holiness Pope Francis received in a private audience lasting an hour His Beatitude Sviatoslav, Patriarch of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church and the members of the Permanent Synod.

“As pastors we spoke out on behalf of the people, the Pope heard us!”, briefly commented bishop Ken Nowakowski of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of New Westminster.

After the meeting His Beatitude presented His Holiness an original copy of the Ukrainian icon of the Door of Mercy.


THE HISTORY OF THE UGCC IS A HISTORY OF COURAGEOUS ENDURANCE AND HEROIC RESISTANCE, - PRESIDENT OF UKRAINE

9 March 2016

President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko issued a special statement on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of the Lviv pseudo-synod - the event that liquidated the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church.

“Contrary to the will of the clergy and the faithful, its suppression was announced at the “Lviv Sobor” of 1946. Ancient churches were taken, bishops imprisoned and sent into exile, believers were forced to abandon the ecclesial tradition of their ancestors. The totalitarian empire could not accept the existence of a spiritual community that, for centuries, has shaped and maintained a Ukrainian national identity and, simultaneously, opened contacts for Ukraine with the world”, reads the statement.

The President Poroshenko believes that the Church’s spirituality strengthened the nation, it helped it in the twentieth century assert it right to statehood and lead a heroic liberation struggle that did not stop until independence had been achieved.

He emphasized the role of the Church leaders such as Andrey Sheptytsky Joseph Slipyi. “Forbidden, the UGCC functioned underground, brought a new generation of authentic Christians and Ukrainian patriots. The History of the Ukrainian-Greek Catholic Church in the second half of the Twentieth century is a history of courageous endurance and heroic resistance, indestructibility of spirit and unwavering faith in the triumph of good over evil”, wrote Poroshenko.

In his opinion the example of the UGCC’s important today, when our nation bravely defends their homeland from the foreign aggressor that

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brings enslavement under the slogan “Russian World”.

“Today, as always, it is with great honour that we bow our heads before the memory of the martyrs and confessors. We express gratitude to all who resisted and continue to nurture our citizens in the spirit of Liberty, to those who stand on the side of divine Truth and human dignity, examples, models and sources of inspiration, which are so necessary for building a new future of Ukraine, so that it can take its place in the family of free European nations”.


The Head of the UGCC to the students of Lublin University: “The UGCC exists not because someone allows us to, but because of a God’s will”

Friday, 11 March 2016

On 9th of March, 2016 the Head and Father His Beatitude Sviatoslav started his official pastoral visit to Poland. This day the Head of the UGCC, at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, met with archbishop Stanislaw Budzik, metropolitan of Lublin RCC. There was also held a row of meetings with the representatives of a state government: mayor of Lublin, Kshyshtof Zhuk and the head of city council, Piotr Kowalczuk.

A key topic of the first day was a visit paid to Lublin catholic University, where the Head of the UGCC delivered his speech on topic “An ecumenical conception of the UGCC”. First of all, His Beatitude Sviatoslav, paid his attention to the autonomy of the UGCC and necessity to lead a dialogue between Churches, admitting an independence of both.

Remembering an event of 25th anniversary of the rebirth of the UGCC in Ukraine, speaker pointed out that Church of Jesus Christ cannot be removed, even when someone truly desires it to: “For 25 years of remaining in the underground activity, our Church has risen. The UGCC defended its liturgical, theologian and spiritual identity and remains in unity with a Successor to Peter on earth, what is a part of a Universal Church”.

Besides, during the lecture, the Head of the Church displayed Church’s position regarding cherishing a Church unity: “We do not talk about an acceptance of identity of Kyiv Church successors. However, this kind of act cannot be unilateral. We must be acknowledged as a real Body of Christ, as well”.

His Beatitude Sviatoslav reminded that today in Ukraine Kyiv Church successors are divided into four confessions. Despite the UGCC, there are also three Orthodox Churches. “These Churches are of one tradition, has one common root, however there is no unity between them. Everybody set their Church its own ecclesiological exceptions, others are destined to the underworld”, explained His Beatitude Sviatoslav.

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The only way out from this situation is to become the successors of one Church, yet divided. “When we appreciate everything what is good in every Church, without desire to subdue someone, then we will build up real relations.”

The Major Archbishop mentioned, if there is no mutual recognition among Churches, there is no dialogue: “We ought to stop to offence one another, that is when our dialogue will be improved”. The Head of the Church signified that during the last two years, our Church was exposed to cruel attacks from Moscow Patriarchate: “In a Joint Declaration of Pope Francis and Patriarch Kirill it is said that we formally got a right to exist. However, our Church does not exist because someone let us to, but because of a God’s will”.

A pastoral visit of His Beatitude Sviatoslav to Poland finished on 13th of March.

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15 March 2016
On March 15, a meeting of the Conference of Bishops of France was held with participation of the Eparch of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Eparchy of Paris Borys (Gudziak).

During the general discussion at the plenary meeting, Bishop Borys (Gudziak) presented the information about the war in Ukraine to French episcopate and spoke about aggravation of the humanitarian crisis.

“French bishops were deeply moved by the information about two million IDPs, daily shootings and almost daily casualties among the military, and that Ukraine, which has been in a difficult situation already for two years and whose population has been radically impoverished, is patient in adversity. The bishops were surprised to hear the statistic that Ukraine, with a budget 45 times less than the budget of Germany, and nearly half the population, accepted two million of internal migrants, while Germany accepted 1.1 million refugees,” said Bishop Borys.

He thanked the European Catholics, Christians and all people of good will who showed solidarity with the refugees - both in the Middle East, and with Ukraine and asked to continue work in this direction.

“The Bishops of the Conference took a great interest in the meeting of the Head of UGCC Sviatoslav (Shevchuk) and the Permanent Synod of Bishops with Pope Francis held in early March. In the coming days I will have the opportunity to speak about the situation in Ukraine and the role of churches in more detail,” said the Eparch of Paris. This was reported by the press service of the UGCC Diocese in Paris.

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Parish Schedules of Liturgical Services for Flowery Sunday, Great Week and the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

As the world comes alive with new life in the spring, we, as Christians celebrate the new life we receive in sharing in the Resurrection of Christ through our baptism. Flowery Sunday, Great Week and the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord is the most solemn and spiritually enriching season of our liturgical year and our church services help us to relive these Divine events in the history of human salvation. Listed below are the services in our parishes of our Philadelphia Archeparchy. You are invited to join with our parish families in giving praise, glory and thanksgiving to God during this holy paschal season.

May you have a Holy and Joyful Pascha

Christ Is Risen! Indeed, He Is Risen!

Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
830 North Franklin Street

Great and Holy Monday, March 21
6:30 p.m. The Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Great and Holy Tuesday, March 22
6:30 p.m. The Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Great and Holy Wednesday, March 23
6:30 p.m. The Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Great and Holy Thursday, March 24
10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great Commemorating the Institution of the Mysteries of Holy Eucharist and Priesthood. The Consecration of Holy Chrism and Customary Washing of the Feet
6:30 p.m. Matins Service of “Strasti” The Reading of the Twelve Passion (12 Gospels)

Good and Holy Friday, March 25
Feast Day of the Annunciation of the Holy Mother of God
4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom with Vespers (Ukr./Eng.) Procession and Burial of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ

Holy Saturday, March 26
10:00 a.m. Jerusalem Matins
1:30 p.m. Blessing of Paschal foods and baskets in Parish Hall
Confessions in Cathedral
7:00 p.m. The Paschal Vigil Liturgy
Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with Vespers.
(Ukr./Eng)

Pascha The Sunday of Our Lord’s Glorious Resurrection, March 27
8:00 a.m. Procession and Resurrection Matins
(Ukr./Eng.)
9:00 a.m. Hierarchical Paschal Divine Liturgy (Ukr)
Blessing of Paschal Foods in Church.
11:30 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy (Eng)
Blessing of Paschal Foods in Church.

Holy Family National Shrine
Washington, DC
4250 Harewood Road, NE
 Saturday March 19 Lazarus Saturday
10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Sunday March 20 Flowery-Palm Sunday
Divine Liturgies
9:00 a.m. (English)
11:30 a.m. (Ukrainian)

Holy Monday, March 21
7:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy

Holy Tuesday, March 22
7:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy

Holy Wednesday, March 23
7:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy
Anointing with the Oil of Healing (Holy Unction)

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Holy Thursday, March 24
7:00 p.m. Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great commemorating the Lord’s Supper

Good Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
10:30 a.m. Matins of Our Lord’s Passion and Death (Strosyi-12 Gospels) (Ukr. And Eng.)
7:00 p.m. Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom Placing of the Shroud (Plaschanytsya) 

Holy Saturday, March 26
10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Vigil and Guarding of Our Lord’s Tomb
11:00 a.m. Confessions
12:00 noon. Blessing of Easter Baskets
8:00 p.m. Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
First Liturgy of Pascha-Easter Vigil [Satisfies Easter Obligation]
Followed by Blessing of Easter Baskets

Pascha Sunday, March 27
8:00 a.m. Matins of the Resurrection
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy of Pascha
Followed by Blessing of Easter Baskets

Bright Monday, March 28
7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

St. Nicholas Church
Wilmington, DE
801 Lea Blvd.
Flowery (Palm) Sunday, March 20
9:00 a.m, Divine Liturgy(Ukrainian)
Blessing of willows and palms
11:00 a.m, Divine Liturgy(English)
Blessing of willows and palms

Holy Monday, March 21
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Holy Tuesday, March 22
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Holy Wednesday, March 23
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Holy Thursday, March 24
7:00 p.m. Matins with the reading of the 12 Passion Gospels

Good Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
7:00 p.m. Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom with procession of the Plaschanytsa

Holy Saturday, March 26
9:00 a.m. Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
3:00 p.m. Blessing of Pascha and Easter food

Pascha Sunday, March 27
9:00 a.m. Resurrection Matins followed by Easter Divine Liturgy

Bright Monday, March 28
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, March 29
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

St. Michael the Archangel Church
Baltimore, Maryland
2401 Eastern Avenue
Saturday March 19 Lazarus Saturday
2:30-3:30 Confessions
Sunday March 20 Flowery-Palm Sunday
10:30 AM Divine Liturgy
Holy Thursday, March 24
6:00 PM Matins of Good Friday – The Passion of Our Lord
Good Friday, March 25
Feast of Annunciation
3:00 p.m. Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom with procession of the Plaschanytsa

Holy Saturday, March 26
4:00 PM Confessions
5:00 PM Easter Basket Blessing
Pascha Sunday, March 27
9:30 AM Resurrection Matins and Liturgy

Bright Monday, March 28
10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, March 29
10:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Thomas Sunday, April 3
10:30 AM Divine Liturgy
1:00 PM Cemetery

Saint Basil Church
Chesapeake City, Maryland
231 Basil Avenue
Flowery(Palm) Sunday
Saturday. March 19
5:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy.
Blessing of willows and palms.

Holy Wednesday, March 23
Akathist to the Passion of Christ

Good Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
3:00 p.m. Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom with procession of the Plaschanytsa

Holy Saturday, March 26
6:00 p.m. Resurrection Matins followed by Easter Divine Liturgy. Blessing of Pascha and Easter food

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Saints Peter and Paul Church
Curtis Bay, Maryland
1506 Church Street
Flowery (Palm) Sunday,
8:00 AM Confessions
8:30 AM Divine Liturgy
Good Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
12:00 Noon Divine Liturgy with Vespers, Placing of the Holy Shroud
Holy Saturday, March 26
7:00 PM Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy and Easter Basket Blessing
Pascha Sunday, March 27
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Bright Monday, March 28
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Bright Tuesday, March 29
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Thomas Sunday, April 3
8:30 AM Divine Liturgy
1:00 PM Cemetery

Holy Trinity Church
Silver Spring, Maryland
16631 New Hampshire Avenue
Pascha is celebrated according to the Old Calendar calculation: Pascha Sunday, May 1, 2016.
Flowery Sunday is Sunday, April 24, 2016

Assumption of the BVM Church
Bayonne, NJ
30 East 25th Street
Flowery/Palm Sunday
Saturday, March 19
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy (Eng.)
Sunday, March 20
9:20 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr.)
Holy Wednesday, March 23
9:20 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr.)
Holy Wednesday, March 23
10:30 a.m. Stations of the Cross
Holy Thursday, March 24
3:30 P.M. Reading of the Passion Gospels
Good Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
1:30 P.M. Divine Liturgy with Vespers

St. Mary Church
Carteret NJ
717 Roosevelt Ave.
Flowery (Palm) Sunday
Saturday, March 19
5:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy
Sunday, March 20
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Holy Wednesday, March 23
6:30 pm - Stations of the Cross
Holy Thursday, March 24
6 pm Passion of Jesus Christ-12 Gospels
Good Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
3:30 pm Burial of Jesus Christ, Vespers with Procession of Holy Shroud, Paschanytsia; confessions
Holy Saturday, March 26
1:00 pm Basket Blessing of Foods, Confession
7:00 pm Resurrection Matins with Procession
Pascha Sunday, March 27
7:30 am Divine Liturgy

St. Michael Church
Cherry Hill, NJ
675 Cooper Landing Road
Flowery/Palm Sunday
Saturday, March 19
7:00 pm Great Vespers – Flowery/Palm Sunday with the Blessing of Palms/Willows
Sunday, March 20
9:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (English) with Distribution of Myrovannya and Palms/Willows.

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10:30 am Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (Ukrainian) with Distribution of Myrovannya and Palms/Willows.

**Great Monday, March 21**
8:00 am – Bridegroom Matins
7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**Great Tuesday, March 22**
8:00 am – Bridegroom Matins
7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**Holy Wednesday, March 23**
8:00 am – Bridegroom Matins
7:00 pm – Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
**with the Ritual of Anointing of the Sick**

**Holy Thursday, March 24**
7:00 pm – Passion Matins (Strastiy)

**Feast of the Annunciation/Good Friday, March 25**
10:00 am – Royal Hours
5:00 pm – Confessions
6:00 pm – Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom with Procession and Burial of the Holy Shroud

**Holy Saturday, March 26**
9:00 am – Jerusalem Matins
12:00 p.m. Confessions with Veneration of the Shroud/Plaschanystsya (Church will be open until 6:30 p.m. for confessions and veneration of Shroud)
1:30 pm/Blessing of Easter foods
4:30 pm Blessing of Easter foods
6:30 pm – Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

**Pascha Sunday, March 27**
9:30 am – Procession and Resurrection Matins (English/Ukrainian)
10:30 am – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (English/Ukrainian) with Blessing of Easter foods

**St. Nicholas Church**
**Great Meadows, NJ**
329 Route 46
Flowery/Palm Sunday
Saturday, March 19
4:00 pm Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, March 20**
8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**Holy Thursday, March 24**
6:00 p.m. Matins of Christ’s Passion

**Good Friday, March 25**
Feast of the Annunciation
6:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy, Great Vespers & Procession with the Holy Shroud

**Holy Saturday, March 26**
3:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets

**Pascha Sunday, March 27**
8:00 a.m. Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy

**Bright Monday, March 28**
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**Bright Tuesday, March 29**
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**St. Vladimir Church**
**Elizabeth, New Jersey**
309 Grier Avenue
Flowery/Palm Sunday
Saturday, March 19
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy

**Sunday, March 20**
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

**Great Monday, March 21**
6:00 pm – Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**Great Tuesday, March 22**
6:00 pm – Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

**Holy Wednesday, March 23**
6:00 pm – Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
**with the Ritual of Anointing of the Sick**

**Holy Thursday, March 24**
6:00 pm – Passion Matins (Strastiy)

**Feast of the Annunciation/Good Friday, March 25**
9:00 am Divine Liturgy with Vespers and the Placement of the Holy Shroud
6:00 pm Jerusalem matins

**Holy Saturday, March 26**
1:00 pm/Blessing of Easter Baskets
2:00 pm Blessing of Easter Baskets
3:00 pm Blessing of Easter Baskets

**Pascha Sunday, March 27**
8:00 am Paschal Matins
9:00 am Easter Divine Liturgy

**Bright Monday, March 28**
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

**Bright Tuesday, March 29**
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

**St. Michael’s Church**
**Hillsborough, NJ**
1700 Brooks Boulevard
Holy Thursday, March 24
7:30 p.m. Passion Matins with the Reading of 12 Gospels

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Good Friday, March 25 Feast of Annunciation
3:00 p.m. Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom with procession of the Plaschenitsa
7:00 p.m. Jerusalem Matins in front of Lord’s Tomb

Holy Saturday, March 26
5:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food
9:00 p.m. Nadhrobne, Procession, Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy

Resurrection of Our Lord, March 27
10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy – Health & God’s Blessings for Parishioners

Immaculate Conception Church
Hillside, New Jersey
Bloy St. & Liberty Ave
Flowery/Palm Sunday, March 20
10:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Holy Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
2:00 p.m. Burial of Jesus Christ
Vespers with Procession Confessions
Holy Saturday, March 26
4:00 p.m. Resurrection Matins with Procession, Blessing of Food
Pascha Sunday, March 27
Resurrection of Our Lord
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

St. Nicholas Church
Millville, New Jersey
824 Carmel Road
Flowery/Palm Sunday
Saturday, March 19
4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom with the Blessing of Pussy Willows

Good Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom with Vespers for the Feast of the Annunciation Procession of The Holy Shroud

Holy Saturday, March 26
4:00 p.m. Prayer at the Tomb Nadhrobnye, procession, Resurrection Matins, Easter Divine Liturgy

St. John the Baptist Church
Newark, New Jersey
719 Sanford Avenue
Palm Sunday, March 20
8:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy (Eng.) The Blessing of Willow Branches
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy (Ukr.) The Blessing of Willow Branches
11:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Holy Monday, March 21
6:30 PM Easter Confessions
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts
Holy Tuesday, March 22
6:30 p.m. Easter Confessions
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts
Holy Wednesday, March 23
6:30 p.m. Easter Confessions
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts

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Holy Thursday, March 24
10:00 a.m. Vespers with the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
7:00 p.m. Passion Matins (The Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels). Easter confessions.

Holy and Great Friday (Annunciation), March 25
10:00 A.M. Vespers with the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, the placement of the Holy Shroud (Plaschanitsya), Easter Confessions
7:00 P.M. - Jerusalem Matins, Easter Confessions

Holy and Great Saturday, March 26
10:00 a.m. Vespers with the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
3-7 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food and Easter Confessions Blessings will be on the hour and on the half-hour:
At 3:00, 4:00, 5:00, 6:00 and 7:00 p.m. (Ukr.)
At 3:30, 4:30, 5:30, and 6:30 p.m. (Eng.)

Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter), March 27
6:00 a.m. Resurrection Matins and Procession,
Divine Liturgy (Ukr.) No Confessions
9:00 a.m. Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy (Eng) No Confessions
11:00 a.m. - Divine Liturgy No Confessions

Bright Monday, March 28
9:00 am. Divine Liturgy
7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, March 29
9:00 am. Divine Liturgy
7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin
Mary Church
New Brunswick, New Jersey
80 Livingston Avenue
Holy Thursday, March 24
7:30 p.m. Passion Matins with the Reading of 12 Gospels (in Hillsborough)

Good Friday, March 25 Feast of Annunciation
12:00 p.m. Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom with procession of the Plaschenitsa
7:00 p.m. Jerusalem Matins (in Hillsborough)

Holy Saturday, March 26
7:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food

Resurrection of Our Lord, March 27
6:30 a.m. Nadhrobne, Procession, Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy — Health & God’s Blessings for Parishioners

St. Nicholas Church
Passaic, New Jersey
60 Holdsworth Court
Flowery/Palm Sunday
Saturday, March 19
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy
Sunday, March 20
8:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Holy Monday, March 21
6:30 p.m. Presanctified Gifts

Holy Tuesday, March 22
6:30 p.m. Presanctified Gifts

Holy Wednesday, March 23
6:30 p.m. Presanctified Gifts

Holy Thursday, March 24
7:00 p.m. Passion Matins & Reading of the Twelve Gospels

Good Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and Holy Shroud Service
7:00 p.m. Jerusalem Matins

Holy Saturday, March 26
8:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

Pascha Sunday, March 27
7:00 a.m. Resurrection Matins
8:00 a.m. Easter Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)
11:00 a.m. Easter Divine Liturgy (English)

Bright Monday, March 28
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, March 29
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Assumption of the BVM Church
Perth Amboy, New Jersey
684 Alta Vista Place
Palm Saturday, March 19
5:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Eng.) Blessing of willows

Palm Sunday, March 20
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr.) Blessing of willows
11:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Eng.) Blessing of willows

Holy Monday, March 21
7:00 p.m. Akathist to the Divine Passion Of Christ

Holy Tuesday, March 22
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Holy Wednesday, March 23
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Holy Thursday, March 24
9:00 a.m. Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with Vespers

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7:00 p.m. Matins, Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels.

**Good Friday, March 25, Annunciation**
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy with Burial Vespers and Procession (School children will sing)
7:00 P.M. - Jerusalem Matins

**Holy Saturday, March 26**
12:00 noon - 2:00 p.m. Confessions in the Church
2:00 P.M. - Blessing of Easter Baskets in the School Hall
4:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Baskets in the School Hall
6:30 p.m. Nadhrobne (Prayer at the Tomb)
7:00 p.m. Procession & Resurrection Matins

**Pascha Sunday, March 27**
9:00 a.m. Liturgy in Ukrainian.
*Blessing of Easter Food Baskets outside the church*
11:30 a.m. Liturgy in English

**Bright Monday, March 28**
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

**Bright Tuesday, March 29**
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

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**St. Paul Church**
Ramsey, NJ
79 Cherry Lane

**Flowery (Palm) Sunday, March 20**
12:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy

**Good Friday, March 25**
12:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy, Great Vespers, and Procession with Holy Shroud

**Holy Saturday, March 26**
12:00 p.m. noon Blessing of Easter Baskets

**Pascha Sunday, March 27**
12:00 noon Resurrection Matins Divine Liturgy

**St. Stephen Church**
Toms River, New Jersey
1344 White Oak Bottom Road

**Flowery (Palm) Sunday**
Saturday, March 19
5:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy (English) Blessing of Pussy Willow/Palm Branches

**Palm Sunday, March 20**
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (English) Blessing of Pussy Willow/Palm Branches

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**Saint Josaphat Church**
Trenton, New Jersey
1195 Deutz Avenue

**Flowery (Palm) Sunday**
Saturday, March 19
4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Pussy Willows

**Flowery (Palm) Sunday, March 20**
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Pussy Willows

**Holy Wednesday, March 23**
7:00 P.M. - Rite of Anointing of the Sick

**Holy Thursday, March 24**
7:00 P.M. Matins for the Passion of our Lord (Twelve Gospels);

**Good Friday, March 25**
Feast of the Annunciation
3:00 P.M. - Vespers with Divine Liturgy and Procession with the Holy Shroud (Plaschanytsya)
5:30 P.M. - Jerusalem Matins

**Holy Saturday, March 26**
9:00 A.M. - Vespers with the Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

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Saint John the Baptist Church
Whippany, New Jersey
60 North Jefferson Road
Lazarus Saturday, March 19
5:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy
Flowery (Palm) Sunday, March 20
8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Holy Monday, March 21
7:00 P.M. Meditations on the Way of the Cross
Holy Tuesday, March 22
8:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
7:30 P.M. - Akathist to the Passion of Christ
Holy Wednesday, March 23
9:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Anointing of the Sick
7:00 P.M. - Service of the Anointing of the Sick
Holy and Great Thursday, March 24
7:00 p.m. Matins with the Reading of the Twelve Gospels
Good Friday, March 25 (Strict Fast: no meat or dairy products)
8:00 a.m. Royal Hours
5:00 p.m. Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom with procession of the Plaschanitsa/Shroud
8:00 p.m. Jerusalem Matins
Holy Saturday, March 26 (Fast Day – No Meat)
8:30 A.M. - Vespers with the Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great
4:00 P.M. - Blessing of Easter Food/Hahilky
5:30 P.M. - Blessing of Easter Food/Hahilky
6:30 P.M. – Nadhrobne (Service at the Tomb) and Divine Liturgy (English)
Sunday of the Resurrection (Easter), March 27
8:00 A.M. - Resurrection Matins
8:30 A.M. - Divine Liturgy for the intentions of the parishioners.

Saint Josaphat Church
Bethlehem PA
1826 Kenmore Avenue
Flowery (Palm) Sunday, Saturday, March 19
6:30 PM Vesperal Divine Liturgy and simple blessing of Palms and Pussy Willows
Flowery (Palm) Sunday, March 20
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy and blessing of Palms and Pussy Willows
Holy Monday, March 21
7:00 p.m. Akathist Hymn to the Passion
Holy Tuesday, March 22
6:30 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Holy Wednesday, March 23
6:30 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts and Mystery of Anointing
Holy Thursday, March 24
Divine Liturgy Cathedral Philadelphia
7:00 p.m. Matins of Great Friday
Good Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
9:00 AM: Royal Hours for Great Friday

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Protection of the BVM Church
Bristol, PA
2026 Bath Road
Flowery (Palm) Sunday, Saturday, March 19
4:00pm Divine Liturgy
Flowery (Palm) Sunday, March 20
9:00am Divine Liturgy
11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Holy Wednesday, March 23
6:15 p.m. Way of the Cross
Holy Thursday, March 24
5:00 p.m. Easter Confessions
6:15 p.m. Matins of the Passion 12 Gospels “Strasti”
Good Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
5:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom with Vespers, Procession, Exposition of the Holy Shroud
Holy Saturday, March 26
2:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food – Church Hall
3:00p.m. Easter Egg Hunt
4:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food – Church Hall
5:00 p.m. Service at the Grave, Procession, Resurrection Matins
6:00pm, Easter Divine Liturgy
Pascha Sunday, March 27
10:00 a.m. Easter Divine Liturgy, Blessing of the Easter Food in Church
Bright Monday, March 28
9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
Bright Tuesday, March 29
7:00p.m. Divine Liturgy
7:00am Divine Liturgy

Assumption of the B.V.M. Church
Centralia, Pennsylvania
North Paxton Street
Good Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
12:00noon Vesper Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, concluding with the Procession and Placement in the Tomb of the Holy Shroud
2:00 PM- 5:00 PM Vigil at the Tomb of Our Lord
Holy Saturday, March 26
12:00 noon- 5:00PM Vigil at the Tomb of Our Lord
2:00 PM Blessing of Easter Foods (Church)
Sunday of Pascha, March 27
7:00AM Resurrection Matins
8:00AM Divine Liturgy of Pascha and Blessing of Easter Foods (Church)

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Bright Monday, March 28
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy and Procession
proclaiming the Gospels of the Resurrection

Saint Vladimir Church
Edwardsville, Pa
70 Zerbey Avenue
Holy Wednesday, March 23
11:00 a.m. Way of the Cross
Holy Thursday, March 24
6:00 p.m. Akathist Hymn to the Passion of Christ
Good Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation of the Mother of God
Holy Day of Obligation
6:00 p.m. Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom Funeral Procession, Entombment of “Plaschanysia”, Burial Shroud of Jesus
Holy Saturday, March 26
12:30 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food
Visits to the Grave of Jesus
Easter Sunday, March 27
7:30 a.m. Resurrection Procession & Matins,
Solemn Divine Liturgy, Myrovannya Festal
Anointing

St. Michael Church
Frackville, PA
Oak and Second Street
Flowery/Palm Sunday Saturday, March 19
4:00 pm Divine Liturgy. Blessing of Willows.
Sunday, March 20
10:30 am Divine Liturgy. Blessing of Willows
Holy Monday, March 21
6:00 pm – Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Holy Tuesday, March 22
6:00 pm – Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Holy Wednesday, March 23
6:00 pm – Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Holy Thursday, March 24
6:00 pm Matins with Readings of the 12 Gospels
Good Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
1:00 pm Divine Liturgy with Vespers and Procession and Exposition of the Holy Shroud
7:00 pm – Jerusalem Matins
Holy Saturday, March 26
4:00 pm Blessing of Easter foods (Paschal Baskets)

7:00 pm Prayers at the Tomb (Nadhrobne)
Procession and Resurrection Matins followed by Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Resurrection

Pascha Sunday, March 27
9:30 am Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Resurrection
Bright Monday, March 28
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Bright Tuesday, March 29
10:00 am Divine Liturgy
Thomas Sunday, Saturday, April 2
4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy. Artos.
Thomas Sunday, Sunday, April 3
10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Artos.

St. Nicholas Catholic Church
Glen Lyon, PA
153 East Main Street
Flowery (Palm) Sunday, March 20
8:30am Divine Liturgy
Good Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
3:00pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy
Pascha Sunday, March 27
6:30am Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy followed by Blessing of Easter Food

Saint Michael Church
Hazleton, PA
74 North Laurel Street
Great and Holy Thursday, March 24
5:00 pm Matins commemorating the Passion and Death of Jesus (Reading of the Passion Gospels)
Great and Holy Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation of the Mother of God (Theotokos)
2:00 pm Vesper Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom and Procession with the Holy Burial Shroud of Christ
Great and Holy Saturday, March 26
1:00 pm Blessing of Paska/Easter Bread and Food
8:00 pm Nadhrobne: Services at the Lord’s Tomb (Resurrection Procession and Matins followed by 9:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Resurrection
Please note: Services are offered Saturday night, March 26 for Feast of Resurrection/Easter
Bright Monday, March 28
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

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Bright Tuesday, March 29
10:00 am Divine Liturgy

Thomas Sunday, Saturday, April 2
4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy. Artos.

Thomas Sunday, Sunday, April 3
10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy. Artos.

Saint Michael Church
Jenkintown, PA
1013 Fox Chase Road
Pascha is celebrated according to the Old Calendar calculation: Pascha Sunday, May 1, 2016.
Flowery Sunday is Sunday, April 24, 2016

Parish Mission
Lancaster, PA
601 East Delp Road
Faithful are invited to attend services at Nativity of the BVM Church, Reading, Pennsylvania

Presentation of Our Lord Church
Lansdale, PA
1564 Allentown Road
Flowery Sunday, Saturday, March 19
4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy (Eng) Blessing of Palms & Myrovania
Flowery Sunday, March 20
11:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (Ukr/Eng) Blessing of Palms & Myrovania
Holy Monday, March 21
5:00PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts and Confessions
Holy Tuesday, March 22
5:00PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Holy Wednesday, March 23
5:00PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Holy Thursday, March 24
4:00PM Matins of the Passion of our Lord Reading of Twelve Gospels
Good Friday, March 25
Feast of Anunciation
11:30 AM Divine Liturgy
2:00PM Vespers & Procession with Holy Shroud
Holy Saturday, March 26
7:45PM Nadhrobne, Resurrection Matins with Procession, Easter Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Artos, & Easter Food, Myrovania

Pascha, Sunday March 27
11:30AM Easter Divine Liturgy Blessing of Easter Food, Myrovania

Bright Monday, March 28
11:30AM Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, March 29
11:30AM Divine Liturgy

St. John the Baptist Church
Maizeville, Pa.
Main Street
Sunday, March 20 Flowery/Palm Sunday
8:30 am Divine Liturgy with the Blessing of Willows
Holy Tuesday, March 22
6:00 pm – Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Holy Thursday, March 24
4:00 pm Matins with reading of twelve Gospels
Good Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
4:00 pm Divine Liturgy with Vespers and Procession and Exposition of the Holy Shroud
Holy Saturday, March 26
5:00 pm Blessing of Easter foods (Paschal Baskets)

Pascha Sunday, March 27
6:30 am Prayers at the Tomb (Nadhrobne), Procession with Resurrection Matins followed by Divine Liturgy for Feast of the Resurrection
Bright Monday, March 28
8:30 am Divine Liturgy
Bright Tuesday, March 29
8:30 am Divine Liturgy
Thomas Sunday, April 3
8:30 am Divine Liturgy

Saint Mary Church
McAdoo, PA
210 West Blaine Street
Great and Holy Wednesday, March 23
6:00 pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts with Office of Holy Unction (Anointing with Holy Oil)
Great and Holy Thursday, March 24
10:00 am Vesper Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
7:00 pm Matins commemorating the Passion and Death of Jesus (the reading of the Twelve Gospels)
Great and Holy Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
5:00 pm Vesper Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom Procession with the Holy Burial Shroud of Christ

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Great and Holy Saturday, March 26
10:00 am Matins for Holy Saturday (Jerusalem Matins)
5:00 pm Vespers & Divine Liturgy of St. Basil/Preparation and Vesting of the Holy Table during Liturgy (Followed by Blessing of Paska/Easter bread and foods.)
The Glorious Pascha
Resurrection of Our Lord
Easter Sunday, March 27
7:30 am Resurrection Procession & Matins
9:00 am Divine Liturgy (followed by the Blessing of Paska/Easter bread and food)
Bright Monday, March 28
6:30 pm Divine Liturgy

Patronage of the Mother of God Church
Marion Heights, PA
145 Melrose Street
Good Friday, March 25
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom with Vespers for Feast of the Annunciation
Holy Saturday, March 26
6:00 pm Vigil of the Resurrection
Resurrection Matins/ Easter Divine Liturgy/Blessing of Easter Foods
Bright Monday, March 28
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy

Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Melrose Park, PA
1206 Valley Road
Holy Monday, March 21
7:00 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (in English)
Holy Tuesday, March 22
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (in Ukrainian)
Holy Wednesday, March 23
7:00 PM Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (in English)
Holy Thursday, March 24
9:00 AM All deceased parishioners and souls in purgatory
7:00 PM Passion Matins (Reading of the Twelve Gospels)
Good Friday, March 25 (Strict Fast)
Feast of the Annunciation
11:00 AM Divine Liturgy & Holy Shroud Service
1:00-3:00 PM Confessions
7:00 PM Jerusalem Matins
Holy Saturday, March 26
9:00 AM God’s Blessings for our Volunteers
1:00-5:00 PM Blessing of Easter Foods/baskets every hour on the hour
5:30 PM Service at the Lord’s Tomb
Sunday, March 27, Resurrection of our Lord
7:00 AM Procession & Resurrection Matins
8:00 AM Easter Divine Liturgy (Church Choir in Ukrainian)
10:30 AM Easter Divine Liturgy (in English)

Nativity of the BVM Church
Middleport, PA
Kaska Street
Flowery (Palm) Sunday, March 20
7:30am Divine Liturgy
Good Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
12:00 noon Vespers with Divine Liturgy and Procession and Placement of Plaschanitza
Holy Saturday, March 26
6:00pm Vigil of the Resurrection
Resurrection Matins/ Easter Divine Liturgy/Blessing of Easter Foods
Bright Monday, March 28
5:00 pm Divine Liturgy

St. Nicholas Church
Minersville, PA
415 North Front Street
Flowery (Palm) Sunday
Saturday, March 19
4:30 p.m. Divine Liturgy
Sunday, March 20
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Holy Monday, March 21
9:00 a.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy with School Students
Holy Tuesday, March 22
6:00 p.m. Akafyst to the Passion of Christ
Holy Wednesday, March 23
6:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
Holy Thursday, March 24
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy with School Students
7:00 p.m. Jerusalem Matins

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Good Friday, March 25  
**Feast of the Annunciation**  
3:00 p.m. Vespers with Divine Liturgy and Procession and Placement of Plaschanitza  

**Holy Saturday, March 26**  
9:00 a.m. Vespers and Liturgy of St. Basil the Great  
2:00 p.m. Blessing of Food  
St. Nicholas Hall, Primrose  
3:00 p.m. Blessing of Food  
St. Nicholas Church Basement  

**Pascha Sunday, March 27**  
6:30 a.m. Resurrection Matins/Procession of Joy  
7:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy/  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  

**Bright Monday, March 28**  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  

**Bright Tuesday, March 29**  
9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  

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**Sts. Peter and Paul Church**  
**Mt. Carmel, Pennsylvania**  
131 North Beech Street  

**Holy Monday, March 21**  
6:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts  

**Holy Tuesday, March 22**  
6:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts  

**Holy Wednesday, March 23**  
6:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts with the Blessing of Oil and Anointing of the Faithful for Healing and Salvation  

**Holy Thursday, March 24**  
9:00 AM Vesper Liturgy of St. Basil the Great  
Commemorating the Institution of the Holy Eucharist  
6:00 PM Twelve Gospels of the Passion of Our Lord  

**Good Friday, March 25**  
**Feast of the Annunciation**  
3:00 PM Vesper Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, concluding with Procession and Placement in the Tomb of the Holy Shroud  
4:00 PM – 10:00 PM Vigil at the Tomb of our Lord  
7:00 PM Jerusalem Matins  

**Holy Saturday, March 26**  
9:00 AM Vesper Liturgy of St. Basil the Great  
10:00 AM – 6:00 PM Vigil at the Tomb of our Lord  
1:00 PM Blessing of Easter Foods (Church Hall)  
3:00 PM Blessing of Easter Foods (Church Hall)  
6:00 PM Resurrection Matins  
7:00 PM Divine Liturgy of Pascha  

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**Sunday of Pascha, March 27**  
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy of Pascha and Blessing of Easter Foods (Church)  

**Bright Monday, March 28**  
6:00 PM Divine Liturgy and Procession proclaiming the Gospels of the Resurrection  

**Bright Tuesday, March 29**  
8:00 AM Divine Liturgy  

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**Transfiguration of our Lord Church**  
**Nanticoke, PA**  
240 Center Street  

**Holy Monday, March 21**  
9:30 AM The Presanctified Divine Liturgy. Confessions  

**Holy Tuesday, March 22**  
9:30 AM The Presanctified Divine Liturgy. Confessions  

**Holy Thursday, March 24**  
6:30 PM Matins of the Holy and Saving Passion of our Lord Confessions.  

**Passion Friday, March 25**  
**Feast of Annunciation of Theotokos**  
4:00 PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy and Placement of the Holy Shroud. Confessions  

**Holy Saturday, March 26**  
3:00 PM Blessing of Paschal Food (in parish hall)  

**Resurrection of our Lord Pascha, March 27**  
7:30 AM Service at the Grave, Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Artos, Myrovania  

**Bright Monday, March 28**  
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Myrovania  

**Bright Tuesday, March 29**  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy, Myrovania  

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**St. John the Baptist Church**  
**Northampton, PA**  
1343 Newport Avenue  

**Flowery (Palm) Sunday Saturday, March 19**  
1:00 PM Easter Confession – First Confession Students  
5:00 PM Divine Liturgy  

**Flowery (Palm) Sunday, March 20**  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  

**Holy Wednesday, March 23**  
6:30 PM Way of the Cross  

**Holy Thursday, March 24**  
10:30 AM – Cathedral, Philadelphia  

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Good Friday, March 25  
**Feast of the Annunciation**  
3:00 PM Divine Liturgy & Burial Procession  
6:30 PM Jerusalem Matins  
**Holy Saturday, March 26**  
1:30 PM Blessing of Baskets  
3:00 PM Blessing of Baskets  
4:30 PM Divine Liturgy  
6:00 PM Blessing of Baskets  
**Pascha Sunday, March 27**  
8:00 AM Easter Matins  
8:45 AM Divine Liturgy  
**Bright Monday, March 28**  
8:30 AM Divine Liturgy  
**Bright Tuesday March 29**  
8:30 AM Divine Liturgy  

St. Vladimir Church  
Palmerton, PA  
101 Lehigh Avenue  
**Flowery (Palm) Sunday, March 20**  
9:00AM Resurrection Matins  
9:30AM Divine Liturgy  
**Holy Wednesday, March 23**  
5:00PM Rosary & Stations of the Cross  
**Holy Thursday, March 24**  
5:00PM Passion Matins  
**Good Friday, March 25**  
Feast of the Annunciation  
12 noon Vespers with Divine Liturgy & Placement of the Holy Shroud  
**Holy Saturday, March 26**  
3:00PM Blessing of Easter Foods  
**Pascha Sunday, March 27**  
9:00AM Resurrection Matins  
9:30AM Divine Liturgy  
**Bright Monday, March 28**  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
**Bright Tuesday, March 29**  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  

Bright Tuesday, March 29  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  

Ss. Cyril & Methodius Church  
Olyphant, PA  
135 River Avenue  
**Flowery (Palm) Sunday, Saturday, March 19**  
4:00 PM Divine Liturgy  
**Flowery (Palm) Sunday, March 20**  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
11:30 AM Divine Liturgy  
**Holy Monday, March 21**  
8:00 AM Akathist to the Passion of Christ  
6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy  
**Holy Tuesday, March 22**  
8:00 AM Akathist to the Passion of Christ  
6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy  
**Holy Wednesday, March 23**  
8:00 AM Akathist to the Passion of Christ  
6:30 PM Presanctified Liturgy with Anointing  
**Holy Thursday, March 24**  
6:30 PM Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great;  
**Good Friday, March 25**  
Feast of the Annunciation  
3:00 PM Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom  
**Holy Saturday, March 26**  
2:00 PM Easter Basket Blessing  
4:00 PM Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great  
**Pascha Sunday, March 27**  
8:00 AM Resurrection Matins  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom  
11:30 AM Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom  
**Bright Monday, March 28**  
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy  

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St. Nicholas Church
Philadelphia, PA
871 North 24th Street
Holy Thursday, March 24
7:30 PM – Matins of the Passion. Strasti
Good Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
3:00 PM – Confession
4:00 PM – Divine Liturgy with Vespers, Procession, Entombment of Jesus Christ
Holy Saturday, March 26
4:00-5:00 PM – Confessions
5:00 PM - Service at the Grave. Nadhrobne, Blessing of Easter Baskets
Pascha Sunday, March 27
Feast of the Resurrection
8:00 AM – Procession, Resurrection Matins
8:30 AM – Easter Divine Liturgy
Bright Monday, March 28
8:30 AM – Divine Liturgy
Bright Tuesday March 29
8:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

SS. Peter and Paul Church
Plymouth, PA
20 Nottingham Street
Holy Wednesday, March 23
9:30 AM The Presanctified Liturgy Confessions.
Holy Thursday, March 24
4:00PM Matins of the Holy and Saving Passion of our Lord. Confessions.
Passion Friday & Annunciation of the Theotokos, March 25
1:00PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy and the Placement of the Holy Shroud Confessions.
Holy Saturday, March 26
Services of Resurrection
1:00PM Blessing of Paschal Food (in parish hall)
6:00 PM Service at the Grave, Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Artos, Myromania.
Bright Monday, March 28
8:30AM Divine Liturgy, Myromania.

St. Michael’s Church
Pottstown, PA
427 West Walnut Street
Flowery (Palm) Sunday Saturday, March 19
4:00 PM Divine Liturgy. Blessing of palms & pussy willows.
Flowery (Palm) Sunday, March 20
11:00AM Divine Liturgy. Blessing of palms & pussy willows.
Holy Wednesday, March 23
6:30PM Confessions
7:00PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
Holy Thursday, March 24
7:00PM Passion Matins (reading of the Twelve Gospels)
Good Friday, March 25
1:30 PM Confessions
2:00PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom & Holy Shroud Service
Holy Saturday, March 26
5:00PM Blessing of Easter Food s/Baskets
5:30 PM Service at the Lord’s Tomb
Pascha Sunday, March 27
11:00AM Procession & Resurrection Matins
Easter Divine Liturgy: Health and God’s Blessings for Parishioners
Bright Monday, March 28
7:00 PM Divine Liturgy
Bright Tuesday, March 29
7:00 PM Divine Liturgy

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Nativity of the BVM Church
Reading, PA
504 Summit Avenue
Holy Thursday, March 24
6:30 PM Matins with Twelve Passion Gospels
Good Friday, March 25
3:00 PM Divine Liturgy for Annunciation of BVM
and Procession and Exposition of the Holy Shroud
6:30 PM Jerusalem Matins
Holy Saturday, March 26
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
3:30PM Blessing of Easter Baskets (church hall)
Easter Sunday, March 27
8:30AM Procession, Resurrection Matins Solemn
Divine Liturgy
Bright Monday, March 28
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
6:30 PM Divine Liturgy
Bright Tuesday, March 29
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Saint Vladimir Church
Scranton, PA
430 North 7th Avenue
Saturday, March 19
4:00 PM Divine Liturgy
Flowery Sunday, March 20
12:30 AM Divine Liturgy
Holy Wednesday, March 23
5:00 PM Paschal Matins
Pascha Sunday, March 27
11:00 AM Paschal Divine Liturgy
Bright Monday, March 28
6:00 PM Divine Liturgy

St. Nicholas Church
Saint Clair, PA
North Morris Street
Saturday, March 19
5:30 PM Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Palms & Pussy willows
Flowery Sunday, March 20
8:30 AM Divine Liturgy Palms & Pussy willows
Holy Monday, March 21
8:30 AM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Holy Tuesday, March 22
8:30 AM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
Holy Thursday, March 24
6:00 PM Matins of Passion of Our Lord
Good Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
6:00 PM Vespers, Divine Liturgy & Procession
with Holy Shroud
Holy Saturday, March 26
1:00 PM Blessing of Easter Food
8:00 PM Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy
Bright Monday, March 28
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Ascension of Our Lord
Sayre, PA
108 North Higgins Avenue
Flowery Sunday, March 20
12:30 AM Divine Liturgy
Holy Wednesday, March 23
6:00 PM Matins of the Passion (12 Gospels).
Holy Saturday, March 26
5:00 PM Paschal Matins
Pascha Sunday, March 27
11:00 AM Paschal Divine Liturgy
Bright Monday, March 28
6:00 PM Divine Liturgy

Saint Vladimir Church
Scranton, PA
430 North 7th Avenue
Saturday, March 19
4:00 PM Divine Liturgy
Flowery Sunday, March 20
12:30 AM Divine Liturgy
Holy Wednesday, March 23
6:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.
Holy Thursday, March 24
6:00 PM Passion Matins- Twelve Gospels.
Good Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation of Theotokos
12 noon Service
Holy Saturday, March 26
7:00 PM Service of Our Lord’s Resurrection
Pascha Sunday, March 27
10:30 Resurrection of Our Lord Pascha Divine
Liturgy
Bright Monday, March 28
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Transfiguration of Our Lord
Shamokin PA
North Shamokin Street
Holy and Great Monday, March 21
6:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.
Holy and Great Tuesday, March 22
6:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.
Holy and Great Wednesday, March 23
5:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.
Holy and Great Thursday, March 24
6:00 PM Passion Matins- Twelve Gospels.
Good Friday, March 25
3:00 PM The Divine Liturgy of St. John
Chrysostom with Vespers for the Feast of the
Annunciation on good Friday
Holy and Great Saturday, March 26
1:00 PM; 3:00PM and 4:00 PM
Easter Food and Pascha Blessing – church hall
4:30 PM Service at the Grave.

Easter Sunday, March 27
Resurrection of Our Lord - Pascha
8:00 AM Paschal Matins
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
10:30 Blessing of the Easter food and Pascha
Blessing

Bright Monday, March 28
8:15 AM Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, March 29
8:15 AM Divine Liturgy

St. Michael’s Church
Shenandoah, PA
114 South Chestnut Street
Saturday, March 19
3:30 PM Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Palms & Pussy willows

Flowery Sunday, March 20
10:30 AM Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Palms & Pussy willows

Holy Wednesday, March 23
6:00 PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts Healing service (to follow)

Holy Thursday, March 24
4:30 PM Matins of Passion of Our Lord

Good Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
No meat or dairy
5:00 PM Vesper Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Holy Saturday, March 26
No meat
5:00PM Vesper Liturgy of St. Basil
Blessing of Easter Foods to follow.
Fulfills Sunday obligation.

Pascha (Easter) Sunday March 27
8:30AM Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy,
Blessing of Easter Foods to follow.

Bright Monday, March 28
5:00 PM Divine Liturgy

Holy Myrrh Bearers Eastern Catholic Church
Swarthmore, PA
900 Fairview Road
Holy Monday, March 21
7:30 PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Holy Wednesday, March 23
10:00 AM Service of Holy Anointing

Holy Thursday, March 24
7:00PM Liturgy of St. Basil Commemoration of the Institution of the Eucharist

Good Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
No meat or dairy
5:00 PM Vesper Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Holy Saturday, March 26
No meat
5:00PM Vesper Liturgy of St. Basil
Blessing of Easter Foods to follow.
Fulfills Sunday obligation.

Pascha (Easter) Sunday March 27
8:30AM Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy,
Blessing of Easter Foods to follow.

Bright Monday, March 28
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Bright Tuesday, March 29
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Saint Anne Church
Warrington, PA
1545 Easton Road
Flowery Sunday, Saturday, March 19
7:00 PM (Eng.) Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Palms and Myrovania

Flowery Sunday, Sunday, March 20
7:30 a.m. (Ukr.) Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Palms and Myrovania
9:00 a.m. (Ukr./Eng.) Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Palms and Myrovania

Holy Monday, March 21
7:00PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Holy Tuesday, March 22
7:00PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Holy Wednesday, March 23
7:00PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

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Holy Thursday, March 24
10:30 AM Vespers and Liturgy of St. Basil the Great; Blessing of Holy Chrism; Washing of Feet; Celebrant Metropolitan Stefan Soroka
8:30 PM Matins of the Holy and Saving Passion of our Lord

Good Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

Holy Saturday, March 26
9:00 AM Jerusalem Matins
3:00PM and 5:00 PM Easter Food Blessing

Pascha, Sunday March 27
7:00 AM Nadhrobne, Resurrection Matins with Procession, Easter Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Artos, & Easter Food, Myrovania

Holy Ghost Church
West Easton, Pennsylvania
315 Fourth Street

Holy Monday, March 21
5:30 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Holy Wednesday, March 23
5:30 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts and Anointing Service

Holy Thursday, March 24
5:30PM Twelve Passion Gospels

Holy and Good Friday, March 25
Vigil at the Tomb 5:00 PM – 12:00 Midnight
5:30 PM Divine Liturgy with Vespers for the Feast of the Annunciation on Good Friday
9:00 PM Jerusalem Matins

Holy Saturday, March 26
Vigil at Tomb 8:00 AM – 6:00 PM
12:00 Noon Vesperal Liturgy of St Basil/the Great
Lighting of the Resurrection Candle
1:30 PM Blessing of Easter Baskets
6:00 PM Resurrection Matins (English)
6:45 PM Liturgy of the Resurrection (English)
Blessing of Easter Baskets

Easter Sunday, March 27
8:00 AM Resurrection Matins (Ukrainian)
9:00 AM Liturgy of the Resurrection (Ukrainian)
Blessing of Baskets
11:00AM Liturgy of the Resurrection (English/Slavonic)

Ss. Peter and Paul Church
Wilkes-Barre, PA
635 North River Street

Holy Wednesday, March 23
6:00PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Holy Thursday, March 24
11:00 AM Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
Institution of the Holy Eucharist

Holy and Good Friday, March 25
Vigil at the Tomb 5:00 PM – 12:00 Midnight
Feast of the Annunciation of the Mother of God
10:30 AM Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, Funeral Procession, Entombment of Our Lord Jesus, Exposition of the “Plashchanytsia”, Burial Shroud of Jesus Christ

Holy Saturday, March 26
2:30 PM Blessing of Easter Food Visits to the Grave of Jesus
6:30PM Resurrection Procession & Matins Solemn Divine Liturgy, Myrovannya, Festal Anointing

Easter Sunday, March 27
11:00AM Solemn Divine, Myrovannya, Festal Anointing

Front Royal Mission
Front Royal, Virginia
4 Family Life Lane

Flowery (Palm) Saturday, March 19
2:30PM Confessions
4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy English

Pascha Saturday, March 26
4:00 PM Divine Liturgy of Pascha
Followed by Blessing of Easter Baskets

Annunciation of the BVM Church
Manassas VA
6719 Token Valley Road

Flowery (Palm) Sunday, March 20
9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy

Holy Thursday, March 24
7:00 PM Matins of Christ’s Passion

Good Friday, March 25
Feast of the Annunciation
7:00 PM Divine Liturgy with Vespers and Procession with the Holy Shroud

Pascha Sunday, March 27
8:00 AM Resurrection Matins
9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy

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Metropolitan Stefan will celebrate Holy Thursday Services at Immaculate Conception Cathedral in Philadelphia, Thursday, March 24; All are Invited to Attend

On Holy Thursday March 24, Metropolitan Stefan Soroka, together with archiepiscopal priests, will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 10:30 a.m. in the golden-domed Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Philadelphia, Pa. This Divine Liturgy commemorates the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the Priesthood. At this Divine Liturgy, Metropolitan Stefan will perform the traditional washing of the feet and the Holy Chrism will also be consecrated. All the faithful are invited and encouraged to attend this Divine Liturgy on Holy Thursday in our Cathedral in Philadelphia during this Jubilee Year of Mercy.
April 2016 - Квітень 2016

Happy Birthday!

З Днем народження!

April 1: Rev. Deacon Mr. Theophil Staruch
April 7: Rev. Petro Zvarych
April 7: Rev. Deacon Mr. Paul Spotts
April 14: Rev. Taras Svirchuk, C.S.s.R.
April 28: Rev. Ihor Royik

Congratulations on your Anniversary of Priesthood!

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