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Weekday Divine Liturgies: 8:00 am or 9:00 am or 7:00 pm

Holy Days Liturgy: 9:00 am or Previous Day at 7:00 pm

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CHURCH BULLETIN – ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

April 16, 2017 / Квітень 16, 2017

DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:

April 16, 2017 - Easter Sunday (Pascha). The Glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ.

Note: This is a Holy Day of Obligation.

Festal Tone: Epistle: Acts 1:1 - 8. / Gospel: John 1: 1 – 17.

6:00 am - Service at the Tomb

6:20 am - Paschal Procession and Matins

7:30 am - Easter Divine Liturgy – Ukrainian.

- After Divine Liturgy - Myrovanya

10:00 am – Easter Divine Liturgy – English.

- After Divine Liturgy blessing with oil.

Note: This week's Sanctuary Candle Light for God's Blessing upon Iryna Popovych, req. Family.

April 17, 2017 – Bright Monday.

9:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

April 18, 2017 – Bright Tuesday.

9:00 a.m. – † 40th day for Irene Luba Koval/Panakhya/,
req. M/M Ihor Warywoda & Family

April 19, 2017 – Bright Wednesday.

7:00 p.m. - God's Blessing upon all (Special Intention),
req. by Mother in Prayer

April 20, 2017 – Bright Thursday.

9:00 a.m. – (Bination Liturgy) God's Blessing upon Iryna Popovych,
req. Popovych Family

7:00 p.m. - † Vasyl {8th Anniv.}/Panakhya/, req. Khrobak Family

April 21, 2017 – Bright Friday.

**7:00 pm – (Special Intention) God's Blessing upon all
Members of the Rosary Society, req. Rosary Society**

April 22, 2017 – Bright Saturday.

6:00 p.m. – Vespers (Вечірня)

7:00 p.m. - † All Deceased Members (Special Intention),
/Panakhya/, req. by Mothers in Prayer

April 23, 2017 – Thomas Sunday. St. George Great – Martyr.

9:00 am – Pro Populo – English.

- After Divine Liturgy blessing with oil and distributing the Arthos

10:15 am – (God's Blessing upon Rostyslav & Moskalyuk & Family; God's Blessing upon All Marian Pilgrims, req. Moskalyuk Family) – **Ukrainian.**

- After Divine Liturgy - Myrovanya and distributing the Arthos.

Confessions: Can be heard by appointment daily and on Sundays before or after the Divine Liturgy.

Baptism and Chrismation: By appointment. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics.

Marriage: Please contact the Pastor at least six (6) months in advance.

Attendance at pre - Cana is required.

Ukrainian Culture School will be held Every Saturday from 9:00 am until 1:30 p.m. For more information please call the Rectory or contact the Director, Mrs. Izolda Maksym at (631) 225 -1203 or visit our web page:

ukrainskaschkola.com.

Ukrainian Cultural Dances for children ages 5 to 12 are provided by Mr. Gregory Momot of Paramus, NJ, every Saturday, by groups: ages (5 – 8) 1:35 p.m. – 3:05 p.m.; ages (8 – 12) 3:05 p.m. – 4:35p.m.

Religious Education: Classes for religious education will be held every Monday from 5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Please contact the rectory for further information.

Ministry to the Sick: Rev. Popovici will make visits to the sick on the first Friday of the month. It is the responsibility of an immediate family member to kindly notify Rev. Popovici at the Rectory office about any sick or aged individual who is hospitalized or confined at home or in a nursing home, and he will gladly visit and administer the sacraments. In case of emergencies please call any time.

Pray the Rosary: The Apostleship of Prayer requests members and parishioners pray the Rosary on the **First Sunday** of each month, beginning 20 minutes before Divine Liturgy. The Rosary Society requests members and parishioners pray the Rosary on the **Third Sunday** of the Month beginning at 10:00 a.m. before Ukrainian Divine Liturgy.

Mothers in Prayer: Next prayer group will be held on **May 5, 2017 at 8:00 p.m.**

St. Joseph's Men's Prayer: group will be held every Thursday at 8:00 p.m.

Rectory Office Hours: Monday - Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm; Evenings by appointment. **Attention: Tuesday** is a free day for the priest. In case of an emergency, please call at any time.

Divine Liturgy: Dear Parishioners! Remember your faith; please come every Sunday and Holy Days to Church.

Divine Liturgy for Children: Special Divine Liturgy (English/Ukrainian language) for family/children will be held on **Sunday May 7, 2017 at 12:00 Noon.** All parents are requested to bring their children to church to celebrate the Holy Divine Liturgy.

Sunday Bulletin Deadline: Notices should be phoned in or brought to the Parish Office **NO LATER** than 12:00 noon on the Friday prior to the Sunday of publication.

Bequests: In making out your will, kindly remember your church. Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church of Lindenhurst, N.Y. is our legal title.

New Parishioners: Welcome to Holy Family Church! 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 hopeless and need sheltering love, to all who sin and need a Savior, this Church opens wide its doors in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Please stop by the Rectory to introduce yourselves and register. We look forward to meeting you.

Change in address or telephone? Parishioners, kindly provide the rectory with your new address and telephone numbers as soon as possible.

Parishioners and guests: after each Divine Liturgy, coffee, rolls, & cakes are served in the Parish Center for a donation of \$3.00 per person.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

“May the light of the Risen Christ disperse the darkness of our minds and hearts.”

“This is the day that Lord hath made, let us be glad and rejoice therein.”

Dear Parishioners, Friends and Benefactors of Holy Family Ukrainian Catholic Church!

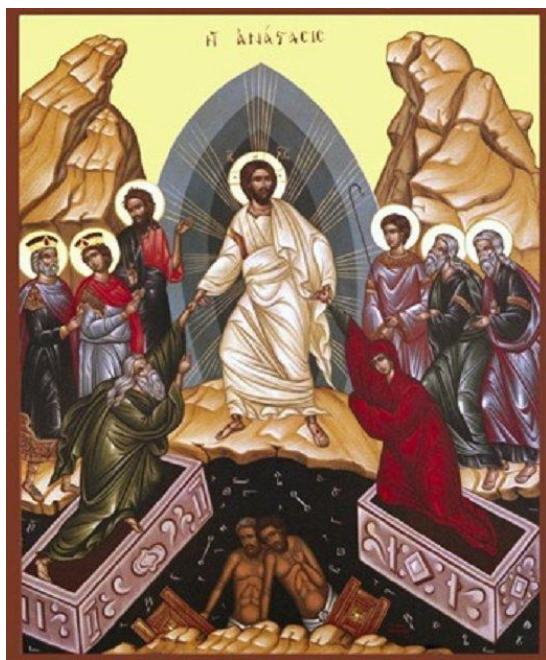
During the Easter season, we have a custom to greet each other with the words: “Christ is Risen”, to convey the good news of our Savior’s Resurrection. The greeted person responds: “He is truly Risen”, to confirm the message that Jesus is no longer among the dead. He is really alive, having new life that He promised us all if we follow Him.

During this special time of grace, may the Risen Christ, who defeated death and evil, bestow upon you many graces. May He strengthen your faith, give you happiness, good health, many blessings, and may He always protect you and those close to you. May He bless you during this holy time.

May God reward your generosity and support of our Parish.

Today in our Easter Sunday Services each one of our Parishioners will be remembered in a special way during the Easter celebrations of Divine Liturgies.

“CHRIST IS RISEN - HE IS TRULY RISEN”.



Sunday Collection – April 9, 2017.

“Give to the Most High as He has given to you, generously, for the Lord is one who always repays, and He will give back to you sevenfold.” (Sir. 35: 9 – 10).

Candles: \$440, Terapod: \$18, Willow: \$200, Pyrohy 6, Coffee: \$181,
Annual support: \$100, Sundry: \$5, Good Friday: \$80, Church in Need: \$10, Flowers: \$55,

Pledge: \$470.00, Sunday Offering: \$1,884.00, Total - \$3,553.00.

Dear Parishioners: Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday, April 9, 2017. May God bless you all for your generosity.

Our Prayer: Please remember all those parishioners who are ill or elderly within your families. They are part of our parish and need to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacraments of Confession and Communion. To schedule a visit by the priest, please call the rectory for an appointment.

Attention: To all who celebrate their birthday during the month of **April**, our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya Lita and God’s Blessing.

Our Church News:

1. How wonderful it was to enjoy the Holy Way of the Cross this past Sunday at the Shrine of the Mother of the Island in East Moriches. Good weather permitted us to pray and enjoy nature and prepare ourselves for a good journey during Holy Week and to contemplate and pray and remember Jesus’ passions. Including children we had a nice group of over 120 souls present.

2. We extend our sympathy to Mrs. Nataliya Panchuk and her Family for her mother † Yevhenia Rosiychuk, a resident of Ukraine, who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. May her soul rest in peace and everlasting be her memory.

3. Upcoming events:

a. **April collections: Regular church cleaning:** The next free will donation will be collected on Sunday, April 23, 2017.

b. **SVYACHENE: On April 23, 2017, St. Thomas Sunday** (both Calendars), our parish will hold a Pascal Luncheon (Svyachene) after both Divine Liturgies in the church hall. More information is attached to our Church Bulletin. All are welcome!

4. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:

a. those parishioners who brought items for our outreach program.

M/M Ihor & Olesia Warywoda who helped prepare 12 Easter packages for parishioners (both calendars) in need. The following parishioners made special donations for the outreach program: an Anonymous Family - \$200; M/M Warywoda - \$100; Rosary Society - \$100; Mothers in Prayer - \$100; Mrs. Nataliya Popovici - \$100.

b. M/M Slawomir & Helen Samilo who, for Palm Sunday prepared palms, pussy willows with a special bouquet; rearrange chairs and cleaned our hall for Easter services from Monday through Wednesday this past week; prepared the bier for Good Friday; ordered and brought lilies to decorate the bier on Good Friday; and voluntarily performed much needed work throughout this past week.

c. those ladies from the Rosary Society who again baked Paska on Monday, Wednesday & Thursday this past week, especially: Mrs. Maria Gotra, Mrs. Nadiya Popovych, Ms. Neli Voitovych, Mrs. Iryna Koretska, Mrs. Nadiya Pankiv, Mrs. Nataliya Popovici, Ms. Elena Popovici and Mrs. Olena Suhorovska who raised a net profit of \$1,075.00 from the sale of Paska for the needs of our Church.

d. Mrs. Halyna Kaplun, Mrs. Halyna Mir, Mrs. Maria Balaban, Mrs. Anna Ivasyuk who voluntarily cleaned our Church on Thursday, April 13, 2017 to prepare for the upcoming Easter celebration.

e. to those parishioners (both calendars) and friends especially: Mr. Adrian Saluk - \$500; Mrs. Nataliya Popovici - \$100; Rosary Society - \$100; Mothers in Prayer - \$100 who donated just over \$800 to the Staryy Rozdil and others orphanages in Ukraine, to the parishioners who made donations of used clothes and other items, and to the anonymous lady parishioner who will prepared all the packages. All packages shortly will be prepared and monetary donations will be sent to Ukraine. God bless all those who volunteered or made donations and may He reward you with His choicest Blessings.

4. Please remember, in the Eastern tradition, there is no kneeling in Church until Pentecost Sunday.

Blessing of the Easter Food Baskets



The Blessing of Paska and other Easter Foods

In ancient times, meat and dairy products were excluded from the daily diet of the faithful during the entire season of the Great Fast and Holy week. As the end of the strict fast approached, the people revealed their joy and gratitude to the Lord by bringing their Easter or paschal foods to their parish church for blessing. Having prepared themselves during Lent and Holy Week and having made their Easter confession and having received Holy Communion, the Ukrainian Christian family gathers in the home following Easter Divine Liturgy to partake of the blessed foods.

Since Easter is a celebration of new life granted to the believing community through the Lord's Resurrection, all creation, in all its dimensions, rejoices. Food reflects this joy since it is sustenance of our physical well – being.

Blessed Easter foods fall into three categories: Easter breads, meat products and dairy products. The breads proclaim our Lord Jesus Christ, the living bread who came down from heaven. The meat products symbolize the sacrificial animals of the Old Testament, which foreshadowed the true sacrifice of our Savior, the spotless Lamb who has led in His innocence to slaughter. The dairy products remind us of the prosperity and peace foretold by the prophets as signs of the Messianic age.

Let us take a brief look at the individual foods which make up the Traditional Ukrainian Christian Easter Basket.

The Paska, the primary symbol of the Resurrection, is a large, round loaf of baked bread made of white flour. It is elaborately decorated with a braided cross and many rosettes. The Paska symbolizes life, the divine life and hope of resurrection, which every disciple has received through the salvific mystery of the Lord's death and resurrection.

Filling the Basket

A typical Eastern European Easter basket would include any of these symbolic foods.

Bacon - a symbol of the abundance of God's mercy. Bread (Paska) - a round loaf of rich, eggy, yeast dough with raisins reminiscent of the risen Lord. Usually a braided decorated bread representing the staff of life given by God. Butter - dairy products are included to celebrate the end of Lent and the richness of our salvation. Butter is often shaped into a lamb (symbolic of the Paschal Lamb) and known as a *baranek*. Sometimes the *baranek* is made of dough, wood or even plastic.

Candle - the candle symbolizes Jesus, the "light of the world," and can be lit when the priest blesses the baskets of food.

Cheese - cheese is a symbol to remind Christians of moderation. **Colored eggs** – *pysanka*. Both colored and uncolored hard boiled eggs indicate hope, new life and Christ rising from his tomb.

Ham - meats are symbolic of great joy and abundance in celebration of Christ's resurrection.

Sausage (kovbasa). The sausage links are symbolic of the chains of death that were broken when Jesus rose from the dead, as well as of God's generosity.

Horseradish – (Hrin). This is a reminder of the bitterness and harshness of the Passion of Jesus, and the vinegar it is mixed with symbolizes the sour wine given to Jesus on the cross.

Salt is represented to add zest to life and preserve us from corruption.

Sweets - suggest the promise of eternal life or good things to come.

Family Easter Basket Tradition

Although every family may have its own traditions when it comes to the Easter baskets, several believe it is imperative that every member of the family have a bite of all the blessed foods after Mass on Easter Sunday. So many mothers make sure to include just enough for a taste of the Easter dinner foods, plus some daily staples. This means including not only the little bird's nest cake made with leftover batter from the lamb cake, but also hard-cooked eggs studded with cloves representing the nails of the cross, kovbasa, ham, salt and pepper.

Waiting until Easter Sunday

In many families when the children are old enough, they are given the honor of taking the basket to church to be blessed. There is no risk of the basket being picked over since it is a time of fasting, and the children are sure to be admonished that they do not touch one morsel of food. The aromas are sure to be intoxicating and it takes tremendous willpower not to sample.

The Paschal Artos: The term Artos (Greek: "leavened loaf") refers to a loaf of leavened bread that is blessed during services in the Eastern Catholic Churches. A large Artos is baked

especially for use at Pascha (Easter). Near the end of the Paschal Vigil, after the Prayer behind the Ambo, a single large loaf of bread, the Artos, is brought to the priest. Depicted on the top of the Artos is either the symbol of Christ's victory over death – Resurrection of Christ. The Artos symbolizes the physical presence of the resurrected Christ among the disciples. The priest blesses the Artos, while it is on the altar, with a special prayer and sprinkles it with Holy Water. The Artos is then placed on the Tetrapod where it remains throughout the Bright Week. It is customary, whenever the faithful enter the Temple, for them to kiss the Artos as a way of greeting the Risen Christ. The significance of the Artos is that it serves to remind all Christians of the events connected with the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ. While still living on earth, the Lord called Himself the Bread of Life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and He who believes in Me shall never thirst (John 6:35)... He blessed and broke bread (Luke 24:13 – 35). Remembering this custom of the Apostles, the Fathers of the Church made it their custom to put out the Artos at the Paschal Feast in memory of the appearance of the Risen Lord to His disciples, and also in memory of the fact that the Lord Who suffered and was resurrected for our justification has made Himself the true Bread of Life and is invisibly present in His church always, to the close of the age. (Matthew 28:20). On Bright Saturday after the Vespers the priest says another prayer over the Artos and it is then broken and distributed among the whole congregation at the Divine Liturgy on Thomas Sunday.

PASCHA TO PENTECOST: 50 DAYS OF GRACE

We are celebrating the feast of the Bright Resurrection of the Son of God. These 50 days are days of light, joy, grace, and peace. We especially strive to maintain what is known as "Paschal joy." What is this joy? Our realized happiness that we have spiritually died, been buried, and resurrected with Christ. Christ's Death and Resurrection is at the same time our own taste of death to sin and genuine resurrection. Saint Paul teaches us that having died to the "old man" (the ways of sin) we, through Christ, have been born again in the "New Man." "You have been raised to life with Christ. Set your hearts, then, on the things that are in heaven, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God. Let your thoughts dwell on things there, not on things here on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. Your real life is Christ, and when He appears, then you too will appear with Him in glory." (Colossians 3:1-4). Newness of life has been given to us by and in Christ Jesus. It is the greatest gift. Let us hold fast to it and guard it from the devil's envy. Let us be sure to be completely dead to our old habits of passion and sin; and alive in the righteousness of Jesus Christ. Let us continue to celebrate in word and deed, living:

A Pascha worthy of veneration,

A Pascha which is Christ the Redeemer,

A blameless Pascha, A Pascha of the faithful!

Liturgical Notes: This period of great festivity and joy finds its liturgical expression in the following manner:

- We greet each other with the Paschal salutation, "Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!" for 40 days, until Ascension Day.
- We do not kneel or make prostrations either at church services or in our homes until the "Kneeling Prayers" at Pentecost.
- The Paschal Troparion, "Christ is risen from the dead" is sung or said at the beginning or end of all prayers until the Leave-taking of Pascha on the Eve of Ascension.
- The prayer, "O Heavenly King" is omitted until Pentecost, being replaced with the Troparion of Pascha and then Ascension.

On Entering Into the Resurrection: "Keep the Feast of the Resurrection. Be a Peter or a John; hasten to the Tomb, running together, not running against one another, vying in the noble race (cf. Jn. 20:3-4). And even if you be beaten in speed, win the victory of zeal; not looking into the tomb, but going in."

St. Gregory the Theologian

"About the Testimony of Reliable witness of His mighty Glory"

When the apostles speak "**But we have been eyewitnesses**" about the glorious resurrection of the Lord, they speak in plurality. For each one of them gives his testimony and the testimony of other companions. Thus, the Apostle Peter writes: "We do not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of His majesty" (2 Peter 1:16). Nathaniel did not want to believe only by hearing. That is why the Apostle Philip invited Nathaniel to "Come and see!" (St. John 1:46). Nathaniel came, saw and believed. So it was with the other apostles, until they approached Christ, until they heard, and until they saw, they did not want to believe. Cleverly devised myths did not attract the apostles. Their common sense sought visual facts and not myths. O my brethren, our Faith is well established and proved. The trail of God is well blazoned in the world. No one has need to doubt. Christ's resurrection is well witnessed. No one need despair. Doubt and despair are two worms that are born of sin. He who does not sin, clearly sees the blazoned trail of God in the world and clearly recognizes the resurrection of Christ. O resurrected Lord, strengthen us by the power of Thy Holy Spirit so that we sin no more and that we do not become blinded to Thy trail in the world and to Thy glorious resurrection. To Thee be glory and thanksgiving always. Amen.

