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St. Nicholas Ukrainian Catholic Church

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Sunday, May 4, 2025

Sunday of Myrrh-Bearers

SUN	May 4	10:00 AM	For the parishioners of St. Nicholas Church
MON	May 5	8:00 AM	No Liturgy
TUE	May 6	8:00AM	+Gabi Mansour – Linda Mansour
WED	May 7	8:00 AM	For God’s Blessing of Michael Hynansky and Family
THURS	May 8	8:00 AM	For Health of Margareta Koloda – Marika Hawrysczuk
FRI	May 9	8:00 AM 7:00 PM	Special Intention Moleben to the Mother of God
SAT	May 10	9:00 AM	No Liturgy
Sunday of the Paralytic Man			
SUN	May 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 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 loved 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 May 4th is requested by Dr. Robert and Mrs. Sonia DiStefano in memory of +Orest Lazor. 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 people in our prayers: Deanna Hynasky, John Hynansky, Ihor and Karen Hrycak, Bohdan Hrycushko, Martha Gimbel, Walter Szczerban, Walter Petryk, Orest Sobkiw, Yaroslav Vidoynyk, Joanne Kurych.

2025 Church Envelopes and Calendars are available in the Church Hall. Please pick up your box of envelopes today.

English Without Borders – An English-Speaking Club will be held every Wednesday at 7:00 in our Church Hall. Please join us on Wednesday evenings if you would like to improve your English speaking and understanding. All are welcome!

During the month of May, we will celebrate **Moleben to the Mother of God** on Fridays at 7:00 PM for peace in Ukraine. Please come and join in this celebration as May is dedicated in honor of the Blessed Mother. Join us spiritually in prayer, imploring the Mother of God to keep all of us under Her heavenly protection and care. May Our Blessed Mother of God keep you under Her loving and protective “omophor.”

Mother’s Day is May 11th this year. Please remember your mother at the Divine Liturgy by using the Mother’s Day Remembrance envelope included in your envelope set. Please return by May 7th.

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: **“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, today after Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM. We will also hold an **Easter Egg Hunt** for all the children who attend the Dinner. All are welcome!

Parish income for April 27th: Sunday \$750; Holyday \$50; Dues \$12; Easter \$275; Lent \$5; Aid to Ukraine \$223; Holy Thursday \$15; Seminary \$40; Holy Land \$15. TOTAL: \$1,385. Thank you for your donations!

Branch 54 UNWLA will be having their last **Bake Sale** of the Season on Sunday, May 18th after the 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy. Anyone who would like to make something for the sale or give a donation is welcome. Please see Helen Gottchalk if interested.

Catholic Home Missions Appeal – Today we will look for support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal! 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.