

**ST. MARY'S
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FEAST OF HOLY RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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- SAT. 4:30 p.m. Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy** *Blessing of Baskets*
Health & Blessings of Parishioners
- SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Bishops, Clergy, Deacons, Religious of our Metropolia**
Blessing of baskets
- MON. 10:30 a.m. +Sister Leocadia by Joan Bodak**
- TUE. 10:30 a.m. +Cherie Kent by Patty, Dave,
& Fr. Jim Ragan**
- WED. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy**
- THU. 10:30 a.m. No Liturgy**
- FRI. 10:30 am. No Liturgy**



THOMAS SUNDAY

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- SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners**
- SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Margaret & Anthony Hanigovsky by Susan & Rick Teter**

*Christ is Risen from the dead ! By death He trampled death, and to those
in the tombs He granted life!*

CHRISTOS VOSKRESE!

VOISTINNU VOSKRESE!

FELTA'MADT KRISZTUS!

VALO'BAN FELTA MADT!

CHURCH DONATIONS April 2, 2023
Monthly Dues \$190.00
Lenten offering \$122.00 Holy Thurs./Good Fri. \$30.00
Candles \$16.00
PALM SUNDAY \$1,365.00
Offertory \$ 315.00

BCW ...NEWS

If you do not want to receive the BCW and have not been sending in your donation, please let us know so we can remove your name.

BRIGHT WEEK

Please Note...NO..... FASTING DURING BRIGHT WEEK

SOCIAL GAMES

No Bingo Easter Sunday. We would like to wish all our Patrons and our dedicated workers a Very Blessed & Happy Easter!!

BLESSING OF BASKETS

Will be held in our Center following the Sat. Liturgy and Sunday Liturgy.

BLESSED & HAPPY EASTER

The prayer of Easter asks that we may express in our lives the love we celebrate this joyous day. The Resurrection of Christ is a rising to a new life. Light has banished darkness. The Risen Christ shows us that death is but the way to a new life. The joy of Easter should permeate our lives and lead us to be glad in God. May the Risen Lord grant each of you His radiant Blessings today and always!

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

CHRIST IS RISEN



EASTER...PASCHA...THE DAY OF RESURRECTION...IS HERE!

These are the days of feasting and celebration. There were times along the way when we wondered if Easter would ever arrive. But it has...the Lenten journey has reached its fulfillment. The Matins of the Resurrection proclaim over and over again the victory that is ours because Christ has conquered death. New life is granted to us. Now for the next forty days our song is, "*Christ is risen from the dead.*" because we can never say enough concerning our joy in this great mystery.

Life, joy, peace, and love are the words that try to capture the reality of this Feast of Feasts. The human heart overflows and tries to speak of its inner emotions but falls short. Words must give way to expressions of embrace and the holy kiss. Such an experience of happiness can become a reality if we are willing and desirous to believe and trust so strongly in Christ whose only command to us is, "love one another as I have loved you." This glorious feast of the Resurrection undoubtedly shows just how much Christ loves us. "...as I have loved you," Reflection on this phrase leaves us spellbound. How will we respond? Being followers of Christ demands that we do more than the ordinary. Unless we approach each person whom God sends to us with an individual concern, care, and personal love, we don't even begin to fulfill His commandment. Ultimately then, Easter becomes just another day. The choice is our own. What shall it be? Just another day or "*the day that the Lord has made.*"

THE FEAST OF FEASTS

The Byzantine Easter Liturgy is anything but subdued. It begins in darkness and ends in brilliant light. The subdued tones of the Lenten Presanctified Liturgy, give way to the bright lively tones of "*Christ is Risen from the Dead.*" The Easter Liturgy ends in the congregation breaking forth with the greeting, "**CHRIST IS RISEN!**"...and hearing the reply, "**INDEED HE IS RISEN!**" A greeting used by Byzantine Catholics in lieu of any other for the forty days of Easter.

This is the Resurrection Day. Let us be enlightened by this Feast and let us embrace one another. Let us call Brethren even those who hate us and in the Resurrection forgive everything and let us sing: Christ is risen from the dead by death He trampled death, and to those in the tombs He granted life.

Although You descended into the grave, O Immortal One, You destroyed Hades' power. You arose as a Victor, O Christ God. You exclaimed to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice! You gave Peace to your apostles and granted resurrection to the fallen.

Today all things are filled with light...Earth and Heaven and the world beneath. Let all creation celebrate the Resurrection of Christ. In Him is the firm foundation of all things!

CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD!