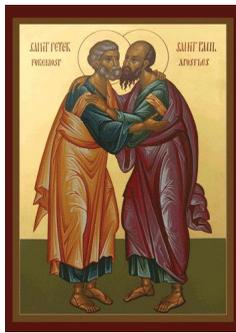




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Sunday, April 17th, 2022

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK: (COULD BE CHANGED)

Holy Saturday	04/16/2022	05:00 pm	Matins of Resurrection with Divine Liturgy; Blessing of Easter baskets
Easter Sunday	04/17/2022	11:00 am	Divine Liturgy/Blessing of Easter baskets
Bright Monday	04/18/2022	11:00 am	Divine Liturgy +Paul Peek <i>By Sarah Jama-Peek</i>
Bright Tuesday	04/19/2022	11:00 am	Divine Liturgy +Father Andrew & Pani Julianna Dzmura <i>By Cecilia Hrivnak</i>
Friday	04/23/2022	06:30 pm	Liturgy for St George +Shirley Carmoney Torbich <i>By Margaret Torbich</i>
Thomas Sunday	04/24/2022	11:00 am	Divine Liturgy +Connie Close <i>By Mary & Dan Joscak</i>

UPDATES

Joan Skinta is at Woodhaven Care Ceeter, Room 107, 2400 McGinley Rd., Monroeville Pa 15146

Rose Petruska is at Concordia at Cranberry, 10 Adams Ridge Blvd, Mars PA 16046

DIVINE SERVICES ATTENDANCE

Liturgy on Friday, April 8th was 18; on Saturday April 9th was 9; on Sunday April 10th was 62.

LIVE STREAM VIEWING

Liturgy on Friday, April 8th was 127; on Saturday April 9th was 163; on Sunday April 10th was 115.

SICK AND SHUT-INS

Please remember in your prayers our parishioners who are sick, homebound, hospitalized, living in nursing facilities, or need your prayers for their personal intentions:



Don Downey, Anna D. Fialkovich, Mark Fialkovich, Benjamin Kaefer, Jr., John Kopay, Jr., Sylvia Kopay, Richard Paloscko, Nancy Pcolar, Bob Newton, Rebecca McCullough, Will McCullough, Marie Churley, Joanne Skinta, John Gegick and Those serving in the Armed Forces, Emily Cox, Margaret Torbich, Mary Pat H, Gale Joscak, Mary Ann Badar, Robert Crowley, Rose Petruska, Gary Fall, Andrew Torbich, Judy Kosar, Mark Crowley, Mason Stern, Shawna Lynn Beluscak, Ronald Dusetzina, Gio Savko, Connie Leary, Jonathan Staton, Eleanor & Bob Rodrigues, Mary Anne Ference Mistick, Raymond Savko, Mario Peticca.

****If you have a family member in the hospital or other facilities, and would like us to remember them in prayer, contact Father Vitalii and we will be glad to publish their name in the bulletin – even if they are not a parishioner of Saints Peter & Paul Parish.**

On April 17 th 2022	On April 24 th 2022	On May 1 st 2022	On May 8 th 2022
Team B	Team C	Team D	Team A

ALL SOULS SATURDAYS – HRAMOTAS

The remaining Saturdays will be June 4th. We will celebrate a Divine Liturgy with a Panahida on each of the Fridays at 06:30 p.m. If you wish to remember deceased loved ones, please use the envelopes provided in your envelope box.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS:

April 25th 2022 at 6:30 pm at Church Social Hall
July 25th 2022 at 6:30 pm at Church Social Hall
October 24th 2022 at 6:30 pm at Church Social Hal

WE WELCOME YOU HOME!



There are often people who have been raised as Byzantine Catholics and through the years have become separated from the Church. Perhaps, there has been someone in your family or your friends or your neighbors who was raised Byzantine Catholic, but no longer actively participates in a Parish. Please invite your friends or who used to be a member of our parish to come and enjoy again our parish family. Together we can accomplish everything. Sharing with one another always increases joy and diminishes sorrow! With faith, hope, and love as we continue our journey together.

Church mice

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CANDLES FOR SOMEONE SPECIAL APRIL 10th 2022

Barbara Martin	Special Intentions
Janice Chusko	Keith, Kim Ray Chusko, Mariss A
Janice Chusko	For Conversion
	For Vocation
	For Happy Marriages
	For Peace in Family
	For Employment
	For Thanksgiving
	For Good Health
	For Special Favor
	Special
Anonymous	For Good Health (Jaxon & Hudson)
Anna Whitehead	Other
Myron Drabik	For Good Health
	For Special Favor
Bobbi Vaccaro	For Good Health
John Skinta	For Peace in Family
	For Thanksgiving
	For Good Health
	For Special Favor
Don Kerr	For Ukraine

WOMEN'S DAY

The 17th annual Women's Day of Reflection will be held 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Saturday, May 7 at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, 210 Greentree Road, Munhall, Pa.

This year's theme is "A New Perspective on: Compassion-Courage-Confidence."

Presenters include:

Dr. Regina Poletunow Boerio, Ph. D, a Professor of Psychology & Dean of Humanities and Social Studies at Franciscan University in Steubenville, Ohio. Andrea Wedner, who was seriously wounded Oct. 27, 2018 in a vicious attack on the Jewish community during a morning worship service at Tree of Life Synagogue in the Squirrel Hill neighborhood of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Alissa West, who provides Music Therapy services for individuals of all ages with physical and developmental disabilities. The event is sponsored by the Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Office of Religious Education. The springtime event also features a luncheon, vendors and a bountiful basket auction with proceeds donated to local women's shelters.

Contact Sister Marion Dobos at 412-322-8773 or mdobos1@gmail.com for more information..

Pre-registration is required. Deadline is April 25. If you'd like to register, please let Fr Vitalii know.

CATHOLIC TEACHING, THE SACRAMENT OF THE EUCHARIST

V. The Sacramental Sacrifice Thanksgiving, Memorial, Presence

The sacrificial memorial of Christ and of his Body, the Church

The Eucharist is the memorial of Christ's Passover, the making present and the sacramental offering of his unique sacrifice, in the liturgy of the Church which is his Body. In all the Eucharistic Prayers we find after the words of institution a prayer called the anamnesis or memorial.

In the sense of Sacred Scripture the memorial is not merely the recollection of past events but the proclamation of the mighty works wrought by God for men. In the liturgical celebration of these events, they become in a certain way present and real. This is how Israel understands its liberation from Egypt: every time Passover is celebrated, the Exodus events are made present to the memory of believers so that they may conform their lives to them.

In the New Testament, the memorial takes on new meaning. When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, she commemorates Christ's Passover, and it is made present the sacrifice Christ offered once for all on the cross remains ever present. "As often as the sacrifice of the Cross by which 'Christ our Pasch has been sacrificed' is celebrated on the altar, the work of our redemption is carried out."

Because it is the memorial of Christ's Passover, the Eucharist is also a sacrifice. the sacrificial character of the Eucharist is manifested in the very words of institution: "This is my body which is given for you" and "This cup which is poured out for you is the New Covenant in my blood." In the Eucharist Christ gives us the very body which he gave up for us on the cross, the very blood which he "poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

The Eucharist is thus a sacrifice because it re-presents (makes present) the sacrifice of the cross, because it is its memorial and because it applies its fruit:

[Christ], our Lord and God, was once and for all to offer himself to God the Father by his death on the altar of the cross, to accomplish there an everlasting redemption. But because his priesthood was not to end with his death, at the Last Supper "on the night when he was betrayed," [he wanted] to leave to his beloved spouse the Church a visible sacrifice (as the nature of man demands) by which the bloody sacrifice which he was to accomplish once for all on the cross would be re-presented, its memory perpetuated until the end of the world, and its salutary power be applied to the forgiveness of the sins we daily commit.

The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice: "The victim is one and the same: the same now offers through the ministry of priests, who then offered himself on the cross; only the manner of offering is different." "In this divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and is offered in an unbloody manner."

The Eucharist is also the sacrifice of the Church. the Church which is the Body of Christ participates in the offering of her Head. With him, she herself is offered whole and entire. She unites herself to his intercession with the Father for all men. In the Eucharist the sacrifice of Christ becomes also the sacrifice of the members of his Body. the lives of the faithful, their praise, sufferings, prayer, and work, are united with those of Christ and with his total offering, and so acquire a new value. Christ's sacrifice present on the altar makes it possible for all generations of Christians to be united with his offering.

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

CHURCH HISTORY: Tenth Century



Liturgical Development

The feast of the Protection of the Theotokos (October 1) comes from the 10th century. Saint Andrew the Fool for Christ (d. 956) saw a vision of the Theotokos interceding before God and protecting the praying people of Constantinople with her veil (omophorion) during the time of an attack on the city by the pagan Slavs. Ironically, this feast, which has been detached from its historical roots and is now celebrated primarily as the feast of the presence of Mary in the midst of the Church, is kept as a popular celebration almost solely by the churches of Slavic tradition.

THE DAY OF THE RESURRECTION

We call this Day “*The Great Passover.*” The day when Jesus Christ passed over from death to life, thereby giving us New Life. When things become “new” or “Re-newed” they are changed. For this reason, everything in our lives is changed because of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ: the way we pray, our posture in Church, the Church building itself, everything ...

THERE IS NO KNEELING...

from Easter until Pentecost Sunday. We are a resurrected people and we stand in the glory of Christ’s Holy Resurrection.

THE BELLS ARE RUNG...

over and over again on this day as we proclaim to all that Christ has trampled down death for us.

THE GOSPEL IS READ IN AS MANY AS POSSIBLE...

announcing that the Resurrection is for ALL peoples. Aside from the Gospel being read in English, Slavonic, Latin, and Italian.

BRIGHT VESTMENTS AND DECORATIONS...

are used to constantly remind us that we celebrate the Feast of Victory.

PASCHAL GREETINGS

English: Christ is Risen!
Hungarian: Feltamadt Kristus!
Church Slavonic: Christos Voskres!
Rusyn: Christos Voskres!
Greek: Christos anesti!
Arabic: Al Masee Kam!
Italian: Cristo e risorto!
Spanish: Cristo es resucitado!

THE RESURRECTION ICON...

shows Christ coming from the tomb and raising up Adam and Eve. We, too, are raised up with Him.

THERE IS NO FASTING...

during the entire Bright Week in honor of the Resurrection of Christ.

THE DOORS OF THE LANGUAGES ICON SCREEN...

remain open during this entire week – even when no services are celebrated. The tomb is empty and Heaven is open to all of us!

Indeed, He is Risen!
Valoban feltamadt!
Voistinnu Voskres!
Voistinu Voskres!
Alithos anesti!
Hakku Kum!
In verita e risorto!
En verdad es resucitado!

ATTENTIVE TO THE WORD:



PASCHA

Let all the pious and all lovers of God rejoice in the splendor of this feast; let the wise servants blissfully enter into the joy of their Lord; let those who have borne the burden of Lent now receive their pay, and those who have toiled since the first hour, let them now receive their due reward; let any who came after the third hour be grateful to join the feast, and those who may have come after the sixth, let them not be afraid of being too late, for the Lord is gracious and He receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to those who come on the eleventh hour as well as to those who have toiled since the first: yes, He has pity on the last and He serves the first; He rewards the one and is generous to the other; He repays the deed and praises the effort.

Come you all: enter into the joy of your Lord. You the first and you the last, receive alike your reward; you rich and you poor, dance together; you sober and you weaklings, celebrate the day; you who have kept the fast and you who have not, rejoice today. The table is richly loaded: enjoy its royal banquet. The calf is a fatted one: let no one go away hungry. All of you enjoy the banquet of faith; all of you receive the riches of his goodness.

Let none grieve over their poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed; let none weep over their sins, for pardon has shone from the grave; let none fear death, for the death of our Savior has set us free: He has destroyed it by enduring it. He has despoiled Hades by going down into its kingdom. He has angered it by allowing it to taste of His flesh.

When Isaiah foresaw all this, he cried out: “O Hades, you have been angered by encountering Him in the nether world.” Hades is angered because it is frustrated. It is angered because it has been mocked. It is angered because it has been destroyed. It is angered because it has been reduced to naught. It is angered because it is now captive. It seized a body, and, lo! It discovered God; it seized earth, and, behold! It encountered Heaven; it seized the visible, and was overcome by the Invisible.

O death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory? Christ is risen and you are abolished! Christ is risen and the demons are cast down! Christ is risen and the angels rejoice! Christ is risen and life is freed! Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied of the dead: for Christ, being risen from the dead, has become the Leader and Reviver of those who had fallen asleep. To Him be glory and power for ever and ever.

Paschal Homily of St. John Chrysostom

SUPER SATURDAY SALE!

St. Pius X Byzantine Catholic Church, 2336 Brownsville Road, Carrick is holding its Arts and Crafts and Vendor Show on Saturday, April 30, 2022 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Sale Day Includes Ethnic Food & Baked Goods. Call: 412-882-2660 or 412-881-8344

MOTHER’S DAY ENVELOPES

On Mother’s Day names will be printed in the bulletin and the candles in the church will be lit.

RESURRECTION SUNDAY (SATURDAY NIGHT)

From year to year the good news of the Resurrection resounds victoriously, encouraging us to render praise to God and the Savior, who has trampled down death by death and has made us co-participants in the life eternal which is to come.

As we celebrate this 'Feast of feasts' it is with a special spiritual feeling that we recall the redemptive act of the Savior of the world, his sufferings on the Cross and bright resurrection. Pascha is not some beautiful legend, not some theoretical theology and not a nod towards a popular custom established in the distant past. It is the essence and heart of Christianity. It is the victory that God has granted to us.

From the time of the apostles and up to the present the Church has preached Christ's resurrection as the greatest miracle in the history of humanity. She speaks of this miracle not only as a fact of the Gospels, but – and what is especially important – as a moment of destiny for all those who have received the Paschal good news. This feast bears the most direct relationship to us, for Christ's resurrection, the Lord's redemption of the fallen world, is the greatest joy which the human person can experience. No matter how difficult our life, no matter what everyday troubles besiege us, no matter what grief and imperfections we have to endure from the world around us – all of this is nothing in comparison to the spiritual joy, to the hope of eternal salvation that God gives us.

As St. Paul says, 'he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken our mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwells in us'. On the radiant day of Christ's resurrection the souls of millions of the faithful are filled with thanksgiving to the Creator, and our earthly life acquires true meaning. Christ's Passover is the greatest victory of life, the victory over death bringing love, peace and spiritual transformation.

In celebrating Pascha we each time open up a new period in our lives, for the risen Lord grants to us the strength to accomplish good deeds. During these days of the Paschal feast we are called upon to share our joy with our relatives and those close to us, to show them active love and mercy. Such are the traditions sanctified over the centuries, and in following them we testify to our participation in Christ's heritage and belief that the Lord has truly risen.

May the light of Christ's glory that has shone forth from the Life-bearing Tomb abide with us and illumine our hearts, extending to those who are close to us and those far removed from us, and upon all who are in need of our care and support. I prayerfully wish for you generous spiritual gifts, physical strength and the gracious aid which is from above in the triumphant journeying with Christ. Amen.

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

04/02 FATHER VITALII STASHKEVYCH
04/03 WILLIAM TORBICH
04/07 JOHN KOPAY
04/14 SUSAN KENNEDY
04/15 DAN JOSCAK
04/16 ANNA DZURA
04/17 KAREN CLARK
04/20 ROB KENNEDY

APRIL ANNIVERSARY

04/26 JEREMY & TALIN DRABIK

The Resurrection

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him." Mark 16:6 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Mark 16:1-8



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SUNRISE	JESUS	WEEK	ANOINT	STONE

THE ULTIMATE GUIDE TO CHURCH CANDLES & VOTIVE CANDLE HOLDERS

Candles are an important part of the church environment. Candles have long been used as a way to show devotion to Christ. In the Old Testament, oil lamps were burned to ‘sustain a perpetual flame,’ while the New Testament says, ‘A first tent was prepared with the lamp stand, the table and the bread of the presence; this is called the Holy Place,’ in a letter from Paul to the Hebrews.

Lighting a candle at church has become a symbolic gesture, and many worshippers will light a candle during a service, as well as forming a part of other services such as Mass, or in memory of a loved one.

As such an important part of the church, it’s important to ensure you maintain your church candles carefully. Learn everything you need to know in our ultimate guide to church candles and votive candle holders.

What is the significance of lighting a candle in church?

Lighting a candle in church is a way to demonstrate one’s faith. Light has an important place in Christianity, serving as a manifestation of God. It also serves as a representation of Christ, who said, “I am the true light.” Lighting a candle is an act of love and devotion, prolonging prayers, and is something that can be done at home as well as a church.



What is symbolic about the votive candle station?

In Christianity, lighting a candle signifies a prayer intention. In a church, a votive candle station or stand is a dedicated space where someone may go to pray, either privately or with others.

In many churches, there is a collection box located near the candles to help pay to replenish candles and for their maintenance.

What are church candle stands called?

Church candle stands are known as votive stands. Votive means something that is ‘offered or consecrated in fulfilment of a vow’. It represents the prayer that is being said for one’s self or someone else, which is why they’re also known as a ‘prayer candle.’

What is a votive candle holder?

Votive stands have many forms, they can be a table-top stand or stand-alone, and are available in different styles and sizes. Being able to choose from a selection of votive stands means you can choose the most suitable option according to the space you have, and in line with other items you might display in the church. Common colours for votive stands include black and gold, or votive stands can also be made of wood.

PASCHA 2022

Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!

On Easter morning, Jesus arose from the darkness of death from the tomb. The apostles and disciples were filled with fear. In a flash of light, Christ overcame sin and death. He opened the path to eternal life for us. The whole world is invited to listen to the Easter story, to follow His teachings which will bring them to new life with the Risen Lord now and to the life to come in heaven.

As we celebrate the Lord’s Resurrection this year, we continue to emerge from the third year under the dark cloud of virus. The current sixth wave of infections due to the new variants is less deadly and more manageable than the past waves. Gradually, people are adjusting to the new normal of life. We pray for those who have suffered and passed during the past year.

Unfortunately, another deeper darkness has descended upon the world. The current invasion and war between Russia and Ukraine has shocked the world. The Ukrainian soldiers have fought bravely beyond all expectations. There is hope that the killing will stop. However, thousands have died with damage in the



billions of dollars. Ten million people have been displaced from their homes. We pray for the end of the madness and their return to their homes in peace.

Our people and churches have responded with the largest collection in the history of our Byzantine Catholic Church. So far, the Archeparchy and other Eparchies have collected over \$500,000 to help feed and support the homeless.

Bishop Nil of Mukachevo sends thanks on behalf of those in their time of desperate need. The stories from the bishop’s calls confirm the images in the news which are chilling. The people living day to day without food and in fear is heart breaking. We continue to send our support and daily prayers that the suffering

will end. We give thanks to all who are helping. And, we pray that the Mother of God will protect everyone from harm.

We remember to continue to pray the Act of Consecration to the Immaculate Heart of Mary:
“O Mary, Mother of God and our mother, in this time of trial we turn to you. As our mother, you love us and know us: No concern of our hearts is hidden from you. Mother of mercy, how often we have experienced your watchful care and your peaceful presence! You never cease to guide us to Jesus, the prince of peace....”

Holy Mother, amid the misery of our sinfulness, amid our struggles and weaknesses, amid the mystery of iniquity that is evil and war, you remind us that God never abandons us, but continues to look upon us with love, ever ready to forgive us and raise us up to new life. He has given you to us and made your Immaculate Heart a refuge for the church and for all humanity. By God’s gracious will, you are ever with us; even in the most troubled moments of our history, you are there to guide us with tender love....”

O Mother, may your sorrowful plea stir our hardened hearts. May the tears you shed for us make this valley parched by our hatred blossom anew. Amid the thunder of weapons, may your prayer turn our thoughts to peace. May your maternal touch soothe those who suffer and flee from the rain of bombs. May your motherly embrace comfort those forced to leave their homes and their native land. May your sorrowful heart move us to compassion and inspire us to open our doors and to care for our brothers and sisters who are injured and cast aside.

Holy Mother of God, as you stood beneath the cross, Jesus, seeing the disciple at your side, said: “Behold your son” (Jn 19:26). In this way, he entrusted each of us to you. To the disciple, and to each of us, he said: “Behold, your Mother” (Jn 19:27). Mother Mary, we now desire to welcome you into our lives and our history.

At this hour, a weary and distraught humanity stands with you beneath the cross, needing to entrust itself to you and, through you, to consecrate itself to Christ. The people of Ukraine and Russia, who venerate you with great love, now turn to you, even as your heart beats with compassion for them and for all those peoples decimated by war, hunger, injustice and poverty....”

Through your intercession, may God’s mercy be poured out on the earth and the gentle rhythm of peace return to mark our days. Our Lady of the “fiat,” on whom the Holy Spirit descended, restore among us the harmony that comes from God. May you, our “living fountain of hope,” water the dryness of our hearts. In your womb Jesus took flesh; help us to foster the growth of communion. You once trod the streets of our world; lead us now on the paths of peace. Amen.”

May next Easter be a celebration with the darkness of pandemic and war lifted by the light of the Resurrection of Christ. Christ is Risen!