

DIVINE LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK**Holy Monday, April 6, 2009**

7:20 a.m. Lit. + John Kodan r/by Daughter, Arlene and Grandchildren, George, Cindy and Steve

Holy Tuesday, April 7, 2009

7:20 a.m. Lit. + Walter Melnykevich r/by Family

Holy Wednesday, April 8, 2009

7:20 a.m. Lit. Special Intention

6:30 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Holy Thursday, April 9, 2009

7:00 p.m. SACRED PASSION SERVICE

Good Friday, April 10, 2009

9:00 a.m. VESPERS AND PROCESSION

7:00 p.m. JERUSALEM MATINS

Holy Saturday, April 11, 2009

7:30 a.m. Lit. + Stefania, Volodymyr, Omelan, Kateryna, Etc. r/by Bachynskyy Family

6:30 p.m. Prayer at the Tomb, "NADHROBNOYE"

SOLEMN PROCESSION

7:00 p.m. RESURRECTION MATINS

Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Sunday**April 12, 2009**

Epistle - Acts 1:1-8; Gospel - Jn 1:1-17

9:00 a.m. Lit. For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners

11:00 a.m. Lit. Special Intention

Epistle Readers, 11:00 a.m. Liturgy:

Peter Baralecki	4/5/09
Nancy Bialkowski	4/12/09

Religious Instructions will be held today. The next class is scheduled for April 26, 2009.

Confessions - Holy Saturday

Confessions will be held on Holy Saturday from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. No confessions on Easter Sunday.

Paska Sale

Paskas may be picked up today (Sunday) following Liturgy or Holy Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Rehearsal for Jerusalem Matins will be held on Holy Tuesday, April 7, at 7:00 p.m.

Holy Name Society will hold a meeting on Tuesday, April 7 at 8:00 p.m. in the church hall.

Senior Citizens Club will meet on Thursday, April 9 at 12:00 noon in the church hall.

No Coffee Hour next two Sundays, Easter Sunday and April 19 (old calendar Easter).

Jubilee Book Update

We beg your continued patience, and we will need a bit more time to finalize the book. We are steadily moving along towards completion. The parts of the book that are done look wonderful. It will be worth the wait. A deadline has been set for final sections.

Relic of Blessed Martyr Vasyl Velychkovsky

A reliquary with a relic of the Blessed Martyr Vasyl Velychkovsky is on display on the side altar beneath the icon of the Blessed Mother, for veneration. Petition Blessed Vasyl for special favors.

Save the date! A Zabava will be held here on Saturday, May 9, 2009.

Easter Dinner - Sviachene

The traditional Easter Dinner, Sviachene, will be held this year on Sunday, April 26. Parishioners and friends are invited to share this special occasion. Tickets are sold between Sunday liturgies, before the Saturday evening liturgy, or at the rectory during the week. Seating will be reserved when tickets are purchased. Donation is \$17.00 for adults and \$10.00 for child or student.

There are only a few weeks until the Sviachene! Please reserve your tickets as soon as possible. Our schoolchildren will be performing, as well as The Nadiya Dancers!

METROPOLITAN STEFAN'S MEDITATION FOR PALM SUNDAY

Today is Palm Sunday, the day on which we commemorate the triumphant entry into Jerusalem by Jesus. In a few days, the crowds of people will change their heart and will ask for the crucifixion of Jesus. All of us experience Palm Sunday moments. There are moments when we feel intensely close to God. We feel Him touching our lives. We can hear Him. We can enjoy His presence. Yet, Jesus Christ's heart is quickly saddened because our enthusiasm for Him is often short-lived, shallow and sometimes, superficial. We flee and hide ourselves within our day-to-day concerns, hesitant to risk ourselves to respond to Jesus Christ's presence and His inviting love. This is why it is important for each of us to regularly participate in the Divine Liturgy and to gather in Church on Sundays. We NEED one another to sustain us in our enthusiasm for Jesus. We NEED one another to widen our self-imposed blinders to recognize the presence of Jesus Christ amidst us. We NEED one another to challenge one another to actively care for others, to reach out in love and service of others. Our faith in the Risen Christ is one which builds on our communal journey of praying, worshipping, and caring.

I encourage everyone to faithfully participate in the Holy Week services, particularly Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Please do not plan to take your Easter baskets to Church for blessing if you do not intend to participate in these critically important times of worship in your faith journey. Be right with yourself, with almighty God, and with His Holy Church so that you may honestly and joyfully proclaim and celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ! A Blessed Celebration of Pascha to all!

Pussy Willow Branches

We thank the Putykevycz and Zakanycz Families for donating the beautiful pussy willow branches for Palm Sunday. This donation is in memory of:

+ PETER ZAKANYCZ
+STEPHAN PUTYKEWYCZ

Ordination Date

Our seminarian, Sub-deacon Paul J. Makar, is scheduled to be ordained to the diaconate on Pentecost Sunday, May 31, 2009, here in our parish. All are invited to attend the liturgy and see our seminarian ordained a deacon. Mark the date on your calendar!

Cemetery Maintenance

Beginning this Spring, Mark Boyko will be our new cemetery landscaper, in charge of cutting and trimming grass, etc.

Spring Breakfast Buffet - Sunday, May 3, 2009. Details in next week's bulletin.