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St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Sunday, April 4, 2021

Resurrection of Our Lord. Pascha.			
SUN	Apr. 4	9:00 AM	Easter Sunday – Resurrection of Our Lord. Pascha Resurrection Matins with Procession. Easter Divine Liturgy. Blessed of Artos-Bread and Anointing of Holy Oil (Myrovania)
MON	Apr. 5	10:00 AM	Bright Monday For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
TUE	Apr. 6	10:00 AM	Bright Tuesday For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
WED	Apr. 7	8:00 AM	+Stefan Matwijkiw (20 th Anniversary) – Martha M. Gimbel
THUR	Apr. 8	8:00 AM	+Anna Zaryckyj – Igor and Daria Lissy
FRI	Apr. 9	7:45 AM	+Sonia Leskiw (1 st Anniversary) – St. Nicholas Parish Thomas Sunday
SUN	Apr. 11	10:00 AM	For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church

Welcome – To all who are tired and need rest; To all who mourn and need comfort; To all who are friendless and need friendship; To all who are discouraged and need hope; To all who are homeless and need sheltering love; To all who sin and need a Savior; And to whomsoever will, The Parish of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church opens Wide its doors, In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ! **Our mission:** let us be a community filled with faith in God, love for our tradition and our Church, and love for one another.

In case of emergency – if you need to reach Father Volodymyr in an emergency and he is unavailable at the rectory, please call his cell phone at 1-570-328-3818. If you are admitted to a hospital or at home and would like Father to visit you, please call the Rectory Office (302-762-5511) to request visitation of the sick.

Sanctuary light – if you are interested in requesting the Sanctuary Light to burn in memory of your deceased love ones, please see Father. The light will burn for one week and the cost is \$20.

Bequests to Your Parish: please remember St. Nicholas Church with memorial gifts in your will.

The Sanctuary Light for the week of April 4th is requested by Klanichka Family in memory of + Volodymyr Klanichka Sr. May his memory be eternal! Vichnaya Pamiat!

2021 Church Envelopes and Calendars are available in the Church Hall. Please pick up your box of envelopes today.

Easter Greetings – In our tradition, we use different Christian greetings throughout the year. From Pascha to Ascension Thursday, we use the greeting Christos Voskres – Christ is Risen - and the response is Voistynu Voskres - Indeed He is Risen!

Easter Practice – In honor of the Resurrection of our Lord, we stand instead of kneel during Liturgy at the Consecration and Communion. This lasts until Pentecost Sunday when we say the kneeling prayers. If you are tired or ill, please feel free to sit.

Feast Days – Easter or Bright Monday and Tuesday are Feast days. The Divine Liturgies on these days will be celebrated at 10:00 AM both days. Anointing of Holy Oil (Mirovania) after the Liturgy. This week after Easter is a **Fast-Free Week (Zahalnytsia)**, when we are allowed to eat meat daily, including Friday, in honor of the Resurrection.

Let us remember our sick in our prayers: John Hynansky, Pauline Sokolski, Alexander Sokolski, Bohdan Hrycushko, Walter Szczerban, Anna Pohorylo; Walter Petryk, Millie Yanonis, Julia Sobkiw, Bohdan and Orest Sobkiw, Dolores Losten, Mary Santak.

Blessing of Graves and Panakhyda will be held on Thomas Sunday, April 11th at 2:00 PM at All Saints Cemetery. This will be in place of the annual blessing which was held on Memorial Day.

Parish income for March 28th: Sunday \$5,234; Holy Day \$266; Dues \$132; Heat/Fuel \$50; Improvements \$; Eternal Light \$; Donation \$1,200; Diocesan \$15; Seminary \$40; Church in Need \$20; Easter \$45; Holy Land \$10; Holy Thur. \$10; Lent \$138; Flowers \$66; In Memory \$115. Total: \$5,341.00. Thank you for your donations!

Plast will be collecting for the Good Samaritan Food Pantry for the month of April. Along with food, they are in need of travel size hygiene items (shampoo, toothpaste, soap, etc.) Please drop off your donations in the box by the door. Thank you and God richly Bless you all!

Signs of the Easter Season -- The Royal and Deacon's doors on the Icon Screen Iconostasis remain open for the entirety of Bright or Light Week. This reflects the intimate relationship which exists between earth and heaven, the divine and human which has resulted from the God-Man, Jesus Christ, embracing Death and trampling it into nothingness! The sanctuary symbolizes the Kingdom of Heaven, the nave (the body of the Church), this earth. There is no barrier between them now that Christ is Risen from the dead.

On behalf of St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church, we greet you with the Glorious Resurrection of Christ our Lord with our traditional greeting: **“KHRYSTOS VOSKRESS!”** and extend our heartfelt wishes for a Joyous Easter. The bells of the Resurrection play today joyfully throughout the world, delivering a message of Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Help us, O Lord, to feel the reality of Christ's victory over death, let us proclaim the words of St. Paul: “And if Christ is not risen, vain is our preaching, vain too is your faith”. **“His Beatitude Sviatoslav** stands before the great God, and he feels God's peace and God's joy in his heart. He raises us with a kind word. He encourages young and old. He defends those who are at the front, in the Crimea, those who are disadvantaged. And how many beautiful carols His Beatitude sang together with the needy on Christmas Eve in Kyiv!” - said **Bishop Borys Gudziak, Metropolitan-Archbishop of Philadelphia**, in his greeting speech on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the enthronement of the Father and Head of the UGCC.