

Divine Liturgy Guide

Sunday, April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday

SAT APR 19: 2:00 p.m. Basket Blessing

6:00 p.m. Resurrection Matins

SUN APR 20: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Easter Blessings for His people

Basket Blessing Following Divine Liturgy

MON APR 21: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Bright Monday +Thomas Donahue by Kenn & Karen Lilik

TUES APR 22: Bright Tuesday READ Luke 24:12-35

WED APR 23: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Donald Marinshak by Wells Family

THURS APR 24: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Blessing for Lukian Myronyuk by Helen Pagnotti

FRI APR 25: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy God's blessing for Eva Sosnowyj by Family

SAT APR 26: 4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy +Ukrainian Soldiers by Richard M. Popeck

SUN APR 27: 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy Thomas Sunday Blessings for His people

Collection Basket



4/12 to 4/13 \$4570

Thank you to last week's counters

Mike Trusz & Olenka Chandoha-Knott

Next Week's Counters are:

Dorothy Kowalchick & Debbie Dommies

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

April 12-19

No birthdays or anniversaries

VIGIL CANDLE SPONSORS: week beginning April 19, 2025

1	Hanging Eternal Lamp \$10	By: Linda Pirritano For: I.M.O. + Joseph & + Esther Linko - Easter remembrance
2	2 Altar Vigil Candles \$10	By: Paul and Helen Ewasko For: God's Blessings of Health for Bob Bohr
3	Proskomedia Candles \$10	By: Pat, Kristen and Patrick For: God's Blessings & Health upon Frank Waznak
4	2 Tetrapod Candles \$10	By: Frank, Pat and Kristen Waznak For: I.M.O. + Mereslow & + Lovie Kenjerski at Easter
5	Jesus Vigil at Iconostas \$5	By: Wife Sharmayne, Sons Mike, Matt & Tony For: I.M.O. + Walter Michael Tucker, Jr. - Easter Blessings
6	Mary Vigil at Iconostas \$5	By: Biloskirka Family For: I.M.O. + Nicholas and + Nadia Biloskirka
7	St. Nicholas \$5	By: Sharon and Charles Drumsta For: I.M.O. + Joseph & + Betty Smulek at Easter
8	St. Vladimir Vigil at Iconostas \$5	By: Regina Kozel For: Birthday Blessings for Vasyl Myronyuk APR 25
9	Jesus Entrance Vigil \$5	By: Stella Patrick For: Health and God's Blessings for Stephen Patrick
10	Mary Entrance Vigil \$5	By: Maria Ruane and Michael Rivera For: I.M.O. + Patricia Rivera - Easter remembrance
11	Mother of God Statue \$10	By: Paul and Helen Ewasko For: In loving memory of + Carol Kucenski Bohr
12	Altar 7 branch Saturday \$5	By: Laskowski Family For: Easter blessings for Fr. Myron & family
13	Altar 7 branch Sunday \$5	By: Maria with love For: Happy Easter to Luke, Adam and Pop Pop
14	Blessed Mother (side altar) \$5	By: Linda Pirritano For: I.M.O. + Esther Linko - birthday remembrance APR 20
15	Jesus (side altar) \$5	By: Regina Kozel For: I.M.O. + Ihor Shablovsky - Easter remembrance

CONFESSION

For anyone that would like to receive the holy sacrament of confession you can let Father Myron know and set up a time either before or after Liturgy from Tuesday through Saturday.

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Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory Forever! Slava Isusu Christu! Slava Na Viky!

Divine Liturgies: Saturday 4 p.m., Sunday 9:00 a.m.,

Holy Days & Weekdays see bulletin

OUR MISSION PARISH: Saints Peter and Paul Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church

UPCOMING CALENDAR

- **May 18** - Easter Dinner/Sviachene - details announced at a later date
- **June 1** - First Solemn Holy Communion

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. WEEKLY VIGIL CANDLES AVAILABLE FOR SPONSORSHIP

Honor a loved one by sponsoring a Vigil Candle which will be lit for them for an entire week. These 7-Day candles are available with your special intention starting at only \$5. Contact Helen Pagnotti to reserve yours today.

2. DIVINE LITURGY REQUESTS BEING ACCEPTED

Divine Liturgy requests are now being accepted for 2025. Liturgies are available Mondays through Saturdays. Please fill out a request form (pink sheet) located in the back of the Church and drop it into the collection basket or give it to Fr. Myron directly. This is your chance to honor a Loved One (Living or Deceased) by requesting a Divine Liturgy in their Honor.

3. BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Patrick W. Loughney, Jr. son of Patrick Sr. and Donna M. Polizzi Loughney, and Kristen Waznak, daughter of Frank and Patricia Kenjerski Waznak wish to enter the Married State {3rd Banns}. The Marriage ceremony will take place on Apr. 26-2025 at St. Vladimir Church.

4. CELEBRATION OF EASTER CONTINUES MONDAY

There will be a Bright Monday Divine Liturgy beginning at 9:00am here at St. Vladimir's. This is part of the Traditional Ukrainian Celebration of Easter. Please make an effort to come to Church on this Holy Day.

5. CELEBRATION OF EASTER CONTINUES TUESDAY IN WILKES-BARRE

There will be a Bright Tuesday Divine Liturgy at 5:00pm at Ss. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church in Wilkes-Barre. This is part of the Traditional Ukrainian Celebration of Easter. Everyone is invited to attend this Holy Day Liturgy in Wilkes-Barre.

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6. THE GREAT MARTYR GEORGE HOLY DAY THIS WEDNESDAY

The great martyr George was the son of wealthy and pious parents, who raised him in the Christian faith. He was born in the city of Beirut at the foot of the Lebanese mountains. Having entered military service, George stood out among the other soldiers by virtue of his mind, valor, physical strength, military bearing and beauty. Having quickly attained to the rank of millenary, an officer in the Roman army in charge of a thousand or more soldiers, Saint George became a favorite of the Emperor Diocletian, one of the cruelest persecutors of Christians. Once, when he heard in a court the inhuman sentence concerning the annihilation of Christians, Saint George became inflamed with compassion for them. Foreseeing that sufferings were also awaiting him, George distributed his property to the poor, freed his slaves, appeared before Diocletian and, having revealed himself as a Christian, denounced him for cruelty and injustice. George's speech was full of powerful and convincing objections against the imperial order to persecute Christians. After futile persuasions to deny Christ, the Emperor ordered that the saint be subjected to various tortures. Saint George was confined in a dungeon, where they placed him supine on the ground; his legs they confined in stocks, and on his breast, they placed a heavy stone. But Saint George manfully endured the sufferings and glorified the Lord. Then George's torturers began to refine their cruelty. They beat the Saint with ox hide whips, subjected him to the wheel, threw him into quicklime and forced him to run in shoes with sharp nails inside. The holy Martyr endured everything patiently. Finally, the Emperor ordered the Saint's head to be cut off. Thus, the holy sufferer departed unto Christ in Nicomedia in 303 AD.

7. THANK YOU TO DECORATORS OF OUR CHURCH

St. Vladimir's would like to Thank those who worked so hard in preparing our Church for Good Friday and decorating our Church for Easter Sunday. Your dedication and love for St. Vladimir's is truly appreciated.

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8. PARISHIONER DONATES PALM SUNDAY PUSSY WILLOWS

St. Vladimir's would like to thank Diann Wolfe for her most generous donation of Pussy Willows for last Weekend's Palm Sunday celebration. May God Bless You for your thoughtfulness.

9. RELIGIOUS EDUCATION STUDENTS BEAUTIFUL GIFTS TO PARISHIONERS

St. Vladimir's Religious Education Students provided beautiful gifts of Easter Eggs with Rosaries inside last weekend for Palm Sunday. What a wonderful gesture. Thank you to all the students and their teacher, Helen Chandoha-Knott for these marvelous gifts to all of our Parishioners.

Easter Pastoral Letter of His Beatitude Sviatoslav

Christ is Risen!

Beloved in Christ!

As we celebrate Christ's Pascha again amid the horrors of a full-scale war, we enter ever deeper into the great mystery of sacrifice offered by the Lord Jesus for our salvation. The Son of God, becoming man, gives back to the Father that which is the most precious—his life! The essence of Pascha's power, the only thing capable of overcoming violence, abuse, and death, is revealed to us in the voluntary self-sacrifice of Christ. This is beautifully stated in the anaphora of the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great: "And when He had descended through the Cross into Hades, so that He might fill all things with Himself, He loosed the pangs of death, and rose on the third day, and paved the way for all flesh by the resurrection from the dead, for it was not possible for the Prince of life to be mastered by corruption." *O my Saviour, living and unconsumed sacrifice!* Today, our hearts are filled with the joy of the resurrection of Christ, who emerges in radiance from the grave. The empty tomb reveals to us the fullness of life in the Lord to which we are called in the joy of God's children. This joy is given to all who see in the wood of the cross the door to renewed life in the resurrection. Because Christ, being the living God, out of great love for us,

chose to voluntarily accept suffering, crucifixion, and death, in order to resurrect fallen human nature with himself, and to give us eternal life in his resurrection. By uniting with Christ crucified on the cross, we receive the fruit of his sacrifice in the resurrection from the dead. In proclaiming this Paschal Mystery, the Church today also directs us to our forefather Adam, whom Christ, in his resurrection, frees from the shackles of hell, and reveals to us the truth—that for humankind life after death really exists! In the person of Adam all humanity is depicted—past, present, and future. The risen Christ is the one who gives meaning to the fullness of human history, which leads from sin and the fall, slavery and bondage, to repentance, conversion, liberation, and salvation. In celebrating Christ's Pascha, today we reach beyond the limits of our time and space, and enter into the eternity of God. In the Risen Christ, we can boldly say: "Behold, now is a favorable time, behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor. 6:2). *As God, you offered yourself willingly to the Father!* The resurrection of the Son of God demonstrates that his voluntary self-sacrifice is not the end but a new beginning of life for each of us. Christ's voluntary death on the cross is terrible, real, but life-giving, because it is a "living and unconsumed sacrifice." Indeed, we are not called to death and nothingness but to life and joy in God. Whoever sacrifices oneself not for the purpose of fulfilling one's own ambitions, personal goals, or human intentions but gives oneself voluntarily to the Father—is already risen! In this is found the essence of every true sacrifice—to give the Creator one's everything, that is, to return to God that which is God's because we are the creation of his hands! That is the meaning of human life itself: we received it as a gift from God and we are called to return it to him alone! By sacrificing ourselves to the Father, we complete ourselves fully in God's eternal love. By giving ourselves we do not lose anything, but on the contrary, we rise together with Christ! That is why we often repeat in our liturgical services: "let us commend ourselves, and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God."

In the Risen Christ, the value and purpose of every human self-sacrifice is revealed. Today, Ukraine is a victim-sacrifice of Russia's criminal war against our people. We often ask ourselves: is our fight really worth such a high price? Over these past years for what do we sacrifice that which for us is the most precious:

our sons and daughters, brothers and sisters, fathers and mothers; our cities and villages, our land and everything we possess? For what purpose do we live and die today? In response to this cry of anguish and tears of Ukraine, today the Risen Saviour comes forth from the empty tomb as a “living and unconsumed Sacrifice.” It is He, the Victor, who speaks to us today in the voice of fallen heroes: “We fell so that you may live! We sacrificed our lives as an offering to God and to you! In our sacrifice the Lord’s Pascha is proclaimed!” Our victory over the enemy is as certain and inevitable as the day that always follows the night, as the dawn of that morning when Christ was risen, changing the weeping and tears of the myrrh-bearers into the peace and joy of every person who today proclaims to the whole universe: “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life!” *You raised with you the forefather of all, Adam, having risen from the tomb!* In his resurrection, Christ destroyed death and fear before those who carry it. The Apostle to the Nations states that it was through the fear of death that the devil held the human race in his slavery: “Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery” (Heb. 2:14-15). The Lord destroyed this fear once and for all, destroyed the power of the devil, the bearer of death, and that is why we call out to him today: My Saviour! Today Ukrainians sense that in the full-scale year of a ten-year war, which, in fact, has been going on for centuries, the time has come to destroy once and for all, in Europe and the world, the realm of deathly fear, carried by the insatiable Russian slave master and colonizer, to destroy the rule of those who for centuries kept in this slavery to fear our people and other enslaved nations. Today in Ukraine, the one who rains death onto the field of life is losing power. The power of Christ’s Pascha put an end to the power of the devil, the author of slavery, insolence, falsehood, and violence. Indeed, in Christ we voluntarily give ourselves to the Father as a living and life-giving sacrifice. Today in the Paschal Victory the Pascha of Ukraine is fulfilled. Today, Christ rises in our struggle against evil, in our efforts, in the flesh and blood of our people, in order

to raise up humanity of the third millennium and give hope to the world – for in Ukraine, Christ is Risen! Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ! On this radiant day, one of victory of life over death, good over evil, truth over falsehood, I urge you to abide in the faith, hope, and love that the Risen Lord brings us. In the joy of the Resurrection, I greet our military heroes, sons and daughters of Ukraine, who defend us at the frontlines, are ready to sacrifice everything out of love for their land and their people. We believe in your God-given strength, we revere your resistance to evil, over which we shall inevitably prevail. I greet all those who have suffered from the war—physically, materially, morally. Let today's feast above all feasts, and festival of festivals, be for you a balm in your suffering. In a special way, I embrace with my paternal love the families of the fallen, expressing my personal gratitude and the gratitude of all God's people to you, as you bear in the depths of your heart the indescribable pain of losing your son or daughter, brother or sister, husband or wife, father or mother. I embrace the wounded. You carry the seeds of resurrection together with Christ, for He too carried the wounds of the crucifixion on His hands and feet. May the joy of Pascha pave the way to your physical and moral healing. To the families of our prisoners and those missing in action, who are celebrating Easter today in tears, I express my compassion, support and prayerful closeness. To all those who have been deprived of their homes by the war and expelled from their hometowns or villages, to all internally displaced persons, and to all those who found temporary sanctuary outside their homeland, I wish you spiritual comfort and confidence, that where the Risen Lord is, there we are always at home. I embrace all children, adults and the elderly, men and women—and my wish for you is that in sharing the Easter basket, you may experience profound joy, God's mercy and blessings. I embrace with a fatherly love all the volunteers and workers involved in works of charity, our clergy, religious, and faithful in Ukraine and throughout the world, and I sincerely wish you all a blessed Easter feast, a tasty sharing of our traditional blessed egg, and a Paschal joy that is full of light. The grace of our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all! Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen! † SVIATOSLAV

EASTER PROPER (Pg 501)

First Antiphon

Shout to the Lord, all the earth, sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Say unto God, "How awesome are your works! Because of the greatness of Your strength Your enemies will flatter You.'

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Let all the earth worship You and sing Your name, O most high!

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen.⁷ Only-begotten Son (p 104)

Third Antiphon

Soloist: Let God arise, and let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

Soloist: As smoke vanishes, let them vanish, as wax melts before the fire.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

Soloist: So let sinners perish before the face of God, but let the righteous be glad.

Christ is risen...

Wisdom! Stand aright!

Soloist: In the churches bless God, the Lord from the fountains of Israel.

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling death by death, and to those in the tombs giving life.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Now and forever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion

Though You descended into a tomb, O immortal One, yet You destroyed the power of Hades; and you rose as victor, O Christ God, calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice! and giving peace to Your Apostles: You, who grant Resurrection to the fallen.

(Instead of “Holy God”/Yelitsi)

All you, who have been baptized into Christ, you have put on Christ!

Alleluia! Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever Amen. You have put on Christ! Alleluia!

Or in Slavonic:

Ye-li-tsi vo Khri-sta kre-sti-ste-sya, vo Khri-sta ob-le-ko-ste-sya. Al-li-lu-ya. (3 times)

Sla-va Ot-tsu, I Si-nu, I Svya-to-mu Du-khu, I ni-nee I pri-sno I vo vee-ki vee-kow. A-min’.

Vo Khri-sta ob-le-ko-ste-sya. Al-li-lu-ya.

Ye-li-tsi vo Khri-sta kre-sti-ste-sya, vo Khri-sta ob-le-ko-ste-sya. Al-li-lu-ya.)

Prokeimenon:

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

Alleluia verses – Psalm 101 (102):

When You rise, you will have compassion on Sion.

The Lord looked down from heaven to earth to hear the groans of the prisoners, to set free the sons of those put to death.

Instead of “It is truly right” (page 507)

The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice! Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem! For the glory of the Lord has risen up-on you! Exult now and be glad, O Sion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion verse

Receive the Body of Christ; taste the fountain of immortality. Alleluia

(x3) At Communion, “Christ is risen” replaces “Blessed his He,” “We have seen the true light” and “Let our mouths be filled” For the last of these, “Christ is risen” is sung thrice.

EPISTLE (Acts 1:1-8)

A reading from the Acts of the Holy Apostles:

Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for “the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” When they had gathered together, they asked him, “Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?” He answered them, “It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

GOSPEL (John 1:1-17)

In the beginning was the word; the word was in God's presence, and the Word was God. He was present to God in the beginning, through him all things came into being and apart from him nothing came to be. Whatever came to be in him, found life, life for the light of men. The light shines on in darkness, a darkness that did not overcome it. There was a man named John sent by God, who came as a witness to testify to the light so that through him all man might believe-but only to testify to the light, for he himself was not the light. The real light which gives light to every man was coming into the world. He was in the world, and through him the world was made, yet the world did not know who he was. To his own he came, yet his own did not accept him. Any who did accept him he empowered to become children of God. These are they who believe in his name-Who were begotten not by blood, nor by carnal desire, nor by man's willing it, but by God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us, and we have seen his glory: the glory of an only Son coming from the father, filled with enduring love. John testified to him by proclaiming: "This is he of whom I said, 'The one who comes after me ranks ahead of me, for he was before me.' " Of his fullness we have all had to share-love following upon love. For while the law was given through Moses, this enduring love came through Jesus Christ.



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Please include in your prayers those members of our parish who are in hospitals, care homes, rehabilitation facilities & those who are not able to join us actively in our church community.

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Clarks Summit Senior

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Sophia Soniak

Green Ridge Nursing Home

Mary Warholak

Home

Helen Ewasko

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Charles Drumsta

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