



Holy Virgin Dormition

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Bright Resurrection 12 April 2026

SCRIPTURES FOR TODAY

Acts 1:1-8; John 1:1-17

Next Sunday, Acts 5:12-20; John 20:19-31

Vespers Saturday Evening @ 5:00 PM

Church Services This Week

Today, 12:00 Noon - Paschal Vespers

Bright Monday & Bright Tuesday, 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy

Every Saturday Evening, 5:00 PM - Vespers

Next Sunday, April 19, 10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy

Sunday School classes will resume next Sunday, beginning at
9:00 AM

Week Day Parking

Just a reminder that when parking for weekday services, use the back parking lot of the city lot. It would be helpful to place a sign on your dashboard saying that you are "In Church."

THERE ARE NO FASTING DAYS DURING BRIGHT WEEK!

Kneeling during private prayers and formal worship in the church is prohibited from the Day of Resurrection until the Feast of Pentecost. We shall be greeting each other throughout this Paschal season with the joyous proclamation: "Christ is Risen!" until the Feast of the Lord's Ascension.

INDEED! THIS IS THE DAY WHICH THE LORD HAS MADE FOR US;
LET US REJOICE AND BE GLAD IN IT!

Cemetery Visitations

Sunday April 19, 2026 -

McKeesport/Versailles - Approximately 1:30 PM

Mt. Vernon - 3:15 PM

Round Hill Cemetery - 4:00 PM

Monday April 20, 2026 -

Jefferson Memorial Park - 11:00 AM

Homestead Municipal Cemetery - 12:30 PM

Sunday April 26, 2026 -

Monongahela Cemetery - 2:00 PM

Belle Vernon Cemetery - 3:45 PM

****Please note that this schedule is dependent on the weather. All times are approximate****

Please contact Fr. Dimitri for other cemetery visitations.

When the Myrrh-bearing Women stood, very early in the morning, before the sepulcher of the Life-giver, they found an Angel sitting upon the stone. And he proclaimed unto them saying: "Why seek ye the living among the dead? Why mourn ye the Incorruptible amid corruption? Go, proclaim the glad tidings to His disciples."

Remember that only offerings made in the "Easter Christ is Risen" envelope will be printed in the gift list in next Sunday's bulletin.

Pascha 2026

Christ is Risen!

Greetings to all of you on this great day – The Feasts of Feasts, The Triumph of Triumphs! There can be no greater joy on earth than this celebration of the Resurrection of Christ

The Holy Orthodox Church has been preparing us for this great day for over two months, reminding us to be humble, to be forgiving, to be repentant, to be disciplined in our fasting. And now, today, we are called to share in the glorious festive Holy Day.

We see the entire created world celebrate today. Every human soul should be over-joyed today. See how even nature response to the Risen Lord. The trees and flowers wake from the gloom of winter and even the animals become livelier. So, we can truly say that Jesus Christ, who created everything, restores life to all. And because of His victory over death, He gives the opportunity to every sou to live forever inn His everlasting kingdom.

May the joy and peace of the risen Lord fill your hearts always.

Christ is Risen!
Indeed, He is Risen!
Archpriest Dimitri D. Ermakov

Flowers

George & Dorothy Klipa
Priatko Family
Ronald Demay Family

Altar Candles

Dolores Vidil, Memory of Steve & Nettie Janicki.
Arthur Vidil, Memory of Arthur Sr. & Margaret Vidil.

Marcie & Luke Sippey

Ronald Demay, Memory Paul T. & Pearl S. Demay
Kuehner Family 7, Health of family; Memory of Robert Barron, Sr.; Memory of Michael & Anna Hatalovich; Health of Pat Barron; Memory Richard Kuehner; Memory of Alice Kuehner; Memory of Edward & Gen Rack.

Michael Mezhinsky, Health of family.

Nick Gatto, Memory of wife, Fran.

Daniel & Lindsay Klipa and Family 2, Health and salvation of family; Blessed repose for Peter & Clara Klipa.

Nancy Homa, Memory of husband Dan and the Pionka & Nichi families.

Sandra Janicki 3, Health of family; Memory of parents Rose & Anthony Janicki and brother Peter Janicki; Memory of deceased members of the Hatalovich & Janicki families.

Priatko Family, Christ is Risen!

Beth Bratkowski & Deb Schultz 2, Health of Family; Memory of family.

Carolyn Greco 4, Health & Safety of family; Memory of husband, John; Memory of parents Jacob & Anne Homer & sister, Shirley;

Memory of brothers Joseph & James Homer & nephew Alec James Kahler.

Nadine Dorosa & Timothy Drop, Memory of parents/grandparents, mother/sister Maxim & Anne Dorosa and Drop.

Robert Barron, Health of Godchildren.

Barron Family 3, Memory of deceased in Hatalovich family; Memory of deceased in Homa Family; Memory of deceased in Barron family.

Pete T. Kasich 2, Health & Happiness children, grandchildren & great grandchildren.

Altar Candles (cont.)

Marlene, John & Jenn Sinichak 4, Memory of John W. Sinichak;
Memory of John Sinichak; Memory of Ann Sinichak; Memory of
Joanne Sinichak.

Georgeann Klipa, In memory of husband, Milos Steve Klipa.
Simo & Paula Dragovich, For the health of children
Natalia & Jason Grimm

Shrine Candles

Dolores Vidil, Memory of Theresa Charlesworth.
Arthur Vidil 2, Memory of Ruth Ann Williams; Memory of Margaret.
Marcie Sippey 2, Memory of grandparents; Health of parents.
Ronald Demay 2, Memory of Theodore & Mary Demay; Memory of
Edward & Eva Sapinsky.
Tomkowitz Family 2, Memory of deceased family; Health of family.
Sarah Tomkowitz, Memory of Uncle Mark, Uncle Ron & Joanne.
Robert Barron 4, Memory of Nick, Mary & Ronald Homa; Memory of
Fr. Dimitri Ermakov; Memory of David Nothnagle; Memory of Mary
& Carol Lugin.

Grand Chandelier

BRIGHT RESURRECTION

Dolores Vidil, Memory of Peter & Theresa Janicki.

PASCHAL VESPERS

George & Dorothy Klipa

BRIGHT MONDAY

Tomkowitz Family

BRIGHT TUESDAY

Dolores Vidil, Memory of Stephen & Anna Broda.

Advanced Vigils for Pascha

Diane Tomkowitz 4, Health of Sarah/Special Int/Memory Mark
Sarah Tomkowitz 3, Memory Uncle Mark/Memory Uncle
Ron/Memory Joanne
Nadine Dorosa 2

Fr. Dimitri & Mat. Natasha Ermakov 6, Memory of parents
Archpriest Dimitri & Mat. Martha and Mitred Archpriest Paul & Mat.
Pauline White/Memory of grandparents John & Sue Homer,
Herasim & Ksenia Ermakov, Frank & Anna Babilya and John &
Marhta Sweda/Memory of sister, Kera White/Memory of sisters
Kyra Uziel & Martha Martin.
Irene Stang, 6

Iconostas Lampadi

Priatko Family, Christ is Risen!

SAINTS NAMES FOR THIS WEEK: Today, Sunday (April 12/March 30) John, Zosimas, Sosthenus, Apollos, Kifus, Caesar, Epafroditus, Joadus, Zachariah, *Eubula*, Sofronius. MON- Ipatius, Apollonius, Avdas, Benjamin, Jonah, Joseph, Innocent. TUE- *Mary*, Evfimiy, Makary, Gerontius, Vasilidus, Abraham, Achazus, Barsanufius. WED- Titus, Amfian, Edesius Polycarp, Gregory. THUR- Nikita, Ilyrikus, Elpidifor, Dius, Vithonius, Galikus *Theodosia*, Irene, Paul, Nectarius. FRI- Joseph, George, Zosimus *Fervutha*, Nikita, Theonus. SAT- Job, Theodulus, Agathopod, Publius, Theonus, Simeon, Forvinus, *Theodora*, Mark, Platon, Gregory.

Mother's Day Luncheon

We will be holding a Mother's Day breakfast after Liturgy on May 10th. If you are planning to attend, please place your name on the sign-up sheet in the vestibule so that we have an idea of how many people to plan for.

St. Herman Shrine Votives

GOOD FRIDAY (Afternoon)

Kyra Kreinbrook, In memory of Nancy Kreinbrook.

GOOD FRIDAY (Evening)

Marina King

BRIGHT RESURRECTION (Midnight)

John Dolekary, In memory of parents Michael Dolekary, Jr. & wife Anna, grandparents Michael Dolekary, Sr. & wife Helen and Uncle John.

EASTER SUNDAY (Paschal Vespers)

Tony & Janet Homa, Health of son, Tony, Jr.

Thank You!

We would like to express our gratitude to all who have been present during this Great Lenten season. To those who came to sing the services and those who came to volunteer with several projects including our Bake Sale and to our Readers, to our choir members and to our Altar servers. And to those who helped decorate the church and clean up the property on Good Friday. Many thanks to all! God Bless!

School Excuses

School excuses are available for those students who attended and will attend services throughout the Paschal weekend. Please see Fr. Dimitri to receive your school excuses.

Hot Dog Brigade

The Hot Dog Brigade is once again planning on what has become a traditional trip Bright Monday following services. This tradition started several years ago that began at "Sam's" in McKeesport. Please join us this year as we go to Di's Kornerstone Diner at 620 Long Run Road, McKeesport. We will be gathering in a separate room, which will be reserved for us. All are welcomed to join us. The restaurant takes payments in the form of cash or credit card (3% additional charge).



Holy Dormition Bookstore



We ask that you please visit our bookstore in the church auditorium. Several publications are available for purchase. Please stop in and view the inventory. If you have any questions or suggestions, please see Fr. Dcn Andrew Temple.

Votive Crosses

GREAT FRIDAY (Evening)

- 1) Deb Schultz & Beth Bratkowski, Memory of grandparents Anna & Andrew Dorich.
- 2) Ronald Demay, Health of family.

BRIGHT RESURRECTION

- 1) Deb Schultz & Beth Bratkowski, Memory of parents & sister Sherry.
- 2) Helen Pennington, Memory parents Charles & Mary Lucza, husband Russell Sr., son Russell Jr., brother Charles & wife Anna, sister Anna & Michael Dolekary and sister Mary & Edward Kelly.

BRIGHT SUNDAY (Paschal Vespers)

- 1 & 2) Sandra Gephart, Memory of husband, Louis; Memory of parents Jacob & Anne Homer, sister Shirley and brothers Joseph & James.

BRIGHT MONDAY

- 1) Priatko Family, Christ is Risen!
- 2) Robert Barron



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Paschal Epistle of His Eminence Metropolitan Nicholas of Eastern America and New York, First Hierarch of the Russian Church Abroad

Venerable Brother Archpastors, Venerable Fathers, Dear Brothers and Sisters scattered throughout the world, I greet you all with Christ's love with the Paschal kiss: "CHRIST IS RISEN!"

"I wish you all that is bright in these days," writes St Theophan the Recluse, "and in all the days to come. The Lord is always sweetness, and joy, and peace! Strive always to be with the Lord, and you will always celebrate the Bright Pascha."

"Your Resurrection, O Christ Savior, the angels proclaim in the heavens" – we sing on this night, with trepidation asking that the Lord grant us to glorify Him with a pure heart. Alas, the peoples of this age do not heed this call, struggling in a deadly battle for earthly goods, they do not heed the call of the Divine to arrange life on the foundations of Christ's teachings and the Holy Gospel. The current conflicts, when people seek temporary goods through enmity, divisions, and cruelty, are distressing, but they shouldn't frighten us today, nor should the conversations about various prophecies concerning the end of the world.

For the Lord says: "You will also hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for it is necessary for all this to happen, but the end is not yet..." (Matthew 24:6-7). Metropolitan Anthony (Khrapovitsky), who passed away 90 years ago in the cradle of the Russian Orthodox Church Abroad – in Sremski Karlovci, Yugoslavia, said that the confidence of the ancient Christians in God's mercy and the ultimate victory of Perfect Good over evil, of Life over death, was so strong that "they seemed not to take their eyes off contemplating His future victory, and therefore imagined this very future as something bright and

joyful, when Christ the Savior will wipe away the tears from every human face."

Therefore, after a long and fruitful Lent, may we all not grow weary of kindling within ourselves the gracious gift of the Christian calling, deepening our prayers and bringing to the feet of Christ the Life-Giver our gifts: unashamed faith, sincere love, and unwavering hope, and He will not abandon us! "Cast all your cares on Him, for He cares for you," writes the Apostle Peter (1 Peter 5:6-7). And let us pray for the mighty of this world and for those who lack the Paschal joy and whose inner peace is shaken, that the "beginning of eternal life of another kind" may touch their hearts "on this chosen and holy day," "when we bless Christ forever." Amen.

I beseech your holy prayers, remaining with the Paschal joy of the Risen Christ and with my kindest and best wishes,

+ NICHOLAS

*Metropolitan of Eastern America and New York
First Hierarch of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of
Russia
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Parents of Young Children

We are so blessed to have so many young families in our church! Their energy and presence are a beautiful reminder that our faith is being passed to the next generation. To keep our church home safe and looking its best, we kindly ask parents to keep a close eye on their little ones. We've noticed some curious hands (and tongues!) exploring the doors and the candle room recently. For the safety of the children—especially around the candles—and to help us maintain our worship space, please ensure children are supervised at all times. Thank you for your help and for being part of our church family!