

Protection of the Most Holy Mother Of God

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Pascha – The Resurrection of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ

The First Antiphon

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth! Sing of His Name, give glory to His praise! (Ps. 65:1)

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Birth-Giver of God, O Savior, save us!

Say to God: “How awesome are Your deeds! So great is Your power that Your enemies cringe before You!” (Ps. 65:2) (*Refrain*)

Let all the earth worship You and praise You! Let it praise Your Name, O Most High! (Ps. 65:3) (*Refrain*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. (*Refrain*)

The Second Antiphon

God be bountiful and bless us! Show the light of Your countenance upon us and have mercy on us! (Ps. 66:1)

Refrain: O Son of God Who arose from the dead, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

That we may know Your way upon the earth, and Your salvation among all nations. (Ps. 66:2) (*Refrain*)

Let the people give thanks to You, O God! Let all the people give thanks to You! (Ps. 66:3) (*Refrain*)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

(“Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God...”)

The Third Antiphon

Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee from before His face! (Ps. 67:1)

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!

As smoke vanishes so let them vanish; as wax melts before the fire! (Ps. 67:2a)

Troparion: “Christ is risen from the dead...”

Announcements

Fasting before Holy Communion - Please note: The general rule for reception of Holy Communion in the Orthodox Church is that one should have fasted from midnight. Of course, there are sometimes circumstances for individuals, when this general rule is mitigated. In these cases the individual should consult his/her spiritual father

Fast-free week: - Please take note, because of the joy of the Resurrection, the Church designates this week as a Fast Free Week. This means that ALL foods are permitted throughout the week. No fasting is necessary - even on Wednesday and Friday. Enjoy all the Paschal foods!

Parish Board Meeting - The regular monthly meeting of St. Mary’s Parish Board will take place tomorrow evening at 6:30 PM following Paschal Vespers. All Parish Board members are urged to attend.

PRAY FOR UKRAINE!: Clearly Ukraine is in need of our prayers. The Brotherhood of Ukrainian Clergy in the Lehigh Valley will be sponsoring weekly Moleben services for the peace and well-being of Ukraine. *The next Moleben service will be this Tuesday, April 26 at 6:30 here at St. Mary’s.* We urge everyone to attend.

Refugees from Ukraine: We are in the process of compiling a list of anyone who might be willing to provide temporary shelter for any Ukrainian individual or families that might need a home. If you, or someone you know, might be able to do so, please leave your contact information at the front office. May God bless you!

Fall Ukrainian Language Classes: These classes will be starting here at our parish soon. The classes will be open to all ages. If anyone is interested, please sign-up at the office. Mr. Ihor Mirchuk will be the instructor.

The Annual General Parish Meeting: will take place **SUNDAY; 15 MAY, AT THE END OF DIVINE LITURGY.** There are two very important issues on the agenda this year: 1) Ratification of a new set of By-Laws; and 2) Purchase of a new furnace for the church. These decisions cannot be made by the pastor and Parish Board alone. They can only be made by a general meeting of the Parish. **WITHOUT YOUR PARTICIPATION, these decisions cannot be made. ALL ARE URGED TO ATTEND.**

Medical and other supplies needed for Ukraine: - There is a list in today’s bulletin with items that are needed for Ukraine right now. We have been asked to stop collecting clothes and diapers (at least for the time being)

Administrative Assistance Needed: Volunteers are needed to help with the extra office work that we have encountered as a result of the war in Ukraine. We need a number of people who could commit to one or two sessions a week, either a morning or afternoon. Duties would include answering phone calls, taking donations, etc. Please see Vera Muzychka to sign up.

Special Limited TV Raffle: This is a special fundraising effort for our parish. One Grand Prize: a 70” Samsung HD Smart TV! Only 100 tickets will be sold. The price of a ticket is \$20 each. The drawing will be May 1. For tickets see: Brian Borsevich, Robin Bodnar, or Vera Muzychka.

Among your daily prayers, please remember: Fr. Yakiw Norton, Fr. Oleh Hucut, Fr. Vasyl Dovgan, Tanya Antoniewicz, Richard Antoniuk, Bohdan Baranczyk, John Chorney, Gloria Dunski, Joan Hepner, Peter Holowiak Eva Lazor, Mary Maksymiak, Daniel Milinichek, Michael Onushko, Rosalie Onushko Mary Ellen Mackiewicz, William Radio, Kathryn Solan, Elsie Moroz, Myroslav Kmet, Andriy Kmet, Dan Gulack. Rodney Townes, Karina Strashinsky; Katherine Cox; Gordon