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Next Liturgy: Sunday, April 25th at 3pm

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Next Liturgy: Saturday, April 24th at 10am

DIVINE LITURGY /MASS/ PATRONAGE CHURCH

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday 4.04.2021	8:00am	Resurrection Matins Divine Liturgy Blessing of Paschal Food	For Living and Deceased Members of our Parish
Bright Monday 4.05.2021	10:00am	Divine Liturgy	For Living and Deceased Members of our Parish
Bright Friday 4.09.2021	6:00pm	Divine Liturgy Slavonic	For Living and Deceased Members of our Parish
Sunday 4.11.2021	10:00am 11:15am	Matins Divine Liturgy	For Living and Deceased Members of our Parish

This is the **Resurrection of Our Lord – Pascha.**

The Divine Liturgy During Pascha booklet is located in the back of our Temple.

PRAYER INTENTIONS – PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Keiko Suseck, Arlene Duda, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Anna Martin, Marge Dulina, Paul Ruszin, Sr., Georgianna Kostak, Betty Rankin, Greg Rudy, and Clyde Wood

*May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies,
grant them peace and good health for many blessed years!*

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In spite of the pandemic, the maintenance of our church continues and bills still must be paid. Thank you to those who continue to support our church and for your dedication to our parish. If you would like to make a donation, using our online giving account, please visit our church's website for the Tithely link. **“Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth” (Dt. 8:18).**

DEAR BELIEVERS: We believe that on these Easter days, angels glorify Christ in Heaven and we glorify you on earth. Heaven and earth are united to this common glorification. Today, we thank God for allowing us to live to see this joyful and glorious day of Christ's Resurrection. We open our souls to God, and ask to fill them with spiritual strength and hope.

Dear Brothers and Sisters, may the Risen Jesus Christ cheer the mourners, strengthen the weak, and comfort the lonely. May the Lord bring health, happiness, purity, peace, and tranquility to all of us. May the Resurrection of Christ inspire us to good and righteous deeds. May Easter be the beginning of a new and better life for each of us. Happy Easter! *Fr. Serhii*

BLESSING OF PASCHAL FOODS: Traditionally, the food we bless in our baskets today are those from which we abstained from during Lent. The Blessing of Paschal Food will take place in our church hall immediately following Divine Liturgy. Please remember to observe social distancing.

THE ROYAL DOORS AND DEACON DOORS: The doors, on our Iconostasis, are opened during Bright Week as a sign that heaven is reopened to the human race through the Resurrection of the Lord.

ORDINATION OF DEACON JAMES FRASER: Please join us for the first Liturgy of the newly ordained Fr. Jim Fraser. It will take place at Patronage Church next Sunday, April 11th, at 11:15am. **Receiving a first blessing from a newly ordained priest carries special benefits.** A luncheon will follow in the church hall. Please contact Mary Demyan at 410-591-5654, as soon as possible, if your family plans on attending so we can properly prepare.

EASTER EGG HUNT: There will be an Easter egg hunt for all children on **Sunday, April 18th**, following the Divine Liturgy. Theresa Kotlar will be collecting bags of wrapped candy through April 11th, if you would like to donate to the egg hunt.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: We welcome all new visitors, to our parish family, and are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and hope you will become an active part of our parish community. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send us an email at patronage.church@gmail.com. **“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples” (Isaiah 56:7).**

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen! Christós Voskrése! Voístinnu Voskrése!

BYZANTEEN VIRTUAL EVENING OUT: This is the fourth in a series of free events leading up to this year's ByzanTeen Youth Rally, entitled: ***“Sunday of the Myrrbearing Women - Myrrbearers: Discipleship in Strength and Silence,*”** scheduled for Sunday, April 18th, from 6:00-7:30pm, for ages 13-18. You can send an email to frdeacontom@gmail.com, if you have any questions. We encourage all of our ByzanTeens to virtually attend this event! Please visit www.eparchyofpassaic.com, click on *Ministry*, then *ByzanTeens Youth Ministry*, to **register by April 17th**, so that activities can be planned and to receive a link to the Zoom virtual meeting room.

ASK THE DEACON: *Why do we place a Pascha (Artos) on the tomb after Resurrection Matins?*

ANSWER: The word “Artos” is Greek and means “bread.” It reminds us that the Lord Jesus is the “Bread of Life.” As He said, “I am the living Bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this Bread will live forever; and the Bread that I will give is My flesh for the life of the world” (John 6:51). There are various customs and traditions for the Artos. Our typicon notes for Pascha: “After the Ambon Prayer on this Sunday and all of Bright Week, the Artos may be blessed.” And then on Bright Saturday: “Today is the final day of blessing of the Artos, after which it is distributed to the faithful. Because of attendance, the final blessing and distribution may be transferred to Thomas Sunday.”

Origins of the Artos. The historical origin of the Artos is as follows: the Apostles, who were accustomed to partake a meal together with the resurrected Lord (Acts 10:41), after His ascension to heaven, remembering His covenantal words: “I am with you always.” (Mt. 28:20), felt the invisible presence of the Lord through living the faith in their assemblies, but could not see Him with carnal eyes. The natural expression of this burning faith of the disciples to their Teacher and their desire to have a constant reminder of His abiding with them, was that at a meal they left an unoccupied place for Jesus Christ to recline with them, but placed on the table before that place some bread as if for Him, and each time after the end of the meal, lifting up thanksgiving to God, lifted this bread, saying: “Christ is Risen!” ...As the Apostles during the assemblies have placed the particle of bread in the place appointed for the Savior reminded them of the risen Christ, so, intentionally the Holy Church even to the present time places an Artos on Holy Pascha in the temple in full view of the faithful to serve as their same reminder of the invisible presence of the risen Lord with us. (Father Sergius Bulgakov, Kiev 1900)
