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St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

Слава Ісусу Христу! • Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Sunday, April 16, 2023

Thomas Sunday

SUN	Apr 16	9:00 AM	For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
MON	Apr 17	8:00 AM	For Health of Larissa Kyj – Kyj Family
TUE	Apr 18	8:00 AM	For Health of Julia Szyszka – Szyszka Family
WED	Apr 19	8:00 AM	Special Intention
THURS	Apr 20	8:00 AM	For Health of Bill Krawczuk – Krawczuk Family
FRI	Apr 21	7:45 AM	For Health of Millie Yanonis – Rev/Mrs Klanichka
SAT	Apr 22	9:00 AM	No Liturgy
Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers			
SUN	Apr 23	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 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 16th is requested by Dr. Orysia Tresznewsky in memory of +Julia Tresznewsky. May her memory be eternal! Vichanaya Pamiat!

Recitation of the Rosary – every Sunday at 9:45 AM for Peace in Ukraine. Please pray with us.

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>.

2023 Church Envelopes and Calendars are available in the Church Hall. Please pick up your box of envelopes today.

PLEASE PRAY FOR UKRAINE!

Let us remember our sick in our prayers: Leila Thomas, John Hynansky, Larissa Kyj, Alexander Sokolski, Bohdan Hrycushko, Walter Szczerban, Walter Petryk, Millie Yanonis, Julia, Bohdan & Orest Sobkiw, Lydia Lubun, Julia Szyszka.

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.

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: **“KHYSTOS 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”.

Parish income for April 9th: Sunday \$1,919; Holy Day \$195; Dues \$119; Heat/Fuel \$50; Improvements \$125; Easter \$21,176; Eternal Vigil \$20; Initial Offering \$10; Bulletin \$5; Flowers \$90; Paskas \$60 Lent \$158; Property Insurance \$25; Holy Thursday \$79; Monthly Diocesan \$30; Seminary \$100; Church in Need \$50; Good Friday \$176. TOTAL: \$24,387. Thank you for your donations!

WORLD YOUTH DAY—August 1-6, 2023, Lisbon, Portugal. Lisbon is calling you – are you ready? If you are interested or would like to learn more or register for the program, please see the flyer in the vestibule of the Church.

Save the Date – Easter Dinner, Sunday, April 23rd (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.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal Today – Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund essential pastoral activities needed in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the US. More information can be found at www.usccb.org/home-missions.

Blessing of Graves and Panakhyda will be held on Thomas Sunday, April 16th at 2:00 PM at All Saints Cemetery. This will be in place of the annual blessing which was held on Memorial Day.

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!