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**Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!**

**Christos Voskrese!
Voistunnu Voskrese!**

April 5, 2026

Schedule of Liturgical Services at Holy Ghost

Sunday, April 5th: Pascha - *Choir* Feast of the Resurrection of Christ (Easter Sunday) with Mirovaniye. Paschal Matins & Divine Liturgy starting at 9:00 am

Pascha: page 164 **Epistle:** Acts 1:1-8 **Gospel:** John 1:1-17

Monday, April 6th: Bright Monday - Divine Liturgy 12:30 pm

Pascha: page 172 **Epistle:** Acts 1:12-17 & 21-26 **Gospel:** John 1:18-28

Sunday, April 12th: Second Sunday of Pascha (Apostle Thomas) -

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am with Mirovaniye, **offered for +Richard Toscano by Paul & Jacklyn Meehan**

Tone 7 **Epistle:** Acts 5:12-20 **Gospel:** John 20:19-31

Sunday, April 19th: Third Sunday of Pascha (Myrrh-Bearing Women) -

Divine Liturgy 9:00 am, **offered for +Robert Skalisky Jr. by Theresa Taylor**

Tone 2 **Epistle:** Acts 6:1-7 **Gospel:** Mark 15:43-16:8

For more information on the Liturgical Calendar visit the Metropolitan Cantor Institute's website at: <https://mci.archpitt.org/>



Baskets - please bring your Easter baskets to the lower hall for blessing after Easter Liturgy on April 5th.

Confessions - Fr. Vasyl is available after Liturgy every Sunday. For any **Sacramental Emergencies or Funerals** please contact Father Vasyl at (732) 621-3823.

Intentions for Sunday Divine Liturgies are being accepted for 2026. Please place an envelope with your intention in the collection basket at the back of church. The liturgical stipend is \$20.

Bishop's Appeal - is ongoing, to date Holy Ghost has contributed \$5,275 to our goal of \$7,800.00. If we meet our goal before June 30, 2026, we receive 40% of our donations directly back to the parish.

Candelabrum - Offering is \$35. Please place an envelope in the collection basket at the back of church with CANDELABRUM on the front of the envelope.

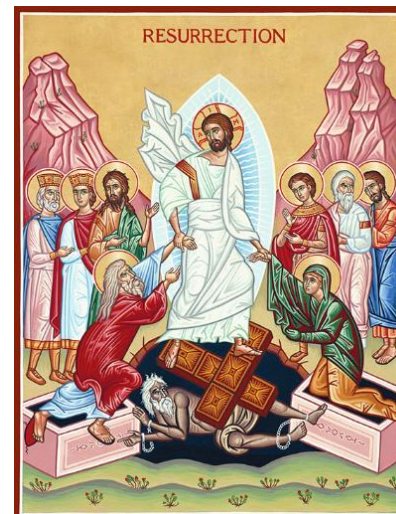
Clean Up - we'll be joining the City of Philadelphia's 'Philly Clean Up' program and cleaning up the area around Holy Ghost, painting and a general 'Spring Cleaning'. This will be on Saturday, April 11 starting at 9 am.

Lenten Donation Drive - please donate new staples/toiletries and socks to the donation box in the stairway. The offerings will be delivered on April 12, 2026.

Parish Advisory Board - will meet after Liturgy on April 12th in the Lower Hall

Rosary will be recited at 8:30 am prior to each Sunday Liturgy and before every Holy Day.

Kindly remember in your prayers the members of our parish family who are confined to home, in a health care facility or in the hospital. May Our Lord, Physician of souls and bodies, extend His healing hand to ease their pain and suffering.



For the next forty days, the icon of the Resurrection will be displayed in our churches.

The icon of the Resurrection depicts not what happened on Easter Sunday. It actually reflects what happened on Holy Saturday. It does not show Christ coming out of the tomb, like a super- hero, carrying a banner that says "I cheated death." It shows our most Merciful Lord, descending into Hades, and raising all those who had fallen through death.

(Next distribution April 19th)

Any special announcements will be published through e-mail list/social media and on our website between distributions.

The Union of Užhorod

by
Michael Lacko, SJ

A history of the Union of Užhorod was written by Fr. Michael Lacko, SJ, at the Pontifical Institute of Oriental Studies in Rome in 1955. It was translated into English by Fr Joseph Gill, SJ and published in 1966 with a reprint in 1976. For the celebration of the 380th anniversary of the union this year, an augmented edition is being published by Eastern Christian Publications, sponsored by the Council of Hierarchs of the Byzantine Catholic Church in America. In addition to the original book, a few related papal documents and speeches have been added.

The book will be launched at the anniversary celebration on April 15, 2026, at the chancery complex of the Eparchy of Passaic. The retail price will be \$30.00 but **advance orders** can be placed with your pastor at a special discount price of **\$25.00 before April 1, 2026.**

Use the Order Form below and give to your pastor with cash or check.

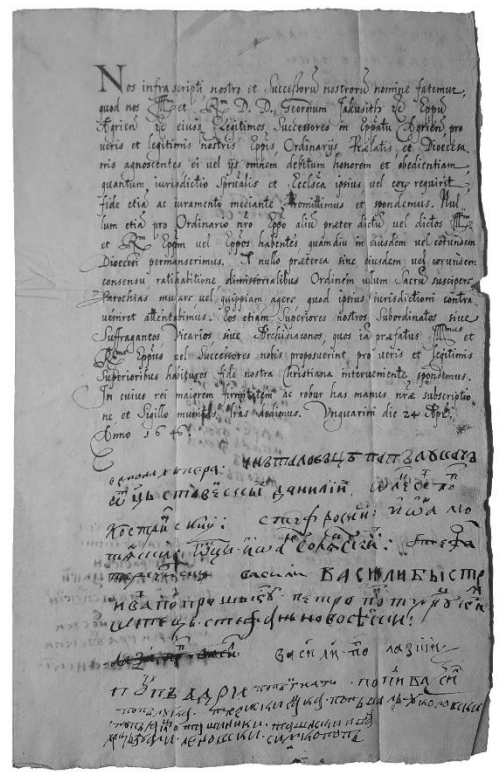
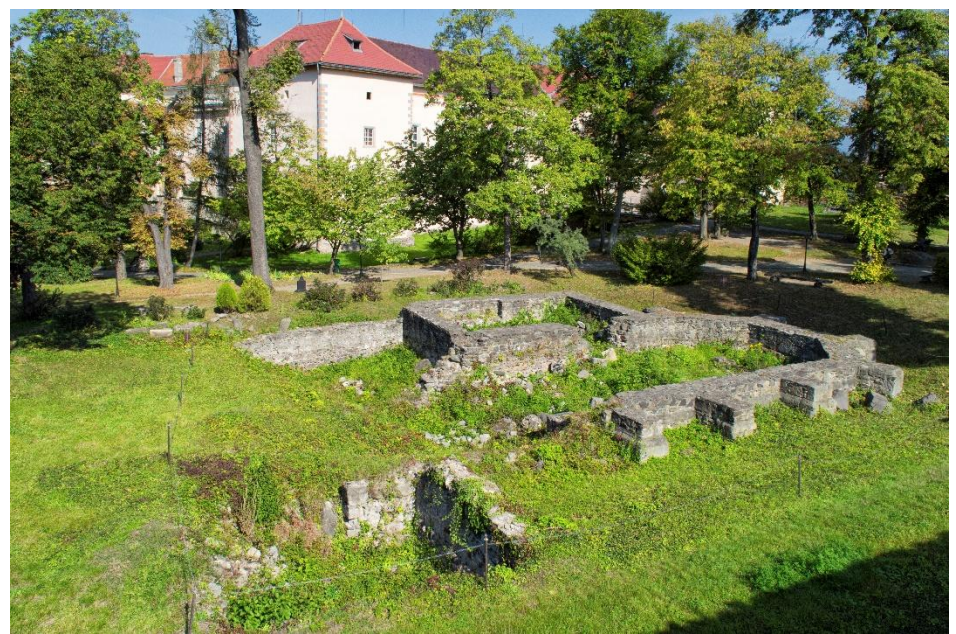


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The ward of the present-day chapel of the Užhorod Castle

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