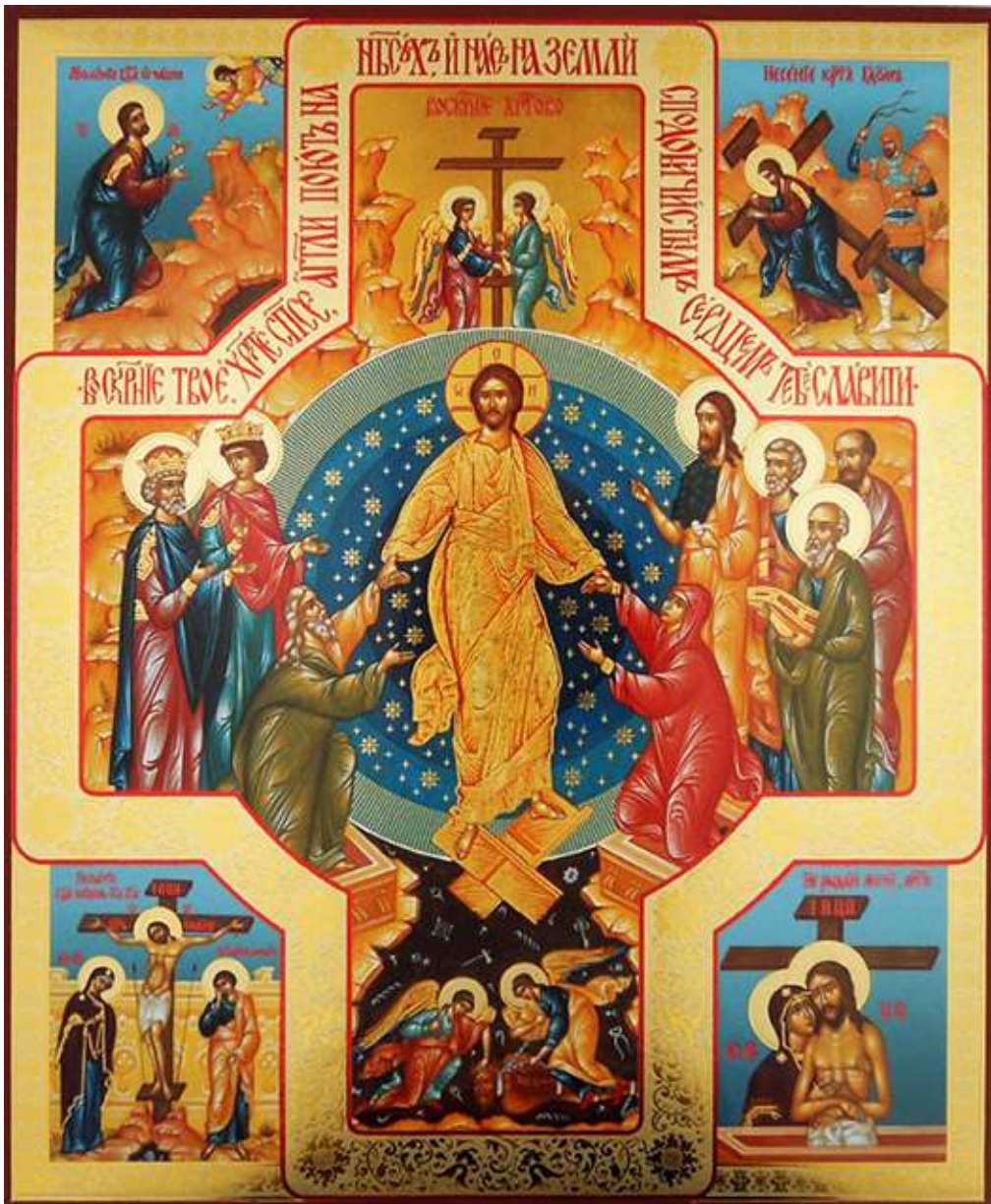


April 5, 2015



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SCHEDULE:

Sunday:

Rosary 8:30 am

Matins 9:00 am

Divine Liturgy 10 am

Vespers, 4:00 pm

Saturday: Great Vespers 5:00 pm

Bright Week:

Monday Divine Liturgy 6 pm

Tuesday, Divine Liturgy 9 am

Wednesday, Divine Liturgy 6 pm

Friday—Divine Liturgy 6 pm

Saturday—Divine Liturgy 10 am

OLPH Devotions Wednesday 5:30 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 10 am – 4 pm

Thursday & Evenings by appointment.

Parish Advisory Board Members:

Dorothy Curl, Dave Dark, Lubomyra Kmetyk,

Brian Fitzpatrick, Harry DeLap

Parish Finance Council Members:

Matthew Blain & Eva Schuler

Confession Schedule (Mystery of Reconciliation):

9:30-9:50 am on Sundays, after weekday Liturgies, or
by appointment with Father

Mysteries of Baptism/Chrismation/Eucharist:

Must be arranged three months in advance.

(Pre-Jordan requirement)

Mystery of Crowning (Matrimony):

Must be arranged six months in advance

(Pre-Cana requirement)

Anointing of the Sick on Sundays before
hospitalization

For emergencies, call immediately.

Eastern Christian Formation Program:

All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for
45 minutes

Theosis:

2nd & 4th Thursday

6 pm Potluck Dinner

7 pm Bible Study

Knights of Columbus meet the first Monday of the
month at 7:00 pm

April 5, 2015
Resurrection of Our Lord
 Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9; Gospel: John 12:1-18

Today	9:00 am	Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends Blessing of Easter Baskets; Blessing of Artos Fr. Chris: For my benefactors & helpers
Monday April 6	Bright Monday/Solemn Holy Day 6:00 pm	Epistle: Acts 1:12-17 & 21-26; Gospel: John 1:18-28 Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends followed by procession around the church with reading of the four Gospels Blessing of Artos Fr. Chris: Intention of Bishop Gerald Dino
Tuesday April 7	Bright Tuesday/Simple Holy Day 9:00 am 6:15 pm	Epistle: Acts 2:14-21; Gospel: Luke 24:12-35 Divine Liturgy; For the Santa Maria Family by Christy & Lorcan MacMurchadha Blessing of Artos Fr. Chris: Intention of Gary Henry Family CAFE meeting at UNM
Wednesday April 8	Bright Wednesday 5:30 pm 6:00 pm	Epistle: Acts 2:22-36; Gospel: John 1:35-51 OLPH Devotions Divine Liturgy; Intention of Dawn Ford Blessing of Artos Fr. Chris: Intention of Agnes Adamsko and Ann Rajala
Thursday April 9	Bright Thursday Epistle: Acts 2:38-43; Gospel: John 3:1-15	
Friday April 10	Bright Friday 6:00 pm	Epistle: Acts 3:1-8; Gospel: John 2:12-22 Divine Liturgy; Intention of Dawn Ford Blessing of Artos Fr. Chris: Blessings for Father Artur
Saturday April 11	Bright Saturday 10:00 am 5:00 pm	Epistle: Acts 3:11-16; Gospel: John 3:22-33 Divine Liturgy; Intention of Dawn Ford Blessing of Artos Fr. Chris: Intention of James Lyle Family Great Vespers with Litija
Sunday April 12 Canned Goods Collection	St. Thomas Sunday 8:30 am 9:00 am 10:00 am	Epistle: Acts 5:12-20; Gospel: John 20:19-31 Rosary Matins Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends Mirovanije & Blessing of Artos Fr. Chris: Intentions of Lilian and Peter Haddad

***Physician and Help of those in sickness, Redeemer and Savior of the infirm;
O Master and Lord of all, grant healing to your servants. Be clement, show mercy to those
who have sinned much, and deliver them, O Christ, from their
Iniquities, that they may glorify Your might divine!***

Fr. Julian Gnall

Fr. Anthony Romero



Roy Smith
Sven & Barbara Svensson
Michele Koetter
Abraham Haddad
Lillian Murphy
Stephen Horner
Demetrius Yackanich
Jenny Ford
Marilyn Fore
Robert Hasaka
Frank & Martha Arden
Pricilla Hughes
Sharif Rabadi
Katrina Anderson

Paola Terlaza
Henry Zuggler
John & Margie Disque
Phillip Fall
Walter Jakymiw
Olga Bodnar
Frances Brannan
John Deflice
Kristoff Rajala
Jordan Smith
Marge Merrills
Theresa Doherty
Maggie Batsel

Carla Matthes
Laura Dominguez
Robert Zadel
Joseph Koetter
Mary Nell Preisler
Jackie De Paolis
Donny Terry
Mary Murphy
Lorraine Hubbell
Quintin Santamaria & Family
Heather Mattax
Larry Bennett
William Frank

*Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful weapon
against sin, and for healing.*

**The Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary are now said every day through
All Saints' Sunday (June 3 this year).** As we sing in the Easter Irmos:
"Rejoice in the Resurrection of your Son!"

*If you recite the Rosary at home, please offer these intentions, and join us
on Sunday at 8.30 am.*



Intentions of the Rosary

- 1st Decade:** Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states
- 2nd Decade:** Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 3rd Decade:** Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve
the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 4th Decade:** Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them
- 5th Decade:** Healing of the sick in body, mind and soul

Holy Father's Intentions for April

Universal: Creation—That people may learn to respect creation and care for it as a gift of God.
Evangelization: Persecuted Christians—That persecuted Christians may feel the consoling presence
of the Risen Lord and the solidarity of all the Church

*Those who recite the Akathist to the Mother of God or the Rosary receive a partial indulgence when
they do so in private, plenary indulgence when they do so as a group*

The canned goods collection will be on Sunday, April 12, and **NOT** on April 5. Please bring your donations for the Friars of the Renewal kitchen that serves the poor and homeless every Wednesday on Thomas Sunday. Thank you for your generosity!

THEOSIS

Thursday, April 16
6 pm--potluck dinner
7 pm--Bible Study: Ephesians



VOCATION ICON

Today: Donlin
Next Sunday: Riley

The OLPH women's Book Group will be meeting at Cindy Loescher's house for (potluck) Brunch on April 18th from 10am to Noon.

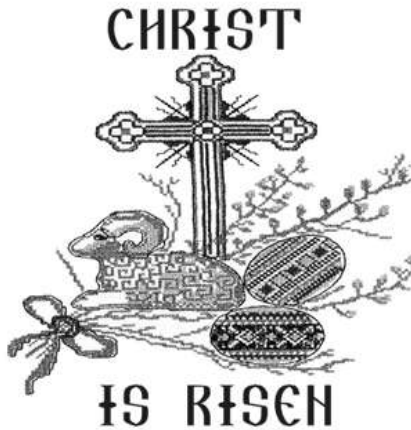
We will discuss the book: *The Great Divorce* by C.S.Lewis (available on Amazon for \$7.90). *The Great Divorce* is a "profound meditation on good & evil [heaven & hell] & what God really offers us". For more information call Lara Davis@ 710-1181.

Date	Reader	Trojca	Greeter	Counter	Host
4/12	Dave Dark	Sarah Brewer	Open	Open	Open

Barbara's Hall Report:

Well, I was sick last week, but here is what I was told that went on in the hall: Lilian Haddad brought a Middle Eastern buffet, with all kinds of great food, including some delicious anise cookies!

Pam Pettit brought a bunch of cupcakes to celebrate the birthday of Tessa Pettit who just turned 21! I always call Tessa my first baby, because she was the first baby born after we joined the parish. May God grant you many more years, Tessa!



To all of our guests this weekend: Welcome to our Parish! If you live in the area, please consider making this your spiritual home in New Mexico. Our church offers a rich liturgical prayer life, solid Catholic teaching, and a broad range of activities for all ages. These include Eastern Christian Formation (ECF) for children (Sunday School) and adults (Theosis- 2nd and 4th Thursday), Choir, Knights of Columbus for men, Ladies Retreat and Book Club, Altar Servers for men and boys, Trojca Holders for ladies and girls, and Greeters.

If you are interested in joining our parish, please make an appointment with our pastor, Fr. Artur Bubnevych, or stop by the office and ask Ann Rajala for a registration form.

What is Byzantine Catholic? We follow the Byzantine rite, which comes from eastern Europe and the old Eastern Roman Empire. Our parish is part of the Eparchy of the Holy Protection of Mary of Phoenix, under Bishop Gerald Dino, appointed our bishop in 2007 by Pope Benedict XVI, which itself is part of the Pittsburgh Metropolia.

This is the national organization of the Byzantine Catholic Church in America as established by Pope Paul VI in 1969. ***Our Church's roots are in the missionary work of SS. Cyril and Methodius in central Europe in the 9th century, and now we continue their missionary work in America, bringing the richness of the ancient traditions of the Christian East to the modern world. Join us in fulfilling Jesus' command to preach the Gospel to all nations!***

Both Fr. Artur and Fr. Chris are open for Liturgy intentions. Please contact either priest. The usual offering is \$10, but they are happy to pray for you and your intentions no matter what you can give.

Easter Season Greeting for the next 40 days:

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Arabic: Al Maseeh Qam! Haqqan Qam!

German: Christus ist auferstanden! Wirklich ist Er auferstanden!

Greek: Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!

Hungarian: Krisztus feltámadt! Valóban feltámadt!

Slavonic: Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!

Try to use this greeting when visiting with one another, in person or on the phone (or internet!) and give our conversations a distinctive Byzantine flavor!

This week is Bright Week! The Resurrection Celebration continues with Bright Monday Liturgy at 6 pm: please consider coming tomorrow night for this special service and its procession of the Four Gospels. In this very ancient practice, older even than the Pascha procession, the four accounts of the Resurrection are proclaimed to the universe at the four corners of the church. Also, Resurrection services of Bright Week continue.

How many days are in Bright Week? Hmm, is this a trick question? While there are seven, the Church considers this whole week to be the Eighth Day - the time of the Messiah! This is the new creation, a foretaste of the heavenly paradise and its unending joy.

This week we use the Easter Propers, and especially "Let God Arise and Let His Enemies Be Scattered."

No fasting this week! Enjoy meat and dairy products every single day.

"Heavenly King" is NOT sung until Pentecost, and is replaced with the Easter Troparion: "Christ is risen from the dead"

All of the Doors of the iconostas remain open this week in order to symbolize that through Jesus' saving Death and Resurrection, the gates of heaven are now open to everyone. The open Royal Doors represent the open tomb of Jesus, and the opening of the Holy Place in the Temple after the curtain was torn "from top to bottom" at Jesus' death. They will be closed again after the Liturgy of Saint Thomas Sunday.

The special Artos bread is a Pascha loaf that is set aside for distribution on St Thomas Sunday. It symbolizes the Resurrection, and when it is given out next Sunday, the Paschal Troparion and verses from Resurrection Matins are sung again by the choir. Jesus said: "I am the Bread of Life; He who comes to me shall not hunger" (John 6:35), a verse referring to the Holy Eucharist. In the Resurrection appearances, Jesus appears at the breaking of the bread, at Emmaus and in the Upper Room. So too we will find Him in the breaking of the Artos next Sunday.



The Feast of the Resurrection is our Feast of feasts and the basis of our faith. St. Paul says that if Christ is not raised from the dead then our faith is in vain. (1 Cor. 15:14).

The dominant icon for Easter is not of the bodily resurrection of Jesus, but rather the "Descent into Hades". The Descent into Hades is not an event that was seen, it is a "painting of theology," as Father Alexander Schmemmann says, which corresponds to the meaning of the event, and is based on the bible's account of Jesus descending into the abyss to deliver the souls of the Just.

The icon of the Descent is very simply an image of Christ, the Victor". . . Trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life." It is an icon rich in meaning. It takes place in Hades, also called Sheol. The term Hades should not be confused with the word hell, as generally understood as opposite of heaven. Hades is a term used in the Old Testament to describe the place where all the dead go; whether righteous or evil. The icon shows us the very depths of the earth, a gaping black abyss, the place referred to in the Old Testament precisely as Hades.

Upon His death, Christ descended into the regions of Hades. A verse on Ps. 119 sung during the Matins of Holy Saturday says, "Wishing to save Adam Thou didst come down to the earth; not finding him on earth, O Master, Thou didst descend to Hades seeking him." The hymns of Holy Saturday commemorate His presence in Hades and the chanting of Ps. 119 and its verses marvel at His condescension. The fact that Christ appears in Hades is a wonder, "O life, how canst Thou die?" (Verse on Ps 119.) It is also a confrontation between He who is Life, and death itself, the last enemy (1Cor 15: 26).

The theme of Christ's death is always interwoven with His Resurrection, and this message pervades all our Church services, especially, those of Holy Friday and Saturday. So the icon of Christ's death is that of victory. Acts 2:24 says that it was impossible for Him to be held by Hades power.

He appears not as a captive but as the Victor. In the icon He appears in luminous golden robes in the middle of a halo, the symbol of glory, with rays of light issuing from Him.

The icon shows "that Hell was embittered" when it met Christ. Often this is symbolized by two angels binding Satan. The verses on "Lord I Call" for Holy Saturday all speak vividly of this: "Today hell cries out groaning" and "hell shuddered when it beheld Thee."

He holds in his left hand either a scroll, the message of the resurrection or the cross, now the symbol of Victory. With His right hand He raises Adam from the grave and with him Eve and all those who await His coming,,: King David, Solomon, John the Forerunner, Moses and the prophets. "Hell has been captured and Adam recalled, the curse has been annulled and Eve set free." (Theotokion-Vigil for the Resurrection)

Christ's descent into Hades is the final abasement in His self-emptying. He takes on all of our human nature so that it can be saved, and not only saved but glorified as well. By descending into Hades He has opened to Adam, and to us, the "path to the Resurrection. We sing in Ode 1 of the Paschal Kanon, ". . . for from death to life and from earth to heaven has Christ our God led us."

We exalt the "beginning of another life" But the Resurrection is not the end of His saving work, for in His Ascension, He took our nature with Him into Heaven.