

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST (PASCHA)



Icon of the Resurrection



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Next Liturgy: Saturday, April 15th, at 10am

DIVINE LITURGY - PATRONAGE CHURCH

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Pascha Sunday 4.9.2023	8:00am 9:00am	Resurrection Matins Divine Liturgy Blessing of Paschal Food	Living and Deceased Members of our Parish
Bright Monday 4.10.2023	11:30am	Divine Liturgy - Reading of the Four Gospels Mirovanije	Living and Deceased Members of our Parish
St. Thomas Sunday 4.16.2023	11:00am 11:15am	Matins Divine Liturgy	Living and Deceased Members of our Parish

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

The **Divine Liturgy During Pascha** booklets are located in the pews.

The **Resurrection Matins** booklets are located in the back of our Temple.

CONFESSION: Fr. Serhii is available 20 minutes before or immediately after Divine Liturgy. **1**

GOD WITH US +ONLINE+: The next free virtual program entitled, “*Dedicated to Fellowship, Serving Christ in One Another,*” presented by Rev. Michael O’Loughlin & Mother Natalia, will take place Wednesday, April 19th, from 8-9pm. For more information and to register for this program, visit godwithusonline.org. You can also visit this website and click on “Ruthenian,” for weekly catechetical resources, including the Gospel summary and discussion questions that you can use in your catechesis at home.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: Theosis in Action & the Eparchy of Passaic Present: “Poustinia,” an evening of encounter and hospitality in the light of the Byzantine East. The next event will take place on **April 29th from 7-10pm** at St. Mary’s Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, NJ. This event is open to all young adults ages 18-35. For more information, contact: FatherTomByz@gmail.com or on facebook.com/theosisinaction.

2023 BYZANTEEN EPARCHIAL YOUTH RALLY: This year’s rally will take place on **June 22nd – 25th**. We are waiting on more details, but the ByzanTeen Rally 2023 participants must be age 13 by November 1, 2023, and not have reached the age of 18 by June 27, 2023. You can find both the rally’s Teen and Chaperone Registration forms on the Eparchy’s website at eparchyofpassaic.com, click on “Youth and Young Adult Ministries,” then “Byzanteens Youth Ministry.” If you are interested in attending this rally, please let Fr. Serhii know so he can make sure you receive any updates that he receives. If you are enrolled in ECF, our church will cover the registration fee.

2023 EPARCHIAL ALTAR SERVER CONGRESS: Registration for this year’s Altar Server Congress, is now open! It will take place at the Carpathian Village, 802 Snow Hill Road, Cresco, PA, from Sunday, **July 16th - Thursday, July 20th**. Please visit eparchyofpassaic.com, click on “Youth and Young Adult Ministries,” then “Altar Server Congress,” for camper registration forms and further information. You can also contact Fr. Michael Salnicky at 570-595-3265, if you have any further questions. Please let Fr. Serhii know as soon as possible, if you are interested in attending. If you are enrolled in ECF, our church will cover the registration fee.

METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY: Most Rev. William Skurla, Metropolitan Archbishop of Pittsburgh, has invited all clergy and faithful to the Assembly of the Byzantine (Ruthenian) Metropolitan Church at St. Mary Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsboro, NJ, **November 2-5, 2023**. The theme of this Assembly is “**Living Our Faith, Moving Forward, Appreciating Our Past.**” More details forthcoming. You can sign up for email updates at www.eparchyofpassaic.com.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Christós Voskrése! Voístinnu Voskrése!

Easter Egg Hunt

Can you find which Easter egg appears only once?



Resurrection of Our Lord – Pascha

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

With these words, I congratulate all of you, dear brothers and sisters, on the greatest Christian holiday - the Resurrection of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ.

The Feast of the Resurrection of Christ is the Feast of the triumph of good over evil, truth over untruth, life over death. And that person who lives with Christ receives from God the power to defeat evil.

Humanity constantly needs and seeks peace and happiness. It becomes obvious that human efforts to make life on earth happy did not always bring success, as the moral and spiritual desolation of man, his cruelty, hatred, and desire for material enrichment cause the destruction of the order established by God, causing disharmony between people. Brutal military conflicts bring misery, numerous human casualties, and disturb the peace and tranquility of many families.

Jesus Christ became the one who brought people peace. By His suffering and death, He destroyed the greatest evil in the world - sin. And sin is the cause of restlessness in the hearts of many. The psalmist says this: "Depart from evil and do good, seek peace and hold on to it!" (Ps. 34:15).

At the Last Supper before His passion, Jesus said the following words to the apostles: "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give you; not as the world gives, I give it to you. Let not your heart be troubled, nor be afraid!" (John 14:27). And this peace is not just some gift of God, but Christ Himself and His love. Whoever is closely united by faith and love with Jesus Christ, finds this real peace, tranquility in his or her heart and in his or her life. This truth is confirmed by the apostle Paul with the words: "Being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 5:1).

I once again congratulate you, dear brothers and sisters, on the Great Day of the Resurrection of Christ; on Easter, I wish everyone health, happiness and peace.

Let the Light of Life, which shone from the life-bearing Tomb of the Lord, sanctify our minds and teach us to love God and love each other.

On these holy days, let us unite in a common thankful and humble prayer to God and sing together the victorious song: "Christ is risen from the dead! By death He trampled Death; and to those in the tombs He granted life."

Dear believers! Let there be peace and harmony between us. With a festive mood, let's lift up our hearts and joyfully sing: "For Christ is risen - joy is eternal!"

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** and to those in the tombs * he granted life.*

*Christos voskrese iz mertvykh, * smertiju smert' poprav,*

** i suščym vo hrob'ich * život darovav.*

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FESTIVAL FREEZER SALE: If anyone is interested, we have available for you to take home today, some packaged potato/cheese pirohi, kolbasi, and a few kolachi to sell. Please see Mary Demyan after Divine Liturgy, if you would like to purchase any.

ST. THOMAS SUNDAY LUNCHEON/GCU EASTER EGG HUNT: Please join us next Sunday, April 16th, for our St. Thomas pot-luck luncheon (***we ask each family to provide a dish for your family plus 5 more***) followed by an Easter egg hunt. The GCU is sponsoring the Easter egg hunt for all children of our parish. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex today, or send an email to the church (patronage.church@gmail.com) by tomorrow morning, and let us know if you will be attending (how many adults/children), so we can plan accordingly. Thanks for your help!

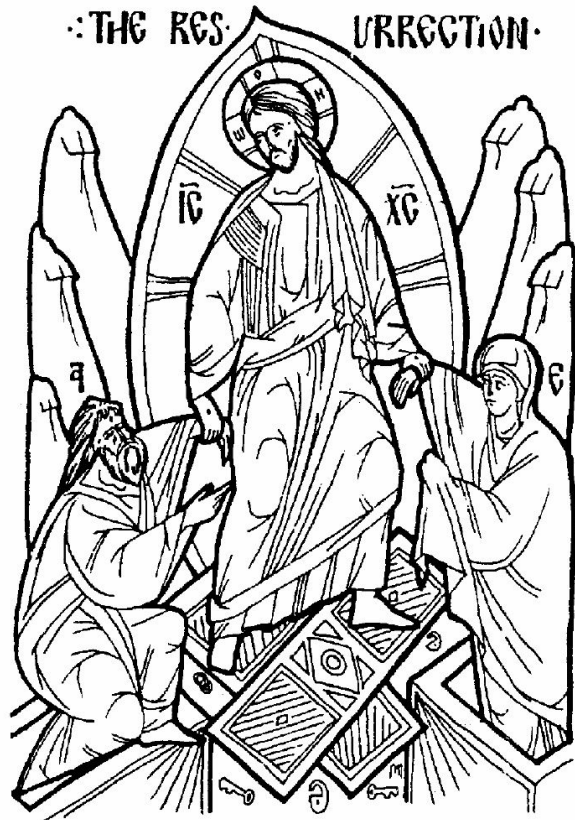
MEN'S CLUB EASTER FLOWER SALE: Many thanks to those who supported our flower sale. All plants not taken by the giver will be replanted around the church property. Flowers left over from last year were planted and are already beginning to bloom throughout our church property.

PYSANKY WORKSHOP: We want to thank the GCU for providing Pysanky supplies (dyes, kistka's, and spaghetti wax) and lunch for last Sunday's workshop. A good time was had by all who attended. We're hoping to make this a yearly event!

THANK YOU: A belated thank you to **Greg Calvitt** for graciously taking a car load of "stuff," the church no longer needed (including the 2 mixers that no longer worked), to the dump a few weeks ago on the day we made holupki. Your efforts were greatly appreciated, Greg!

HELP NEEDED: The air conditioner filters in our Temple and social hall are in need of spring cleaning, and we would like to have a volunteer(s) assist with this project, so we do not have to hire someone. Please let Fr. Serhii know, if you can do this. We would like to have this task completed, as soon as possible, before the hot weather arrives.

CHILDREN'S CORNER



The _____ icon depicts Christ wearing all _____ garments, because He is the _____ of the _____. The most prominent figures in the icon, after the Lord, are _____ and _____, the first human beings created in God's image and likeness, who distorted that image through _____. Christ is shown grabbing the wrists of _____ and _____ which tells us that we are not equal with _____. We cannot even meet God halfway, but if we reach out to God, He is ready to grasp us by the wrist to take us with Him to Paradise. It reminds us that we have to reach out to _____ in faith, and let Him take care of the rest.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: The people of Ukraine, that peace may be soon be restored to their land, our parishioners, the founders of our parish, our benefactors, those who are sick, and those who cannot make it to church. Also, Fr. Serhii, and his family, Marge Dulina, Mike Skovran, James DeWolfe, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Anna Martin, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Mary Jo Kelly Wilhelm, Georgianna Kostak, Sandra Suseck, Howard Guba, Lisa Guba, our first responders, and all military service men and women throughout the world.

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

STEWARDSHIP: (Donate at <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733> – the link is also on our website)

Patronage Church (April 2, 2023): Hagerstown Mission (April 2, 2023):

Donation amounts will appear in next week's bulletin.

BLESSING OF PASCHAL FOODS: The Blessing of Paschal Food will take place in our church hall immediately following Divine Liturgy.

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.

BRIGHT MONDAY: This is considered a solemn holy day and liturgy is traditionally concluded with the reading of the four Resurrection Gospels from the four corners of the church, symbolizing the proclamation of the Resurrection to the four corners of the world. ***Liturgy and the reading of the four Gospels will be celebrated tomorrow, Monday, April 10th, at 11:30am, followed by Mirovanije.*** Please join us!

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). 2

Easter flowers have been placed in our church to the Glory of our Risen Lord by the following:

IN MEMORY OF

- ❖ **+Bob Elwell** from Ann Marie Elwell & Family (Hyacinth)
- ❖ **+Michael and +Anna Kuchta** from Ann Marie Elwell & Family (Tulip)
- ❖ **+Wasil and +Anna Rudy and +Rudy Family** from Ann Marie Elwell & family (Hyacinth)
- ❖ **+Michael and +Julia Kuchta** from Kuchta Family (Tulip)
- ❖ **+William and +Martha Rudy and +Philip and +Esther Kotula** from Dennis & Sharon Kotula & Family (Hyacinth)
- ❖ **+Margaret Houchins** from Rosemarie & Alfred Paczkowski (2 Hyacinths)
- ❖ **+Wood and +Stolte Families** from Kelley & CJ Wood (Hyacinth)
- ❖ **+Our Parents and +Grandparents** from Fr. Deacon Anthony & Theresa Kotlar (Hyacinth)
- ❖ **+Guba Family** from Rich & Lisa Guba (Tulip)
- ❖ **+Helms Family** from Rich & Lisa Guba (Tulip)
- ❖ **+Guenther Family** from Rich & Lisa Guba (Tulip)
- ❖ **+Troynaski Family** from Rich & Lisa Guba (Tulip)
- ❖ **+Claire Brady** from Kevin Ross (Lily)
- ❖ **+Thomas Brady** from Kevin Ross (Hyacinth)
- ❖ **+Paul Yackanicz** from Regina Yackanicz (Hyacinth)
- ❖ **+Margaret Peles** from Barbara Breeze (Hyacinth)
- ❖ **+Peter Peles** from Barbara Breeze (Hyacinth)
- ❖ **+Emil and +Mary Tomcanin** from Bill & Dana Tomcanin (Hyacinth)
- ❖ **+Daniel and +Doris Mihalko** from Bill & Dana Tomcanin (Lily)
- ❖ **+Sr. Hannah, All Saints Sisters of the Poor** from Sean Metcalf (Lily)
- ❖ **+M/M Harry Dzwinka** from Anna Martin (Hyacinth)
- ❖ **+Phyllis Skovran** from Michael Skovran (Tulip)
- ❖ **+John and +Ann Skovran and +Andrew and +Dorothy Benlock** from Michael Skovran (Tulip)
- ❖ **+Baba** from John, Theresa, Matthew, & Samuel (Skovran Family) (Tulip)
- ❖ **+Tom Ruszin, Sr.** from Doris Ruszin (Lily)
- ❖ **+Paul Ruszin, Sr.** from Doris Ruszin (Lily)
- ❖ **+Svetlana Shkatova** from M/M Bryan Hansen (Tulip)
- ❖ **+George Dulina** from Marge Dulina (Lily)
- ❖ **+Christine Colorito** from John & Cathy Gunter (Tulip)
- ❖ **+Michael and +Ann Totin** from John & Cathy Gunter (Tulip)
- ❖ **+Michael Totin, Jr.,** from John & Cathy Gunter (Tulip)
- ❖ **+Jocelyn McClelland** from Katie & Rich McClelland (Tulip)
- ❖ **+Rich McClelland and +Gordon and +Mary Jones** from Katie & Rich McClelland (Hyacinth)
- ❖ **+Karl R. Karlson** from the Karlson Family (Tulip)
- ❖ **+Our Deceased Loved Ones** from the Karlson Family (Lily)

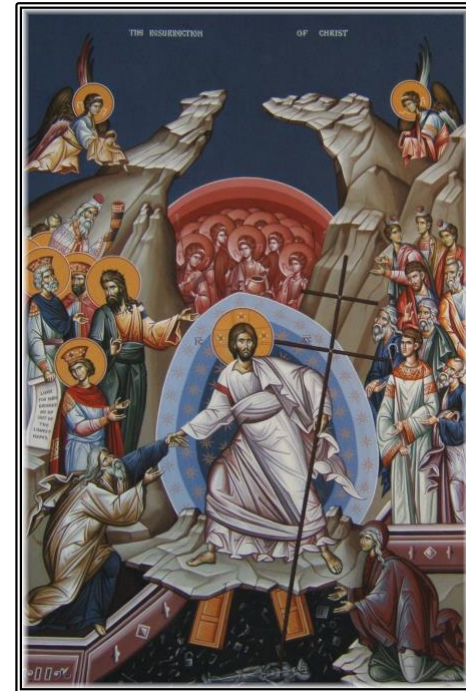
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IN HONOR OF

- ❖ **Our children, Natasha, Alexandra, and Nicholas; their spouses, Grayson, Jonathan, and Molly; and our grandchildren, Tommy, Isla Alexandra, and Callie** from Dennis & Sharon Kotula (Hyacinth)
- ❖ **Our children, their spouses, and our grandchildren** from Fr. Deacon Anthony & Theresa Kotlar (Hyacinth)
- ❖ **Annette, Sue and Lisa** from Anna Martin
- ❖ **Joey, Ali, and Bradley** from Joseph Kotlar (Lily, Tulip, & Hyacinth)

**Indeed He is Risen!
Voistinnu Voskrese!**

**CHRIST IS RISEN!
CHRISTOS VOSKRESE!**



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PASCHA 2023**

The Appearance of the Risen Christ

Christ the Resurrector will appear in the heights with glory. He will bring the dead to life and raise those in the graves. The children of Adam, who were made of earth, will all arise together and give praise to the Resurrector of the dead.

Let not your hearts be sad, you mortals. The Lord's day shall come and He will awaken and gladden us who have reposed. Those who have kept the law shall be roused before the Lord, and the angels shall rejoice in the day of resurrection. Let not your souls be sorrowful, you who were redeemed by the cross and called into the kingdom. The Lord's day shall come; He will give voice to the deceased and the dead will arise and give Him praise.

Let us glorify and worship Jesus, the Word of God, who, according to His love, came to save us by His cross and is coming again to resurrect Adam's children in the great day when His majesty shall shine forth.

Grieve not, you mortals, over your corruption. Christ the King shall shine forth from on high;

He who is omnipotent shall beckon and thus raise the dead from their graves, and clothe them with glory in his kingdom. If death has reigned and laid waste to our nature because Adam sinned and violated the commandment, then shall we not be justified and saved all the more by the sufferings of Christ who has vanquished death and vindicated our nature?

Our Lord has granted the deceased hope and consolation, for He Himself rose from the grave, vanquished death, promised resurrection and life, and bestowed great blessings on Adam and all his children.

Praise and glory to the Father who created us, to the Son who saved us by His cross, and to the Holy Spirit, the Comforter, to the all-praised and incomprehensible Trinity who raises the dead and clothes their bodies with glory.

St. Ephrem the Syrian

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