

**UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
УКРАЇНСЬКА КАТОЛИЦЬКА КАТЕДРА НЕПОРОЧНОГО ЗАЧАТТЯ**

CATHEDRAL PARISH FOUNDED 1886 OLD CATHEDRAL PURCHASED 1909 NEW CATHEDRAL BUILT 1963-1966

THE MOST REVEREND STEFAN SOROKA
METROPOLITAN-ARCHBISHOP OF PHILADELPHIA FOR UKRAINIAN CATHOLICS
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CATHEDRAL LITURGY TIMES

Saturday afternoon at 4:30 p.m.
Divine Liturgy for Sunday in English

Sunday morning Liturgies
9:00 a.m. in Ukrainian
11:00 a.m. in English

Daily Liturgies:
please see schedule on next page

ЧАСИ ЛІТУРГІЙ В КАТЕДРІ

У суботу вечером о 4:30 год.
Літургія за неділю по-англійськи

Літургії в неділю ранком:
9:00 год по-українськи
11:00 год по-англійськи

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First Time in our Cathedral? Don't worry!
Just ask anyone of us, "What was that all about?"
We welcome you to our parish community.
Be free to introduce yourself to anyone of our priests, who
are Fr. Joseph Szupa or Fr. Walter Pasicznyk.
We would love to meet you.

Also come to our parish cafeteria after Sunday services for coffee and fellowship.
Still another wonderful opportunity to get to know one another.

We have a simple "Do and Don't Rule" here
Do Come and Enjoy.
Don't Worry.



THE SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES
РОЗПОРЯДОК БОГОСЛУЖЕНЬ

CATHEDRAL Saturday, March 19	9:00 a.m.	The Divine Liturgy in honor of Lazarus
		Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Palm Sunday
	4:30 p.m.	+ Selena Siomko Alex Siomko
PALM SUNDAY — КВИТНЯ НЕДІЛЯ Blessing of Palms and Willows		
CATHEDRAL Palm Sunday, March 20	9:00 a.m.	Festal Tone Epistle: Phil. 4: 4–9 Gospel: Jn. 12: 1–18 God's Blessings on all our parishioners (Ukrainian)
	11:00 a.m.	God's Blessings on all our parishioners (English)
CATHEDRAL Holy Monday, March 21	6:30 p.m.	The Divine Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts
CATHEDRAL Holy Tuesday, March 22	6:30 p.m.	The Divine Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts
CATHEDRAL Holy Wednesday, March 23	6:30 p.m.	The Divine Liturgy of Pre-Sanctified Gifts The Rite of Anointing of Healing with Blessed Oil
CATHEDRAL Holy Thursday, March 24	10:30 a.m.	Hierarchical Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with Vespers Solemn Institution of the Mysteries of Holy Eucharist and Priesthood and Consecration of Holy Chrism and Rite of Washing of Feet
	6:30 p.m.	The Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels "СТРАСТІ ГОСПОДЬНІ"
THE FEAST DAY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD		
CATHEDRAL Holy Friday, March 25	4:00 p.m.	Hierarchical Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom with Vespers BURIAL PROCESSION WITH THE PLASCHANYTSIA Solemn Burial of Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ
CATHEDRAL Holy Saturday, March 26	10:00 a.m.	Jerusalem Matins
	1:30 p.m.	Blessing of Easter Foods & Baskets and Confessions
	3:30 p.m.	Blessing of Easter Foods & Baskets and Confessions
	7:00 p.m.	The Paschal Vigil Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with Vespers
SUNDAY OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION—ВЕЛИКДЕНЬ Festal Tone Epistle: Acts 1: 1–8 Gospel: Jn. 1: 1–17		
CATHEDRAL OUR LORD'S PASCHA March 27	8:00 a.m.	Resurrection Procession and Matins—Воскресна Утреня
	9:00 a.m.	Paschal Hierarchical Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian)
	11:30 a.m.	Paschal Divine Liturgy for all our parishioners (English)

CATHEDRAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

**COME TO THE PARISH HALL TO TASTE OUR DELICIOUS FOODS & PYROHY
DEEP THANKS GO TO OUR KITCHEN VOLUNTEERS**

May God bless Iryna Shpylchak, Sr. Martin MSMG, Luba Cyhan, Katherine Dewedoff, Petro Iwaniw, Ottilia Karpin, Anne Krawchuk, Anna Laluk, Anna Maxymiuk, Vera Sawchyn, Myroslav Shpylchak, Ivan Shpylchak and Anna Slotwinski for your labor of love and support of our parish.

**SINCERE THANKS GO TO
STEVE FEDIUK, MARY FEDORIN AND ANNA MAXYMIUK
FOR LAST WEEK'S KITCHEN DONTIONS**

Pray for the following parishioners for healing and good health

Fr. Ruslan Romaniuk, Rev. Deacon Charles Schultz, John Chytruk, Maria Jackiw, Peggy Konzerowsky, Michael Lubianetsky, Julia Maksymchuk, Maria Plekan and Rosalie Senick. If you are admitted to the hospital, or at home and would like the priest to visit you, please call the parish office at 215-922-2845, or in case of an emergency please call 201-741-2292.



Last Sunday's Collection

Total: \$6,250.62

Basket: \$2,174.00, Candles: \$192.00; Kitchen: \$2,006.00; Bingo: \$1,850.00;

Utility Reimbursement: \$28.62



The Sanctuary Lamp

In memory of +Olena Pawluk offered by Paraska Zaliwciw and Anna Czajka

The Candle before Christ on the Iconostas

In memory of +Anna Demianyk and Terri and Michael Rad offered by the Rad-Conway Family

The Candle before the Mother of God on the Iconostas
God's blessings and health for an ill friend offered by Rita Malinowski

The Candle before John the Baptist on the Iconostas
In memory of + William Malinowski offered by Rita Malinowski

The Candle before St. Nicholas on the Iconostas
In memory of +Bohdan Z. Myr offered by Patricia Myr and Family
The customary donation for a Memorial Candle is \$5.00 per week

ST. THOMAS SUNDAY CEMETERY GRAVESITE SERVICES

Gravesite services will be held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Fox Chase, PA on St. Thomas Sunday—April 3, 2016 beginning at 1:00 p.m. with a General Panakhyda at the Main Cross, followed by individual grave blessings.

THE NEW RECTORY

The Cathedral Rectory now is housed in the previous convent, and previous Ortynsky Spirituality and Evangelization Centers next to and to the left of the Cathedral. Note: the email address, telephone and fax numbers REMAIN THE SAME. If you need to meet with the Cathedral Fathers, please come to this new location. Thank you.



HOLY THURSDAY DIVINE SERVICES

This week on Holy Thursday, March 24th Metropolitan Stefan Soroka, together with attending Clergy, will celebrate the Divine Liturgy at 10:30 a.m. here in our Cathedral, during which the Institution of the Mysteries of Holy Eucharist and Holy Priesthood is commemorated and when he will perform the customary Washing of Feet and consecrate the Holy Chrism. All the faithful are invited and encouraged to attend this most Solemn and Sacred Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with Vespers.

БОГОСЛУЖЕННЯ НА СТРАСНИЙ ЧЕТВЕР В НАШІЙ КАТЕДРІ

У Страсний Четвер цього тижня, 24-го березня о 10:30 годині ранку в нашій Катедрі, Митрополит Стефан Сорока разом з Духovenством нашої Архиепархії відправить Службу Божу св. Василя Великого з Вечірнею, коли споминатимемо Установлення Таїнств Пресвятої Євхаристії і Священства і Митрополит Стефан здійснить чин Обмивання Ніг і освятить святе Миро. Запрошуємо всіх вірних взяти участь у ці прекрасні Богослуження на Страсний Четвер.

THE ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT

We are holding the Annual Easter Egg Hunt for our children TODAY after the 11 a.m. Divine Liturgy on the Cathedral grounds outside, weather permitting. To all who gave donations towards the Egg Hunt in whatever manner, we sincerely thank you! And those who volunteered in making the Egg Hunt happen we deeply thank and appreciate your time and effort in making it fun for the little ones. May God bless you in return for your care and cooperation.

BAKED GOODS NEEDED

We will need donations of baked goods for our upcoming Parish “Sviachene” Brunch, which will be held in just THREE WEEKS on Sunday, April 10, 2016. Please leave your donations at the hall during the week prior and that same weekend too. Thank you for your anticipated positive response.

PARISH “SVIACHENE” MEAL

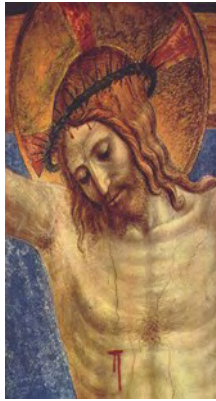
The Sviachene Brunch will be held on Sunday, April 10, 2016 following the *ONE DIVINE LITURGY* that will be celebrated that day at 10:00 a.m. All parishioners and guests are cordially invited to join in on this communal meal to share fellowship with one another as we continue to rejoice in our Lord’s Glorious Resurrection. The cost per adult is \$15.00 and \$7.00 per student (children 4 years old and under are free). Door prizes, raffles and entertainment will be had by all. Come to have a good time!

Запрошуємо Всіх На Свячене

Парафіяльне “Свячене” відбудеться в неділю 10-го квітня після всіх богослужень. Буде тільки ОДНА СЛУЖБА БОЖА о 10-ій годині ранку в той день. Щиро запрошуємо всіх парафіян і гостей. Вступ: \$15.00 від дорослих, а \$7.00 від студентів і безплатно для дітей 4-ох років і менше. Прийдіть на цю святочну гостину де в веселій атмосфері матимете нагоду гарно побути свій час в товаристві з другими парафіянами. Також будуть різні виграші та вибирання лосів. Очікуємо вас!

He Who Died Alone

What are we to make of Christ's words of sheer, seeming hopelessness: "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt. 27:46) St. Augustine once said that this soulful prayer of ship with Christ, when he wrote "He ly Son, so as not to remain alone. He alone, for He made of many children for Himself brothers; He who had who had been sold, bought them fended, filled them with honor; He them life." Augustine preached that horrible Sufferings and Passion. What more could we ask for?



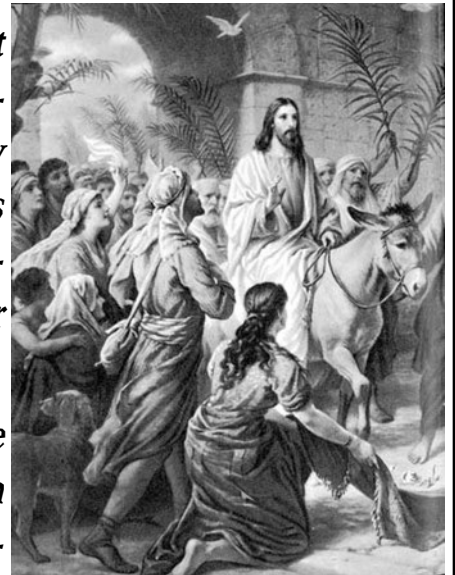
What are we to make of Christ's words of sheer, seeming hopelessness: "My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?" (Mt. 27:46) St. Augustine the dying Savior points to our kindied for our sins, He who is the on-who died alone did not want to be of God. By His blood, He bought been rejected, adopted them; He back; He who had been gravely of-who had been put to death, gave we should take joy in this act of di-Week when we remember Christ's Peter Yaremko

Let us pray today:

Almighty God, we praise You that in Your infinite mercy You do not deal with us according to our failings, but treat us with the tenderness of a loving Father.

HAPPY PALM SUNDAY—HOSANNA!

Palm Sunday is an invitation to worship Jesus Christ. Just as the Jews and the city of Jerusalem were given the opportunity to receive Christ as King so too the opportunity is given to all of us today. Let us reflect upon the words found in Canticle One of Palm Sunday Matins where Jesus is depicted as a Mighty Victor—the Christus Victor motif:



"Let all people and all nations unite in praise, for the King of Angels has now sat upon a foal, and comes in power, wanting to destroy His enemies on the Cross. Accordingly, the children, holding palms, sing out this hymn,

"Glory to You who come as Victor. Glory to You, Christ the Savior. Glory to our God who alone is blessed."



"Out of the mouths of Your servants, the innocent babes and sucklings, You have received praise. You have overthrown the adversary and by Your Passion on the Cross You have avenged Adam's fall of old; and with the Tree You have raised him up, and so he sings to You, O Lord, a hymn of victory. "

Why Did Christ Weep?

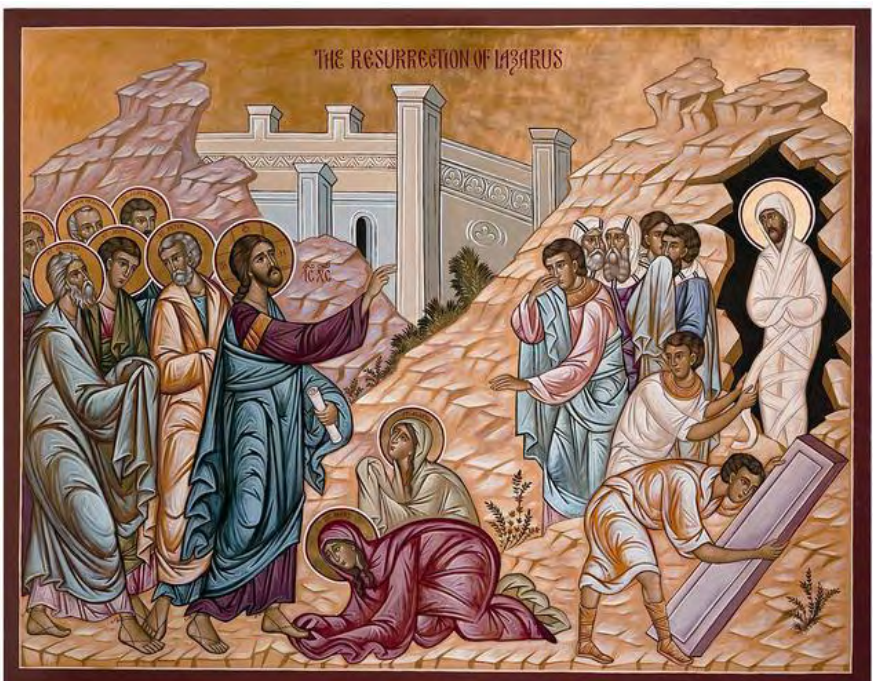
Fr. Alexander Schmemmann

Yesterday, known as Lazarus Saturday, is when we celebrated the mysterious miracle Christ created by commanding the dead Lazarus to rise from his grave. What a wonder! We also know that Lazarus was a close friend to Christ, which caused Christ to weep over him dead in the grave. Why did He weep if He knew that moments later He would call Lazarus back to life? Often Byzantine hymnographers fail to grasp the true meaning of these tears.

The joy that permeates and enlightens the service of Lazarus Saturday stresses one major theme: the forthcoming victory of Christ over Hades. “Hades” is the Biblical term for Death and its universal power, for inescapable darkness that swallows all life and with its shadow poisons the whole world. But now — with Lazarus’ resurrection — “Death begins to tremble.” A decisive duel between Life and Death begins giving us the key to the entire liturgical mystery of Pascha. Already in the fourth century Lazarus’ Saturday was called the “announcement of Pascha.” For, indeed, it announces and anticipates the wonderful light and peace of the next — The Great Saturday – THE DAY OF THE LIFE-GIVING-TOMB.

Lazarus, the *Friend* of Jesus, personifies the whole of mankind and also each man, as Bethany — the home of Lazarus, — stands for the whole world, the home of man. For each man was created as a friend of God and was called to this friendship: to the knowledge of God, communion with Him and sharing in life with Him: for “in Him was Life and the Life was the Light of men” (John 1:4). And yet this friend, whom Jesus loves, whom He has created in love, is destroyed and annihilated by a power which God did not create: Death. In His own world, the fruit of His love - wisdom and beauty, God encounters a power that destroys His work and annihilates His design. The world is now but lamentation and sorrow, complaint and revolt.

How is this possible?
How did this happen?
These are the questions implied in John’s slow and detailed narrative of



Jesus' progression towards the grave of His friend. And once there, Jesus wept, says the Gospel (John 11:35). Why did He weep, if He knew that moments later He would call him back to life? Byzantine hymnographers fail to grasp the true meaning of these tears. "As man, You wept, and as God, You have raised the one in the grave..." They arrange the actions of Christ according to His two natures: the Divine and the Human.

But the Church teaches that *all* the actions of Christ are both Divine and Human, and are actions of the One and same Person, the Incarnate Son of God. He who weeps is not only Man, but also God, and He who calls Lazarus out of the grave is not God alone, but also Man. And He weeps because He contemplates the miserable state of the World, created by God, and the miserable state of man, the crown of creation... "It stinks," say the Jews trying to prevent Jesus from approaching the corpse, and this "It stinks" can be applied to the whole of creation. God is Life and He called the man into this Divine reality of life and now "he stinks." At the grave of Lazarus, Jesus encounters Death — the power of Sin and destruction, of hatred and despair. He meets the very enemy of God. And we who follow Him are now introduced into the very heart of this *hour of Jesus*, the hour, which He so often mentioned. The forthcoming darkness of the Cross, its necessity, its universal meaning, all this is given in the shortest verse of the Gospel — "and Jesus wept."

We understand now that it is because He wept, i.e., loved His friend Lazarus and had pity on him, that He had the power of restoring life to him. The power of Resurrection is not a Divine "power in itself," but *the power* of Love, or rather, LOVE is POWER. God is Love, and it is Love that creates life; it is Love that weeps at the grave and it is, therefore, Love that restores life... This is the meaning of these Divine tears. They are tears of Love and, therefore, in them is the power of Life. Love, which is the foundation of life and its source, is at work again recreating, redeeming and restoring the darkened life of man: "Lazarus, come forth!" And this is why Lazarus Saturday is the real beginning of both: the Cross, as the Supreme Sacrifice of Love, and the Common Resurrection, as the Ultimate Triumph of Love. Therefore, let us reflect on the Tropar and Kondak prayers of this Feast Day:

*By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your Passion,
You confirmed the universal Resurrection, O Christ God!
Like the children with the branches of victory, we cry out to You,
O Conqueror of Death: Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!*

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*Christ — the Joy, the Truth and the Light of All, the Life of the world
and its Resurrection—has appeared in His goodness to those on earth.
He has become the Image of our Resurrection, granting divine forgiveness to all.*

Dear Parishioners!

On Sunday, May 15, 2016 we plan to honor the Missionary Sisters of the Mother of God with a parish celebration to mark their 50th Jubilee Year — 50 golden years of faithful service to our Cathedral parish & community and Archeparchy! We marked the 50th Anniversary of their Founding in Philadelphia, PA this past September 4, 2015, and now we want to bring the whole parish community together to recognize their service and share our memories.



Many have been blessed to be their students in the Cathedral Nursery School and Kindergarten over their many years of kind guidance, nurturing and teaching, and some of us know them through their continued service at the Treasury of Faith Museum and dedicated work in our parish and Archeparchy.

On May 15, 2016 a special Divine Liturgy will be celebrated by Metropolitan Stefan Soroka in the Cathedral at 10:00 am, with a luncheon immediately following in the Church Hall. We welcome volunteers to join us to plan this highly anticipated celebration. We are also collecting photos and stories to share at the Celebratory Luncheon. ***We will have a planning meeting on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at 3:00 pm in the Cathedral Cafeteria.*** Please come with your planning ideas. We'd love to have you! Contact the rectory with questions at **215.922.2845**, or via email at **cathedralonfranklin@comcast.net**. Or, contact Roma Sawchyn either at **romasaw@gmail.com**, private message in Facebook, or call/text her at **215.687.3574** with your ideas or for more information. We are looking for former students, photos, and ways to spread the word to the many whose lives were touched and enriched by the dear Sisters.