



Great Saturday, April 16 квітня, Субота 3:00 PM SILENT MOB - PRAYER FOR UKRAINE 3:45 PM & 5:30 PM Blessing of the Baskets Благословення Кошиків 4:30 PM Liturgy of St. Basil STREAMING

April 17: EASTER – ВЕЛИКДЕНЬ

6:30 AM Nadhrobne - Надгробне 7:00 AM Matins – Воскр. Утрення 8:00 AM Easter Liturgy – Літургія 12:00 PM For Parishioners - За Парохіян STREAMING

Monday, April 18 квітня, понеділок 9:00 AM For the ending of the war Tuesday, April 19 квітня, вівторок 9:00 AM For the ending of the war

Wednesday, April 20 квітня, середа 9:00 AM +Aleksandra Ilkiwskyj (Family)

4:30 PM Liturgy of St. Basil (In Ukrainian – Julian)

April 24: Thomas Sunday – Неділя Томи 12:00 РМ За Парохіян **For Parishioners**

Eternal Light burns for all who suffer in Ukraine. For all soldiers. For all killed in the war.

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ПОРЯДОК СВ. ЛІТУРГІЙ		
17 квітня: Квітна Н. STREAMING		
10:00 р. +Ярослав і Галина Литвин (Влодьо і Ненси)		
Великий Четвер, 21 Квітня		
10:00 р. Літургія Св. Василія Великого		
6:00 в. Утреня Страстей СТРЕАМІНС		
Велика П'ятниця, 22 Квітня		
5:30 в. Виставлення Плащаниці STREAMING		
Велика Субота, 23 Квітня		
3:00 в. Сповідь - Confession		
3:45 в. 6:00 в. Благословення Кошиків		
4:30 в. Літургія Св. Василія БІРЕЛАМІНС		
Аргіl 24: ВЕЛИКДЕНЬ STREAMING		
7:00 АМ Надгробне		
7:30 АМ Воскресна Утрення		
9:00 АМ Воскресна Літургія		



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EASTER PASTORAL LETTER OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHS IN THE USA

Christ is Risen!

Dear Sisters and Brothers!

Great Lent-marked by the inexpressible pain of invasion, war crimes, murder, and lies about our people and our Church on the part of the aggressor—has passed. Now we see the Resurrection. Our Ukrainian people live, unite all people of goodwill, and give new meaning to Europe and the global community. In a sacramental way, we witness a paschal passage from death to life.

Today, we repeat the lofty, joyous Easter troparion: "Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and to those in the tombs giving life." The crux of our faith and our victory is found in this concise chant. The entire Gospel is a preface preparing the reader for the central story of Pascha. For "...if Christ did not rise" - thus radically writes the Apostle Paul to the Corinthians -- "then what we preach is vain, and vain is our faith" (I Cor. 15:14). Without the Resurrection, what we preach becomes a set of rules and obligations. Participation in church life sinks to the conservation of traditions and rituals, empty and lacking substance.

But the Lord is risen indeed, that we might live with Him forever!

For this reason, in his Easter sermon St. John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, author of the Divine Liturgy, which we pray each Sunday, affirms that all are to enter into the joy of the Resurrection - the rich and poor, the continent and careless, those who fasted and those who did not. The feast is so great that this is not the time to get lost in details but to focus on the main thing — Christ is Risen!

In His love for humanity, the immortal and eternal God entered fully into our lives and took on our trials and sufferings – ultimately death. Yet this is not the end of the story.

Drawing near to the tomb with the myrrh-bearing women, we discover that Christ is alive. He has come alive not like a superhero in a film or a computer game, but as the Creator and the Christ – the source of life, who taking on our death, has risen from the dead and given life to all humanity.

Life reigns, and death is vanguished. Defeating death, Christ has made us victors too. Can you believe it? In Christ we are all conquerors of death!

It is crucial to grasp this truth. Our loved ones, whose passing we mourn, are among those to whom Christ has given new life. Among those who live in Christ are the murdered inhabitants of Bucha, Borodianka, Hostomel, Mariupol, and Kramatorsk. Among the living, over whom death has no power, are the fallen soldiers who gave their lives in testimony to the greatest love. The sufferings of the brutal aggressors' innocent victims - executed, trampled, suffocated - have ended. Death, and the fear of death, rule over them no more. With the Apostle Paul they mock death: "Where, O death, is thy sting? Where, O Hades, is thy victory?" (I Cor. 15:55). They have seen death, and in Christ. its ultimate defeat.

Do we believe? Do we realize that the Lord has vanguished death, sin, and the devil, and that our sufferingshowever great and painful-are temporary, for death no longer has power over us? Are we ready to announce the good news of God's triumph?

We appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters in Christ, to look at the event of the Resurrection not only through the prism of our beautiful and profound rituals and traditions, but to focus on the essence of the Easter message for each of us who face death: Christ is risen from the dead, with His humble death on the cross He has overcome death, and with His sacrifice. He has given life to each of us.

Let us proclaim Christ's Resurrection and our own!

+ Borys Gudziak Metropolitan Archbishop of Philadelphia of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in the USA And all the bishops

PLEASE SHARE:

Buffalo News Letter to the Editor: We must Help Ukrainians as they Battle Russians by Dianna Derhak

Dear Editor,

How is it that there are crazy Ukrainians all over the world sending massive amounts of aid to Ukraine? ... Everything from combat armour that requires a license to life saving medical supplies to highly specialised equipment. We live parallel lives.

Being Ukrainian is your first job and you never outgrow it. My parents generation and the generation before them were forced out of their homes by war and oppression. They created a civil society to support each other, to proudly share the Ukrainian culture and contribute to the community fabric across the world. If you take a liking to us, we will pull you into our world and make you our family and honorary Ukrainian.

If you see your bleary eyed Ukrainian neighbor receiving deliveries and then packing them into the trunk taking them somewhere, if in my case, their Christmas decorations are still up while the spring flowers start blooming, you'll know why.

Our people are in need. Our hearts are broken. Our only way through this despair is to help. And we are deeply moved by the goodness, kindness and generosity of friends and strangers.

If you look around... there are Ukrainian culture centers, credit unions, churches, synagogues, university research and studies programs, language schools, youth groups, women's groups, clubs, choirs, dance groups, sports groups, performing arts groups, museums, social groups, restaurants, cafes, radio and tv programs, festivals, businesses, specialty stores and church ladies making and selling pierogies (varenyky) as income streams for Ukrainian churches and as fundraisers, holiday bazaars for Easter and Christmas. This didn't happen overnight. It is the sweat equity of those that came before us and we continue and build on these legacies.

Other Ukrainians arrived more recently. Whether we speak Ukrainian or Russian, our sleeves are

rolled up and eves are filled with tears as we heave boxes and pack pallets. It is our great hope to stand on the shoulders of our parents or those that came before and give all we can during this dark time to our beloved Ukraine.

Ukraine is fighting an epic battle with evil where genocide is a tactic. Ukraine must win. The world will be a better, safer, brighter, freer and more beautiful place for it. Pray for Ukraine. Keep taking action!

Slava Ukraini! Glory to Ukraine! And SEND HEAVY WEAPONS. Governments step up. This is no time to watch at a distance. Ukraine is fighting for all of us. Ukraine's victory will usher in a new era where rule of law, peace, democracy and respect for human life has meaning.

Dianna Derhak



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Art Auction to Benefit Ukrainian American Freedom Fund's (UAAFF) Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine

With the ongoing war in Ukraine, a small group of us, Ukrainian-Americans have mobilized to help Ukraine by spearheading The Sunflowers of Solidarity Benefit Art Auction on Friday, April 29, 2022 at Dnipro Ukrainian Over 45 Contributing Artists! Cultural Center from 6-9pm. The online auction will launch on Wednesday, April 27th and will lead us into our in-person event on Friday. To date, we have 60 artists who have agreed to create an artwork inspired by the sunflower and donate it to our auction. Most of our participating artists are from the Western New York area but there is a sprinkling of artists from around the states.

The sunflower is the national flower of Ukraine but has also become a symbol of resistance, resilience, and solidarity! From the viral videos of a Ukrainian woman handing a Russian soldier sunflower seeds and telling him to put it in his pocket so that when he dies on our land. sunflowers will grow to the Ukrainian farmers hitching abandoned Russian tanks and pulling them away with their tractors - Ukrainians - soldiers and citizens, are born from these seeds and no better way for us, creatives, to stand together for peace, hope, love, and democracy than through art. Participating artists were asked to create a piece inspired by the sunflower whether it be in a representational, conceptual, or symbolic way.

In addition to the art auction, there will be a young artists' exhibition of work. A call went out to young artists (ages 0-18) to create an artwork of sunflowers to be exhibited and reproduced/printed as greeting cards to be sold as an additional fundraiser the same evening. The evening will also include a raffle, live music, cash bar, and small bites. Dnipro's downstairs bar and kitchen will be open, if anyone wants some traditional Ukrainian fare.

100% of the proceeds will be donated to The Save a Life Campaign through the Ukrainian American Freedom Foundation (UAFF). The Save a Life Campaign is an answer to the urgent request of the Ukrainian Government for specific, tactical medical supplies (kits) aimed at saving lives and helping the wounded.

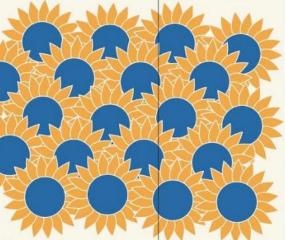
The Ukrainian American community of Western New York, working through the UAFF in Buffalo has been supporting Ukraine with medical supplies since 2014, and has already sent 30 tons of supplies to Ukraine since Putin first invaded Crimea.

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'The people of Ukraine, they don't have to imagine what life would be like under Russian rule, the oppression, the cruelty. They have already lived it.

I am absolutely sure that Ukraine will win this war, because we understand the danger that may happen with us if Putin wins."

MYROSLAV MARYNOVYCH, VICE-RECTOR OF UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY

The View From Up Here (April 17, 2022) It is the Great Day

Dear Family and Friends, according to the Julian calendar today is Palm Sonday or Flowery Sonday: "The Willow Waits For You": The sacred and black earth of Ukraine lay in a frozen sleep during the dark days of

winter. This Mother Earth was a prisoner to the frost and snows of the Ukrainian steppes, barren and lifeless. The earthy matrix of all life was herself now dead. But the warming winds of spring slowly coaxed the earth back to life in an invisible mystery of subterranean thaw and sap flow that soon showed forth in the downy white seed balls of the Pussy Willow. And when these buds appeared, the people knew that the earth was once again alive and fruitful. The

people knew and rejoiced, because now there was hope for many tomorr ows. There was new life!

And so it is with Jesus Christ! The dark earth held Him captive for three days. He was dead and buried with such a finality that even His friends and followers lost heart. The earth had swallowed Him up and smothered Him with the sleep of death. Yet, after three days, the ardor of God's love re-enlivened this same Jesus so that He was able to rise again above the prison of earth. And when His disciples saw Him and recognized their Master, they too rejoiced. For they knew that there was hope for them as well. They also could now live and die and live again! There was new Life for them! And this is why our Church blesses and distributes willows on this Sonday before Pascha. We believe in this Jesus Christ and we accept this New Life. If you are living a death-dealing winter of hopelessness, if your life is earthen and black, come and receive your willow branch and sing out your hope. For if the frozen earth can give forth the willow, if the Father can raise the Son, you too, can be raised up this Easter. The willow is waiting! The Son, Jesus is waiting for you! They are in the church this day! (Rev. Popivchak - The Way-March 1983)

AND today, according to the "New" calendar, it is Pascha, Easter Sonday! It is the Great Day!! The willow

came to be THE victory banner of the glorious Resurrection of our Blessed Lord; the symbol of His glorious Resurrection and victory of life over death and the beginning of New Life for all. Today, after our journey with Him these last days when we saw Him crucified, dead and buried now our darkness and sadness and hopelessness turn into ecstatic joy for we hear the angel saving to us as to the Myrrh-bearing women:

HRIST IS RISENI S RISEN INDEE

"He is risen. He is not here! Go and tell His disciples and Peter...you shall see Him as He told you." (Mark: 16: 6-7) We go, like those Myrrh-bearers and tell all who we meet: "Christ is Risen! He is Truly Risen!" And we celebrate the GREAT GIFT of new and eternal Life! Today we celebrate and LIVE "the Day that has no evenina!

This week I would like to give you a few "Byzantine Tidbits" about Easter:

1. It is "Velykden" or The Great Day. It is the greatest and most important Feast. St. Paul writes to the Corinthians, "And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is in vain." (1 Cor. 15) We celebrate till the Feast of Pentecost, 50 days away. Actually, we are always people of the Resurrection always and everywhere. St. Augustine said, "Christ is risen and Alleluia is our song!"

2. It is the Feast of the Holy Pasch (Passover). The Jewish Passover commemorates the night the angel of God destroyed the first-born of the Egyptians, but passed over the houses of the Israelites, whose door frames were sprinkled with the blood of a lamb. For Christians, Christ is our New Passover, from death to Life. He is the innocent lamb who gave Himself as sacrifice for the sins of the world. It is proper to call this great holy day "Pascha." Not Paska, the bread; Pascha, the New Passover.

3. When was Pascha first celebrated? From the verv beginning, Christians celebrated "SON-day", the first day of the week because Jesus rose on that day. (the Jewish Sabbath is Saturday; we have Sonday) The early Christians also called this day "The Lord's Day" and would gather every single week to "do this in remembrance of Me" as they celebrated the Eucharist. Even today, every single Sonday during the year can be

called "Little Resurrection." If we are Christians, we are in the Church to receive Holy Communion!

4. How is the Date of Pascha determined? The Council of Nicea (325) proclaimed the date would be the Sonday after the first full moon following the Spring Equinox or first day of spring. Pascha, then, is the first Sonday after the first full moon, after the first day of Spring. So Pascha is a moveable feast and can occur anywhere between March 22 and April 25th. (Tidbit: the full moon for this year was yesterday, April 16).

5. Bright Week: During the fourth and fifth centuries, the celebration of Pascha extended from one day to a

whole week, known as "Bright Week." It is meant to be as one day, from Sonday to Saturday with the hymns and services to be as one continuing service of the Resurrection. Christians baptized earlier wore their "Baptismal garment" all of Bright Week.

6. Why is the Gospel read in different languages on Pascha? This signifies that Christianity is proclaimed to all the nations of the world.

7. The Greeting: The greeting "Christ is Risen!" was spoken for the first time by the angel in the tomb. As this greeting and the answer, "He is truly Risen!" have echoed through the centuries we continue to express our iov in Christ's Resurrection and proclaim our belief in our own resurrection. Shout it out!

8. The Artos. On the day of Resurrection at Liturgy the "Artos" is blessed. This is a Greek word simply meaning "bread." However, this bread is special...a symbol of our Resurrected Lord. The "Artos" is on the tetrapod all week and is a reminder that Christ is among us. On Thomas Sonday it is blessed for the cutting and distributed to the faithful.

fast we bless foods from which we had been fasting. In this we have a celebration of the freedom of the Resurrection as we experience the spiritual joy of the gifts of the earth. It is a pious custom to take a blessed egg to the cemetery either today, or on Thomas Sonday.

10: Decorated eggs: A pious tradition tells us that Mary Magdalene appeared before the Roman Emperor. She presented him with a red egg saying "Christ is

Risen!" The egg is of course, a symbol of the new life. Just as from the dead shell of the egg new life emerges, so too, Christ came forth from the grave.

11. No Fasting: As noted above, Bright Week, The Eighth Day, The Day that has no evening, is the continuing celebration and there is No Fasting this week, not even on Friday.

12. No Kneeling: As a continuing sign of the glorious Resurrection, from Pascha until Vespers of Pentecost, fifty days from now, there should be no kneeling in the church, not even when you come for private prayers. (parts from St.John the Theologian bulletin in St. Catharines, ON and Holy Protection in N Falls

when I served there)

On this holiest of all holy days, know that we are more than just believers of the events witnessed by the guards, the women, and the disciples. His Baptism, His teachings and His commandments are our inheritance. WE are heirs to this treasure and are enriched by the graces which pour forth! We share with those who came before us, those with us now, and those

who are to come after us! In the midst of our weakness, our darkness, our sickness and suffering, our vision of hell and evil in the war in Ukraine, our shattered dreams, our tiredness; all our "if only's", our loss and despair and yes, in the midst of all this there appears HOPE this day-Life in the Risen Christ! He comes to bring the promise of Resurrection and New Life to all of us. The Risen Christ comes to lift us up from our own personal Hades! The Risen Lord brings us from darkness and despair! The Risen Christ through His unfathomable Divine Mercy, brings all of us into the Light of His Kingdom, that place where there is no sadness, no tears, no mourning, but only Life Eternal! Through His Resurrection we 9. Blessing of Food: Ahhh, so good! After the long receive the inheritance of Life Eternal! (last paragraph from bulletin Nativity BVM church Middleport, Pa... thanks favorite little sister. Chris!)

> My Dear Fellow Climber, on this glorious Great Day. we pray for all our family and friends wherever they are today, on the mountain still, or already with the Lord! "This is the Day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it! (Fr. Ray)

Christ is Risen! He is truly Risen!

Звернення Всеукраїнської Ради Церков і релігійних організацій щодо безпеки під час вшанування релігійних свят

Цього року за західним церковним календарем 17 квітня, а за східним церковним календарем -24 квітня, християни святкують Великдень. З вечора 15 квітня до вечора 23 квітня юдеї вшановують свято Песах. До кінця квітня мусульмани вшановують місяць посту Рамадан.

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Нехай Всевишній надихне мудрістю та милосердям всіх, від кого залежить вирішення цього питання.

Київ, 15 квітня 2022

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On Friday, April 29th, the Buffalo Philharmonic musicians of the Camerata di Sant'Antonio Chamber Orchestra will present WE STAND WITH UKRAINE, a concert celebrating classical music from Ukraine in support of war relief efforts. Our program will include beautiful Ukrainian works never before performed in the United States, including a symphony by Maksim Berezovsky, a fellow student of Mozart's. Of note, we are also presenting music from the Symphony of Sorrowful Songs by Polish composer Henryk Gorecki, a prayer to the Virgin Mary inscribed by a young woman on her cell wall in the Zakopane prison during WW2, which we will dedicate to the citizens of Mariupol. Of course, the orchestra will accompany our chorus in Slava Ukraini, and we invite everyone to stand and sing with us.

> Join us for WE STAND WITH UKRAINE on Friday, April 29th at 7:45 pm in St. Louis R.C. Church at the corner of Main and Edward St. in Buffalo

All proceeds from this event will go directly to Ukrainian war relief efforts

Concert admission is a free will offering. Our suggested donation is \$15.00 - ages 17 and under are free (it would be especially meaningful to see their participation)

Don't wait in line! Get advance ticket on www.eventbrite.com

