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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 28, 2019 / Квітень 28, 2019

DIVINE LITURGIES SCHEDULE:

April 28, 2019, Thomas Sunday (Anti - Pascha). *The Holy Apostles Jason and Sospater.*

Tone 1: Epistle: Acts 5:12 - 20. / Gospel: John 20:19 – 31.

7:30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy - Ukrainian.

10:30 am – Pro Populo - English

- After Divine Liturgy – Myrovannya.

Note: This week's Sanctuary Candle Light for God's Blessing upon All the Members of the Rosary Society, req. Rosary Society.

Monday, April 29, 2019. *The Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzicus.*

9:00 a.m. – God's Blessing upon Gloria & John Lulo, req. Frank Vasile

Tuesday, April 30, 2019. *The Holy Apostle James.*

9:00 am – Good health for Michael Mosco, req. Peter Tomeo

8:15 p.m. – Special Services - Ukrainian.

Wednesday, May 1, 2019. *Jeremiah Prophet.*

7:00 p.m. – God's Blessing upon Zenoviy Balaban & Family,
req. Maria Balaban

8:00 p.m. – Start Devotion to the Mother of God (Moleben)

- (will be held every day except Sunday's during the month of May at 8:00 p.m.)

Thursday, May 2, 2019. *Athanasius the Great Patriarch.*

9:00 a.m. – † Concetta Scotto, req. Nataliya Popovici

Friday, May 3, 2019. *Passing of Theodosius of the Cave Venerable.*

7:00 p.m. – God's Blessing upon Oleksandr & Iryna Prystash & Family,
req. Anonymous

8:15 p.m. – Special Services - Ukrainian.

Saturday, May 4, 2019. *Pelagia Martyr.*

8:00 a.m. - † Stella; † Francesca, req. Peter Tomeo

6:00 p.m. – Vespers

7:00 p.m. – (Bination Liturgy) - † Stefania Abramchuk /Panakhyda/,
req. Abramchuk Family

May 5, 2019, Sunday of Myrrh Bearer Womens. *Irene Great - Martyr.*

9:00 a.m. - Pro Populo - English.

10:15 a.m. – (God's Blessing upon 60th birthday for Ihor Smerychynsky
& Family, req. Myroslava Smerechynska) – Ukrainian.

- After Divine Liturgy – Myrovannya

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 9:15 am until 1:35 p.m. For more information please call the Rectory or contact the Director, Mr. Roman Vaskiv at (631) 225 -1203 or visit our Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/HFUkrainianSchool>.

Ukrainian Cultural Dances for children ages 5 to 12 are provided by Mr. Gregory Momot and Khrystyna Momot of Paramus, NJ, every Saturday, by groups: ages (6 – 9) 1:40 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.; ages (10 – 14) 2:40 p.m. – 4:10 p.m.; ages (15 – 19) 4:10 p.m. – 5:40 p.m.

Religious Education: Classes for religious education will be held every Monday from 5:00 p.m. until 5:55 p.m./6:00 p.m. – 6:55 p.m. Please contact the rectory for further information.

Ministry to the Sick: Father 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 3, 2019 at 8:15 p.m.**

Rectory Office Hours: Tuesday - Friday: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Saturday: 10:00 am – 2:00 pm; Evenings by appointment. **Attention:** Monday 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 today **Sunday, May 12 (Mothers Day), 2019 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 21, 2019.

Easter Sunday - \$2,267.00

“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: \$245, Good Friday: \$135, Tetrapod/Willow: \$140, Annual Support: \$50, Sundry: \$30, Donation: \$1,020, Church Debt: \$45, Easter: \$175, Sanctuary Light: \$15, Pyrohy: \$500,

Pledge: \$200.00, Sunday Offering: \$1,847.00, Total - \$6,654.00.

Dear Parishioners: *Sincere thanks for the offerings made on Sunday, April 21st, 2019. 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 2019, our best wishes and many happy healthy years! Mnohaya Lita and God's Blessing.*

Our Church News:

1. We extend our sympathy to: Mykhailo Abramchuk and his Family for his mother ☩ Stefania Abramchuk, a resident of Ukraine who has recently fallen asleep in the Lord. May her soul rest in peace and everlasting be her memory.

2. **The Month of May** is devoted to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God. Moleben or Akatistos will be celebrated every day except Sundays 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. On Sundays we will celebrate Devotion to the Mother of God followed by Ukrainian Divine Liturgy. Please make a special effort to attend and participate in this Moleben (Devotional) service which begins on May 1st.

3. **Please Note: Sunday, May 12, 2019 is Mother's Day. Anyone who wishes to honor his/her mother please submit her name to the rectory as soon as possible.** Prayers will be offered for those mothers who are deceased during the English Divine Liturgy on Saturday, May 11th at 7:00 pm. Prayers will be offered for those mothers who are living during the Ukrainian Divine Liturgy on Sunday May 12th at 10:15 a.m. (Mother's Day envelopes are included in your boxed envelopes).

4. Upcoming events:

A. SVYACHENE: On May 5, 2019, Myrhhbearers Women Sunday (both Calendars), our parish will hold a Pascal Luncheon (Svyachene) after both Divine Liturgies in the Parish hall. All are welcome. More information is attached to our Bulletin!

B. Mother's Day plant and flower sale, sponsored by the Apostleship of Prayer, will be held the weekend of May 11 and 12, 2019. We depend on your generosity for this fundraiser. Please consider purchasing plants/flowers for your mother, grandmother, aunt, etc.

C. Due to our Lenten Sorokousty Services, the next Divine Liturgy for the deceased will be on May 18, 2019.

D. Regular church cleaning: The next voluntary second collection will be collected on Sunday, May 19, 2019.

E. On June 8th and 9th, 2019 – our Parish will hold our third Ukrainian Cultural Dance Festival. Mark the dates on your calendar.

5. We wish to express our sincere thanks to:

a. Mrs. Iryna Prystash, who this past Sunday volunteered to sell Ukrainian articles and icons as a fundraiser for the Church. So far \$600.00 was raised for the needs of our Church.

b. Our Parishioners for offerings made on Easter Sunday, April 21st, 2019 (Gregorian calendar) in the amount of \$2,267.00 and our Parishioners for offerings made on Palm Sunday, April 21st, 2019 (Julian calendar) in the amount of \$2,687.00.

c. those ladies from the Rosary Society who again baked Paska on Tuesday and Thursday this past week. The following ladies especially:

Mrs. Maria Gotra, Mrs. Oleksandra Blyshchak, Mrs. Ganna Maksymova, Mrs. Nataliya Popovici and Ms. Nadia Popovych who came once and baked Paska for both calendars. The net profit realized was \$1,150.00.

d. M/M Slawomir & Helen Samilo who changed altar cloths on Saturday April 27th; also Mrs. Helen Samilo and Mrs. Maria Shafranski who baked Arthos and Prospora needed for both the Gregorian and Julian Easter liturgies as well for Liturgical services.

e. The following families from our parish who made an extra donation for the needs of our church: One Family from our Parish who wish to remain Anonymous - \$500.00; M/M Bogdan & Maria Galyliuko - \$500.00; Roberts Family and Ms. Susan Oleshko - \$300.00.

e. Those parishioners who brought items for our outreach program.

M/ M Ihor & Olesia Warywoda who helped prepare 10 Easter packages (Julian calendar) for parishioners in need.

May God bless all those who volunteered or made other donations and may He reward you with His choicest Blessings.

6. 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 9, 2019.

News from our Diocese of Stamford: *As you are aware on June 4th 2019 will be installation of the new Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholic Church in America His Grace Bishop Borys Gudziak for registration and your participation on this Historical event see our reader attachment for the Bulletin.*

Pilgrimage - 11 Day France: October 6 – 17, 2019.

Paris - Versailles- Senlis- Amiens- Saulx les Chartreux-Mon-Sen-Michel-Rennes - Bordeaux-Lourdes-Rocamadour-Nevers-Paris.

Dear Parishioners: Our fourth parish pilgrimage is planned to France and is scheduled from October 6 - 17, 2019. A minimum of 30 seats are required to hold this pilgrimage. **The sign up deadline is May 1, 2019 and ALL payments for accommodations must be made by June 10, 2019.** Join us on a ten day spiritual journey focusing on the life and times of certain saints and Holy Places. We invite you, not just on another trip, but a spiritual journey you will never forget. **For more information ask Fr. Popovici or see the attached flyer.**

ON THE PARTICULAR DUTIES OF EVERY CHRISTIAN

Saint Tikhon, Wonderworker of Zadonsk

Godliness alone is needful in this life: Compare time with eternity, the present with what is to come, living people with the dead, and so your mind will be enlightened and you will know for yourself and acknowledge that they err greatly who lay up treasure for themselves but are not rich toward God (cf. Luke 12:21). The dead have all left the world, and with the world, they have left everything. You too will leave it, even though you may have the whole world at your feet. Godliness alone will stay with us into the next age. Be godly to the end, then, and have godliness as your treasure.

What to think on at the beginning of work: Whatever tasks you may begin, consider whether it is in agreement with conscience and with the Law of God, and whether it is truly profitable to you. When it is in accordance with the Law of God, begin and labor. When it is opposed to it, turn away from it lest you fall into the snare of the enemy who always seeks to catch a man in his snare. Not everything that seems useful to you is in fact useful, but only that which is in agreement with healthy reason and the word of God.

Seek God's blessing before eating and drinking: When you wish to eat or drink, call on the Name of the Lord, and ask a blessing of Him for your food and drink, saying, "Lord bless." And think here that you will taste and enjoy the good things of your Lord. For everything that is God's is good, as was said above, *The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof* (Ps. 23:1). Whoever gains possessions by theft or injustice has a curse, and not the

blessing of God. For this reason he should not call upon the Name of God here. Likewise, also, they that wish to become drunk ought not to call on the

Name of God, for drunkenness is forbidden by God.

Prayer Reminder: *Please remember God created each of us to know Him, to love Him and to obey Him. Knowledge precedes love. We cannot love that which we do not know. Through diligent and thoughtful prayer, we receive the Graces necessary to know God and to be worthy of His great love for us. Jesus taught that if we deny God the love and honor due Him, He will deny us before His Father at the Seat of Judgment. Jesus waits for us in the tabernacle. You are invited to pray in our church or at home to be united with us in prayer at 9:00 pm every evening. It is hoped that at least one parish family will pray in church each evening. Those who remain home or who are otherwise occupied should remember to pray at about the same time each evening so that we may make our supplication to God together.*

SYMBOLS OF THE RESURRECTION: Symbols are an important part of our faith and are very evident within our churches. The icons; the altar, the icon-screen, the candles, and even the vestments of our priests are all symbols of various types and each holds a meaning that must be understood if the symbol is to touch our lives with more than its mere external appearance. An ordinary egg, for example, is a symbol of the Resurrection of our Lord. On the Feast of Pascha, we bless baskets of food containing, among other things, eggs. Just as the egg appears to be lifeless, so too did the body of Christ appear to be a mere corpse. But just as the egg can contain life, so does Christ contain the life we receive through His Resurrection! This is the meaning for using the egg as a symbol of Resurrection. Another common symbol of the Resurrection is the lily. It blossoms from a dry and lifeless-looking bulb into one of the most beautiful flowers of God's creation. Jesus Himself speaks of the lily in His Sermon on the Mount when He says that "not even Solomon, in his entire splendor, was attired like one of these." This is the beauty from lifelessness that no king on earth could ever hope to match. An ancient bird from Greek mythology, the phoenix, has been incorporated as a symbolic form of the Resurrection in many Eastern churches. Mythology describes how the bird fell to earth and burned, and yet from its ashes arose another bird. Christ's life in an earthly form was destroyed through the Crucifixion, but a new and more glorious life came about as a result of His Resurrection. The idea of resurrection, in analogy to the tale of the phoenix, is depicted visually in icons showing an eagle rising out of a flame. The peacock is a symbol of antiquity often found upon the walls of the ancient catacombs of the early Church. The bird was used as a symbol because the peacock has an unusually beautiful tail. Each year, however, the bird loses its beauty during the molting season to such an extent that the apparent intrinsic worth of the bird is greatly diminished. Yet the value of the bird is enhanced as the molting season comes to an end and a new and more beautiful tail appears. In the eyes of men, the mystery, the awe, the greatness of Christ is enhanced countless times over through the Resurrection. An even more common and certainly much more familiar example of the Resurrection is the existence of the Church itself. The community of the faithful would not exist at all had it not been for the miracle of the Resurrection. Thus the Church, the peacock; the phoenix bird, the lily and the egg are all reminders of the greatest event in history. We should seek to grow in awareness and appreciation of this event, being reminded of it again and again through the use of the symbol, a means of communication and understanding.

Thomas Sunday: On Easter Sunday a round loaf of bread (called the Artos - the symbol for the bread of eternal life) is covered with a metal plate bearing an Icon of the Resurrected Christ and is blessed following

the Divine Liturgy. The Artos is reserved on the Altar for the entire week. On Thomas Sunday (the Sunday following Easter) the Artos is cut into small cubes and distributed to the faithful following the Divine Liturgy. Following the Diving Liturgy on Easter Sunday, the parish gathers as family and partakes in a symbolic Easter Dinner called **Spilne Sviachene** (or blessed meal) and is comprised of the same food which was blessed on Holy Saturday.

Which is better? The way of Mary or the way of Martha?

An anonymous Desert Father was questioned about whether it is better to live the solitary life of contemplation and poverty or to devote one's life to helping others and providing material support to the needy. His answer goes to the heart of the debate whether it is better to follow the way of Mary or that of Martha. The brethren said, "There were two brothers who were the sons of a merchant and their father died and they divided their inheritance between themselves. Unto each one, there came five thousand dinars. One of the brothers divided his inheritance among the churches, and the monasteries, and the poor, and he himself became a monk, and he chose for himself a life of continual silence, and fasting, and prayer. Now the other one built a monastery for himself, and gathered brethren to him, and he took care of the strangers, and the poor, and the sick, whom he received and relieved. "When the two brothers were dead, there was questioning among the brethren about them, and they went to Abba Pambo and asked him, 'Which manner of life and conduct was the more excellent and exalted?' And having learned from God, he said unto them, 'They were both perfect, and in my sight they appear to be of equal merit.' Explain to us now the old man's words, for how can the man who is destitute and the man who hath possessions be equal in merit?' The old man said, 'Since the whole life of these brethren was please to God, and since whatsoever they did they did for God, with an upright aim, and since the aim of each was the same, they appeared to be in the old man's opinion of equal merit before God.'"

ON CHARITY The bread you do not use is the bread of the hungry. The garment hanging in your wardrobe is the garment of the person who is naked. The shoes you do not wear are the shoes of the one who is barefoot. The money you keep locked away is the money of the poor. The acts of charity you do not perform are the injustices you commit... Yet, at the same time, God considers Himself constantly obligated to repay you for whatever charities you do to your fellow men. - *St. Basil the Great.*

By no means offend anyone: Be extremely careful not to offend anyone in word or deed, for it is a grave sin. When someone is offended, God, Who loves the man, is also offended, for there can be no offending man without offending God. Whoever sins against man, also sins against God. This is a serious matter, as you can see for yourself. And when you offend your neighbor, straightway humble yourself before him and beg forgiveness of him with humility, lest you fall under God's just condemnation.

How to stand in church: While standing in church attend diligently to the reading and singing. This gives birth to compunction, true prayer, heartfelt singing and thanksgiving. Avoid, then, standing bodily in church while wandering outside the church in mind, and standing bodily before God while wandering about in spirit in worldly affairs, lest that saying be applied to you, *These people draw near to Me with their mouth, and honor Me with their lips; but their heart is far from Me* (Mt. 15:8). While

standing bodily in church, then, stand with heart and spirit as you stand before God. When you look upon the icons of the saints, call to mind that He Who created them also created you, and that His purpose was the same for them as it is for you, that is, to save both them and you. They are glorified, and before you lies the same glory, only imitate their lives and you shall be saved.

Please note that you will receive shortly by mail information about the Bishop's Appeal campaign, which will begin on May 15, 2019.
