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CHURCH BULLETIN – ЦЕРКОВНИЙ ВІСНИК

April 23, 2017 / Квітень 23, 2017

DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:

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

Festal Tone: Epistle: Acts 5:12 - 20. / Gospel: John 20: 19 – 31.

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) – Ukr.**

- After Divine Liturgy - Myrovanya and distributing the Arthos.

**11:45 p.m. - † Panakhyda in memoriam victims of the
Chernobyl tragedy - 4/26/1986**

Monday, April 24, 2017- Sabbas Martyr.

8:00 p.m. – Private – Special prayer in the Church

Tuesday, April 25, 2017 – Mark Apostle – Evangelist.

8:00 p.m. – Private – Special prayer in the Church

Wednesday, April 26, 2017 – Basil Bishop – Martyr.

8:00 p.m. – Private – Special prayer in the Church

Thursday, April 27, 2017 – Simeon Bishop – Martyr.

8:00 p.m. – Private – Special prayer in the Church

Friday, April 28, 2017 – Jason and Sosipater Apostles.

8:00 p.m. – Private – Special prayer in the Church

Saturday, April 29, 2017 – The Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzice.

6:15 p.m. – Rosary (Вервиця)

April 30, 2017 – Sunday of the Ointment - Bearers. The Holy Apostle James.

Tone 2: Epistle: Acts 6:1 - 7. / Gospel: Mark 15: 43 – 16:8.

9:00 am – († John Donalds, req. Samilo Family) – English.

10:15 am – Pro Populo – Ukrainian.

Monday, May 1, 2017 – Jeremiah Prophet.

8:00 p.m. – Begin Maivka – Akatistos to the Mother of God. – Ukr.

Note: This Devotion is held every day at 8:00 p.m. during the month of May.

Tuesday, May 2, 2017 – Athanasius the Great Patriarch.

8:00 p.m. – Akatistos to the Mother of God

Wednesday, May 3, 2017 – Passing of Theodosius of the Cave Venerable.

8:00 p.m. – Akatistos to the Mother of God

Thursday, May 4, 2017 – Pelagia Martyr.

8:00 p.m. – Akatistos to the Mother of God

Friday, May 5, 2017 – Irene Great - Martyr.

9:00 a.m. – † Nestor Hudziy, req. Steszyn Family

8:00 p.m. – Moleben to the Mother of God

Saturday, May 6, 2017 – Job Venerable.

6:00 p.m. – Vespers (Вечірня)

7:00 p.m. - † Ivan and Luba Zakoworotny, req. Steszyn Family

8:00 p.m. – Moleben to the Mother of God

May 7, 2017 – Sunday of the Paralytic Man.

**9:00 am – (God's Blessing upon All Members of the Apostleship
of Prayer (Special Intention) – English.**

10:15 am – Pro Populo – Ukrainian.

12:00 Noon - Special Divine Liturgy for Family/children

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.**

Sunday Collection – April 16, 2017. Easter: \$5,616.00

“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: \$640, Terapod: \$23, Shroud: \$1,180, Pyrohy: \$310, Donation: \$50, Annual support: \$25, Sundry: \$10, Good Friday: \$80, Liability Ins.: \$75, Flowers: \$150, **Pledge: \$200.00, Sunday Offering: \$150.00, Total - \$8,509.00.**

Dear Parishioners: Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday, April 16, 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. The Month of May is devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Moleben or Akatistos will be celebrated every day at 8:00 p.m. (Due to our daily special prayer in church) either in church or outside by the statue of the Holy Family, depending on the weather. Please make a special effort to attend and participate in this Moleben (Devotional) service which begins on May 1st.

2. **Dear Parishioners**, if anyone desires to have Rev. Popovici visit the grave sites of your loved ones for Panakhyda, please call the Rectory for an appointment. This may be done until June 4th, 2017.

3. **Please Note: Sunday, May 14, 2017 is Mother's Day. Anyone who wishes to honor his/her mother please submit her name, to the rectory as soon as possible.** The names of mothers who are deceased will be mentioned during the English Divine Liturgy on Saturday, May 13th at 7:00 pm. The names of mothers who are living will be mentioned during the Ukrainian Divine Liturgy on Sunday May 8th at 10:15 a.m. (Mother's Day envelopes are included in your boxed envelopes).

4. **Mother's Day plant and flower sale**, sponsored by the Apostleship of Prayer, will be held the weekend of May 13th and 14th. We depend on your generosity for this fundraiser. Please consider purchasing plants/flowers for your mother, grandmother, aunts, etc.

5. Upcoming events:

a. April/May collections:

a. 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!

c. Please note that you will soon receive information by mail, about the annual Bishop's Appeal campaign, which will begin on May 15th, 2017.

6. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:

a. M/M Slawomir & Helen Samilo, Mr. Peter Dankov, Mr. Ihor Warywoda who, on Tuesday, April 18th, voluntarily cleaned our parish center and rearranged all the chairs and tables and performed work needed to be done after the Easter celebration.

b. those ladies from the Rosary Society who again baked Paska on Friday morning this past week, for our Svyachene Luncheon this Sunday.

c. our Parishioners for offerings made on Easter Sunday April 16, 2017 (both calendars).

d. Mrs. Helen Samilo who baked Arthos needed for our Easter Liturgical Services.

e. Mrs. Mariya Balaban who voluntarily washed all altar boys dalmatics (yellow, white and red) to prepared them for Easter. God bless all those who volunteered or made donations and may He reward you with His choicest Blessings.

7. Dear Parishioners: From April 24th through May 4th I will be traveling with our parishioners on our Marian pilgrimage in Europe. On Sunday, April 30th, Fr. Anibal Soltys will offer the Divine Liturgies at regular times. You will also have the opportunity to prepare yourselves, before or after, Divine Liturgies for Confession. In any emergency during my absence you can reach Fr. Anibal on his cell phone at 1-404-723-7396. Thank you for your attention.

8. Upcoming Parish Events:

A. June 11, 2017 – at our Parish will hold our first Ukrainian Cultural Dance Festival.

B. Ukrainian Saturday Cultural School is planning to have their annual trip to Mystic, CT (aquarium, entertainments, nautical museum) on Saturday/Sunday, June 24/25, 2017. More information to follow.

9. Today, April 23, 2017 after the Ukrainian Divine Liturgy at 11:45 a.m. we will have Panakhyda in memoriam of all victims who died during the Chernobyl tragedy on April 26, 1986.

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

Holy Communion

Holy Communion is the receiving of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ in the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. In order to receive Holy Communion worthily it is necessary to prepare soul and body; it is necessary to have a correct intention, and to fast for three hours (overnight fast is best) before Holy Communion from food and drink, although it is permitted to drink water, because water never breaks the Eucharistic fast. One who knowingly and willingly receives Holy Communion in mortal sin receives the Body and Blood of Christ, but does not receive grace, because he thereby commits the serious sin of sacrilege. Also, in order to receive more abundantly the graces of Holy Communion, we should strive to be fervent and free from deliberate venial sin. Holy Communion may be received without fasting when one is in danger of death, or when it is necessary to protect the Blessed Sacrament from insult or injury. In order to prepare ourselves for Holy Communion, we should think about Our Savior Whom we are about to receive, make acts of faith, hope, charity, and contrition, and recite the prayer: **“I believe, O Lord, and confess...”** In the Eastern rite Holy Communion is received under the appearance of both bread and wine. When we receive Holy Communion, we should; **1)** tilt our head back slightly, **2)** open our mouth wide without extending the tongue, **3)** not touch the spoon with our lips/mouth when receiving. After Holy Communion we should make a thanksgiving, thanking Jesus Christ, Who has come to us, renewing our promise of love and obedience to Him, and asking Him for graces needed for ourselves and other people.

Quiet in Church: The Church is a place for prayer and Christian Life. Also note that before or after Divine Liturgy we need to keep our silence in the church. The Church is a place where we worship God and we need to pray and ask God for forgiveness and not to disturb other parishioners in their prayers by talking. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Second Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of Thomas**May is the Month of Mary**

The Eastern Church observes the Sunday of Thomas one week following the celebration of the Sunday of Holy Pascha. The day commemorates the appearance of Christ to His disciples on the evening of the Sunday following Passover. It also commemorates the appearance of the Lord to His disciples eight days later when Thomas was present and proclaimed "My Lord and my God" upon seeing the hands and side of Christ. This Sunday is also called Antipascha (meaning "in the stead of Pascha," not "in opposition to Pascha") because with this day, the first Sunday after Pascha, the Church consecrates every Sunday of the year to the commemoration of Pascha, that is, the Resurrection. Saint Thomas the Apostle is commemorated by the Church on October 6.

Biblical Story

The events commemorated on the Sunday of Thomas are recorded in the Gospel of Saint John 20:19-29. *Following the crucifixion and burial of Christ, the disciples were gathered in a room with the doors closed and locked for fear of the Jews.* On the evening of the Sunday after Passover, Jesus Christ entered the room and stood in their midst, greeting them with the words, "Peace be with you." (v. 19) He showed the disciples his hands, feet, and side. (v. 20). Thomas was not present with the disciples when Jesus appeared, and he did not accept the testimony of the other disciples concerning Christ's Resurrection. He stated, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe." (vv. 24-25). Eight days later, the disciples were gathered together again with Thomas present, and the Lord appeared in the same manner. Standing in their midst he said, "Peace be with you." He then spoke directly to Thomas and said, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." (vv. 26-27) Thomas answered, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus replied by saying, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." (v. 29)

Icon of the Sunday of Thomas

The icon of the Sunday of Thomas depicts Christ standing in the midst of the disciples. He has appeared to the eleven in the upper room, and he is inviting Thomas to come and examine his hands and his side. Thomas is reaching out to touch the side of Jesus. He is also looking to Jesus in a manner that indicates his faith and the proclamation recorded in Scripture.

Christian Celebration of the Feast of Sunday of Thomas

The Sunday of Thomas is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom. On this Sunday and throughout the Paschal period until the Apodosia or leave-taking of Pascha, the day before the Feast of the Ascension, the services begin with the chanting of the troparion of Pascha, "Christ is risen..."

Scripture readings for the feast are the following: At Orthros: Matthew 28:16-20, the first of eleven resurrectional Gospel passages that are read in a cycle throughout the year during the Sunday matins. On this day the cycle always begins with the first Gospel passage; At the Divine Liturgy: Acts 5:12-20 and John 20:19-31.



Hail, holy Mother, thou who didst bring forth the King who rules heaven and earth forever and ever.

Prayer of the Month Act of Consecration to the Blessed Virgin Mary:
Holy Mary, Mother of God and Virgin, I choose thee this day for my queen, patron, and advocate, and firmly resolve and purpose never to abandon thee, never to say or do anything against thee, nor to permit that aught be done by others to dishonor thee. Receive me, then, I conjure thee, as thy perpetual servant; assist me in all my actions, and do not abandon me at the hour of my death. Amen.

— St. John Berchmans

Devotions to the Mother of God

During the month of May, we honor her motherly and queenly majesty from every corner of the earth. This Christian custom of dedicating the month of May to the Blessed Virgin arose originally at the end of the 13th century. In this way, the Church was able to Christianize the secular feasts which were wont to take place at that time. In the 16th century, books appeared and fostered this devotion. The Queen of Heaven is so revered for her relationship with Christ and her love and guidance of her earthly children, the Catholic Church has dedicated the month of May in her honor. Pope Pius XII's encyclical (1954) "*Ad Caeli Reginam*", instituted the Feast of Mary's Queenship. This encyclical taught "[For] just as Christ, because He redeemed us, is our Lord and king by a special title, so the Blessed Virgin also (is our queen), on account of the unique manner in which she assisted in our redemption, by giving of her own substance, by freely offering Him for us, by her singular desire and petition for, and active interest in, our salvation."

The following are some excerpts from Ad Caeli Reginam:

[8.] From early times Christians have believed, and not without reason, that she of whom was born the Son of the Most High received privileges of grace above all other beings created by God. He "will reign in the house of Jacob forever," "the Prince of Peace," the "King of Kings and Lord of Lords." And when Christians reflected upon the intimate connection that obtains between a mother and a son, they readily acknowledged the

supreme royal dignity of the Mother of God. [9.] Hence it is not surprising that the early writers of the Church called Mary "the Mother of the King" and "the Mother of the Lord," basing their stand on the words of St. Gabriel the archangel, who foretold that the Son of Mary would reign forever, and on the words of Elizabeth who greeted her with reverence and called her "the Mother of my Lord." Thereby they clearly signified that she derived a certain eminence and exalted station from the royal dignity of her Son. [10.] So it is that St. Ephrem, burning with poetic inspiration, represents her as speaking in this way: "Let Heaven sustain me in its embrace, because I am honored above it. For heaven was not Thy mother, but Thou hast made it Thy throne. How much more honorable and venerable than the throne of a king is her mother." And in another place he thus prays to her: ". . . Majestic and Heavenly Maid, Lady, Queen, protect and keep me under your wing lest Satan the sower of destruction glory over me, lest my wicked foe be victorious against me." [11.] St. Gregory Nazianzen calls Mary "the Mother of the King of the universe," and the "Virgin Mother who brought forth the King of the whole world," while Prudentius asserts that the Mother marvels "that she has brought forth God as man, and even as Supreme King." [12.] And this royal dignity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is quite clearly indicated through direct assertion by those who call her "Lady," "Ruler" and "Queen." [13.] In one of the homilies attributed to Origen, Elizabeth calls Mary "the Mother of my Lord." and even addresses her as "Thou, my Lady." [14.] The same thing is found in the writings of St. Jerome where he makes the following statement amidst various interpretations of Mary's name: "We should realize that Mary means Lady in the Syrian Language." After him St. Chrysologus says the same thing more explicitly in these words: "The Hebrew word 'Mary' means 'Domina.' The Angel therefore addresses her as 'Lady' to preclude all servile fear in the Lord's Mother, who was born and was called 'Lady' by the authority and command of her own Son." [15.] Moreover Epiphanius, the bishop of Constantinople, writing to the Sovereign Pontiff Hormisdas, says that we should pray that the unity of the Church may be preserved "by the grace of the holy and consubstantial Trinity and by the prayers of Mary, Our Lady, the holy and glorious Virgin and Mother of God." [16.] The Blessed Virgin, sitting at the right hand of God to pray for us is hailed by another writer of that same era in these words, "the Queen of mortal man, the most holy Mother of God." [17.] St. Andrew of Crete frequently attributes the dignity of a Queen to the Virgin Mary. For example, he writes, "Today He transports from her earthly dwelling, as Queen of the human race, His ever-Virgin Mother, from whose womb He, the living God, took on human form." [18.] And in another place he speaks of "the Queen of the entire human race faithful to the exact meaning of her name, who is exalted above all things save only God himself." [19.] Likewise St. Germanus speaks to the humble Virgin in these words: "Be enthroned, Lady, for it is fitting that you should sit in an exalted place since you are a Queen and glorious above all kings." He likewise calls her the "Queen of all of those who dwell on earth." [20.] She is called by St. John Damascene "Queen, ruler, and lady," and also "the Queen of every creature." Another ancient writer of the Eastern Church calls her "favored Queen," "the perpetual Queen beside the King, her son," whose "snow-white brow is crowned with a golden diadem."

[21.] And finally St. Ildephonsus of Toledo gathers together almost all of her titles of honor in this salutation: "O my Lady, my Sovereign, You who rule over me, Mother of my Lord . . . Lady among handmaids, Queen among sisters." [22.] The theologians of the Church, deriving their teaching from these and almost innumerable other testimonies handed down long ago, have called the most Blessed Virgin the Queen of all creatures, the Queen of the world, and the Ruler of all. (See: http://w2.vatican.va/content/pius-xii/en/encyclicals/documents/hf_p-xii_enc_11101954_ad-caeli-reginam.html)

Act of Reparation to the Blessed Virgin Mary

O blessed Virgin, Mother of God, look down in mercy from heaven, where thou art enthroned as Queen, upon me, a miserable sinner, thine unworthy servant. Although I know full well my own unworthiness, yet in order to atone for the offenses that are done to thee by impious and blasphemous tongues, from the depths of my heart I praise and extol thee as the purest, the fairest, the holiest creature of all God's handiwork. I bless thy holy name, I praise thine exalted privilege of being truly Mother of God, ever virgin, conceived without stain of sin, co-redemptrix of the human race. I bless the Eternal Father who chose thee in an especial way for His daughter; I bless the Word Incarnate who took upon Himself our nature in thy bosom and so made thee His Mother; I bless the Holy Spirit who took thee as His bride. All honor, praise and thanksgiving to the ever-blessed Trinity, who predestined thee and loved thee so exceedingly from all eternity as to exalt thee above all creatures to the most sublime heights. O Virgin, holy and merciful, obtain for all who offend thee the grace of repentance, and graciously accept this poor act of homage from me thy servant, obtaining likewise for me from thy divine Son the pardon and remission of all my sins. Amen.

Why Hold Mary in High Esteem?

The Church holds Mary in such esteem first because Scripture tells her to do so. In the Gospel of St. Luke, Mary herself says that all generations shall call her blessed (cf. Lk 1:48). Most non-Catholic christian communities rarely speak of Mary and when they do, it is often to condemn Catholic views or to make passing reference to her at Christmas. But Catholics are generous in their praise of Mary to fulfill that prophecy that all generations will call her blessed. Later in the Gospels, a woman will cry out to Jesus, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts that gave you suck." In a response that many take to be an "anti-Marian" swipe, Jesus says no, "blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it" (Lk 11:27-28). The idea of Jesus saying anything even vaguely disrespectful of or to Mary is, of course, absurd since He, above all, perfectly observed the Ten Commandments, including "honor your father and your mother" [Ex 20:12].) And did Mary hear the word of God and keep it? Elizabeth exclaims (Luke 1:45) "Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her from the Lord". And, later, Mary "kept all these things in her heart" (Lk 2:51). Mary is the perfect example of one who heard God's word, believed it, kept it, and in whom that obedience bore perfect fruit — Jesus living in the world. Mary was, thus, the first Catholic, the first to believe in Jesus, and the first to follow Him. The Church holds Mary up for our esteem and respect since she was the first disciple and since we too, are called to be disciples of Jesus. The Church calls us all to become like Mary.....