

Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA

**SAINT VLADIMIR
CATHEDRAL**

Parma, Ohio



Archpastor
His Eminence Archbishop
† DANIEL

„Christ is Risen from the
dead, trampling down
death by death, and upon
those in the tombs
bestowing life!”

**CATHEDRAL
BULLETIN**

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**Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!**

To friends and visitors who worship with us today,
A sincere welcome is extended and we cordially
Invite you to attend all the services of this church.
To all who worship here, this is the House of God.
Leave it not without a prayer for yourself, your
Congregation and for those who minister.

Sunday, April 8, 2018

READINGS

Epistle



Gospel



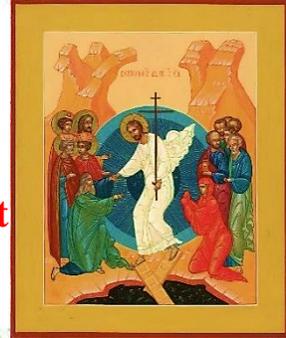
Acts 1:1-8

St. John 1:1-17





**Pascha – Easter Sunday
Resurrection
of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ**



Schedule of Altar Boys for Sunday, April 15th:

ONE bilingual Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.: Group #2 – David Greaves, Logan, Luke & Landon Mroczka.

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Schedule of Greeters for Sunday, April 15th:

ONE bilingual Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m.: Group #5 – Ms. Melanie Nakonachny, Mrs. Emily Wobser

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Calendar of Events for the week of April 8th:

- Bright Monday** - 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy
- 4:30 p.m., Art classes
- Bright Tuesday** - 9:00 a.m., Divine Liturgy
- 7:00 p.m., Monthly Board of Trustees meeting
- Bright Wednesday** - *NO Moleben*
- 5:30 p.m., Ukrainian Dance School, Bandura School & Art classes
- 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., Library Hours
- Bright Friday** - *No Fast*
- Saturday** - 9:00 a.m., Ukrainian School
- 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Library Hours
- 5:00 p.m., Vespers
- Sunday** - *St. Thomas Sunday*
- 9:00 a.m., One bilingual Divine Liturgy, followed by the annual parish Spilne Sviachene dinner
- Memorial service for deceased loved ones following the dinner

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Next Sunday - St. Thomas Sunday – our parish will hold its annual Spilne Sviachene (post Easter dinner) immediately following the one bilingual Divine Liturgy at 9:00 a.m. This beautiful Ukrainian tradition is held in all our parishes and brings the parish family together to enjoy our Paschal foods. This year, the Board has decided to request that everyone who participates in the dinner makes a free-will offering for the meal. Tickets will not be sold but your free-will donation for the meal will be greatly appreciated. Plan to attend and invite a family member and friend to join you for the Divine Liturgy and dinner.

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CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The days of Great Lent are now past and the glorious Feast of Feasts – Pascha – Easter – is upon us once more, bringing with it its powerful proclamation of Christ's triumph over sin and death and the promise of our own victory and eternal life.

There is no more joyous day in the year than Pascha. Pascha is the season of hope, a time when our spirits are lifted by the knowledge that Christ is the Master of death and evil. Probably never before has this message of Easter been more needed than it is today. Any one of us could easily fall victim to despair as we view the condition of the world at the present moment, especially in our ancestral homeland Ukraine.



But Pascha tells us that all is not lost, that Christ who conquered sin and death watches over us and is concerned about us. He who rolled back the stone guarding His resting place can turn aside evil forces menacing our world and our personal struggles in life if we will but turn to Him as Our Lord & Savior.

We at St. Vladimir Cathedral sincerely welcome everyone to this morning's service and extend an invitation to those who have no spiritual home, to join us in celebrating Christ's Resurrection every Sunday. Please do not hesitate to contact our clergy if you have any questions or needs.

On this glorious Feast of Feasts, on behalf of Pani Matka Mary Anne and myself, I sincerely greet His Eminence Metropolitan Antony and His Eminence Archbishop Daniel. I also greet Fr. Michael & Pani Matka Anna, Protodeacon Ihor & Pani Matka Iryna and their families, our Board of Trustees, members of our choirs and all parish organizations, our dedicated staff and beloved parishioners and their families and all visitors to St. Vladimir's Cathedral parish.

May Our Loving Lord & Savior Jesus Christ bestow upon you and your loved ones His choicest blessings, especially spiritual happiness, good health and a peaceful life.

Chrystos Voskres! Voistynu Voskres!

- Fr. John

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Going Back to the Old-Fashioned Way

In an effort to reduce the cost of our parish dinners, our Board of Trustees is requesting volunteers to help prepare, serve and clean up for our Spilne Sviachene dinner next Sunday, April 15th. By doing these tasks, as our parents and grandparents did in the early years of our parish, we hope to save hundreds of dollars. Please volunteer to help. For more information, contact Board President, Mrs. Daren Jogan. * * * * *

Thank You! God Bless You!

~ to Mrs. Lydia Schkurko, Mrs. Vera Malysz and Mr. Serhij Nahornyj for collecting donations during Great Lent for the flowers which adorn our Church this morning.

~ to all who made donations for the flowers, to Mrs. Carole Holobinka for directing the decorating of Christ's Tomb and to those parishioners who came to church on Good Friday to help arrange them, as well as to everyone who helped to clean the parish grounds.

~ to the Kolodiy-Lazuta Funeral Home for their annual donation of the palms that are placed around Christ's tomb.

~ to all men, women and children for their participation in the processions around the church and to Mr. Michael Dobronos for arranging for proper order of the processions and to all who carried banners.

~ to all Brotherhood members for watching over Christ's Tomb on Holy Saturday.

~ to all who delivered Easter baskets to parishioners in nursing homes and to our Youth Minister, Mrs. Mary Ann Sklaryk, for organizing this project and preparing the baskets.

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Couples contemplating marriage are reminded that they **MUST** call the rectory and speak to the parish clergy before setting a day and making arrangements with a hall. There are Lenten periods during the year when marriages are not permitted by our Church. To avoid any disappointment and misunderstanding, please call the rectory before finalizing the date. Also, anyone contemplating marriage outside the Orthodox Church should contact the clergy to have their marriage blessed in the Orthodox Church. To be in communion with the Orthodox Faith, all marriages must be blessed by the Church. Also, couples are reminded that it is against the teachings of the Orthodox Church to live as husband and wife (co-habitation) without a Church marriage. Co-habitation – common law relationships – are a sin and such couples are not permitted to receive Holy Communion until they have a Church marriage. If you need any assistance, please contact Fr. John or Fr. Michael

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Please note that, because of the joy of the Paschal Season, there is NO kneeling in church from Pascha until Pentecost Sunday

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Want to live eight years longer? Christmas & Easter alone won't help!

GO TO CHURCH! According to a study by the Centers for Disease Control & Prevention, people who go to church regularly live eight years longer than those who go infrequently or not at all!

(As printed in The Plain Dealer)

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Please notify the clergy if a family member is admitted to the hospital. Remember – only the Parma Hospital notifies the clergy of any parishioners admitted and then, only if the parishioner registers as a member of St. Vladimir's. Also, parishioners who would like a home visit are asked to contact the clergy and make their wishes known.

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On Monday and Tuesday, following the services, volunteers are requested to take the beautiful flowers to our shut-ins. Please ask the clergy for the name of a shut-in that you could visit.

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Parents planning the Baptism and Chrismation of their children are reminded that godparents confess the Orthodox Faith on behalf of the child. One godparent **MUST** be an Orthodox Christian in good standing – receive Confession & Communion at least once a year and must attend Liturgy on a regular basis. The other godparent *must* be Christian, baptized in the name of the Holy Trinity. For more information, contact Fr. John or Fr. Michael.

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With the hundreds of faithful who consider St. Vladimir Cathedral their spiritual home, it is impossible for the clergy to know the particular spiritual needs of every individual. Your parish fathers remind you to contact them for any of your spiritual needs. Never hesitate to approach them.

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Prayers and get well wishes go out to all our parishioners in hospitals, nursing homes and shut-ins at home. May the Resurrection of Our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ, comfort them in their time of illness and may they feel His loving presence always and know that they are always in our thoughts and prayers.

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With the Federal HIPAA laws in effect at all medical institutions, it is difficult for the clergy to locate parishioners who have been transferred from the hospital to a rehab facility. Since some parishioners do not have families or their families are not known to the clergy, it is impossible to find out to which rehab facility they have been transferred. Since the ministry of visiting the sick is a very important one, please be sure that the clergy is contacted with the name and address of the new location.

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We welcome all visitors to St. Vladimir's Cathedral!

We are honored by your presence and look forward to seeing you again!

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Remember to bring your voice with you when attending services on Easter / Pascha. We will be singing "Chrystos Voskres!" "Christ is Risen!" for 40 days. The words can be found on a special paper in each pew.

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Proper Times to Cross Yourself...

- ... when you hear the words "Father, Son and Holy Spirit."
- ... when you are blessed with the Holy Gospel, the Chalice and the Cross.
- ... before and after the Gospel reading.
- ... when venerating the Cross or Icon.

You should NOT cross yourself when blessed by the priest, with his hand – just bow. Also, you should NEVER cross yourself when receiving Holy Communion. The movement of your hand may hit the chalice or the spoon that the priest is holding.

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Thank You!! God Bless You!!

You may have noticed that our parish office in the church vestibule has undergone a complete remodeling, from new tile floors, fresh paint and new shelves for our bookstore. This was all accomplished by loving and dedicated volunteers of our parish. We most sincerely thank the following individuals for their hard work: Protodeacon Ihor, Volodymyr Humeniuk, Roman Humeniuk, Zenon Chopko, Jack Burscu, Michael Jogan and Orest Mahlay. May our Lord bless them with his choicest blessings. *Mnohaya Lita!*

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Giving to the Church is Loving God!

Please be generous to the financial needs of our parish. Remember St. Vladimir's in your will and request donations to the parish in lieu of flowers at a funeral. Let your love of God be reflected by your love and desire to support His Holy Church.

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We invite the many faithful who regularly attend our Sunday Liturgies, but are not official parishioners, to consider joining our parish. For more information on this matter, please contact Fr. John.

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In every pew are the words and music for different arrangements of the Paschal Tropar "Christ is Risen! Chrystos Voskres!" Use them to sing along with the choir and cantor. Until the Eve of the Ascension, we will sing these songs at every church service. How beautiful and moving it is to hear the entire congregation, including our youth, singing in unison.

ARTOS

The most important of all the Paschal Foods that we bless on this Feast of Feasts is the Resurrection Bread, still called by its Greek name “Artos”. This loaf is baked with an icon of the Resurrection etched into the dough or set on top of it. This bread represents the Risen Christ, the True Bread of Life.

Followers of Judaism eat unleavened bread on Passover to symbolize the rush in which they had to prepare the food for their original Passover, leaving Egypt to travel to the Holy Land– from slavery to freedom – the new Passover, from death life. The Christian Pascha (which means “Passover”) calls for Orthodox Christians to bless this special loaf of leavened bread because Christ’s Resurrection raises all creation, just as yeast raises the dough in bread. Indeed, all creations shares in His Resurrection.



The Artos is blessed today at the end of the Liturgy. After the final blessing next Sunday, on St. Thomas Sunday, it is distributed to all the gathered faithful. At this service, the priest hands a piece of the Artos to all the faithful. This Artos reminds us that Christ, the True Bread of Life, has served as the Paschal (Passover) Lamb which was slain and sacrificed for our sins, giving us freedom from sin and death, which had held humanity captive since the sin of Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden.

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The annual St. Thomas pilgrimage at our Diocesan Center in South Bound Brook, New Jersey, will take place, this year, on the weekend of April 22nd – 23rd. Thousands of our faithful attend this pilgrimage. The schedule of events for that weekend is posted on the school bulletin board. Why not consider traveling to New Jersey to celebrate the Resurrection of Our Lord with our fellow Ukrainian Orthodox Christians at our Diocesan Center?

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Q. Which is a more proper term to use for the Resurrection of Christ – Pascha or Easter?



A. Pascha is a more Traditional, Meaningful, Theological, Proper and Correct term for the Resurrection of Christ. Easter, if correctly understood, may be used but is not recommended. Easter is most definitely derived from the old English word "eastre" which means "east". This word (eastre) was used to describe the holiday of dawn-goddesses (which was celebrated in the spring-time) of many pagan cultures including the English. If this is so, it is better for us to use the original term Pascha than Easter – which is probably

a pagan term.

On the other hand, if we consider that sun comes from the East and takes us from darkness into light as Jesus Christ brought us from death into life everlasting, then maybe we can use the term Easter. First of all, please consider this. Pascha comes from the Hebrew word "Passover" and has been a term used from the time of the first Christian Church. The Christian Church transformed the Jewish Passover, which celebrated the freeing of the Hebrew people from Egyptian captivity, into a feast which commemorated the death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, which freed humanity from the bondage of death, sin and evil.

The English word "Easter" is not a biblical word and, furthermore, it is thought to be a translation of the name of the Anglo-Saxon spring goddess "Eostre", which is the goddess of fertility. The symbol of this goddess was a bunny. It would be logical to assume that the Easter bunny, as well as other bunny symbols, come from it – unfortunately. It is amazing to note that almost all of the languages except for English use the derivative of Pascha for the Resurrection of Christ.

Also for you to know – the Resurrection of Christ is also called in Greek "Lampra" which means "The Brightest Day of all."

- *The Diocesan Observer*

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PLEASE NOTE ...

As is the tradition in our parish, adult parish membership and financial responsibilities begin at the age of 18, after high school graduation. However, any students going to college are exempt from these financial obligations until they, too, have graduated. At that point, it is the responsibility of the individual to request a transfer of membership from juvenile to adult. This is done by contacting Fr. John. As always, if there are any financial difficulties where one is unable to fulfill this obligation, simply speak to the clergy. Unfortunately, too often young adults forget about their responsibilities to God's Holy Church. Parents and grandparents are urged to remind the youth of this important aspect of parish life. For more information and to answer any questions, please contact Fr. John.

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SIGNS OF THE RESURRECTION

The Orthodox Church manifests Her faith in the Resurrection of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ in many symbolic ways:



1. The Royal and Deacon's Doors on the Icon Screen – Iconostas – remain open for the entirety of Bright Week. This reflects the intimate relationship which exists between earth and heaven, divine and human which has resulted from the God-Man, Jesus Christ, embracing Death and trampling it into nothingness! The sanctuary symbolizes the Kingdom of Heaven, the nave (the body of the Church), this earth. There is no barrier between them now that Christ is risen from the dead.
2. Orthodox Christians should greet each other by saying: **“Christ is Risen! Chrystos Voskres!”**, and answering, **“Indeed He is Risen! Voistinu Voskres”**, during the entire forty days of Pascha.
3. The tomb in which our Crucified Savior was lain is still decorated with flowers, but now bears the icon of the triumphant, risen Christ.
4. Orthodox Christians remain standing for all their prayers from Pascha / Easter until Pentecost (50 days), be it public worship or private prayer. This upright position is the one proper for those who share in Christ's Resurrection, the entire universe should stand aright and in awe of the gift of Resurrection and eternal Life we have received as the fruits of His Third-Day Resurrection.
5. Everything in the church is adorned with white, the color of Resurrection. Believers also used to wear white to services during this Paschal season.
6. There is **no fasting** during Bright Week, the week following Pascha.
7. All our prayers should begin with the Paschal Tropar: **“Christ is risen from the dead trampling down Death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing Life,”** recited three times (or, better yet, sung).
8. The first food we should eat after partaking of the Body and Blood of Our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ at the Paschal Divine Liturgy is our blessed paschal foods. These foods reflect the richness, glory, bounty and blessings of God poured out on the universe of His Resurrection.
9. We should share our bounty and blessings with those who are less fortunate than we. We should also proclaim His Resurrection with our lives as well as our words by living exemplary lives which reflect our risen status.
10. The Holy Cross is draped with the white burial shroud left behind in the empty tomb by the Risen Christ.

Christ is Risen!

**Attend Church every Sunday as a Family
and unite with Our Lord in Holy Communion.**

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Church Office Hours: Monday thru Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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