Welcome to our Cathedral — Вітаємо вас у Катедрі
Come to your (home) house of worship

Very Rev. Roman Pitula, Cathedral Rector — о. Роман Пітула, Парах Катедри
Rev. Deacon Michael Waak — о. Диякон Михайло Вак

CATHEDRAL LITURGY TIMES
Saturday afternoon at 4:30 pm
Divine Liturgy for Sunday in English
Sunday morning Liturgies
9:00 am in English
10:30 am in Ukrainian
Daily Liturgies:
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CHAŚY LITURGICZNE
U sobotę wprawo o 4:30 godz.
Liturgia za niedzielę po-angielsku
Liturgia w niedzielę rano:
9:00 godz. po-angielsku
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Wszednie Liturgie:
patrz harmonogram na stronie nastepnej

Welcome to the Lord’s house. You are invited. Come into this house of companionship and compassion. We, the people of the Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchial Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia are the Catholic community that worships God, spreads the Good News of Christ, and serves those in need. This Magnificent Cathedral opens wide its doors in the name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. To all who are worshipping with us today — WELCOME!

Laska posmsko do Gospodnego Xramu. Mi zaprosymo vas. Prijdite do Bожего дому. Ми, парафіяни Українського Католицького Архикатедрального Собору Непорочного Зачаття у Філадельфії, є католицькою громадою, котра поклоняється Богові, поширює Добру Новину Христового Євангелія та служить тим, хто в потребі. Двері цієї чудової Катедри є широко відчинені в ім’я Господа Нашого Ісуса Христа. Отож, всі, хто є присутній та молиться з нами сьогодні — ВИТАЄМО!
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HOPE CONFESION / СВЯТА СПОВІДЕТЬ

Please use the Sacrament of Reconciliation available in our Cathedral at Saturday’s (4:30pm) and at both Sunday’s (9:00am and 10:30am) Divine Liturgies. We are thankful to our visiting priests for gladly offering their time to hear Confession and thus help us to reconcile with our Lord Jesus Christ!

Ласкаю просямо скористати з нагоди відбуття Святу Сповідь у нашому Архікатедральному храмі під час Свят від Літургії у суботу (4:30 веч.) та у неділю (о 9:00 та 10:30 год. ранку). Ми циро вдячним священикам, котрі радо жертвують свій час для Св. Сповідей, і, разом з тим, допомагають нам примиритись з нашим Господом!

СВЯЧЕНЕ В НАШІЙ КАТЕДРАЛЬНІЙ ПАРАФІЇ / EASTER DINNER IN OUR CATHEDRAL PARISH

У неділю, 12 травня, о 12:00 год пообідь, у нашій Катедральній Парафії відбудеться Великодній обід — Свячене, котре цього року поєднає зі святом Дня Матері. Прийдімо, щоб разом вшанувати Господа і Бога нашого Ісуса Христо-Воскресленого, Його Пресвяту Матір Богородицю Марію, а також привітати наших Матерів у цей день. Щиро запрошуємо всіх парафіян та гостей на свято.

On Sunday, May 12, at 12:00pm, there will be an Easter Dinner — Sviachene, in our Cathedral Parish Hall. Let us get together to honor our Risen Lord Jesus Christ, His Blessed Mother Mary, as well as to greet our Mothers on that day. Please join us at the feast.

ПІЛЬНИ ЗА КАТЕХИТИЧНІ КЛАСИ

Our Cathedral Parish catechism classes are being held each Sunday at the Cathedral Rectory. Classes will be held 11:45am till 12:30 pm. It is important for parents to have their children attend. Please bring and trust your precious children to us so they can learn about our God and grow as good and faithful Christians. Contact our Cathedral Pastor or Missionary sisters for more information and to sign up for classes.

У нашій Катедральній парафії проводяться катехитичні класи для наших парафіяльних дітей, котрі відбуваються кожної неділі вранці з 11:45 год. ранку до 12:30 по обіді. Дуже важливо, щоб батьки приводили дітей до навчання. Довірте нам своїх дорогоцінних дітей, щоб вони могли навчатися про Господа нашого Бога та виростали добрими і ревними християнами.

INSTRUCTION FOR RECEIVING HOLY COMMUNION КАЗІВКА ЩОДО ПРИЙМАННЯ СВЯТГО ПРИЧАСТА

Please come forward, tilt your head back slightly, open your mouth wide, (do not stick out your tongue and do not say, “Amen”). After priest gives you the Holy Eucharist, close your mouth, consume the Holy Eucharist, and return to your place.

Підйідіть, стійте рівно, трохи відхиливши голову назад, відкрийте уста широко (не висувайте язик і не кажіть: «Амінь»). Після того, як священник дав вам Св. Причастя, закрийте уста, споживіть Пресвяту Євхаристію та поверніться до свого місця.

FLOWER DONATION FOR FEAST OF RESEURRECTION OF OUR LORD / ПОЖЕРТВИ НА ВЕЛИКОДНІ КВІТИ

In a few weeks we will celebrate Glorious Feast of the Resurrection of the Savior and King of the world Jesus Christ. Let’s prepare a special place — our hearts and our church for this Special Guest to come and bless us. So, in order to prepare and decorate our Cathedral for a Great Friday as well as for Paschal Sunday we need a lot of flowers. We ask all our Parishioners to make your generous donation towards purchase of flowers for this special feast Day. Thank you and may Almighty God reward you for your generosity.

За кілька тижнів будемо візнати Господа і Спаса нашого Ісуса Христа, у світлі памяті Христового Воскресіння. Приготуймо особливе місце — наші серця та наш храм до цієї особливої події. Щоб наш Архікатедральний храм гарно приготували та прикрасити на Страсну П‘ятницю та Свято Воскресіння, потрібно багато квітів. Тому, просимо всіх наших парафіян жертвувати кошти на квіти для нашої Катедри під час цих Великодніх Свят. Наперед щиро вдячні та нехай Добрий Господь винагородить вас за вашу щедрість.
CATHEDRAL ROOF REPAIR

For the last several years there were a few roof leaks in our Cathedral. Total cost for this work is $65,000.00 (roof repair by patching and sealing of the Cathedral dome and around stain glass windows). We ask our Parishioners and all the people of good will to support this project and contribute to the specially established fund, which will serve to cover the costs for this repair. Please make your generous donations to the Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral. So far we have received these donations: $250.00 - Kowal Family; $2000.00 - Donna & Joseph Dobrowolskyj; $1000.00 - Michael Casmer, Maria Wikarczuk, Sonja Wysozczanski; $500.00 - anonymous, John Schpylechak; anonymous, Michael & Eva Sosnowyj, Roxolana Horbowyj, James & Barbara Magura, Walter & Mary Fedorin, Marc Zaharchuk, Nicholas & Maria Denkowycz; $400.00 - anonymous; $300.00 - Theodosia & Christina Hewko, Barbara Bershak; $275.00 - John & Paula Finley (in memory of Bishop Walter Paska); $250.00 - Kenneth Hitchins, Rita Malinowski, Alexander & Alyson Fedkiw, Oleg & Alla Boychenko, Ronald Maxymyuk, Sr.; $200.00 - Arkadij & Julieta Fedkiw, Wasyl Makar, Douglas Nefferdor, anonymous, Walter & Anna Chajka, Maria Jackiw; $170.00 - Stephanie Pogas (Temple University student); $150.00 - Michael Woznyj; $130.00 - Zdorow Family; $100.00 - Olga Simeonides, Teresa Siwak, Patrycia & Lydia Myr, Anna Siwak, Anna Smolij, John & Donna Sharak, Irene Harlow, Roma Kohut; $50.00 - anonymous, Anna Krawchuk, Anton Tyszko, WJM, Oksana Tatsunchak & Jossip Orusta; $40.00 - Anelia Sharuga. Total as of this weekend is: $17,315.00. Only left are 47685.00. May our Lord Jesus Christ reward you hundredfold for your generosity and bless you and your Families. THANK YOU!

CATHEDRAL PARISH REGISTRATION CARD

When you received a new 2019 donation envelope box there you can find a “Registration Card”. Please fill in all the required information (same as last year, new or updated) and return it in Sunday collection basket or send it to the office. The Parishioners directory list with the correct contact information has to be updated and we need your cooperation in this matter. Thank you.

ПРОСМОТРИТЕ ЗА ХВОРИХ / PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK

Просимо подати імена своїх рідних або знайомих, котрі перебувають у стані хвороби та потребують нашої молитвової допомоги щодо швидкого одужання. Також пам’ятаймо у своїх молитвах за тих, хто не може вийти з дому або перебуває у стражданні. Молимося за здоров’я та одужання (імена надруковані на англійській ніжці):

- Please submit the names of your relatives or friends that do not feel well so that they could be included in the bulletin and we could pray for them who need to restore their health. Also, remember in your prayers all those who are homebound, in care facilities or impeded by illness. Pray for the well being and health of: Deacon Michael Waak, Maria Jackiw, Peggy Konzerowsky, Michael Lubianetsky, Maria Plekan, Jack Righter, Maria Sawicky, Marika Borowycka, Bohdan Makar, Dana & Vitalij Karlo Dzindziura, Paul Gerber, Jr, Daria Zaharchuk.

CONFESSIONS / СПОВІДІ

If you would like to receive the grace of forgiveness in the Mystery of Confession, a priest is available to hear confessions every half hour before the Divine Liturgy, i.e. at 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays and at 8:30 a.m. and 10:15 a.m. on Sundays. Most of the times we have visiting priests during the Divine Liturgies. Avail yourself to God’s gifts of mercy and spiritual renewal. If you are admitted to the hospital, or at home and would like a priest to visit you, please call the Cathedral office at 215-922-2845, or in case of an emergency call at (908) 217-7202.

Отримати дар Святій Тайні Сповіді можна до початку Божественних Літургій: з 4:00 год. вечора що суботи та з 8:30 ранку і з 10:15 щодня. Також дуже часто є кілька священиків, котрі є присутні у сповідальні під час Святих Літургій. Скористайтесь цим даром Божого милосердя для свого духовного оновлення. Якщо ви потрапили до шпиталю, або вдома і бажаєте, щоби хтось зі священиків відвідав вас, просимо зазначити це на телефонному номері 215-922-2845, або в випадку нагальної потреби зв’яжіться з нам на номері (908) 217-7202.

BAPTISMS / ХРЕЩЕННЯ

The Sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation are administered upon a request by the parents, or an adult who wishes to be baptized. Please contact Fr. Roman Pitula to make arrangements at least two weeks in advance.

Св. Тайни Хрестення та Миропомазання уділяться на прохання батьків або дорослого, який бажає охреститися. Просимо звернутися до о. Романа Пітули принаймні за два тижні наперед.

MARRIAGES / ОДРУЖЕННЯ

The Sacrament of Marriage requires a time of spiritual preparation. Couples planning to be married are asked to make an appointment with Fr. Roman Pitula to set a date for a wedding and begin preparations (including Pre-Cana) at least six months before the wedding.

Таїни Одружень які мають зустрітися з о. Романом Пітулою, щоб визначити дату та почати приготування принаймні за шість місяців перед шлюбом.

ASK THE PASTOR

(questions-answers)

QUESTION: What is the Shroud of Christ (Plashchanytsia)?

ANSWER: The Shroud of Christ (Плащаниця, Plashchanytsia) is an icon, today most often found as a large cloth, embroidered and often richly adorned, which is used during the services of Good Friday and Holy Saturday in the Eastern Catholic Churches which follow the Byzantine Rite. It also exists in painted or mosaic form, on wall or panel. The icon depicts Christ after he has been removed from the cross, lying supine, as his body is being prepared for burial. The scene is taken from the Gospel of St. John (John 19:38–42). Shown around him, and mourning his death, may be his mother (the Theotokos or Blessed Virgin Mary); St. John the beloved disciple; Joseph of Arimathea; and Mary Magdalene, as well as angels. Nicodemus and others may also be depicted. Often the Four Evangelists will be shown in the corners. Sometimes, the body of Christ appears alone, except for angels. Usually, the trophy of the day is embroidered in gold letters around the edges of the icon: The Noble Joseph, taking down Thy most pure Body from the Tree, did wrap it in clean linen with sweet spices, and he laid it in a new tomb. On Great Friday, a solemn procession with the Plashchanytsia is held outside the church, commemorating the burial procession of Christ. At the end of the procession, the Plashchanytsia is placed back to the church and the faithful will continue to venerate it throughout Great Saturday. During Bright Week (Easter Week), the Holy Doors of the sanctuary remain open as a symbol of the empty tomb of Christ. The Plashchanytsia is placed on the altar and is clearly visible through the open doors, and thus symbolizes the winding sheet left in the tomb after the resurrection. At the end of Bright Week, the Holy Doors are closed, but the Plashchanytsia remains on the Holy Table for 40 days, as a reminder of Jesus’ physical appearances to his disciples from the time of his Resurrection until his Ascension into heaven.
WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE A CATHOLIC TODAY?

It means, first of all, history. It is looking back across 20 centuries and remembering where we came from. And where we came from begins with the gospel we hear about the empty tomb, and the first bewildered witnesses who had to tell the story of what they saw. And they told others. And then they told others. And the story goes on.

It is the story of faith on a mission: “The pilgrim church on earth.” It is the story of a journey—from Jerusalem to Rome to Africa… to India and Asia and islands in the South Pacific. It is a mission that eventually brought people to America. It is about the people who made that mission happen: sisters and brothers, priests and religious and lay people by the millions who did the unsung, heroic work of building up the church, often at enormous sacrifice, sometimes paying with their lives.

It is immigrants who gave spare change to build churches, and nuns who cared for the sick when no one else would, and who taught our parents and grandparents and great grandparents.

It is priests who celebrated Liturgies in auditoriums and gymnasiums.

It is standing in solidarity with the smallest, the weakest, the defenseless: the unborn.

WHAT DOES BEING A CATHOLIC TODAY MEAN?

It is parents giving up vacations so their kids can go to Catholic school.

It is those same kids giving up their weekends to be altar servers.

It is Easter Processions and First Penance and Communions.

It is the cry of a baby being baptized.

It’s the gentle voice of the priest offering absolution to someone who hasn’t been to confession in 2, 3, 5, 10 or even 20 years—and offering a chance to begin again, and to be made new.

And it is silence, the thundering silence of people who come here on any given weekday to light a candle, say a rosary, and pray.

It is the hundreds who came here on Good Friday to behold the wounded, scarred face of Christ—and venerate his shroud with a kiss.

It is the anonymous strangers who stop by the Grotto of the Blessed Mother outside our church or to pray at the icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary in our church, and leave roses, or pray with petitions. “Mary, pray for my son. Mary, help me find a job.”

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It is the story of faith on a mission: “The pilgrim church on earth.” It is the story of a journey—from Jerusalem to Rome to Africa… to India and Asia and islands in the South Pacific. It is a mission that eventually brought people to America. It is about the people who made that mission happen: sisters and brothers, priests and religious and lay people by the millions who did the unsung, heroic work of building up the church, often at enormous sacrifice, sometimes paying with their lives.

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It is parents giving up vacations so their kids can go to Catholic school.

It is those same kids giving up their weekends to be altar servers.

It is Easter Processions and First Penance and Communions.

It is the cry of a baby being baptized.

It’s the gentle voice of the priest offering absolution to someone who hasn’t been to confession in 2, 3, 5, 10 or even 20 years—and offering a chance to begin again, and to be made new.

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HUMOR: It was Palm Sunday and, because of a sore throat, five-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm branches. The boy asked what they were for. “People held them over Jesus’ head as he walked by,” his older brother explained. “Wouldn’t you know it,” the boy fumed, “the one Sunday I don’t go to church, He showed up!”
SYMBOLOGICAL MEANING OF THE TRADITIONAL PASCHAL (EASTER) BASKET

Among the Slavs the custom of bringing an Easter Basket to Church on Easter Sunday is an age old tradition. It stems from the desire of the Christian community to ask God's blessing on the foods that will break the Great Fast (Lent) and from which they have abstained from during this period. The religious significance attached to the foods eaten is symbolic of Christ Himself, our true PASCHA. Foods traditionally blessed for Easter, the feast of the Lord's Resurrection from death to life, are the foods which God prescribed for the ancient Passover meal: lamb, bread, wine, and bitter herbs. Children's baskets of candy and eggs may be included in the blessing service.

EGGS - Brightly decorated eggs are a symbol of the New Life that is ours in Christ. Eggs are a sign of hope and resurrection. Jesus comes forth from the tomb as the chick breaks the shell at birth. Because of the special meaning, it is fitting that the eggs to be blessed be decorated with symbols of Easter, Alleluia, and so forth.

PASCHA - The Easter Basket - A sweet, yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually a round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a cross (+) of dough is placed on top encircled by a plait giving it a crowned effect or Greek abbreviations for the name of Christ. The letters XB indicate the Slavonic for Christ is Risen.

SAUSAGE - A spicy, garlicky sausage of pork products, indicative of God's favor and generosity. Sausage is an ethnic addition to enhance the celebration; its links remind us of the chains of death which were broken when Jesus arose.

BACON - A piece of uncooked bacon cured with spices. Symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy to us.

HAM - Ham celebrates the freedom of the New Law which came into effect through Jesus' resurrection, in distinction to the Old Law which forbade certain meats. The flesh meat is popular with the Slavs as the main dish because of its richness and symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter. Some may prefer lamb or veal. This is usually well smoked (or roasted or cooked) ahead of time as well as other meats, so that the festivity of the day will not be burdened with preparation and all may enjoy the feast.

CHEESE – (or HRUTKA) A custard-type of egg cheese shaped into a ball having a rather bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things. Also, creamed cheese is placed in a small dish and both are decorated with symbols made out of cloves or pepper balls.

HORSERADISH - Represents the bitter herbs prescribed in the original Passover meal as a reminder of the bitterness and harshness of life in Egypt. It reminds us of the bitterness and suffering of Christ which culminated in the Resurrection.

SALT - Reminds us to flavor our dealings with others by the example of Christ.

BUTTER (LAMB) - This favorite dairy product is shaped into a figure of a Lamb. The lamb is the ancient Passover food by whose blood the Israelites were saved. Jesus is our Paschal (Passover) Lamb by whose blood we are saved. It also reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

Everything for the Easter meal may be blessed. The custom is to reserve the eating of the blessed food until after the Resurrection services. These articles are placed in a wicker basket and a ribbon or bow is tied to the handle.

A decorated CANDLE is placed in the basket and is lit at the time of the blessing.

A LINEN COVER (RUSHNYK), usually embroidered with a picture of the Risen Christ or symbol with the words "Christ is Risen," is placed over the food when it is brought to the Church.

ST. THOMAS SUNDAY — GRAVES BLESSINGS AT ST. MARY’S CEMETERY.

The blessing of graves at St. Mary's Cemetery, Fox Chase, will take place on Sunday, April 28 (Thomas Sunday). The clergy and faithful will gather at 1:30 p.m. at the main Cross for Panakhyda followed by individual grave blessings upon request.

ТОМИНА НЕДІЛЯ — БЛАГОСЛОВЕННЯ ГРОБІВ НА ЦВИНТАРІ СВ. МАРИЇ

Благословення гробів на цвинтарі св. Марії в Фокс Чейс відбудеться у неділю 28-го квітня (Томина Неділя) о 1:30 год. пополудні. Священики та вірні зберуться біля Хреста о 1:30 год. для загальної панахиди, а опісля буде благословення окремих гробів на прохання вірних.

Улюблені у Христі Брати і Сестри!

Дорогі Парадіяни!

Широцердечно запрошуємо Вас і вашу родину на СВЯЧЕНЕ—шорічний Великодній обід, котрий відбудеться у неділю 12-го травня, 2019 р. Божого в нашій Катедральній залі після Служби Божої. ЗАУВАЖТЕ, щО у НЕДІЛЮ 12 ТРАВНЯ БУДЕ ТІЛЬКИ ОДНА СВЯТА ЛІГУРІЯ 10:30 ГОД. РАНКУ.

Зберімось разом на спільний обід, щоб за одним столом у сімейному парафіяльному колі відсвяткувати це “Свято над святами” і “Торжество всіх торжеств” – Воскресіння Господа Бога і Спаса нашого Ісуса Христа. Воскресіння...
Beloved Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

You are cordially invited to our Annual Paschal Dinner, SVIACHENE, which will be held on Sunday, May 12, 2019 in the Cathedral Hall following the Divine Liturgy. **Only ONE DIVINE LITURGY will be celebrated that day — at 10:30 a.m.**

Let us all get together for this Paschal Dinner, during which we, Parishioners, as one Parish Family, may celebrate the “Feast of Feasts” and “Triumph of Triumphs” — Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Resurrection of our Lord is a Feast that unites us all and makes us one in spirit and Christian love. Come and bring your relatives and friends and join us to celebrate the Glorious Feast of our Lord’s Resurrection!

The cost per adult is $20.00 and $10.00 per student (children 4 years old & under are free). Please fill out the form (you will receive this form by mail) and return it as soon as possible, indicating the amount of adults and children attending. This will help us very much in better preparation for the celebration as well as how much food to be prepared. Keep in mind that you may buy tickets at the door.

A special Sviachene Raffle will be held also. The winning numbers will be drawn at the dinner (raffle tickets are to be received by mail too). (The 1st prize is $200, the 2nd prize is $125, and the 3rd prize is $75.) Please let us know if you need more raffle tickets. Also an envelope is enclosed for returning the raffle stubs with the $20 payment. **Good luck to you all!**

If you are unable to attend, we welcome any contribution you can make to support our Cathedral Parish. We thank you in advance for your generosity!

May our Risen Lord Jesus Christ bless you and your Families with His bountiful mercies and graces!  

Christ’s Priest and your faithful friend Fr. Roman Pitula

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**PASCHAL DINNER – SVIACHENE**

**Ukrainian Catholic Archeparchial Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Philadelphia, PA**

May 12, 2019

Divine Liturgy – 10:30 am  
Dinner -- 12:00am

**ВЕЛИКОДНІЙ ОБІД — СВЯЧЕНЕ**

Український Католицький Архикатедральний Собор  
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**NAME/ІМ’Я ____________________________ Phone / Тел. ______________________________**

**TOTAL NUMBER IN PARTY/КІЛЬКІСТЬ ВСІХ ОСІБ, ЩО ПРИЙДУТЬ:**

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Please cut out and return this form by Sunday, May 5.

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