

# The Enlightener

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**There is no peace without a conversion of the heart! Peace can only be achieved through love! Everyone is asked to work and pray for war to be banished from mankind's world".**

*Pope John Paul II*



## Antiphon

Let God arise and let His enemies be scattered, and let those who hate Him flee from before His face. As smoke vanishes, so let them vanish as wax melts before a fire. So let the wicked perish at the presence of God, and let the righteous ones rejoice. This is the day the Lord has made, let us exult and rejoice in it.



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Divine Liturgies at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.; Summer 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.; Holy Day Vigil 7 p.m.

## Respect Life News

### Christ Is Risen; Life Is Renewed

*Christ is risen from the dead! By death He conquered death, and to those in the graves, He granted life.*

As the glorious season of Pascha approaches, these are the words we long to exclaim. The Author of Life has come into His own creation as a man, and has released us from death's grip. He has renewed creation, granted new life, and conquering death forever. But Christ makes it clear to us that we are called to continue this renewal by celebrating and defending Life everyday, in all that we do.

The St. Ann Respect Life Committee continues its celebration of life with two big events this spring. On Saturday, May 10, St. Ann's will host a Respect Life Liturgy at 9:30am. The Liturgy will be preceded by a peaceful demonstration/rosary rally at the Hillcrest Abortion Clinic on Front Street in Harrisburg. The Liturgy will be attended by many of our Latin brothers and sisters from the area, some of whom have never participated in a Byzantine Liturgy. The RLC invites everyone in our parish family to come to the Liturgy, which is an opportunity to celebrate life, and to show our Western friends the beauty that is the Church Universal.

On Mother's Day, May 11, the RLC will again team up with Pennsylvanians for Human Life (PHL) for the annual carnation sale, benefiting the work of PHL. The flowers will be available after each Liturgy, and cost \$1 a piece. St. Ann's will also receive a portion of the proceeds. Thank your mom for giving you life by buying her a carnation on Mother's Day!

The Splendor of Truth shines forth in all the works of the Creator and, in a special way, in man, created in the image and likeness of God (cf. Genesis 1:26). Truth enlightens man's intelligence and shapes his freedom, leading him to know and love the Lord. Hence the Psalmist prays, "Let the light of your face shine on us, oh Lord" (Ps. 4:6).

Pope John Paul II in Veritatis Splendor

The St. Ann Respect Life Committee meets on the 3rd Sunday of the month, after the second Liturgy, in the Parish Center. If you would like to know more about how you can help end the tragedy of abortion, contact Ann Hanincik at 717-312-0465, or email, amh260@comcast.net.

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## ***Candles for Resurrection Matins***

The Procession for Resurrection Matins includes lighted candles held by the people. This year a large beeswax candle with a wax saver will be used. Please consider donating a dollar to help cover the partial cost of the cup and candle that you can use in your Easter basket and can take home with you to shine on Pascha. You may give this donation when you receive the candle.

### ***Prayer for Vocations***

**Ever-Faithful God,  
You have called us and graced us  
through our baptism to continue  
the mission  
of your beloved Son, Jesus.**

**Open us to listen to your call  
and empower us to witness to the  
gospel  
with courage.**

**Inspire women and men  
to follow the path of service.  
Together may we build up the  
Church  
As a living and vibrant sign of  
your presence  
in our world.**

**We offer this prayer  
In the name of your beloved Son,  
Jesus. Amen**

## **When drugs are a good thing**

I had a “drug” problem when I was a young person. I was “drug to church on Sunday morning. I was “drug to church on Sunday night and I was “drug” to church on Wednesday night. I was “drug” to Sunday school, I was “drug” to vacation Bible school and “drug” to the family altar to pray. I was also “drug” to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card or did not speak with respect.

Those “drugs” are still in my veins, and they affect my behavior in nearly everything I do and say and think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack or heroin. If more children had this “drug” problem, America would be a better place.

*-Anonymous*

## ***Items generously donated***

The following have been donated: Blue vestments in memory of Edward Midock, Father of Michael Midock Donated by Michael and Family.

Icon of Blessed Paul Goidich In memory of Ignatius and Sophia Pataki mother and father, of Helen Hahn. Memorialized by Helen and Grandchildren.

Icon of Blessed Theodore Romzha In memory of Sophia Mehalko, donated by Andrew Mehalko and Family.

## ***Articles for Memorializing***

The following items are available: Blue Vestments, Sterling Silver Chalice, Enameled Hand Cross, Four Icon Stands and Icon Table. If you are interested, please see Father Michael for details.

## *Eternal Memory*



Our parish family offers prayers and condolences to the family of Martha Dominick and James Madar

**Vicnaja pamjat'**

## *Mysteries of Initiation*



Masyn Theodore Mellon  
(Son of Michael and Michelle Mellon)

Joshua Bobar  
(Son of Stephen and Julia Bobar)

Lucille Elise Urbansky  
(Daughter of Carl and Deanna Urbansky)

Carla Marie Sedun  
(Daughter of Michael and Gail Sedun)

**Mnohaja l'ita!**

# *A Word from the Desert*

The gift which we have received from Jesus Christ in holy baptism is not destroyed, but is only buried as a treasure in the ground. Both common sense and gratitude demand that we should take good care to unearth this treasure and bring it to light. This can be done in two ways. The gift of baptism is revealed first of all by a painstaking fulfillment of the commandments; the more we carry these out, the more clearly the gift shines upon us in its true splendor and brilliance. Secondly, it comes to light and is revealed through the continual invocation of the Lord Jesus, or by unceasing remembrance of God, which is one and the same thing. The first method is powerful but the second is more so; so much so that even fidelity to the commandments receives its full strength from prayer. For this reason, if we truly desire to bring to flower the seed of grace that is hidden within us, we should hasten to acquire the habit of this exercise of the heart, and always practice this prayer within it, without any image or form, until it warms our mind and enflames our soul with an inexpressible love towards God and men.

*St. Gregory of Sinai, late 13th century*

## *Diocesan Appeal*

Thank you to those families who have given with a generous heart for the support of our Eparchy. The total number of family's that have pledged or given something through this past Sunday is 148. To date we have received \$14,200, with another \$1,345 still pledged.

# What's Happening

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**40th Anniversary of Our Church.** Circle October 5 on your calendar and plan to celebrate this wonderful occasion. A committee needs to be formed to plan the celebration. Watch your bulletin for further information.

Mark your calendars for the **Slavic American Festival, Sunday, July 20.** Plan to attend to enjoy the food and to dance to the music of two popular bands.

Nut Roll Sale and Perohi Sale on Saturday, April 12. Check the bulletin for more details.

The Annual Blood Bank membership drive is taking place. You can find your membership forms in the back of the church.

### **Note from the Pastor:**

Please be conservative with the use of lights around the parish. Just because we are selling something or utilizing the parish center, 6 rows of lights should not be on. When done, shut off lights! This is a waste of your money, and it making the utility company richer. The average for the gas bills for December, January, and February is \$2600-just for gas.

### **The following is from a newsletter from The Interfaith Coalition on Energy:**

"We compare one year's weather with another by using heating degree days (HDDs). Since each building is different, oil companies multiply the HDDs by a factor for each delivery. The HDDs for November through January were over 44% more this season than last. So, if your congregation didn't touch a thermostat setting or make any other changes, the number of CCF of gas or gallons of fuel oil to heat your building would be about 40% more this heating season (so far) in comparison to last year."

Bingo needs volunteers to help to keep it going. Will You consider giving the parish help one night every five weeks?

### **ECF!**

The children's Easter egg hunt and party will be on Palm Sunday (April 13) after the 10:30 liturgy. Those who have received their first Mystery of Repentance will be honored at this party. All parishioners are invited. Please bring a covered dish, fruit or healthy snack. Cake will be provided.

**New ECF members are welcome.** Volunteers are needed for officer positions for 2003-2004: Vice-president, treasurer, kitchen help coordinator. Also, a Baltimore Aquarium trip is being planned for May 4. Watch the bulletin for more information.

**PUSSY WILLOWS:** Thank you to those who brought pussy willows to the Parish Center for distribution on Palm Sunday.

**EASTER HOLIDAY RAFFLE TICKETS:** Have you sent in your raffle ticket returns as yet? If not, please do so as soon as possible. Thank you.

**ICON AND BOOK STORE:** Are you looking for something special and can't find it? Have you tried looking in the Book Store in the Church basement. There you will find dyes, wax, lamb molds, basket covers, new icons, cards of all kinds and just about anything you might be looking for. Why not stop in the Book Store, browse around and pick up things you can't find in local stores and all at a reasonable price.

**SELF-DENIAL FOLDERS:** Monies received will

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# Please remember the sick of our parish

**REMEMBER THE SICK** - those who are hospitalized, those who are residents in nursing homes, those who in some way are incapacitated, and those who cannot worship with us during this Easter Holiday, THE HOLY RESURRECTION.

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602 Drexel Road  
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be used to assist our religious communities and our people in Eastern Europe.

**EASTER CANDLE OFFERING:** A candle envelope has been enclosed herein. These candles will burn at the grave on Great and Holy Friday and during Bright Week.

**WEDDING JUBILARIANS:** Will you be celebrating a 5th, 10th, 15th, or other wedding anniversary this year, in increments of 5 years? If so, please notify the Rectory giving your address, date of marriage and the number of your anniversary - 5th, 10th, 15th, etc.

**HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE GRADUATES:** If you are going to graduate from high school or college this year, please inform the Rectory of the date of your graduation. All high school graduates even if you do not go to the ECF program, please let us know the name of your high school from which you

will graduate and the name of college you plan to attend. College graduates, please let us know the name of the college from which you will be graduating and what you plan on doing after you graduate. Thank you

**EASTER-PENTECOST:** According to the ancient traditions of our Church THERE IS TO BE NO KNEELING BY THE FAITHFUL FROM EASTER UNTIL THE KNEELING PRAYERS OF PENTECOST SUNDAY (PRAYER: O HEAVENLY KING). The congregation stands during the entire Liturgy. During the Consecration, the faithful are to make a deep bow while standing. The kneeling prayers are taken on Pentecost Sunday. As a sign of the Resurrection, we remain standing for 40 days. The doors of the Iconostasis are opened at Resurrection Matins. **EXCEPTION TO STANDING:** If you are elderly, feel ill, or for some reason you are not able to stand the entire time, feel free to sit.

# Liturgical Schedule for Pascha

Though it is not prescribed for every day, Great Week—Holy Week is a week of fasting: Wednesday, Great Friday, and Holy Saturday are fast days. Great Friday is Black Fast day which means no meat or dairy products are eaten. Who is bound to fast? All those who receive the Holy Eucharist are bound to fast. Only those people who are ill, pregnant or older are excused from the fast.

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### SATURDAY – APRIL 12 - SATURDAY OF LAZARUS

9:00 A.M. - FIRST CONFESSIONS

### SUNDAY – APRIL 13 - FLOWERY SUNDAY (PALM SUNDAY)

8:00 A.M. - DIVINE LITURGY

10:30 A.M. - DIVINE LITURGY

NOTE: All are invited to process prior to both Liturgies. Blessing of willows at both Liturgies. Anointing with Holy Oil and distribution of Blessed Bread (Mirovanije) after each Liturgy.

Everyone is invited to a social after the 10:30 Divine Liturgy in the parish center to honor the children who received for the first time the Mystery of Repentance on Lazarus Saturday.

### WEDNESDAY – APRIL 16 - GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY (FAST DAY)

7:00 P.M. - PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY WITH THE MYSTERY (SACRAMENT) OF HEALING

### THURSDAY - APRIL 17 - GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY

7:00 P.M. - DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT WITH VESPERS.

### FRIDAY – APRIL 18 - GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY - (STRICT FAST: NO MEAT IS ALLOWED TO BE EATEN!)

12:00 NOON - "STRAST'!" - READING OF THE TWELVE GOSPELS

NOTE: We will need people for the reading of the Twelve Gospels and to hold candles.

7:00 P.M. - GREAT VESPERS AND BURIAL PROCESSION WITH THE HOLY SHROUD

(Outdoor procession, weather permitting)

**PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ATTEND CHURCH SERVICES ON GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY.**

**ALL NIGHT VIGIL - GUARDING OF THE GRAVE** - BEGINS FRIDAY AFTER VESPERS UNTIL VIGIL LITURGY, SATURDAY, APRIL 19, AT 5:30 P.M. NO PERIOD OF GUARDING OF THE GRAVE SHOULD BE WITHOUT ONE, TWO OR MORE PEOPLE PRESENT IN THE CHURCH. THERE WILL BE A SIGN-UP SHEET IN THE VESTIBULE. PLEASE CHOOSE AN HOUR WHEN YOU AND YOUR FAMILY CAN SPEND TIME IN PRAYER TOGETHER, AND IN THIS WAY, WE SHALL NOT LEAVE THE TOMB UNGUARDED.

### SATURDAY – APRIL 19 - GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

5:30 P.M. - VIGIL LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT (THE GREAT RESURRECTION)

9:00 P.M. - REMOVAL OF THE PLASCHANITZA FROM THE TOMB, PASSING OF THE NEW LIGHT, PROCESSION OF HASTE, RESURRECTION MATINS, DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM WITH GOSPEL IN MANY LANGUAGES, BLESSING OF ARTOS, PASCHAL HOMILY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM (FOLLOWED BY HIS TROPARION), KISSING OF THE CROSS WITH PASCHAL STICHERS, BLESSING OF PASCHAL FOODS, AND DISTRIBUTION OF RED EGGS.

NOTE: There will be anointing with oil of gladness (Mirovanije) after the Divine Liturgy. When coming to church, please bring all baskets to the parish center. This applies to Easter Sunday also.

### SUNDAY – APRIL 20 – FEAST OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION - EASTER SUNDAY - PASCHA

10:30 A.M. - SPECIAL INTENTION. DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM followed by the Anointing with Holy Oil of Gladness (Mirovanije). Blessing of Paschal Foods in the Parish Center after the Divine Liturgy (outdoors - weather permitting).

NOTE: There will be anointing with oil of gladness (Mirovanije) after the Divine Liturgy. When coming to church, please bring all baskets to the parish center..

**BRIGHT WEEK – BRIGHT WEEK IS A WEEK OF JOY. THERE IS NO FASTING.**

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# Liturgical Schedule for Pascha (Continued)

## MONDAY – APRIL 21- BRIGHT MONDAY - EASTER MONDAY

7 P.M. – DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN

CHRYSOSTOM

Note: Outdoor procession – weather permitting – reading of the Four Gospels

## TUESDAY – APRIL 22 – BRIGHT TUESDAY

9:30 A.M. – DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN

CHRYSOSTOM

## WEDNESDAY – APRIL 23 – BRIGHT WEDNESDAY AND THE FEAST DAY OF SAINT GEORGE

9:30 A.M. . – DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN

CHRYSOSTOM

**Please watch the Sunday bulletin for any changes that might have to be made due to unforeseen circumstances. Any changes in the schedule will**

## *Remember the Sick*

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Mrs. Ann Rosiak  
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Church of God Home  
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Stephen Plouse  
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It would also be nice to remember our retired Bishop. He will appreciate hearing from you.

The Most Reverend Michael J. Dudick, D.D., Bishop Emeritus  
32 Lakeview Trail  
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### The Young Adult Retreat

A weekend of prayer and fellowship for young adults, ages 18-35. All World Youth Day 2002 participants, along with other interested young adults, are welcome. The newly established Young Adult Retreat is scheduled for Friday - Sunday, September 5-7, 2003 at Carpathian Village.

**be listed in the Sunday bulletin prior to the scheduled service.**

**EASTER OFFERINGS:** THE EASTER (VELIKIJ DEN) collection a once-a-year collection and is a major **SPECIAL COLLECTION** of the year. In past years you have been most generous and we thank you. The economic situation is not much better this year and many of you are affected by it, but the Church has also been affected. The value of the dollar today is decreasing while expenses are increasing for you and for the Church. **GOD LOVES A GENEROUS GIVER.** Please be as generous as you can be with your special Easter offering. Parishioners please use the Easter offering envelope in your box of offering envelopes. An Easter offering envelope has been included with this Newsletter for use by friends of St. Ann if they so desire.

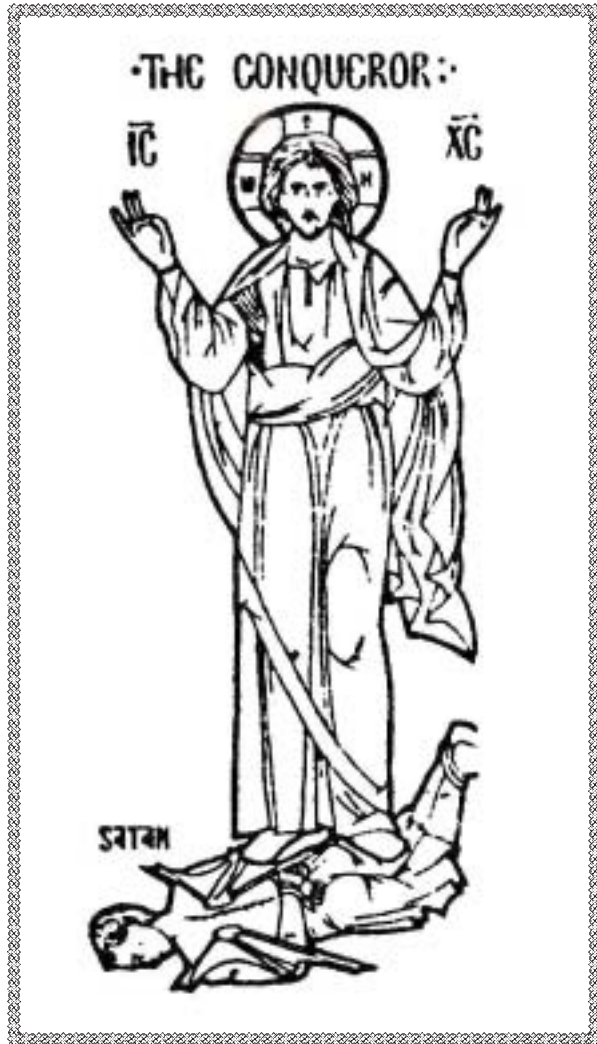
### Camp Come Together

A co-ed pre-teen camp, offering religious training, sports, crafts and more for eparchial youths ages 9-12. Camp Come Together will be held July 6-10, 2003 at Carpathian Village.

### The Altar Server Congress

A social and religious event for all eparchial altar servers ages 7-17. \*The Altar Server Congress will take place over the weekend of November 7-9, 2003 at the Carpathian Village.

**Please remember in your prayers the brave men and women who have answered the call to offer the ultimate sacrifice for their country.**



## How to become a lapsed Catholic quickly and easily

1. **Stop going to church on Sundays.** This is the quickest and easiest way to become a lapsed Catholic.
2. **Have an ideological fight with the Church.** Pick out a ruling and find something wrong with it - pick a fight. (Abortion and contraception are currently topical.)
3. **Join another religion.** (Be careful not to REALLY join another religion - you'll just have another set of obligations to observe.)
4. **Become an agnostic.** This is the intellectual approach.
5. **Learn to dislike a priest.** Remember one you loved, then compare him to this new guy, who talks too loud/soft, is too Italian/Polish/Irish, who never/always comes/goes to my/someone else's house for supper/dinner, who always/never stops to chat with people after liturgy.
6. **Have the church refuse to marry you.** Pick out an atheist to marry, then attend PreCana conferences. Insist that you have no intention of raising your kids Catholic, but that they're going to be able to make up their own minds "when they get old enough." Storm out in a huff when they tell you you need counseling before your wedding banns are published.

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