

## Schedule of Divine Liturgies

Sunday	April 04 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Sunday	+Edward Kastriba (Donna and David Pandullo)
Sunday	April 11 <sup>th</sup>	1 st Sunday After Easter Thomas Sunday	+Mary Shinsky (Ellen Hornfeck)
Sunday	April 18 <sup>th</sup>	3 rd Sunday after Easter Myrrh Bearing Women	+Mihai & +Elena Chis (Mia Cotan)
Sunday	April 25 <sup>th</sup>	4 th Sunday after Easter Paralytic Sunday	+Joan Karsnak (Donna and David Pandullo)

### ***For the month of April***

Our Eternal Candle burns for + Tonsetic Family (Pauline Tonsetic)  
Our Garden Candle burns for + Parishioners of St Mary  
Our Altar Candles burn for + Karsnak / + Kastriba Families (Donna and David Pandullo)

### **Parish Announcements:**

<b>Last Weeks Collection:</b>	<b>\$ 700.00</b>
<b>Easter Collection:</b>	<b>\$ 105.00</b>
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	<b>\$ 70.00</b>

**The Church is cleaned and disinfected after each Liturgy to do our part in keeping our parishioners safe while at St. Mary.**

**Liturgy Intentions:** If you have intentions to remember or honor a loved one, please contact Donna Pandullo at (412) 973-0151 or see Samantha. Open dates remaining for 2021 are Oct 24 and Oct 31

**Candle Intentions:** We are offering intentions for the Eternal Candle, the Garden Candle and the Tall Altar Candles. Each will be \$20.00 per month. The intentions will be listed in the bulletin. Please see Donna if you would like to add an intention.

**Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!**  
**Hristos A Inviat! Adevarat A Inviat!**  
**Christos anesti! Alithos anesti!**  
**Christos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese!**

There will be no Adult Education Class on Easter Sunday. Classes will resume next Sunday 11 April 2021. Please join us then.

**PASTOR'S PULPIT OF THE GOSPEL**

What do we mean when we say, "Christ is Risen?" What happened on the first Easter Sunday? Was Christ merely resuscitated into the same condition He had been in before His crucifixion? Absolutely not! After His Resurrection, He was in a higher form. Christ rose from the dead by His own power and His body was, and is, in an exalted state!

The Acts of the Apostles (1:1-8) tells us that Christ showed Himself alive to the Apostles over a period of forty days after His Resurrection. His risen body by which He appeared to the Apostles is the same body as the one that had suffered; it bears the wounds of His torture and His crucifixion. At the same time, His body has the characteristics of a glorified one, not limited by time or space.

We can be assured that the Lord's Resurrection happened just as the Holy Bible tells us. He truly died on the Cross and was buried. A seal was set across the huge stone closing His tomb. A Roman Guard was posted to keep the disciples of Jesus from removing the body and then proclaiming His Resurrection. Research has revealed that a Roman guard was made of well-trained and heavily armed men, who were under a death threat if they did not do their duty. Yet, the tomb was empty on the morning of the third day. Jesus' followers could not have stolen the body. Only the power of God could open the tomb and empty it, and this happened by means of Christ's Resurrection.

Easter is the triumph of Christ's saving plan for our salvation! God's self-giving love is boldly offered to all of us in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! We can see that it is infinite and beyond our imagining. It is the greatest love that has ever existed! The Gospel of St. John (1:1-7) tells us that if we believe in His name, we will become the children of God. In His Resurrection, we have been given this wonderful grace!

What does the Resurrection of Our Lord mean for us personally? We know that each one of us is both body and soul combined together into one person. We also know that when we die, the soul, if we are God's friend, enters into the Heavenly Kingdom. But what happens at the end of time? For those who die in the grace of God, the Resurrection of Christ is the guarantee of their own resurrection to a glorified body.

Christ's Resurrection is the model of our redemption and of our bodily resurrection on the Last Day; His Resurrection is the means by which we receive this great grace. What should be our response to His love?

Christ should reign first in our hearts! His sacrifice on the Cross and His Resurrection is the greatest moment in history and a great gift! We should accept this great gift and turn our lives over to the Lord.

Our thanks should be given to a wonderful and loving God, Who has given us so much even though we are not deserving. Jesus triumphed over sin and death! Christ is Risen! Happy Easter, Father George

Next week's Scripture: Acts 5:12-20, John 20:19-31

**Your fervent and continuing prayers are requested for:** Calvin Cramer, Rosemary Gerondites, Teresa Maglicco, Alan Medved, Laurie DuVal, Fr. Matthew Elanjileth, Helen Dragos, Kathleen Gibbs, Andrea Vigue, Joseph O'Gurkis, Jennifer Wolf and Children, Ron Willard, Jason Kritkos Sr. Caritas Wendt All those serving in Armed Forces and Civil Authorities, along with All First Responders, and all those Affected by the Coronavirus.

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Members: John Gibbs, Kathleen Gibbs, Ben Kastriba, Sam Kastriba

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