

Serving God and His People since 1903
St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Sunday, April 24, 2022

Thomas Sunday			
SUN	April 24	10:00 AM	For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
MON	April 25	8:00 AM	For health of Julia Sobkiw – Mr./Mrs. Klanichka
TUE	April 26	8:00 AM	+ Gabi Mansour – Linda Mansour
WED	April 27	8:00 AM	+Christopher Shahadi– Mr./Mrs. William Bijansky
THUR	April 28	8:00 AM	For health and speedy recovery of Vlodia Zalusky – St. Nicholas Parish
FRI	April 29	7:45 AM	+Stefan and Maria Matwijkiw – Martha M. Gimbel
SAT	April 30	9:00 AM	No Liturgy
Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers			
SUN	May 1	10:00 AM	For the parishioners of the 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 him at 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 24th is requested by Elaine Harasika in memory of +Manya Dycio. May her memory be eternal! Vichanaya Pamiat! Christos Voskres!

2022 Church Envelopes and Calendars are available in the Church Hall. Please pick up your box of envelopes today.

PLEASE PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE!

The Bishops of the Metropolia of Philadelphia have created a special fund entitled: “War Victims and Humanitarian Crisis in Ukraine”. The fund can be accessed through the website of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia: <https://ukrarcheparchy.us/donate>.

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.

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: Peter & Joan Kurych, John Hynansky, Larissa Kyj, Pauline Sokolski, Alexander Sokolski, Bohdan Hrycushko, Walter Szczerban, Anna Pohorylo; Walter Petryk, Millie Yanonis, Julia, Bohdan & Orest Sobkiw, Dolores Losten, Lydia Lubun.

Parish income for April 17th : Sunday \$1,325; Holy Day \$75; Dues \$; Heat/Fuel \$96; Improvements \$30; Easter \$12,438; Flowers \$10; Eternal Light \$20; dinner \$; Bulletin \$5; Donation \$; Candles \$388.36; Diocesan \$5; Seminary \$140; Aid to Ukraine \$350; Initial Offering \$10; Lent \$35; Holy Land \$99; Coffee \$. TOTAL: \$15,134.36. Thank you for your donations!

Easter Dinner, Next Sunday! Sunday, May 1st (after Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM). Cost \$20 adults; \$5 children 6-12, children under 6 free. Sign-up sheets are located at the entrances of the Church and in the Church Hall. We will also hold an **Easter Egg Hunt** for all the children, who attend the dinner. All are welcome!

Blessing of Graves and Panakhya will be held on Thomas Sunday, April 24th at 2:00 PM at All Saints Cemetery. This will be in place of the annual blessing which was held on Memorial Day.

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”.

May the Risen Lord Bless! All those who during the Great Lent and Holy Week assisted with the many activities (cleaning, singing, serving, decorating, setting up, etc.) that are needed in our church. Your labor, time, and offerings did not go unnoticed. All your efforts are greatly appreciated!