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The Resurrection of Jesus

“They said to them, ‘Why do you seek the living one among the dead? He is not here but he has been raised. Remember what he said to you while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners and be crucified, and rise on the third day.’ And they remembered his words. Then they returned from the tomb and announced all these things to the eleven and to all the others.”

Luke 24:5-9

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. Christ is risen.



*To all of our parishioners and benefactors,
A happy and glorious Pascha and Paschal season!
Devotedly and prayerfully,*

Father Michael

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR PASCHA

■ Saturday – April 3 - Saturday of Lazarus

9:00 a.m. — *First Confessions*

9:30 a.m. — *Divine Liturgy*

■ Sunday – April 4 - 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 in the parish center to honor the children who received for the first time the Mystery of Repentance on Lazarus Saturday.

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

■ Wednesday – April 7 - Great and Holy Wednesday (Fast Day)

7:00 p.m. — *Presanctified Liturgy with the Mystery of Healing*
(Anointing of all in attendance.)

■ Thursday – April 8 - Great and Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. — *Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with Vespers.*

■ Friday – April 9 - Great and Holy Friday – (Strict Fast: No Meat or Dairy Products are Eaten!)

12:00 Noon — *“Strast’i” - 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.

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Divine Liturgies at 8:00 a.m.

and 10:30 a.m.,

Holy Day Vigil 7:00 p.m.

All Night Vigil — Guarding of the Grave

Begins Friday after Vespers until Vigil Liturgy, Saturday, April 10, 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 10 — Great and Holy Saturday

5:30 p.m. — Vigil Liturgy of St. Basil the great (the great resurrection) — men are needed to carry banners.

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 11 — Feast of The Holy Resurrection — Pascha

10:30 a.m. — Special Intention. Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom followed by the Anointing with Holy Oil of Gladness (Milovanije). 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 – April 12-April 17

This is a week of joy. There is no fasting.

Monday, April 12 — Bright Monday — Easter Monday

9:30 a.m. — Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Note: Outdoor procession — weather permitting — reading of the Four Gospels. (All are invited to “pot luck” in the hall.)

Tuesday, April 13 — Bright Tuesday

9:30 a.m. — Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

(Please watch the Sunday bulletin for any changes that might have to be made to this schedule.)

Pascha Offerings: (VELIKIJ DEN) collection is 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.

Self-Denial Folders: Monies received will be sent to the seminary in Uzhgorod.

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 cost for this candle that you can use in your Pascha basket and can take home to shine on Pascha. You may give this donation when you receive the candle

Pascha-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.

Pussy Willows: Thank you to those who brought pussy willows to the Parish Center for distribution on Flowery 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.



Mystery of Repentance

On Lazarus Saturday, April 3, the following will receive the Mystery of Repentance for the first time:

Ryan Lilliock	Bryanna Melnic
Emily Wilsbach	Noah Goodnight
Michael Mattis	Caleb Setlock
Mary Kate Skitka	

Mnohaja l'ita!

On Flowery Sunday (Palm Sunday), these young people will lead the procession at the 10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy. After the Liturgy, they will be honored at a celebration in the parish center. Everyone is invited.

Egg Hunt

For the children of the parish, the Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Sunday, April 4, (FLOWERY SUNDAY — PALM SUNDAY), following the 10:30 A.M. Liturgy. Those who have received their first Mystery of Repentance will be honored at this party. All parishioners are invited to attend — please bring a covered dish, fruit, or healthy snack.



High School and College Graduates

If you are going to graduate from high school or college this year, please give the following information to the rectory: your name, the school you attend, and your future plans. Thank you.

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.

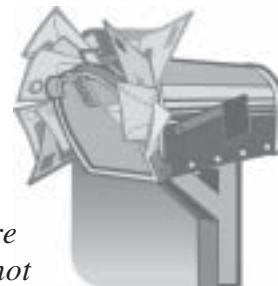


NOTE FROM THE PASTOR:

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 is making the utility company richer. Utilities have doubled over last year.

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 Pascha season, THE HOLY RESURRECTION. Please remember them with a prayer, a card, a visit, or a gift to let them know we are thinking about them and have not forgotten them.



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Also, please remember our retired Bishop:
The Most Reverend Michael J. Dudick, D.D.
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**Nut Roll Sale and Perohi Sale
on Saturday, April 3.
Check the bulletin for more details.**

Thank You

Our heartfelt thanks to Bishop Nicholas Samra who spent three day with us – enlightening us and bringing us closer to Christ. To the 21 clergy who were present for the Mystery of Repentance, we say thank you. To all who put forth the effort to attend the tridium, God bless you a hundred fold.

Mark Your Calendars Now!



St. Ann Slavic-American Festival

Sunday, July 18, 2004

Plan to attend to enjoy the food
and dance to the music
of two popular bands.

**On June 6th, Father Michael will celebrate
his 40th anniversary of ordination
to the priesthood.**



Ode to Volunteers

Many will be shocked to find
when the day of judgment nears,
that there's a special place in
heaven set aside for volunteers:
Furnished with big recliners,
satin couches and footstools:
Where there's no committee chairman,
no group leaders or car pools:
No eager team that needs a coach,
no bazaar and no bake sale:
There will be nothing to staple,
not one thing to fold or mail:
Telephone lists will be outlawed,
but . . .

a finger-snap will bring cool
drinks and gourmet dinners and
rare treats fit for a king or queen.
You ask, who'll serve those
privileged few and work for all
they're worth? Why, all those
who reaped the benefits and not
once volunteered on earth.

Author Unknown



A torn and ragged one-dollar bill discovered that it was about to be retired from circulation. As it slowly moved along the conveyor belt to the shredder, it became acquainted and struck up a conversation with a fifty-dollar bill that was meeting the same fate.

The fifty began reminiscing about its travels all over the country. "Life has been good," the fifty exclaimed. "Why, I've been to Las Vegas, the finest restaurants in New York, political fund raisers, and just returned from a cruise on the Caribbean."

Gee said the one-dollar bill, "You're fortunate to have been able to visit all those places."

"So where all have you been in your lifetime, my little friend?" asks the fifty

"Well, I've been to . . .

the Methodist Church,
the Baptist Church,
the Episcopal Church,
the Presbyterian Church,
the Lutheran Church,
the Catholic Church,
the Orthodox Church . . ."

"Excuse me," says the fifty, "but what is a Church?"

ByzanTEEN Youth Rally 2004 — Plan ahead and save! The 2004 Rally, sponsored by the Intereparhial Youth Commission will take place June 24-27 at Camp St. Nicholas, Frazier Park, CA, which is 75 miles from Los Angeles. Cost for the rally will be \$250 per person. It is open to Byzantine Catholics ages 13-19. For further information visit [www. Byzanteen.com](http://www.Byzanteen.com) or call the Rally Planning office at 708-645-0241. Our parish will supply scholarships for any youth who wants to go but is unable due to the cost. Contact Father Michael for more information. Also, read the weekly bulletin for more details about the rally.