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DIVINE SERVICES THIS WEEK

Please note: Only Sunday Liturgies will be live-streamed.

Daily services will be offered privately, as per our Bishop's directives.

PASCHA APRIL 12	9:00am Livestream	RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD Resurrection Matins followed by Divine Liturgy of Pascha Health & Blessings for Terezia Barna (90 th birthday) by her family and +Stephen Chabra by his family
Bright Mon. April 13	8:00am	For the intentions of the faithful
Bright Tues. April 14	8:00am	+John & Eleanore Vasel by son, Bob
Bright Wednesday April 15	8:00am	Health & Blessings: Terezia Barna with Moleben (90 th birthday) by Olga & Vladislav Kandravy
Bright Thur. April 16	8:00am	+Paul Vasil by George & Olga Lohan
Bright Fri. April 17	8:00am	+Henrietta Horvath by Michael Horvath Family
Bright Sat. April 18	8:00am	+Michael & Helen Petričko by Karl & Helen Fentross
ST THOMAS SUNDAY April 19	9:00am Livestream	+Anastazia Zielonka by the Zielonka Family and +Alexander Kochbarski by daughter Karen

WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: *The Ill and homebound:* Fr. Marcel, Fr. Jody, Mary Kurucz, Marion Beck, Paul Kozmoski, Michael Gimon, Michael Hrehovčik, Diane Rabiej, RJ Fedor, Lucille Filliman, Eva Croneberger, Donald Milne, Helen Rock, Ann Gupta, Deborah Kochbarski, Vilma Babin, Margie Szost, Mary Kovach, Eleanor Chabra, Kenny Dec, Helen Popovich, Julia Lacek, Mary Ann Halik, Carson Kenworthy, Joanne Graf, Stella Madey, Conor Haag, Miguel Marrero, Diane Borowski, Gerald Kerzetski, Nancy Salch, Beth Savage, John Mihalecsko. ***Preparing for Baptism:*** Maximus Andrew Groszew.

Our Seminarians: Deacon Paul West, Subdeacon Timothy Fariss and Alan Blehl (Archd. Phila.).

YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS FOR APRIL 5: \$3330.00. Your parish relies on your regular attendance and consistent sacrificial offerings. ***IT TAKES \$7000.00 each week to operate St Michael's Cathedral, Chapel, and Rectory and to provide ordinary services to parishioners.*** Factoring in the income from the school lease *we still need \$3750 in offerings each week.* Our Lord challenges us to sacrifice from our substance, not skim off our surplus. "Put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, and see if I do not open the floodgates of heaven for you, and pour down upon you blessing without measure!" (Malachi 3:10). **THANK YOU to everyone who has taken the trouble to get their offerings to St Michael's!**

UPDATE: FLOWERS FOR PASCHA ARE OFFERED IN MEMORY OF: Anne Wargo, Joseph Kapusta, Theresa Spur, Paul and Mary Fejko, Henry and Margaret Waak. Flowers are arranged in the Cathedral to beautify our online services. Thank you to all who donated.

ST MICHAEL'S IS NOW ACCEPTING YOUR SACRIFICIAL OFFERINGS ONLINE: Go to our website, www.stmichaelsarchangel.org, click on the "Donate" button, and you will be directed to a safe, encrypted site. You may use a bank account or a credit card to make your offering. You can also set up a recurring (weekly or monthly) offering amount. All online donations will be recorded for tax purposes, just like your envelopes.

VIČNA LAMPA DEDICATIONS: April 5 - 28 *At the Cathedral:* +Karen Hrina by the Szluca family. *At the Chapel:* +Joseph Kapusta by Elaine & Ronald Kapusta. ***Our Lord remains present in His Church even when we cannot be there. The Vična Lampa continues to burn as a reminder of His presence and our prayers.***

OUR FOOD PANTRY REMAINS OPEN to serve our needy neighbors. We thank everyone who has brought food throughout the week. You may bring food offerings weekdays between 9:30am and 1:30pm.

COVID-19 MEASURES: By mandate of our Bishop, St Michael's Cathedral is closed for public liturgical services. **ST MICHAEL'S PARISH REMAINS OPEN FOR PRAYER, WORSHIP, LEARNING AND SERVICE.**

- Sunday Divine Liturgies are being live-streamed. Copy and paste this URL to your browser: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfGN9bRHQ2BbVvjI5sLQPIg>
- The Office is open weekdays from 9:30 to 1:30 for all your needs.
- The Cathedral is open for private prayer, confession and communion by appointment. Just call ahead.
- Set aside a prayer time and prayer place in your home. This is an opportunity to rediscover family prayer.
- Do you have children? Congratulations! You're now a home-schooler! Set aside some time each week to work through your child's ECF text, the lives of the saints, or one of our parish's home school texts. Call or email the Office to obtain the Home School text for Lent and Pascha if you don't yet have one from 2017. Call or email the Office for more recommendations of available books for study with children. ECF classes via Zoom are going very well. Parents will be contacted regarding upcoming sessions.
- The Food Pantry is open and continues to serve our neighbors so long as YOU continue to support the Food Pantry. We always need peanut butter, grape jelly, canned meat, rice, dry beans, spaghetti, chef Boyardee, mac and cheese, and cereals (including oatmeal). You may deliver to the Food Pantry during office hours or by appointment.
- Watch our Website and Facebook page for updates and links to spiritual enrichment and information.
- Stay connected!!!! If you are not receiving emails from your parish, email us and you will be added to the list.
- Please set aside your weekly sacrificial offering just as you would if you were physically coming to worship. Hand delivery, US Mail, or online giving are all possible.
- Pray for each other and support each other by phone calls, emails and offers of help.
- Father Jack is available for communion calls to housebound parishioners. For the moment, nursing homes are off-limits, and hospital visits may be restricted to absolute emergencies. Catholic hospital chaplains should be available on-site for such emergencies. Call the Office and Father will do as much as he is allowed to do.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION THIS WEEK: Fr. Jack will record daily brief study sessions on the Gospel accounts of our Lord's Resurrection. They will be uploaded to our YouTube channel and can be viewed at your convenience. <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfGN9bRHQ2BbVvjI5sLQPIg>. Use the "comments" option for questions and input. All are welcome to participate! Have a Bible with you to watch.

WE EXTEND CONDOLENCES to the families of +Mary Ann Halik, +Joseph Tomcho, +Mary Maier, and +Joseph Dempsey, who entered into eternal life this past week. Christ is risen!

MAKE BRIGHT WEEK BRIGHT ALL WEEK!

The entire seven days of Bright Week are free from fasting. Enjoy your kolbasi and ham on Wednesday and Friday too!

Make these traditional paschal hymns part of your daily prayer all week:

Troparion: Christ is risen from the dead. By death He trampled Death and to those in the tombs He granted life. Christos voskrese iz mertvykh, Smertiju smert' poprav, I suščim vo hrob'ich život darovav.

Kontakion: Although You descended to death, O Immortal One, You destroyed Hades' power. You arose as a victor, O Christ God. You told the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice! You gave peace to Your apostles and granted resurrection to the fallen.

The Irmosy of the Paschal Canon of St John Damascene

It is the day of Resurrection! O people, let us be enlightened by it. The Passover is the Pascha of the Lord, since Christ our God has brought us from death to life and from earth to heaven; therefore, we sing the hymn of victory.

Come let us partake of a new drink not miraculously produced from the barren rock but from the fountain of immortality springing up from the tomb of Christ. In him is our firm strength.

Let Habakkuk speaking in behalf of God stand with us at the divine watch. Let him show us the brilliant angel who proclaims: 'Today salvation comes to the world for Christ, being almighty, is risen.'

Let us rise at early dawn and bring to our Master a hymn instead of myrrh and we shall see Christ, the Sun of Righteousness, who enlightens the life of all.

You descended into the realm of death O Christ, and have broken ancient bonds which held the captives. You arose from the tomb on the third day like Jonah from the whale.

God, who saved the Three Youths from the furnace has become man and suffered as any mortal but his Passion clothed his mortality with the splendor of incorruption. He is the only Blessed One, God of our fathers, and is worthy of all praise.

This is that chosen and holy day, feast of feasts, most solemn day, only king and lord of all Sabbaths, on which we ever praise Christ.

The Angel exclaimed to her, 'Full of grace, rejoice O pure Virgin. Again I say rejoice! Your Son is risen from the grave on the third day and has raised the dead. Rejoice, all you nations! Shine in splendor, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord is risen upon you. O Zion, now dance and be glad; and you, pure Theotokos, rejoice in the resurrection of your Son.

Having beheld the Resurrection of Christ, let us adore the all-holy Lord Jesus, who alone is sinless. We bow to Your Cross, O Christ, and we praise and glorify Your holy Resurrection. You are our God, and beside You we recognize no other and we invoke Your name. Come, all you faithful! Let us bow to the holy Resurrection of Christ since through the Cross joy has come to all the world. Ever blessing the Lord, let us extol His Resurrection; since He, having endured the Cross, has destroyed Death by His death.

THE PASCHAL HOMILY OF ST JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

If anyone is devout and a lover of God, let them enjoy this beautiful and radiant festival.

If anyone is a grateful servant, let them, rejoicing, enter into the joy of his Lord.

If anyone has wearied themselves in fasting, let them now receive recompense.

If anyone has labored from the first hour, let them today receive the just reward.

If anyone has come at the third hour, with thanksgiving let them feast.

If anyone has arrived at the sixth hour, let them have no misgivings; for they shall suffer no loss.

If anyone has delayed until the ninth hour, let them draw near without hesitation.

If anyone has arrived even at the eleventh hour, let them not fear on account of tardiness.

For the Master is gracious and receives the last even as the first; He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, just as to him who has labored from the first. He has mercy upon the last and cares for the first; to the one He gives, and to the other He is gracious. He both honors the work and praises the intention.

Enter all of you, therefore, into the joy of our Lord and, whether first or last, receive your reward. O rich and poor, one with another, dance for joy! O you ascetics and you negligent, celebrate the day! You that have fasted and you that have disregarded the fast, rejoice today! The table is rich-laden: feast royally, all of you! The calf is fatted: let no one go hungry!

Let all partake of the feast of faith. Let all receive the riches of goodness. Let no one lament their poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one mourn their transgressions, for pardon has dawned from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free. He that was taken by death has annihilated it! He descended into Hades and took Hades captive! He embittered it when it tasted His flesh!

And anticipating this, Isaiah exclaimed: "*Hades was embittered when it encountered You in the lower regions*". It was embittered, for it was abolished!

It was embittered, for it was mocked! It was embittered, for it was purged! It was embittered, for it was despoiled! It was embittered, for it was bound in chains! It took a body and came upon God! It took earth and encountered Heaven! It took what it saw, but crumbled before what it had not seen!

O death, where is thy sting? O Hades, where is thy victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown! Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen! Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice! Christ is risen, and life reigns! Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in a tomb! For Christ, being raised from the dead, has become the first-fruits of them that have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and might unto the ages of ages. Amen.