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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			
Great and Holy Saturday, March 26 CATHEDRAL	7:00 p.m.	Paschal Vigil Divine Liturgy THE PASCHAL VIGIL: First Liturgy of the Holy Resurrection Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with Vespers	
DAY OF PASCHA March 27 CATHEDRAL	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	SUNDAY OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION—ВЕЛИКДЕНЬ Festal Tone Epistle: Acts 1: 1–8 Gospel: Jn. 1: 1—17 Resurrection Procession and Matins—Воскресна Утренья Hierarchical Paschal Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) Paschal Divine Liturgy for all our parishioners (English)	
CATHEDRAL Bright Monday, March 28	10:00 a.m.	God’s Blessings on all our Parishioners	
CATHEDRAL Bright Tuesday, March 29	9:00 a.m.	+ Stanley Oprysk	Lee and Sis Clemens
CATHEDRAL Bright Wednesday, March 30	9:00 p.m.	Resurrection Matins	
CATHEDRAL Bright Thursday, March 31	9:00 a.m.	Resurrection Matins	
CATHEDRAL Bright Friday, April 1	NO DIVINE SERVICES		
CATHEDRAL Bright Saturday, April 2	4:30 p.m.	Vespereal Divine Liturgy +Anna and Michael Misiewicz and departed family members Caroline Lewis	
CATHEDRAL St. Thomas Sunday April 3	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	THOMAS SUNDAY—ТОМИНА НЕДІЛЯ Festal Tone Acts 5: 12–20 Gospel: Jn. 20: 19—31 God’s Blessings on all our Parishioners (Ukrainian) +Ronald Maxymiuk, Jr. Ronald Maxymiuk, Sr.	

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
LUBA CYHAN, STEPHAN FEDIUK, ANNA MAXYMIUK & IRENE OTULAK
FOR LAST WEEK'S KITCHEN DONATIONS

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: \$10,837.00

Basket: \$5,747.00; Candles: \$324.00; Kitchen: \$3,466.00; Bingo: \$1,200.00;
Olga Rybak: \$100.00 (donation)

Memorial Candle Offerings

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 Conway-Rad 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

Saint Thomas Sunday Cemetery Gravesite Services

Gravesite services will be held at St. Mary's Cemetery in Fox Chase, PA next week 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.



Благословення Гробів на Цвинтарі св. Марії

Благословення гробів на цвинтарі св. Марії в Fox Chase, PA відбудеться в наступну неділю 3-го квітня в 1-ій годині пополудні. Священники і вірні зберуться перше біля Головного Хреста в 1-ій годині для Загальної Панахиди, а опісля буде посвячення окремих гробів.

Христос Воскрес!



SINCERE THANKS TO ALL OUR VOLUNTEERS

Sincerest thanks go to the following parishioners who decorated the Church inside and out and who prepared the palms/pussy willows and the gifts/baskets for the Easter Egg Hunt for Palm Sunday: the Missionary Sisters, Barbara Bershak, Wes Brown, Luba Cyhan, Nick and Maria Denkowycz, Walter and Mary Fedorin, Paul Gerber Jr., Peter Iwaniw, Jenny Konzerowsky, Lydia Kyndus, Anna Maxymiuk, Lisa Oprysk, Anna Rad, Chrys Sarachman, Lesia, Roma and Vera Sawchyn, Alex Siomko and Daria Zaharchuk. May God bless all of you for your kind, generous service!

MARRIAGE BANNS I

Alexander Welyczkowski and Natalia Wolchasty, who both are Ukrainian Catholics, plan to be crowned in the Mystery of Marriage on Friday, April 15, 2016 here at the Cathedral. If you are aware of any impediments to this Marriage, please contact the Cathedral Fathers at 215.922.2845.

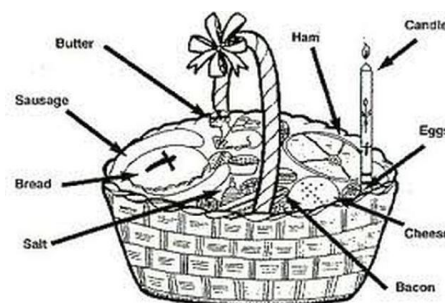


BAKED GOODS NEEDED

We will need donations of baked goods for our upcoming Sviachene Brunch, which will be held in just **TWO WEEKS** on Sunday, April 10, 2016. Please leave your donations at the hall during the week prior or during that same weekend. Thanks for your anticipated positive response.

SVIACHENE BRUNCH

The Sviachene will be held in two weeks on Sunday, April 10, 2016 following the **ONE DIVINE LITURGY** that will be celebrated at 10:00 am. All parishioners and guests are invited to come and share fellowship with one another, as we continue to honor 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 за два тижні, 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 вашої присутності!

THE NEW RECTORY

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

**St. John Chrysostom's Homily
On Our Lord's Holy and Glorious Resurrection**

Let all pious men and all lovers of God rejoice in the splendor of this Feast;
let the wise servants blissfully enter into the joy of their Lord;
let those who have borne the burden of Lent now receive their pay,
and those who have toiled since the first hour, let them now receive their due reward;
let any who came after the third hour be grateful to join in the Feast,
and those who may have come after the sixth, let them not be afraid of being too late,
for the Lord is gracious and He receives the last even as the first.

He gives rest to him who comes on the eleventh hour
as well as to him who has toiled since the first:
yes, He has pity on the last and He serves the first;
He rewards the one and is generous to the other;
He repays the deed and praises the effort.
Come you all: enter into the joy of your Lord!
You the first and you the last, receive alike your reward;
you rich and you poor, dance together;
you sober and you weaklings, celebrate the day;
you who have kept the fast and you who have not, rejoice today.

The table is richly loaded: enjoy its royal banquet.
The calf is a fatted one: let no one go away hungry.

All of you enjoy the banquet of faith;
all of you receive the riches of His goodness.
Let no one grieve over his poverty, for the Universal Kingdom has been revealed;
let no one weep over his sins, for pardon has shone from the grave;
let no one fear Death, for the death of our Savior has set us free:

He has destroyed it by enduring it,
He has despoiled Hades by going down into its kingdom,
He has angered it by allowing it to taste of His flesh.

When Isaiah foresaw all this, he cried out:
"O Hades, you have been angered by encountering Him in the nether world."
Hades is angered because frustrated, it is angered because it has been mocked,
it is angered because it has been destroyed,
it is angered because it has been reduced to naught,
it is angered because it is now captive.

It seized a Body, and lo! it discovered God;
it seized earth, and, behold! it encountered Heaven;
it seized the visible, and was overcome by the Invisible.

O death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?

Christ is risen and life is freed,
Christ is risen and the tomb is emptied of the dead:
for Christ, being risen from the dead,
has become the Leader and Reviver of those who had fallen asleep.
To Him be the kingdom, the power and the glory
now and until the ages of ages.

Amen.



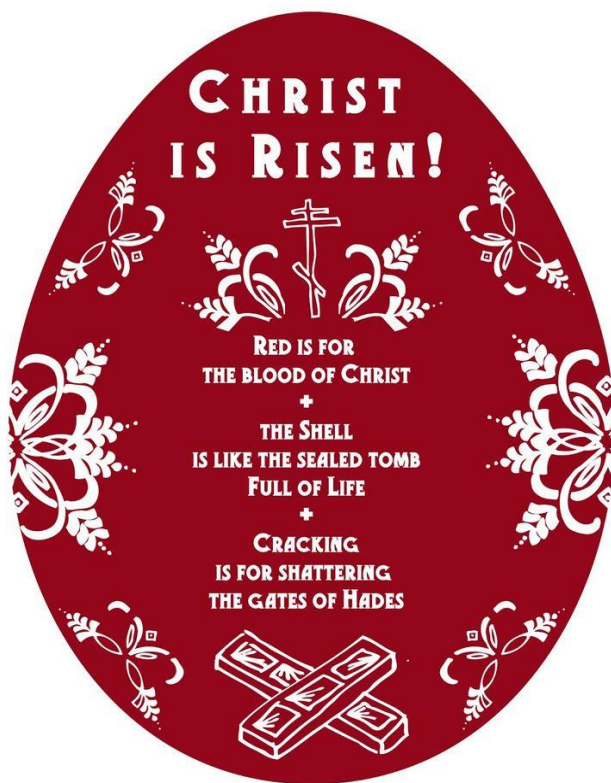
Our Lord's Descent into Hades

Excerpt from an ancient homily for Holy Saturday

Something strange is happening - there is a great silence on earth today, a great silence and stillness. The whole earth keeps silence because the King is asleep. The earth trembled and is still because God has fallen asleep in the flesh and He has raised up all who have slept ever since the world began. God has died in the flesh and Hell trembles with fear.

God has gone to search for our first parent, as for a lost sheep. Greatly desiring to visit those who live in darkness and in the shadow of death, He has gone to free from sorrow the captives Adam and Eve, He who is both God and the Son of Eve. The Lord approached them bearing the Cross, the Weapon that had won him the Victory. At the sight of Him Adam, the first man He had created, struck his breast in terror and cried out to everyone: " My Lord be with you all." Christ answered him: " And with your spirit." He took him by the hand and raised him up, saying: " Awake, O sleeper, and rise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

I am your God, who for your sake have become your son. Out of love for you and for your descendants, I now by My own authority command all who are held in bondage to come forth, all who are in darkness to be enlightened, all who are sleeping to arise. I order you, O sleeper, to awake. I did not create you to be held a prisoner in Hell. Rise from the dead, for I am the Life of the dead. Rise up, work of My hands, you who were created in My image. Rise, let us leave this place, for you are in Me and I am in you; together we form only one person and we cannot be separated. For your sake I, Your God, became your son; I, the Lord, took the form of a slave; I, whose Home is above the heavens, descended to the earth and beneath the earth. For your sake, for the sake of man, I became like a man without help, free among the dead. For the sake of you, who left a garden, I was betrayed to the Jews in a garden, and I was crucified in a garden.





See on My face the spittle I received in order to restore to you the life I once breathed into you. See there the marks of the blows I received in order to refashion your warped nature in My image. On My back see the marks of the scourging I endured to remove the burden of Sin that weighs upon your back. See My hands, nailed firmly to a tree, for you who once wickedly stretched out your hand to a tree. I slept on the Cross and a sword pierced My side for you who slept in Paradise and brought forth Eve from your side. My side has healed the pain in yours. My sleep will rouse you from your sleep in Hell. The

sword that pierced Me has sheathed the sword that was turned against you.

Rise, let us leave this place. The enemy led you out of the earthly paradise. I will not restore you to that paradise, but I will enthrone you in Heaven. I forbade you the tree that was only a symbol of life, but see, I who am LIFE itself am now one with you. I appointed Cherubim to guard you as slaves are guarded, but now I make them worship you as God. The throne formed by the Cherubim awaits you, its bearers swift and eager. The bridal chamber is adorned, the banquet is ready, the eternal dwelling places are prepared and the treasure houses of all good things lie open. The Kingdom of Heaven has been prepared for you from all eternity.

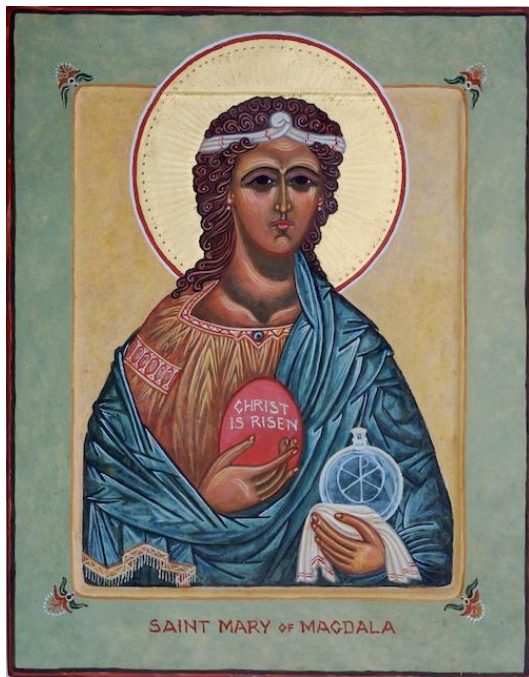
*The Cathedral Fathers
take this opportunity to wish All of You,
on this Feast Day of all feasts -
The New Day of the Opening of Paradise
The Abundant Blessings of Life, Light and Salvation
that flow from
Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ's Holy Resurrection!*

Христос Воскрес! Воистину Воскрес!

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

The Story of Mary Magdalene and the First Easter Egg

Mary Magdalene has a special place among Jesus' disciples. It was St. Mary Magdalene's great love for Christ that kept her standing at the foot of the Cross, weeping and grief-stricken, until her Savior died. It was her heartbreaking pain of loss that drove her to His tomb at the first light of day in order to anoint His body. As a reward for her great love and faithfulness, she is the privileged person to whom Jesus first appeared early in the morning on the Day of His Holy Resurrection; she was the very first witness of the Holy Resurrection. It was Mary Magdalene, a woman, who went and told the Twelve Apostles that Jesus had risen from the dead; for this, she is called "Apostle to the Apostles." After Christ's Resurrection and Ascension into Heaven, she continued her mission as an evangelizer and as a contemplative mystic in the heart of the Church.



MARY MAGDALENE AND THE EASTER EGG

According to tradition, after Christ's Ascension into Heaven, the Magdalene — a wealthy woman of some importance—boldly presented herself to Emperor Tiberius Caesar in Rome to proclaim the Resurrection of Jesus Christ, with an egg in hand to illustrate her message.

Holding the egg out to him, she exclaimed for the first time what is now the universal Easter proclamation among Christians, "Christ is Risen!" The emperor, mocking her, said that Jesus had no more risen than the egg in her hand was red. Immediately, the egg turned red as a sign from God to illustrate the truth of her message. The emperor then heeded her complaints about Pilate condemning an innocent man to death, and had Pilate removed from Jerusalem under imperial displeasure.

Why would Mary Magdalene bring an egg to talk about Jesus with the Roman emperor? In another tradition, it is said that Mary Magdalene brought a basket of white boiled eggs with her on Easter morning to the tomb of Jesus—perhaps as breakfast for herself and the others as they waited for someone to roll the stone away. When she arrived at the site of the Resurrection, finding the stone already rolled away, she also found that the eggs in her basket had turned into bright shades of color. Perhaps this is why she brought an egg to the emperor; did she expect that Jesus would perform a similar miracle for her egg as He had done on that first Paschal morning?

We do not know if these stories are true with absolute certainty, however, we do know that the tradition of handing out red eggs on the Day of the Holy Resurrection is one that originated among Christians in Apostolic times. And we often find Mary Magdalene depicted in icons holding a red egg. Moreover, the story fits into the human traditions already surrounding the symbol of the egg.

THE EASTER EGG TRADITION

For many cultures, even before the time of Christianity, the egg has been a symbol of creation, spring and rebirth. After the Resurrection of Christ, the egg took on a new meaning for Christians, and became a symbol of new life breaking forth while leaving the empty tomb behind. Perhaps this became even more pronounced due to the account of Mary Magdalene. Eggs were what helped people to understand a new theological truth—the resurrection of the dead, and a new religion—Christianity—built around Christ’s Resurrection. In this way a symbol of Christ’s Resurrection, the Easter egg then became a symbol for the rebirth of all mankind at the resurrection on the Last Day due to the merits of Jesus Christ. “Easter eggs” were shared with one another as a joyful symbol of Christian hope.