

Following the Risen Lord in All Things

Christ has redeemed us by giving Himself as our ransom; He is the price paid for every soul, and by redeeming us from death and giving us immortality He has made us His own. So now that we belong to the Lord we must follow His will in all things, not living for ourselves anymore but only for Him who has purchased us with His life. We are no longer autonomous but belong to the One who has bought us, and we must be ruled by His will. As long as death had power over us we were ruled by sin, but now that we belong to the Lord of life we must give our allegiance to our new Master. Sin must never again make us disobey Him, for that would bring us once more under the domination of the evil one and of death.

We feel bound to Christ when we know that He is, as Paul tells us, both victim and priest, that He was actually offered for us as our paschal sacrifice, and that He Himself was the priest

who made this offering to God. He gave himself up, says Paul, as a sacrifice to us. Those who realize that Christ gave himself up and became our Passover will in their turn offer themselves to God as living sacrifices, holy and acceptable. They will become spiritual oblations. Refusing to conform to the standards of the world, they will change their whole outlook so as to know the will of God, what is good, pleasing to Him, and best in every way ...

While our minds remain subject to our lower nature we are at enmity with God and refuse to obey His law ... Meditating on Christ's offering of His own blood in atonement for our sins should teach us to imitate Him and to make atonement for our own sins, mortifying our bodies in order to purify our souls.

St. Gregory of Nyssa

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Sunday – April 23, 2023

Христос Воскрес – Воістину Воскрес Christ is Risen – Indeed He is Risen

All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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Sunday April 23 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearers (For the Parish) (+Roman Marynowych from Family)
Monday April 24 10:00 a.m.	Memorial Divine Liturgy +Jane O'Shea
Wednesday April 26 9:00 a.m.	(+Damian and +Irene Fedoryka from Family)
Thursday April 27 9:00 a.m.	(Living of the Nagurney-Medwid Family from Irene)
Friday April 28 9:00 a.m.	(Blessings for Debbie Kaminski from AM Gogniat)
Sunday April 30 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Sunday of the Paralytic (For the Parish) (+Apolonia Knysh from the Bazarko Family)

IN YOUR CHRISTIAN CHARITY PLEASE REMEMBER +JANE O'SHEA IN YOUR PRAYERS

In your Christian Charity please remember our parishioner +Jane O'Shea (83), widow of +Walter O'Shea, and mother of Michael and Lisa, in your prayers. She entered eternity on April 28, 2022. Her Memorial Liturgy will be celebrated on Monday, April 24, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. in our Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family. Burial will follow at Cedar Hill Cemetery. May her Memory Be Eternal - Vichnaya Yi Pamyat!

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST PARISHIONER – ELIZABETH JEAN SHANK

Elizabeth Jean Shank newly illumined by the Holy Mysteries, baptized, chrismated, and received the Holy Eucharist this Sunday. God bless Elizabeth, her father, Tyler and her mother, Mary. *Mnohaya Lita!*

SAVE THE DATE MAY 10 – FR. MARK MOROZOWICH BLESSING AND ELEVATION

Patriarch Sviatoslav has conferred upon Father Mark Morozowich, SEOD, the honor and dignity of Mitred Archbishop. Archbishop Borys and Bishop Bohdan will bless and elevate him to this priestly rank on Wednesday, May 10, at 5:00 p.m. in our Ukrainian Catholic National Shrine of the Holy Family. More information will be coming soon.

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Robert Matthew C., Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Alice Gogniat, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Nila Iwaskiw, Kateryna Jurach, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Gina Plisiewicz, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Helen Lefcheck Torre, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

God With Us Catechism

In today's Epistle and Gospel text we are introduced to eight new figures who will play a prominent role on the early church. In some ways, we can begin to speak of a "second generation" of Christians leaders. The first generation are, of course, the Apostles. But now the Apostles need help, and the seven "servants" (deacons) are chosen from among the "many disciples" which now followed the Way. The eighth figure is that of Joseph of Arimathea, and in many ways he reveals to us today the meaning of the services of the first deacons. We know that through Baptism we are incorporated into Christ and made into his body. Each baptized Christian is called to be the hands and feet, the arms and legs, the eyes and ears of Christ. We are, through Holy Baptism, made into the revelation of Christ on earth. And each one of us is called to his ministry of salvation. Thus, when we serve each other, it is Christ who serves through us. And, when we serve each other, it is Christ himself whom we serve. Just as Joseph of Arimathea cared for the body of Christ as he took it down from the Cross, wrapped it in linen with spices and laid it in his own new tomb, the seven new deacons ordained in today's Epistle serve Christ himself in the persons of the widows, the hungry and the needy. The ministry of service, however, is not reserved for the deacons alone. Each one of us who is baptized into Christ, are called to learn from the deacons and assist them in Christ's ministry. For it is Christ who told us that he has come "not to be served but to serve." All of the members of Christ's body, if we are to live his life, must begin to live this life in service to others. Through this service, we will serve Christ himself.