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# St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Sunday, March 31, 2024

## Easter Sunday – Resurrection of Our Lord. Pascha

SUN	Mar 31	9:00 AM	<b>Resurrection Matins with Procession Easter Divine Liturgy. Blessed of Artos-Bread and Anointing of Holy Oil (Myrovania)</b>
MON	Apr 1	10:00 AM	<b>Bright Monday</b> For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
TUE	Apr 2	10:00 AM	<b>Bright Tuesday</b> For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
WED	Apr 3	8:00 AM	+Millie Yanonis -- Evelyn Scrabut
THURS	Apr 4	8:00 AM	For health of Bohdan Sobkiw – Sobkiw Family
FRI	Apr 5	8:00 AM	For health of Father Klanichka – Klanichka Family
SAT	Apr 6	9:00 AM	For peace in Ukraine and the whole world
<b>Thomas Sunday</b>			
SUN	Apr 7	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 March 24<sup>th</sup> is requested by Michael Hrycak in memory of + John Hrycak. May his memory be everlasting!

**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.

Let us remember our sick in our prayers: John Hynansky, Ihor and Karen Hrycak, Bohdan Hrycushko, Walter Szczerban, Walter Petryk, Bohdan & Orest Sobkiw.

**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.

**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”.

**Save the Date – Easter Dinner**, Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> (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.

**Parish income for March 24<sup>th</sup>:** Sunday \$4,779; Holyday \$395; Dues \$; Heat/Fuel \$; Improvements \$; Easter \$; In memory \$225; Bulletin \$; Flowers \$30; Lent \$66; Holy Thursday \$10; Monthly Diocesan \$; Seminary \$; Holy Land \$10. TOTAL: \$5,771. Thank you for your donations!

**Blessing of Graves and Panakhyda** will be held on Thomas Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at All Saints Cemetery. This will be in place of the annual blessing which was held on Memorial Day.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR UKRAINE!**