

GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA:
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD
GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST



Icon of the Descent into Hades

April 12, 2020 – Resurrection of Our Lord Pascha – Easter Sunday

Tropar, Kontakion, Prokimenon, Alleluia Festal Tone Acts 1:1-8 John 1:1-17

Sat. Apr. 11 Great and Holy Saturday

9:00 am Jerusalem Matins (Livestream)
3:00 pm Vespers w/Liturgy of St. Basil the Grt for +Lori Lizanich by Parents (Livestream)

Sun. Apr. 12 Resurrection of Our Lord – Pascha – Easter Sunday

7:00 am Resurrection Matins (Livestream)
8:00 am Divine Liturgy for * Our Parish Family (Livestream)
10-11:00 am Blessing of Easter Food Baskets Drive Thru (SNOW ROAD ENTRANCE ONLY)
3:00 pm Paschal Vespers (Livestream)

Mon. Apr. 13 Bright Monday

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
9:00 am Liturgy for + Andrew N. Loya, Sr. by Andrea Loya and Family (Livestream)
3:00 pm Paschal Vespers (Livestream)

Tues. Apr. 14 Bright Tuesday

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
9:00 am Liturgy for + Fred Brunarsky by Donor (Livestream)
3:00 pm Paschal Vespers (Livestream)

Wed. Apr. 15 Bright Wednesday

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
9:00 am Liturgy + Eileen Kekelik by Kekelik Family (Livestream)
3:00 pm Paschal Vespers (Livestream)

Thur. Apr. 16 Bright Thursday

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
9:00 am Liturgy for +Patricia & Birthday Blessings for Margaret Kurpyl by Family (Livestream)
3:00 pm Paschal Vespers (Livestream)

Fri. Apr. 17 Bright Friday

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
9:00 am Liturgy for + Eugene F. Kusnerik by Judith Carol and Family (Livestream)
3:00 pm Paschal Vespers (Livestream)

Sat. Apr. 18 Bright Saturday

8:00 am Matins (Livestream)
9:00 am Divine Liturgy for + Andrew & +Dorothy Malinish by Sue Deeks (Livestream)
5:00 pm Great Vespers (Livestream)

Sun. Apr. 19 Thomas Sunday

10:00 am Matins (Livestream)
11:00 am Divine Liturgy for * Our Parish Family (Livestream)

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Paschal Troparion

English: Christ is risen from the dead, by death He trampled death, and to those in the tombs He granted life.

Arabic: Al-Maseeh qam min bayn il-amwaat, wa wati'a-l-mawt bil-mawt, wa wahabalahayah lil-ladheena fil-qubour.

Greek: Christos aneste ek nekron, thanato thanaton patesas, kai tees en dees mne-ma-si zoen charisamenos.

Slavonic: Christos vos-kre-se iz mertvikh, smer-ti-u smert poprav, ee suschim vo hrobekh zhee-vot darovav.

Romanian: Christos a in-vi-aht din mortz, cu mwar-te-a pre mwar-te culcund, shi chelor din mormunturi viatza dar-u-indu-leh.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE (ALL):

Parishioners of all 4 parishes (Cathedral, Holy Spirit, St. Mary, St. Nicholas Croatian) may continue to mail their donation envelopes to the Parish Office, 5500 West 54th Street, Parma, OH 44129 or simply drop them in the mail box by the office door. They will get deposited to the proper parish.

-OR-

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE (ALL): Giving made easy! We now offer electronic giving for all with Churches-GivePlus. You can contribute anywhere, anytime right from your computer, smartphone or tablet. Give online by visiting the website <http://stmarybyz.com/> and clicking on the **Give OnLine Link**. Or download the free GivePlus mobile app from the App Store or Google Play.

Giving online is fast, easy and secure. You can set up single donations, recurring donations and how frequently you wish to give. Online giving can be done either by credit card or a bank account. The first time going to the GivePlus application, create your profile; then login, follow the easy to read screens and make your donation.

PRAY DAILY - have a keep able rule of prayer that you do by discipline. Say the Lord's Prayer several times a day. Any time you have an opportunity to say a prayer, take advantage of it. The devil tries to eliminate your prayer since the prayer eliminates the devil.

- For courage to repent (to go to confession) - **St. John Forerunner, pray for us!** (40x)
- For Peace in the World – **Lord, have mercy!** (40 times)
- For Our Children – **Holy Father Nicholas, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the Sick and Those in Need – **O Most Holy Trinity, save us!** (40 times)
- For Our Parish – **O Most Holy Theotokos, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the courage to sing in church – **Holy Father Roman, pray for us!** (40 times)
- For the departed – **Psalm 51, 91, 119 (50, 90, 118 in LXX)**
- Jesus Prayer – **“Lord Jesus Christ,* Son of God,* have mercy on me* a sinner!”**



Every evening before you go to bed, simply go through the whole day and think what you have done right or wrong, do the examination of conscience, and ask the good Lord for forgiveness. Make a sign of the cross over the place where you sleep and say: **“Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my soul and body. Do You Yourself bless me, have mercy on me, and grant me life eternal. Amen.”**

ETERNAL MEMORY (ALL & SM): We wish to express our heart-felt sympathy to the family and friends of **+ Sister Lucille Tepper (Poor Clare Nun)** and **+ Dr. Joseph Metzinger**, who recently died from the Eparchy and St. Mary Parish. May God grant to His servants, **+ Sister Lucille** and **+ Joseph**, blessed repose and eternal memory. *Vicnaja jim pamjet!*



BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD BASKETS (ALL at CTH): On Easter Sunday from 10:00 am to 11:00 am Bishop Milan will be blessing baskets of Easter foods as you drive thru the Cathedral at the **SNOW ROAD ENTRANCE ONLY** . Happy and Blessed Easter!

250 CLUB WINNERS (SM): Congratulations winners!

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| 3/14/20 | #74 | Don Molinich | Larry Kirchner, captain |
| 3/21/20 | #91 | Mike Stibora | Mike Stibora, captain |
| 3/28/20 | #165 | Lenny Hodar | Lenny Hodar, captain |
| 4/5/20 | #199 | John Kekelik | John Trompak, captain |

Watch the livestream at www.parma.org or www.logos.tv or YouTube LOGOS TV - PARMA

If you know of someone that does not have access to the internet, reach out to them by phone to keep them informed with updates and encourage them to continue their daily prayer at home.

OUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS RECEIVED BY MAIL
April 5, 2020

	Total	Livestreamed
Cathedral Parish	- <u>\$ 789.00</u>	
Holy Spirit Parish	- <u>\$2,611.00</u>	
St. Mary's Parish	- <u>\$2,495.00</u>	
St. Mary 250 Club – (see announcement in body of bulletin for winners)		
St. Nicholas Parish	- <u>\$ 310.00</u>	

Have you remembered Your Church in your Will and/or Trust?

Thank you and may God reward your generosity!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND CONFINED: St. Mary's – John Krenisky, Kathleen Miller, Mary



Ann Ridilla; Ray Yasenchak; Jean Asmondy; Esther Morganosky; John Anitas; Pat Asmondy; Alice Baran; Goldie Barvinchak; Pearl Beningo; Mildred Bobick; JoAnn Chaky; Eva Cook; Seleema Corrigan; Sally Csejpes; Lois Deighton; Dolores Furda; Mary Grauel; Ruthann Hodar, Margaret Huges, Rosemary Kennick; Catherine Kopko; Larry Lantz; Jean Malinky;

Barbara Miterko; Eleen Monoc; Carl Panko; Sue Peterchalk; Janice Pogozelski; Joseph Popik; Art Pordash; Eleen Reese; Dorothy Shevchuck; David Starling; Isabelle Sweeney; Bob & Mary Zelenka.

Cathedral – Martha Loya; Helen Long; Phil Nechvatal; Joe Kaltner; Helen Fredericks; Frank and Rose Lizanich; Judith Carol; Carol Morin.

Holy Spirit – Samuel Basalla, Jim Neitzel, Elizabeth Loya; George Hapker; Ken Kalas; Ann Yorko; Janice Misch; Richard Onderak; Suzanne Saiko; Elizabeth Sheppard; Helen Sawchak; Carol Vasil; Helen Alpine; Blanche Gubanich; Andrea Seman; Carol and Richard Bub.

St. Nicholas Croatian – Helen Jeris; Marge Kordic; Walter Badovinac; Mary Ann Zubovich.

Please call Fr. Nathan Adams at (216) 678-0870 (NEW NUMBER) for someone ill or in need of prayer.



THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC EPARCHY OF PARMA

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

2020/58

April 8, 2020

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christ is Risen!

This year's Pascha will stay in our minds until the end of our lives. I know that it is very hard for you to be without the celebration of services on Pascha; it is very hard for me as well. The whole world is in shock over this coronavirus pandemic. The whole world is in quarantine and we are filled with sadness, helplessness, and fear. Back in January we did not pay attention to this coronavirus from Wuhan, China. We had plans for our summer vacations, we were preparing for family celebrations and then everything suddenly changed, literally overnight. There was nothing left of our plans.

Jesus' disciples had plans as well before His crucifixion. They did not believe that Jesus, after performing so many miracles and healing so many people, would voluntarily surrender himself to be crucified. Three times He predicted to them His suffering, death, and resurrection but they did not understand. Judas betrayed Him and in despair he hung himself. Peter denied Him as well, and John was the only one who remained with Him all the way to the cross. The others scattered away in fear and were hiding at home.

On the third day after His death, however, something unusual happened. The angel appeared to the women who were going to the tomb early in the morning to anoint Jesus' dead body and found the tomb empty, and the angel said to them: "Do not be amazed! You seek Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised; He is not here." (Mark 16:6) And it is also written: "On the evening of the first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.'" (John 20:19-21)

We too are like Jesus' disciples. The Risen Lord brings joy and peace to us who are all panicking and worrying about the rising numbers of the infected and dead people from this coronavirus. In the time of this crisis, He is removing the fear from within us. It is His gift which helps us to survive, to survive as human beings. Hopefully, after our experience with the outcome of this coronavirus, we will be able to look at life from a different perspective. Life is not in our hands.



Our Holy Father Francis, at the extraordinary blessing of *Urbi et Orbi* on March 27 in Rome, said: “We have realized that we are in the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other.”

Dear brothers and sisters, if we believe the joyful news this Pascha morning, that Christ died for us and is risen from the dead, we cannot remain behind the closed doors of our ego and in the clutches of fear and sadness anymore. He is telling us: “Do not be afraid” and also “Peace be to you”. Christ’s resurrection has the power to change our life and is calling us from death to life; it is calling us to love. This is the strength and the mystery of Christianity. Even though you cannot go to church and participate in the divine services at the moment, watch them online from the Cathedral or from your own churches. Do not be afraid and believe that one day we will be able to celebrate together. Rejoice that you can be together with your families. And you who are living by yourselves and feel alone, remember that you are not alone since you are all part of and belong to the Church as brothers and sisters and you are in my prayers. Have courage, do not lose hope. This pandemic will come to an end one day and we will always remember this Pascha in a special way. Rejoice and do not be afraid, this I write to you as your Bishop. I am with you and I pray for you.

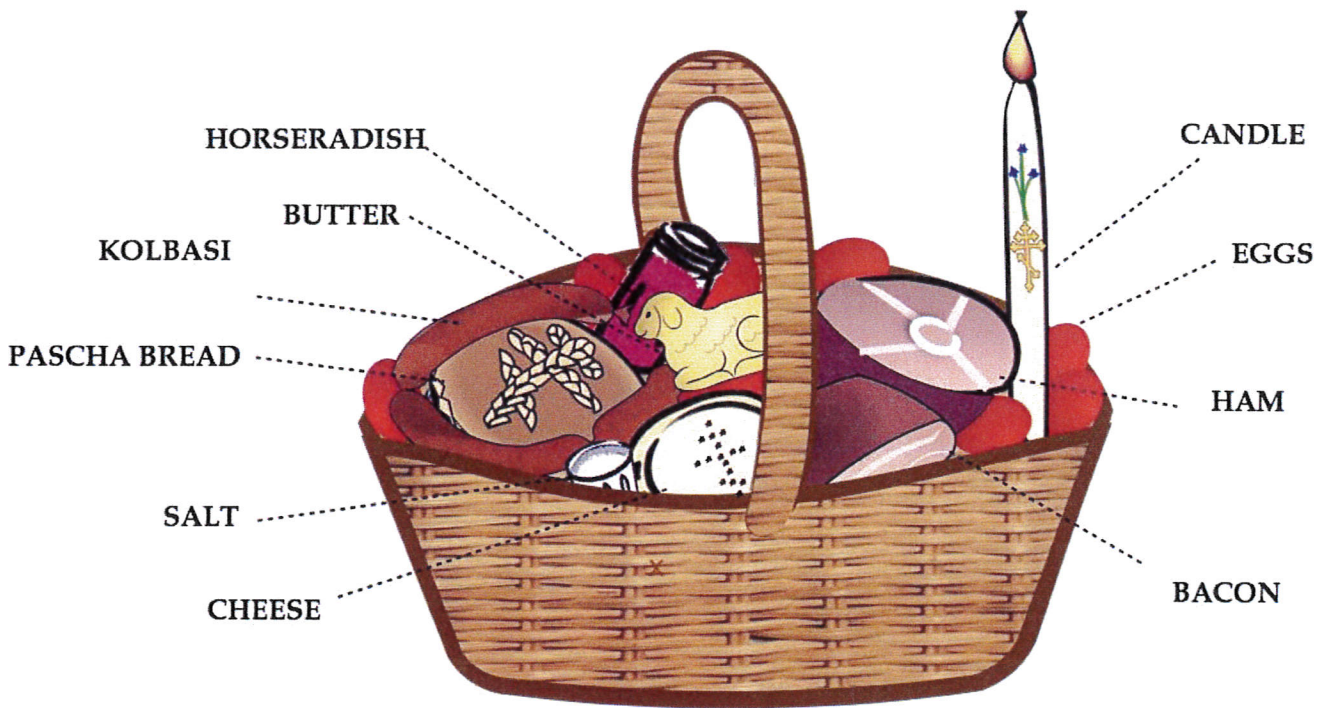
Christ is Risen!

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Milan Lach'.

The Most Reverend Milan Lach, S.J.
Bishop of the Eparchy of Parma

HOW TO PUT TOGETHER A TRADITIONAL EASTER BASKET

"TEXT ADAPTED FROM AN ARTICLE BY FR. BASIL KRAYNYAK, GCU MESSENGER, APRIL, 1979" ILLUSTRATED BY FR. JONATHAN BANNON

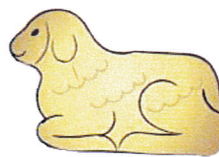


PASCHA - The Easter Bread (Pron. Pa-ska.) A sweet yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a cross (+) of dough is placed on top encircled by a plait given it a crowned effect or Greek

CHEESE - (Rusyn: Hrudka or Sirec) A custard type 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 (see Pascha) out of cloves or pepper balls.



HAM - (Rusyn: Šunka - pron. shoon-ka.) The Flesh meat 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 roasted or cooked as well as other meats so the festivity of the day will not be burdened with preparation and all may enjoy the Feast.

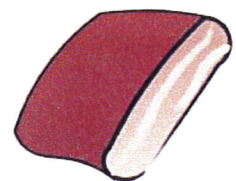


BUTTER - (Rusyn: Maslo pron. ma-slo.) This favorite dairy product is often shaped into a figure of a Lamb or small cross and decorated as the cheese. This reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

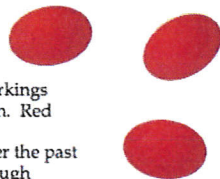


SUSAGE (Rusyn: Kolbasi-pron. kolbus-i.) A spicy, garlic sausage of pork products indicative of God's flavor and generosity.

BACON - (Rusyn: Slanina pron. sla-ni-na) A piece of uncooked bacon cured with spices. Symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy to us.



EGGS (Rusyn: Pisanki pron. pi-sun-ki) Hardboiled eggs brightly decorated with symbols and markings made with beeswax, indicative of new life and resurrection. Red eggs are also traditional date back to a story with St. Mary Magdalene. Having been dyed with onion skins saved over the past year, red shows the color of life and victory that came through Christ's blood.



SALT - (Rusyn: Sol' pron. sol') A condiment necessary for flavor reminding the Christian of his duty to others.



HORSERADISH (Rusyn: Chrin pron. khrin) Horseradish mixed with grated red beets (optional) symbolizes the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection. A bitter-sweet red colored mixture reminds us of the sufferings of Christ.

These articles are placed in a wicker basket. A decorated candle is placed inside and is lit at the time of the blessing. A linen cover usually embroidered with a picture of the Risen Christ or symbol with the words "Christ is Risen" is placed over the food when brought to the Church. In some places a large Easter Bread (Pascha) is made and brought separately in a large linen cloth. If the origin of the people was from a wine growing area, a sweet wine may be brought



The Lamb Who Was Slain Has Delivered Us from Death and Given Us Life

There was much proclaimed by the prophets about the mystery of the Passover: that mystery is Christ, and to Him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

For the sake of suffering humanity He came down from heaven to earth, clothed Himself in that humanity in the Virgin's womb, and was born a man. Having then a body capable of suffering, He took the pain of fallen man upon Himself; He triumphed over the diseases of soul and body that were its cause, and by His Spirit, which was incapable of dying, He dealt man's destroyer, death, a fatal blow.

He was led forth like a lamb; He was slaughtered like a sheep. He ransomed us from our servitude to the world, as He had ransomed Israel from the land of Egypt; He freed us from our slavery to the devil, as He had freed Israel from the hand of Pharaoh. He sealed our souls with His own Spirit, and the members of our body with His own blood.

He is the One who covered death with shame and cast the devil into mourning, as Moses cast Pharaoh into mourning. He is the One who smote sin and robbed iniquity of offspring. He is the One who brought us out of slavery into freedom, out of dark-

ness into light, out of death into life, out of tyranny into an eternal kingdom; who made us a new priesthood, a people chosen to be His own forever. He is the Passover that is our salvation.

It is he who endured every kind of suffering in all those who foreshadowed Him. In Abel He was slain, in Isaac bound, in Jacob exiled, in Joseph sold, in Moses exposed to die. He was sacrificed in the Passover lamb, persecuted in David, dishonored in the prophets.

It is He who was made man of the Virgin, He who was hung on the tree; it is He who was buried in the earth, raised from the dead, and taken up to the heights of heaven. He is the mute lamb, the slain lamb, the lamb born of Mary, the fair ewe. He was seized from the flock, dragged off to be slaughtered, sacrificed in the evening, and buried at night. On the tree no bone of His was broken; in the earth His body knew no decay. He is the One who rose from the dead, and who raised man from the depths of the tomb.

St. Melito of Sardis