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St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

Слава Ісусу Христу! • Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Sunday, April 7, 2024

Thomas Sunday

SUN	Apr 7	10:00 AM	For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
MON	Apr 8	8:00 AM	For Health of Joanne Kurych – St. Nicholas Parish
TUE	Apr 9	8:00 AM	+Millie Yanonis – Rev/Mrs Klanichka
WED	Apr 10	8:00 AM	Special Intention
THURS	Apr 11	8:00 AM	For God’s Blessing of Michael Hynansky and Family
FRI	Apr 12	8:00 AM	+Julia Sobkiw – Sobkiw Family
SAT	Apr 13	9:00 AM	No Liturgy
Sunday of Myrrh-Bearers			
SUN	Apr 14	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 7th is requested by Frank Santak in memory of + Janie Santak. May her 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.

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: **“KHYRYSTOS 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”.

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.

Save the Date – Easter Dinner, Sunday, April 14th (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 31st: Sunday \$670; Holyday \$4; Dues \$186; Easter \$10,747; Initial Offering \$10; Bulletin \$5; Flowers \$25; Holy Thursday \$14; Aid to Ukraine \$44; Seminary \$90; Holy Land \$90. TOTAL: \$11,885. Thank you for your donations!

Blessing of Graves and Panakhyda will be held on Thomas Sunday, April 7th 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!