



Christ Is Risen! Indeed He Is Risen!

March

- 13, 14, 15 – Church Retreat
- 15 – Lazarus Saturday
- 16 – Flowering Sunday
- 20 – Great & Holy Thursday
- 21 – Great & Holy Friday
- 22 – Great & Holy Saturday
- 23 – Pascha (Resurrection Sunday)
- 25 – Annunciation of the Mother of God

April

- 23 – Feast of St. George, Great Martyr

May

- 1 – Feast of Ascension of Our Lord
- 11 – Pentecost Sunday
- 12 – Pentecost Monday

June

- 24 – Birth of St. John the Baptist

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Dear Parish Family and Friends of St. Ann,

CHRIST IS RISEN! These words are more than an Easter Greeting. They are the heart and substance of our faith. It is Jesus, Crucified and Risen, who is Lord. The Father has raised Him up! The tomb could not contain Him. Death could not hold Him captive. He is not here! The tomb is empty! And so every time we greet one another we profess the faith of the Church and the new life that we have received through our faith and baptism. “Behold I am with you!” is the promise of the Risen Lord Jesus to us. When we live and proclaim this faith, lives are changed, relationships transformed and we become a sign pointing to the Risen Lord in our midst. It is this living faith that we proclaim and live. It is this living faith that sustains us in our everyday faithfulness. It is this faith that makes us as a Church a living and vibrant organism. May we be a sign of the living, Risen Christ!

Father John

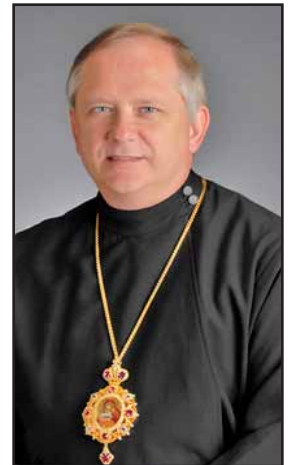
Welcome, Bishop William Skurla

On December 6, 2007, the feast day of our Holy Father Nicholas, Archbishop of Myra, the “wonderworker” and patron of Byzantine Catholic faithful, our Holy Father Pope Benedict XVI appointed Bishop William C. Skurla of the Byzantine Eparchy of Van Nuys (California), 51, as Bishop of the Eparchy of Passaic. The appointment was announced in Washington by Archbishop Pietro Sambi, Apostolic Nuncio to the United States.

Bishop Skurla’s enthronement took place at the Cathedral of St. Michael the Archangel, in Passaic, on January 29. The Eparchy of Passaic of the Ruthenians comprises Catholics of the Byzantine-Ruthenian Church in New Jersey, the District of Columbia and some 25 states, primarily on the East Coast and as far south as Florida.

Bishop Skurla, a native of Duluth, Minnesota, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree from Columbia University in New York in 1981. He attended Mary Immaculate Seminary in Northampton, Pennsylvania, where he earned a Masters of Divinity Degree in 1986 and a Masters of Theology Degree in 1987.

He entered the Franciscan novitiate in Sybertsville, Pennsylvania in 1980 and made his Solemn Profession of vows in 1985. Ordained a priest in 1987, he has served as Vicar, Assistant Spiritual Advisor, and Vocations Director for the Holy Dormition Byzantine Franciscan Monastery in Sybertsville. In work outside the community, Bishop William served pastoral assignments in the Byzantine Catholic Metropolitan Church of Pittsburgh and Ukrainian Catholic eparchies in the United States, including St. Melany in Tucson, Arizona, where he served from 1993 until his episcopal appointment in 2002. In 1996, he was incardinated (formally transferred) into the Eparchy of Van Nuys and served the eparchy as associate editor of the eparchial newsletter, a consultant, and a member of the Deacons’ Review Board and Intereparchial Youth Commission. He was named Bishop of Van Nuys by Pope John Paul II in February of 2002, and was ordained to the Episcopacy and enthroned on April 23, 2002. Bishop William also serves as chair of three Intereparchial Commissions for the Council of Hierarchs: Vocations, Young Adult and Youth.



Mnohaya L’ita

May God grant Bishop William many happy years!

— Saint Ann Parish News —

Mystery of Repentance

On Lazarus Saturday, March 15th, four children will receive the Mystery of Repentance, their 4th Sacrament, for the first time and enter the stage of accepting responsibility for their own actions.

**Jessica Elizabeth Anderson
Madelen Isabella Brunner
Hannah Justine Laychock
Michaley Marie Mellon**

May God grant many happy and blessed years to you and your families!

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The ECF sponsored an ice-skating party at Twin Ponds East on Sunday, January 20. About 45 parish members enjoyed a great afternoon with their Church family.

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, your degree, 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. The celebration will be in September.

Please Remember

with a prayer, card, visit, or gift those who in some way are incapacitated and cannot worship with us. Let them know we are thinking about them.

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Mysteries of Initiation—Mnohaya L'ita:

Olivia Marie Blocher

daughter of Michael and Stephanie Blocher.

Eternal Memory—Vičnaya Pamyat

Our parish family extends its condolences to . . .

— *Nester and Ebert families on the falling asleep of Peter Yaroshak, Marie's father*

— *Mahey family on the falling asleep of John Carretti, Mary's father*

— *Family of Mary Mucha, mother of Marie Palamar and sister of Veronica Lord*

— *Family of Luke Bassler, son of Marian and Harry and nephew of Lisa Stramitis*

Eastern Christian Formation Sponsors Activities:

FLOWERY SUNDAY BRUNCH/EGG HUNT — March 16

BOWLING — April 13

LAST DAY OF ECF — May 4

KNOEBEL'S FAMILY DAY — June 1

BIBLE SUMMER SCHOOL — June 22-26

Check the weekly bulletin for more information about these activities. E-mail: ecfactivities@stannbyz.org for details and to volunteer to help.

THANK YOU to Lauren Peters, a member of our ECF Senior High School class. This fall the ECF received a profit of \$1,025.71 through the sale of Community Day Discount Books from the Bon-Ton Department Store. Lauren was instrumental in organizing and running the sale. Also, thank you to all the high school students who helped and to our parishioners who supported this program.

CORRECTION: Add to the Jubilarian Anniversary Couples listed in the last newsletter Jill and Jerry Davies, who celebrated their 25th Anniversary.



HOLY WEEK and PASCHA SCHEDULE

Lazarus Saturday — March 15

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy
5:00 p.m. Vespers for Flowering Sunday

Flowering Sunday — March 16

8:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Great & Holy Monday — March 17

9:30 a.m. Bridegroom Service with Holy Communion

Great & Holy Tuesday — March 18

9:30 a.m. Bridegroom Service with Holy Communion

Great & Holy Wednesday — March 19

9:30 a.m. Bridegroom Service with Holy Communion
7:00 p.m. Holy Anointing Service
Mystery of Holy Anointing for the healing of soul & body

Great & Holy Thursday — March 20

Commemoration of Our Lord's Last Supper & Beginning of the Holy Passion of Our Lord

7:00 p.m. Great Vespers & Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Great & Holy Friday — March 21

9:30 a.m. Matins of Good Friday — Reading of the Holy Passion
12:00 p.m. Royal Hours
7:00 p.m. Solemn Great Vespers with the Procession of the Holy Shroud
All Night Vigil

Great & Holy Saturday — March 22

4:00 p.m. Great Vespers & Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
PASCHA: Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ!
9:00 p.m. Removal of the Holy Shroud
Resurrection Matins followed by
First Resurrection Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
followed by blessing of Easter foods in the Parish Center

Easter Sunday — March 23

PASCHA: Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ!
10:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Mirovaniye (the anointing with the Oil of Gladness.) Blessing of Paschal foods in the Parish Center

Bright Monday — March 24

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy with Procession

Bright Tuesday & Feast of Annunciation — March 25

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

Icon Corner . . .

Icon of the Savior Not-Made-By-Hands



One of the earliest Icons venerated by the Church is the Icon of the Savior Not-Made-By-Hands. According to tradition, the image of the Savior “not made by human hands” reproduces the true appearance of Christ that had been impressed upon a cloth, the mandilion. Christ is supposed to have given the mandilion to King Abgar V of Edessa, Syria who, gravely ill with leprosy, prayed that Christ would come to him. Jesus wiped His face on a cloth, which miraculously captured His divine image, and sent this to the king who was immediately healed. The story is important because it illustrates the belief that every representation of the likeness of Jesus goes back to an initial image that was received from Our Lord Himself. The Council of Nicaea in 325 upheld that testimonies regarding the features of Christ went back directly to Jesus. The original icon taken to Byzantium around 950

A.D. was lost when the city was invaded in 1204 A.D. The icon also played a prominent part in combating the heresy of iconoclasm and has some association with the Shroud of Turin. When we pray before this icon especially during the Great Fast, we can contemplate the loving mercy and compassion of Christ, Our God, who will suffer the passion for us and unite us with Him forever by his third day Resurrection. Jesus Christ conquers!

Saint Ann Nut Roll Bakers and Pascha Bakers

Originally St Ann Church had a Ladies Guild that eventually dissolved, but the baking kept going. Peggy Unuscavage and Joanne MacCollum became the coordinators of the bakers that meet three times per year:



Christmas, Easter, and for the Festival. **THE BAKERS** (18-22 women and men) **MAKE NUT, POPPYSEED, AND APRICOT**

ROLLS — around 2800 rolls each year. Their jobs vary — making the dough, rolling the dough balls, bagging the rolls, and selling the rolls on the big sale days.

They all agree that they make these rolls because the people enjoy them, and the bakers do not want to disappoint the public. In fact, the public says that they are the best rolls in town!

PASCHA BAKERS are busy baking one time every year for many years. They start taking orders at the beginning of the Great Fast and begin baking one week before Pascha. They make from 250-300 paschas each year. Helen Lutzkanin is the coordinator of the pascha bakers, and there are about 10 women and men who volunteer to knead, roll and bake the breads. They even make small paschas that are delivered in Pascha baskets given to parishioners who are no longer able to attend church.



The profit from the baking has been given back to the church in various donations. Each year these pascha bakers love getting together to share in the tradition of bringing a little Pascha to everyone.

St. Ann Bookstore

Beautiful icons, Pascha basket covers, lamb butter molds, egg wraps, and Pascha cards are available in the bookstore. The store is open between Liturgies and after the 10:30 Liturgy on Sundays.



Book Corner —

St. Ann Parish bookstore has 2 books in stock by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann (+1983). Along with being a dynamic writer, preacher and priest, he was professor of Liturgical Theology and Dean of St. Vladimir's Seminary in Crestwood, NY. The books being featured are:

Great Lent: Journey to Pascha — This is a revised edition of Fr. Schmemmann's Lenten classic that examines the meaning of the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, the Prayer of St. Ephraim the Syrian, the Canon of St. Andrew of Crete and other neglected or misunderstood treasures of Lenten worship. Schmemmann draws on the Church's sacramental and liturgical tradition to suggest the meaning of "Lent in our life." \$14.



For The Light of the World — In this book Schmemmann suggests an approach to the world and life within it, which stems from the liturgical experience of the Orthodox Church. He understands issues such as secularism and Christian culture from the perspective of the unbroken experience of the Church, as revealed and communicated in her worship, in her liturgy — the sacrament of the world, the sacrament of the Kingdom. This book has been described by some as one of the very best introductions to the Sacraments. \$15.



SAINT ANN NUT ROLL BAKERS gave a check to Father Taras during his recent visit to help our adopted church in Ukraine. These bakers have been giving their profits back to the church since they began baking in 1981. Since then they have bought vestments, icons, and other items for our church.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP

In this important election year the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) approved a statement called *Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility from the Catholic Bishops of the United States*. The statement urges Catholics to be involved in public life and to use the values of their faith to shape their political choice.

The bishops explain, "Our purpose is to help Catholics form their consciences in accordance with God's truth."

To learn more about this topic visit
www.faithfulcitizenship.org

Theology of the Body International Symposium

St. Ann parishioners Ann Hanincik and Marya Tipton recently went to Austria to attend “Man and Woman He Created Them: John Paul II’s Theology of the Body.” Theology of the Body is a synthesis of Holy Scripture, the teachings received from the Apostles through the Church Fathers, natural law and philosophy that helps us understand what it means to be created — body and soul — in the image and likeness of God. Theology of the Body, developed by Pope John Paul II, is not new, but a new way of sharing the Good News about Jesus Christ to the modern world.

There are five basic principles of the Theology of the Body:

- 1) The God in whom we believe is a Holy Trinity — three but one God, a fruitful and life-creating communion of persons.
- 2) Humans are made in the image and likeness of God. Our deepest desire, then, is for communion with others and the creation of new life.

- 3) God created human beings male and female for two reasons: To be able to share in a life of union and fruitfulness and to reflect the relationship of Jesus Christ to His Bride, the Church.
- 4) Made male and female, we can see that our bodies “speak a language” that is louder than words. This is what all the Church’s moral teaching is based upon. Do our actions reflect the love of the Holy Trinity or not?
- 5) Through the meaning of our bodies, we learn that we can only be fulfilled in life by making a sincere gift of ourselves to someone else.

For more information, go to www.byzantinecatholic.com and click on “radio” to hear Father Thomas Loya’s “Light of the East” programs on the Theology of the Body and the gifts of the Eastern Church or go to www.theologyofthebody.net a family apostolate run by Byzantine Catholics.

St. Ann Byzantine Catholic Church — Helping Hands Committee

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

— Matthew 25:35-40

The Helping Hands Committee is a group of parishioners dedicated to a ministry of caring and helping others. They have served the St. Ann Church community by remembering those parishioners unable to attend various church activities. During our Summer Festival, the members delivered festival food to approximately 10 parishioners. Also, twelve St. Nicholas baskets were distributed



were distributed to members of our Church family who were unable to join the festivities. One of its future projects is to distribute approximately 14 Pascha Baskets to parishioners.

This dedicated group of volunteers also

cares for the local community of Central Pennsylvania. This past summer they collected backpacks filled with school supplies to donate to a Head Start class in the city. Members volunteer on the first Monday of every month at the St. Francis of Assisi soup kitchen, an inner city ministry located on Market Street in Harrisburg. Also, this group distributed hundreds of pieces of clothing donated from area dry cleaners. These clothes given to Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Harrisburg were distributed to the several residential programs for needy women and families. The Interfaith Shelter for Homeless families was the beneficiary of a unique St. Nick shoe drive. This effort was a cooperative effort with the ECF organization and took place at the annual St. Nicholas

party. As our children visited with St. Nick, they gave him a pair of new or gently used shoes. These donations were given to the homeless shelter. At Christmas four less fortunate families were identified and given gifts that were collected by our parish Tree of Giving. Another local ministry, the Bethesda Mission Women’s Crisis Center, received the remainder of the gifts collected.

Our Helping Hands Committees also reaches out to the International community. Last summer children in the Ukraine received stickers that were collected from children that attended St. Ann’s Vacation Bible School. Funds have been collected to benefit a variety of individuals and causes in the Ukraine, and last fall Christine Smith, one of the members, distributed some of these donations on her visit to the Ukraine.

Members of the Helping Hands committee are Michelle Laychock (chairperson), Eileen Dietman, Cathy Depoi, Christine Smith, Lesia Worona, Gloria Futchko, Maribeth Peters, Karen Grubb, Mary Klemer, Roxanne Ebert, and Joan Trautlein. The committee extends an invitation to anyone wishing to join in their work of helping and caring.



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THANK YOU

*to all the volunteers and the supporters
of the many activities at St. Ann Church:*

- Mardi Gras—Slavic Style held on February 2
- Perohi and fish dinners
- Perohi, haluski, and soup sale
- Nut roll and Pascha sale
- Lenten Seminars
 - ECF fundraising cards
 - ECF candy project
 - Easter raffle
 - Bingo every week

Please continue to support these activities that build community and provide support for many church activities.

Scheduled Activities:

LENTEN PEROHI/FISH DINNERS —

Wednesdays at 4-6:30 p.m. — February 6-March 12

PEROHI SALE — Wednesdays at 12 noon-1 p.m. &
4-6:30 p.m. — February 6-March 19

NUT ROLL SALE — Saturday, March 15 at 9 a.m.

PASCHA SALE — Deadline for order was March 2. Paschas can be picked up on Saturday, March 15.

Mark Your Calendars Now!
Slavic American Festival —
July 20, 2008

