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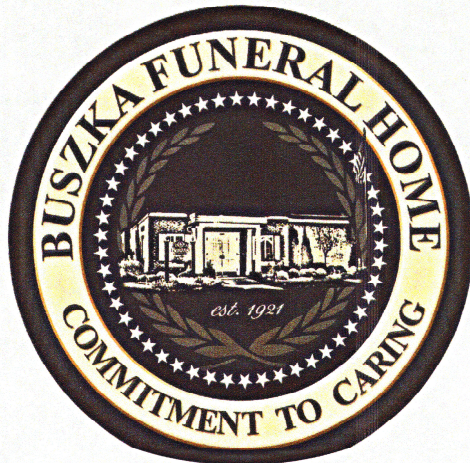


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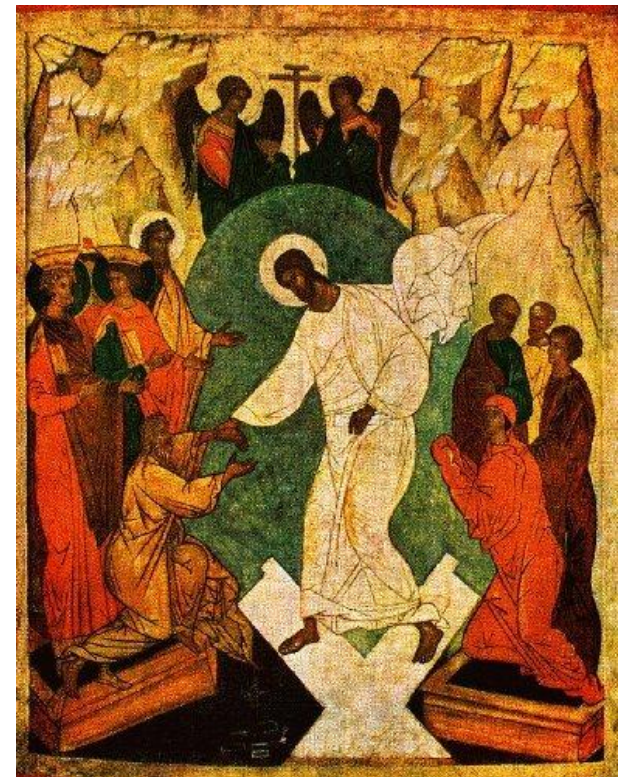
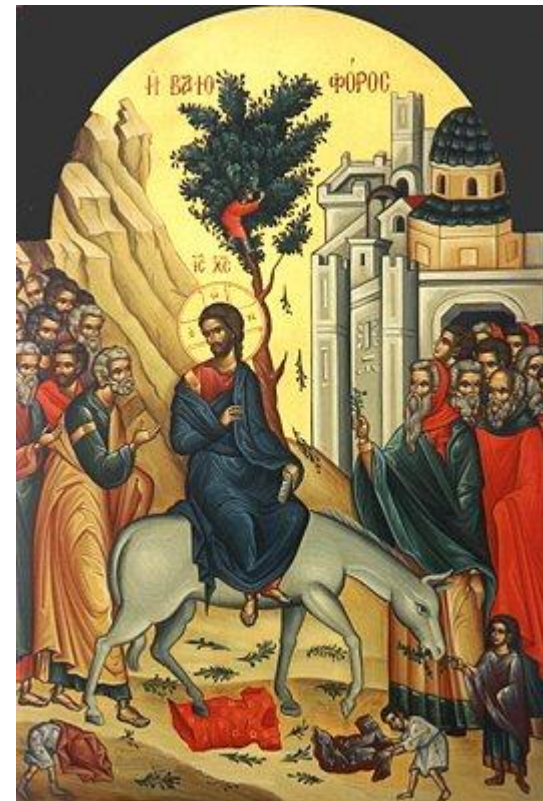
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April 8: EASTER – ВЕЛИКДЕНЬ

6:15 AM Nadhrobne - Надгробне
6:45 AM Matins – Воскр. Утренья
8:00 AM Easter Liturgy – Літургія
12:00 PM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

Mon., April 9 – Пон., 9 Квітня

9:30 AM Світлий Понеділок
Bright Monday

Tue., April 10 – Вівторок, 10 Квітня

9:30 AM Світлий Вівторок
Bright Tuesday

From Wed, April 11 – Середа, 11 Квітня
to Saturday, April 14 – Субота, 14 Квітня
See Julian 6

No Sunday Liturgy at 4:30

April 15: Thomas Sunday – Св. Томи

12:00 PM For Parishioners – За Парохіян

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8 Квітня: КВІТНА НЕДІЛЯ

10:00 р. +Андрій Войчак (А. Телюк)

Середа, 11 Квітня

9:00 р. Літургія Наперед Осв. Дарів і
сорокоусти

Великий Четвер, 12 Квітня

10:00 р. Літургія Св. Василя Вел.
6:15 в. Утренья Страстей–12 Євангелій

Велика П'ятниця, 13 Квітня

5:30 в. Виставлення Плащаниці

Велика Субота, 14 Квітня

3:15 в. і 5:45 в

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4:00 в. Літургія Св. Василя Вел.

15 Квітня: В Е Л И К Д Е Н Ї

6:15 р. Надгробне

6:45 р. Воскресна Утренья

8:00 р. Св. Літургія



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St. Nicholas Easter Dinner

Will be held on April 22, 2012

Please attend.

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Свячення церкви Св. Миколая

Відбудеться 22 Квітня, 2012.

Просимо взяти участь!

**Sunday, April 29, 2012 – League of
Ukrainian Catholics Spaghetti
Dinner to benefit the Msgr. Paul
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Св. Івана Хрестителя

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Відбудеться 22 Квітня, 2012.

Просимо взяти участь!

**On April 27 - 29, 2012, St. Basil
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The Paschal Homily of Saint John Chrysostom *(Read Each Year at Pascha)*

Is there anyone who is a devout lover of God? Let them enjoy this beautiful bright festival! Is there anyone who is a grateful servant? Let them rejoice and enter into the joy of their Lord!

Are there any weary with fasting? Let them now receive their wages! If any have toiled from the first hour, let them receive their due reward; If any have come after the third hour, let him with gratitude join in the Feast! And he that arrived after the sixth hour, let him not doubt; for he too shall sustain no loss. And if any delayed until the ninth hour, let him not hesitate; but let him come too. And he who arrived only at the eleventh hour, let him not be afraid by reason of his delay.

For the Lord is gracious and receives the last even as the first. He gives rest to him that comes at the eleventh hour, as well as to him that toiled from the first. To this one He gives, and upon another He bestows. He accepts the works as He greets the endeavor. The deed He honors and the intention He commends.

Let us all enter into the joy of the Lord! First and last alike receive your reward; rich and poor, rejoice together! Sober and slothful, celebrate the day!

You that have kept the fast, and you that have not, rejoice today for the Table is richly laden! Feast royally on it, the calf is a

fatted one. Let no one go away hungry. Partake, all, of the cup of faith. Enjoy all the riches of His goodness!

Let no one grieve at his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again; for forgiveness has risen from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Death of our Savior has set us free. He has destroyed it by enduring it.

He destroyed Hades when He descended into it. He put it into an uproar even as it tasted of His flesh. Isaiah foretold this when he said, "You, O Hell, have been troubled by encountering Him below."

Hell was in an uproar because it was done away with. It was in an uproar because it is mocked. It was in an uproar, for it is destroyed. It is in an uproar, for it is annihilated. It is in an uproar, for it is now made captive. Hell took a body, and discovered God. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took what it saw, and was overcome by what it did not see.

O death, where is thy sting? O Hades, where is thy victory?

Christ is Risen, and you, O death, are annihilated! Christ is Risen, and the evil ones are cast down! Christ is Risen, and the angels rejoice! Christ is Risen, and life is liberated! Christ is Risen, and the tomb is emptied of its dead; for Christ having risen from the dead, is become the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

To Him be Glory and Power forever and ever. Amen!



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From the desk of Fr. Ray Palko

Christ is Risen! Glory to Jesus Christ!

April 8, 2012 A.D.

Dear _____,
(Your name here, for your very own personal letter)

I hope you've been able to walk outside in the evening these past few days, or at least look out the window. The sky has been crystal-clear and just spectacular! The main attraction of that heavenly sight is the beautiful, moon, which will be growing, or as we learned in 3rd grade science, "waxing," day by day until Saturday, April 7, when we will say, "full moon." This is the springtime full moon we have been waiting for! Our date of Pascha is determined by the first full moon after the first day of spring. Sooooo...

As you know, we've already had the first day of spring on March 20. Then, when the first full moon occurs after that day, we've got the recipe for determining the date of Pascha for this year. Pascha occurs on the first Sunday, after the first full moon, after the first day of spring. And that "Special Sunday" is April 8, 2012. Blessed Pascha, my dear reader! As you read your letter today I hope you are basking and rejoicing in the radiance of this glorious day. The NFL likes to call the day their championship game is played, "Super Sunday!" Oh yeah?!! There is only one "Super Sunday" and that is the Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ! Chrystos Voskres! Christ is Risen! Voystynnu Voskres! Indeed He is Risen!

I'm writing to you on Tuesday night of Holy Week so I can get your letter to the printer on time before all the activities of this week take over. I know everyone is very busy doing all the things to prepare and get ready. And some of us will even be helping The Easter Bunny! ☺ ☺ Most of the bazaars are over, and now it's the time to begin gathering and cooking those "blessings of the earth," all the great stuff that will become the contents of our Paschal

baskets, which we will take to the church to be blessed. Those kitchen activities will spill over to the malls and super markets, so I intend to completely stay away from that madness. I hardly ever go to malls anyway, but that is another story for another day. For sure though, there will be a lot of traffic jams and just plain slow moving vehicles in the next few days. It's all mostly good, though. Everyone is getting caught up in "the Spirit of the Season" as we celebrate that great announcement once more this year: **"Why do you seek the living among the dead? He is not here. He is risen!"** Luke 24: 6

It's been a very nice, hopefully spiritually profitable, and a quickly moving Great Fast. For the little kids it's a dreadfully long time, especially if they have chosen "to give something up for Lent," but for us old people the time has zipped by as if it were yesterday. We must remember to give thanks and to glorify our Almighty God, Who, once again this year has blessed us with this amazing opportunity to walk in the desert, change our hearts and return to Him.

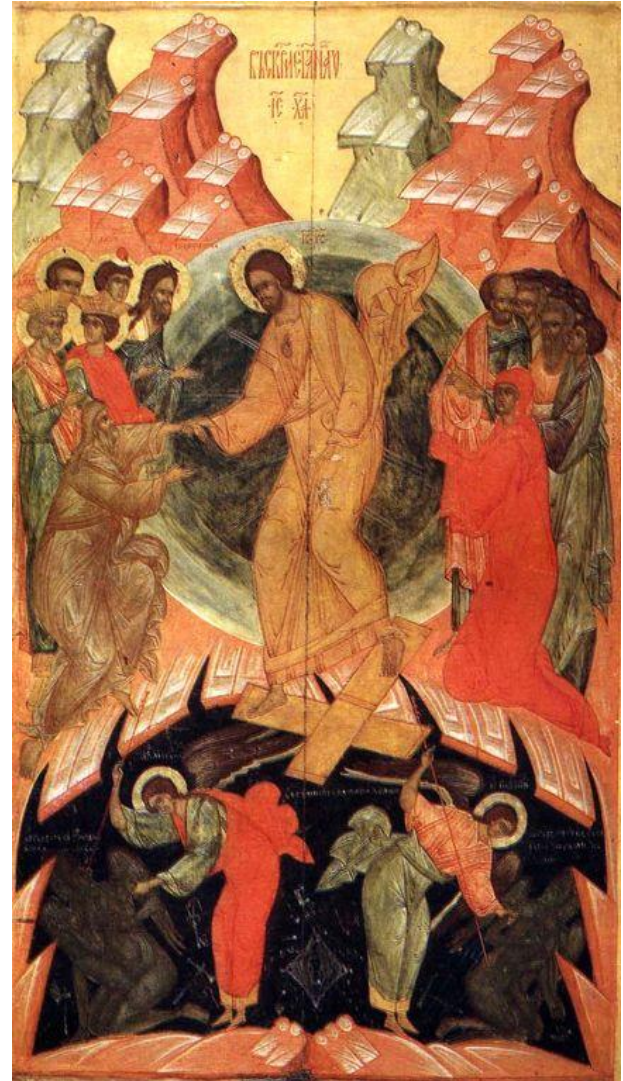
I've been loving our Paschal Pilgrimage at Holy Protection "in the Falls" and at "Four-thirty" on Saturdays at St. Nicholas. For me as priest, it has been a beautiful and inspiring time to be with "my people, whom God has given me, as we celebrated the special Sundays, feast days and fast days of this holy and blessed time of Great Lent, given to us for our spiritual benefit. It is always a great joy to see our community of believers walking hand in hand, of one mind and one heart and going up to Jerusalem to die with Him, and then running to the tomb on Sunday morning and finding out that it is empty for He is risen as He foretold.

In "the Falls" there were always 8 to 10 people attending the weekday and Saturday services. And on Sundays the usual crowd of 20 to 25 gathered for the Liturgy and that time of spiritual renewal. My St. Nicholas "4:30 people" were also diligent in their attendance each week. Excellent pilgrimage!

There have been two important additions to Holy Protection. The first is readily noticeable when you come to the gates of the churchyard, for you will see that a new access ramp has been constructed for those who have a hard time walking up stairs. It is an amazing job! This ramp was constructed during the late winter months, **from start to finish** by our faithful and devoted parishioner, Mr. Stefan Hlywa. May he be blessed for his kindness and generosity, and for using his God-given talents in charity to all who will ever use the ramp. We thank him and pray "Mnohaja Lita, Steve!"

The second addition is inside the church. When new building was completed in 1975 a plaque was installed on the vestibule wall upon which were engraved the names of the bishop, contractor, architect, trustees, etc. Over the years, somewhere and somehow, the plaque disappeared from the wall and was lost and almost forgotten. Recently the Bluey children became aware of the plaque and its disappearance and took up the project to have it replaced as a special birthday gift to their Dad, because his name was on it, and also as a tribute to Mr. Hlywa, who was trustee along with Michael Bluey at the time of construction. This little project with a great big meaning is a great reminder of the hard work, dedication and sacrifice of Mike and Steve and all who worked to build our beautiful church and all who have "kept it going" over the years. **Thanks Bluey kids!**

We say we are happy and joyful in the Resurrection as we celebrate these great days. Because we are healthy and are surrounded by loving family we can rejoice in The Day! Thank God for His blessings that we can say that! On this Great Day we also remember that all of us can't say that. Some are sick, scared, grieving, in dire circumstances, family apart, etc., etc. Many are not, or are having a hard time being joyous today. Let us pray fervently for them as our Easter present that they may know the love, peace and joy of the Risen Lord! We send our love and prayers to all and say: "This is the Day the



Lord has made! Let us rejoice and be glad in it!" Or: "Because my Redeemer lives, I can face tomorrow." Blessed Pascha, my dear one!

Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen!

In the love of the Risen Lord,

Fr. Ray

Fr. Ray

З радія "Милосердний Самарянин"

Вчора був празник Благовіщення. Давши згоду на народження Сина Божого, Пречиста Діва Марія погоджується і на вигнання у Єгипет, і на славу Квітної неділі, що саме нині прославляємо і на меч болю, який прошиє її душу на Голготі, про що будемо розважати на Велику П'ятницю. Прославляючи зачаття Сина Божого від Святого Духа і Діви Марії, ми вшановуємо покору Божої Матері, з якою вона цілковито віддалася під опіку Божого провидіння.

При тому слід згадати, що ми також маємо свої благовіщення, своє покликання, ми також є потрібні Богові. На кожного із нас Господь покладає певні завдання, яких повинні ми сповнити.

Коли ми подібно до Пречистої говоримо: «Ось я Божий слуга чи слугиня Божа, нехай мені буде по Твоїй волі», то тоді наші вчинки є немов зачаті з Духа Святого і є отим лучником між нами а Богом.

Сьогодні квітна неділя, а перед нами Христові страсті. Коли на початку цього тижня бачимо Христа у славі, що її людина задумала, то на його кінці побачимо Христа у славі згідно з Божим задумом.

Сьогодні чули ми такі слова, що їх викрикували ті, що стелили квіти,



оливкові галузки і пальмове віття перед Христом: "Осанна, благословений хто йде в ім'я Господнє. Цар Ізраїля", а на другу неділю почуємо у церкві величне: "Христос Воскрес із мертвих, смертю смерть подолав і тим що у гробах життя дарував".

Сьогодні люди радісні, велечують Христа, а за пару днів на Велику П'ятницю кричатимуть: "Геть з ним. Ми його не потребуємо. Розіпніть його."

Як така різка зміна була можливою?

Сьогодні люди думали, що Христос входить до Єрусалиму, щоб стати царем. Той, що вмів гарно гоіворити, що відкрив очі сліпому і дав слух глухому, той, що Лазаря воскресив із мертвих, безперечно може зробити, щоб і свій нарід вивести з неволі.

Очевидно Христос міг визволити від Римлян, але це не було його завданням... Він радше прийшов визволити свій нарід від гріхів, нависти їх і нас на правильний шлях.

Нарід, почувшись заведеним, і зрозумівши, що їхні сподівання не сповнилися, змінив своє наставлення під намовою священиків, книжників, фарисеїв...

Як то легко зробити щось злого під намовою тих, які гарно вмюють говорити, а їхні діла далекі від справедливості.

Важним є, дорогі в Христі, щоб і ми одного дня не прославляли когось, а вже наступного змішували з болотом. Різниця між дорогоцінним золотом а безвартісним болотом у писанні є тільки в першій букві, а у вимові тільки ще в наголосі. І так дуже легко можна перевернути одне на друге. Щось подібне і сталося у наставленні людей у подіях Квітної Неділі і Великої П'ятниці.

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What was it like for those first few hours after the empty tomb had been found, after Mary Magdalene had delivered her breathless message? It must have been a period of alarming uncertainty, half hope, half dilemma; which of us would really rejoice at the prospect of a miracle that would make us rethink most of what we had taken for granted? But into that chaos steps a figure before whose face the questions fade away, and all hope and certainty and happiness spring forth in the realization that Christ has indeed risen from the dead. Perhaps part of the message of Easter is very simply, be ready to be surprised; be ready to allow the joy of our Lord's resurrection and the promise of Eternal life to permeate deep within our hearts and souls, into even the dark crevices that daily hardships bring – until it explodes with great joy and happiness. Christian joy, the joy of Easter, is offered to the world not to guarantee a permanently happy society in the sense of a society free from tension, pain or disappointment, but to affirm that whatever happens in the unpredictable world – sometimes wonderfully, sometimes horribly unpredictable – there is a deeper level of reality, a world within the world, where love and reconciliation are ceaselessly at work, a world with which contact can be made so that we are able to live honestly and courageously with the challenges constantly thrown at us. And on the first Easter morning, it is as if the fountains of the great deep are broken open, and we are allowed to see, like Peter and John into the empty tomb, into the unexpected certainty for one moment – and find the genuine gift our Lord holds out to this world, the genuine love and happiness He brings to us with this promise of Eternal life.

When I was a child growing up, we had a neighborhood playground at the end of our street. It was fabulous because we could play there all the time, thanks to a few older, retired gentlemen who would faithfully mow the extensive lawn to maintain our playground area. Regularly, once a week these older gentlemen

could be seen on their riding lawn mowers circumventing the area foliage, trees, and flower beds through the vast acre of land. While I did not know these men very well, I pleasantly recall how one of them would sing while he mowed around the playground and baseball diamond with this wonderful operatic voice. He sang while he mowed and we kids just expected to hear his baritone songs wherever he went. This continued on for several years, until one spring a very strange thing happened; I noticed that when the same older gentleman came to mow our field of play, there was no more singing. I remember thinking it was rather strange, but I was too busy enjoying the beautiful spring day to inquire about his unexpected silence. The next week there was still no singing and strangely enough it gave me that bothersome feeling as when something is wrong or missing. On the third week, I finally asked the other men why their friend was not singing. They replied, "His wife passed away just before Easter, so now he does not have a song to sing." I remember feeling quite sad for the silent, old man, and at the tender age of ten, what did I know about life after death. I knew that Jesus rose from the dead, but did that mean that we still had a song to sing?

As we celebrate this Easter day, I suppose that we are all seeking a song to sing. Like the women who came to the tomb, like the Apostles who were in hiding, we have lost our friend, our teacher, the one we were following and now he is dead and in the grave, and we have lost our song. The stone that sealed the tomb is rolled away, but we are still perplexed and puzzled about it all. "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" we are asked. Yes, why do we? Why do we keep searching for life, love and happiness in an empty tomb? I suppose it is revealed in our faith, because much like the myrrh-bearing women who were the first to announce the empty tomb; we too come to celebrate an empty grave, because it means that we still have a song of joy to sing...

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!