

April 17th, 2022
Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

SUNDAY, 4/17 **8:15 am** Easter Procession
 8:30 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:00 am Resurrection Matins
 11:00 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention
MONDAY, 4/18 **9:00 am** Divine Liturgy for special intention
TUESDAY, 4/19 **5:00 pm** Divine Liturgy for special intention
WEDNESDAY, 4/20 **8:00 am** Divine Liturgy for special intention
THURSDAY, 4/21 **5:00 pm** Divine Liturgy for special intention
FRIDAY, 4/22 **8:00 am** Divine Liturgy for special intention
SATURDAY, 4/23 **5:00 pm** Divine Liturgy for special intention
SUNDAY, 4/24 **8:30 am** Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
 10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

Announcements

1-We Stand with Ukraine Fundraiser

Join us on **April 24, 2022** to support Ukraine through a family-friendly fundraising event. We will be selling food and hosting activities from 11 AM to 5 PM. We will also be collecting physical items (in new condition) for donation. **If you would like to volunteer, contact Charito (770)-728-5334 or Lucy 404-310-3251.**

2-DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Beginning on Good Friday, as a source of great grace, the Divine Mercy Novena is a recommended private devotion.

On April 24th, Thomas Sunday, right after the 8:30AM Divine Liturgy, we will gather at our Divine Mercy Shrine for a prayer service in honor of the Divine Mercy.

EXTRACT FROM EASTER PASTORAL LETTER
OF HIS BEATITUDE SVIATOSLAV

Beloved in Christ!

This year we approach the Pascha of Christ in the midst of particular challenges, suffering, cruelty, indignities, and ruin. For our people, in Ukraine and abroad, it would seem that the cross of our Lord was abruptly thrust upon our shoulders from the very beginning of Great Lent, and we have already been carrying it not for a day or two, a week or two, but continuously, day and night. For us, Holy Friday has become our daily bread, our everyday reality, and we do not know when the glorious day of victory over evil, hate, and violence will come. However, precisely today our Lord calls on us to have no doubt in the victory of light over darkness, life over death, truth over falsehood, and He assures us of His love and grace. From Him, our Risen Saviour, we draw strength in the midst of our suffering today. He is the source of our hope. Therefore, together with the apostle Paul, we say today: “We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair... For we who

live are always being given over to death for Jesus’ sake, so that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh” (2 Cor. 4:8,11). In that spirit with confidence, we greet one another with the victorious salutation: Christ is risen! Truly, He is risen!

You have descended into the depths of the earth, O Christ...

In His suffering and death on the cross, Christ descends into the depths of our fallen human nature. Accepting the worst cruelty—betrayal, unlawful condemnation, mockery, spitting, strikes in the face, scourging, and killing (see Mk. 10:33-34), the Son of God takes upon Himself all the consequences of human sin. He touches the furthest distance from God, the worst human downfall, the greatest defacement of dignity, for which mankind was created. Possibly, this week in the context of war, when we read or listened to the Passion Gospels, we especially felt and experienced all that our Lord underwent for our salvation.

At the same time we have become aware of how human nature remains fallen, how the devil continues to control human beings, who have no God in their hearts. He who sows hatred and instigates war against one’s neighbour, opposes the Almighty. All war is a clear manifestation of the ruinous, murderous action of the devil, for only the evil one is able to spread fear and carry death in such a manner, is able to inflict such wounds, and destruction, and pain, and loss. And even when the path to recovery and healing of trauma may seem distant, closed, or unpassable for those suffering, we must remember that with the Risen Christ there is nothing that cannot be conquered or healed.

The war of Russia against Ukraine is the latest war of a prison of nations that seeks to reestablish itself before our very eyes. The occupier once again brings to us chains, with which entire generations of our ancestors were fettered. The chains that bound the arms of Cossacks who built Saint Petersburg. The chains that for centuries bound the intellectual and ecclesial life of Ukraine. The chains of serfs, chains of the Holodomor, chains of millions of deported and exiled Ukrainians, whose bones are strewn across the vast Siberian expanse “to the ends of the earth.” The ideologues of Russia’s war against Ukraine state openly that our existence is a mistake of history—one that must be rectified precisely through “eternal bonds” of death and destruction. This is a war against the very right of the Ukrainian people to its own history, language, and culture, to its own independent country, its own existence.

From a spiritual perspective it has become clear how our aggressive neighbour is unable to cast aside his false idols and how in them he continues to pursue his greatness at our cost. With his cruise missiles, bombs, and artillery shells, he seeks to instill fear, to drive us into the depths of the earth and non-existence, to bind us with eternal chains. And precisely in those underground shelters a miracle takes place—one of common prayer, selfless help of neighbour, unbroken spirit, and of demonstrating the power of the presence of God.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Sunday collections for the weekend of 4/10/22, including envelope offerings - \$1316, donations -\$743, candle -\$129
Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$2188
Ukraine Relief Project - \$595

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Confession before or after Divine Liturgy.

Confession is recommended as a regular monthly practice. The graces received from confession are an excellent way to help us become closer to Jesus.

*THE CHURCH WAS A MOTHER TO YOU IN LIFE, PROVIDING FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS;
PLEASE REMEMBE YOUR PARISH AND THE EPARCHY OF SAINT JOSAPHAT IN PARMA IN
YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.*