

ST. NICHOLAS BULLETIN

Sunday, April 16, 2017

Epistle, Acts. 1:1-8. Gospel, John 1:1-17

Feast of Feasts: Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ
Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Easter Bright Week Services *(There is no fasting during Easter Bright Week!)*

Bright Monday 9:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy: Reading of Four Resurrection
Gospels and Procession
Bright Tuesday 9:30 a.m., Bright Divine Liturgy

EASTER EGGS will be blessed and distributed today at the end of the Divine Liturgy. Special thanks to our Sunday School teachers for preparing the Easter eggs.

DURING EASTER BRIGHT MONDAY, a special Easter Feast Meal (Love Meal) will be held following the service. Everyone is asked to bring a special Easter Paschal food.

BLESSING OF GRAVES *(Weather permitting)*

Sunday, April 23 2:00 p.m., Fellsburg Cemetery
2:30 p.m., Monongahela Cemetery
Sunday, April 30 2:00 p.m., Memorial Park Cemetery
3:00 p.m., Charleroi Cemetery

ALTAR TABLE CANDLES (7) (Easter Sunday) offered by Ralph and Ina Prystash, in memory of parents, John and Anna.

ANALOI TABLE CANDLES (7) offered by Sandy Carroll, in memory of members of the Ruev family.

ALTAR TABLE CANDLES (7) (Palm Sunday) offered by Adam and Kyra Zewe, in loving memory of our beloved infant son, Jack.

EASTER FLOWERS FOR THE HOLY ALTAR TABLE OFFERED by Fred and Caroline Ruev (In memory of departed members of the Ruev and Vukich families) and Jim and Vera Hays (In memory of members of the Hays and Boncorasky families). Memory Eternal!

SPECIAL DONATIONS

\$300, "O" Club (Special Easter offering)

\$100, Patty Brletich and Eileen Chiprich (In memory of departed parents, Marie and Harry Scrip)

Thank you for your kind offering to the Church!

OUR SINCERE THANKS to Albert Hanna for repairing and restoring the Easter Triple Candle Holder, which has been broken for the past few years. Thank you for your kindness. May the Lord's blessings be upon you!

The Miracle of the Resurrection of Christ

The Resurrection of Jesus Christ is the fundamental truth and absolute fact of the Christian faith. It is the central experience of the Church. It confirms the authenticity of Christ's remarkable earthly life and vindicates the truth of His teaching. It seals all His redemptive work: His life, the model of a holy life; His compelling and unique teaching; His extraordinary works; and His awesome, life-creating death. Christ's Resurrection is the guarantee of our salvation. Together with His Ascension, it brings to perfection God's union with us for all eternity.

The Resurrection made possible the miracle of the Church, which in every age and generation proclaims and affirms "God's plan for the universe, the ultimate divinization of man and the created order." The profound experience of and the unshakable belief in the risen Lord enabled the Apostles to evangelize the world and empowered the Church to overcome paganism. The Resurrection discloses the indestructible power and inscrutable wisdom of God. It disposes of the illusory myths and belief systems by which people, bereft of divine knowledge, strain to affirm the meaning and purpose of their existence. Christ, risen and glorified, releases humanity from the delusions of idolatry. In Him, grave-bound humanity discovers and is filled with incomparable hope. The Resurrection bestows illumination, energizes souls, brings forgiveness, transfigures lives, creates saints, and gives joy.

The Resurrection has not yet abolished the reality of death. But it has revealed its powerlessness (Hebrews 2:14-15). We continue to die as a result of the Fall. Our bodies decay and fall away. "God allows death to exist but turns it against corruption and its cause, sin, and sets a boundary both to corruption and sin." Thus, physical death does not destroy our life of communion with God. Rather, we move from death to life—from this fallen world to God's reign.

REMEMBER the SICK and SHUT-INS in your prayers.