

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

**BELOVED FAITHFUL OF ST. DEMETRIUS PARISH,**

*On this most holy and glorious day of the Resurrection of our Lord, I greet you with heartfelt joy and love in the Risen Christ. Today, we celebrate the triumph of life over death, as our Savior rises from the tomb, granting us the promise of eternal life.*

*Let us rejoice together in this radiant feast of feasts, embracing one another in faith, hope, and love. May the light of the Resurrection shine in your hearts, strengthen your souls, and guide your lives in the days ahead. May the Risen Lord bless you and your families with peace, joy, and abundant mercy.*

*With prayers and Paschal joy,*

*Fr. Ihor Protsak*

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

*"May the Risen Christ bless you and your family with Peace, Joy, and Good Health.*

*On this Holy Pascha, may you be renewed in Faith and strengthened in Spirit"*

*Stanley Nartowicz –President of St. Demetrius Parish*

**St. Demetrius Men's Club (Brotherhood)**

With support through our faith and prayers, we the members of the St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Men's Club proudly participated in the journey of the Great Fast with our fellow parishioners until the glorious and blessed day of PASCHA now upon us. We celebrate victory of light over darkness and life over death as we proclaim "Christ is Risen" (Christos Voskres!) and respond "Indeed He is Risen" (Voistinu Voskres!)

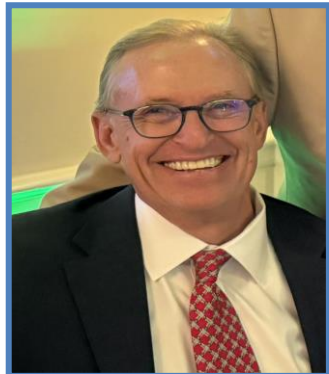
Our Sunday School students are busy learning about the life of and teachings of Christ. Two students are preparing for their First Confession, by learning about our prayers and how to prepare for confession. We have taken part in a few projects with Fr. Ihor, including making Prospora for Liturgy, candles for Jesus' entrance into the temple as well as for Holy Saturday.

**On behalf of the St. Demetrius Sunday School students, teachers, and families I would like to wish you a Blessed Pascha. Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!**

*Denise Strashinsky-Superintendent of Sunday School*

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The Ukrainian orthodox League of USA is a national organization whose Moto is "Dedicated to Our Church- Devoted to Its Youth". Our St. Demetrius Chapter has been an active member for decades both nationally and with our beloved Church. New members are always welcomed.





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Epistle: Acts. 1:1-8;

Gospel: Jn.1:1-17;

Sunday, APRIL 12<sup>TH</sup> - THE BRIGHT RESURRECTION OF CHRIST. THE PASCHA OF THE LORD

*Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!*

*Христос Воскрес! Воистину Воскрес!*

### **TODAY'S SERVICES:**

**SUN. 6:45AM - (Elevation & Entry of the Shroud)**

**7:00AM - Procession and Matins Service**

**8:30AM - RESURRECTIONAL DIVINE LITURGY**

**BLESSING OF PASCHAL FOODS AFTER DIVINE LITURGY**

**AN EASTER EGG HUNT FOR KIDS - AFTER DIVINE LITURGY (OUTSIDE OF THE CHURCH)**

**Coffee hour served by parishioners in the social room (downstairs of Church)**

### **Services for the week:**

**BRIGHT MONDAY, APRIL 13<sup>TH</sup> - OBITNYTSA SERVICE AT 9:30 A.M.**

**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> St. Thomas Sunday - OBITNYTSA SERVICE AT 9:00 A.M.**

**PLEASE MAKE AN APPOINTMENT WITH FR. IHOR FOR GRAVE BLESSING.**

Altar Servers: Sub deacon Qorey Carter, Bryce Buitrago, Ryan Fealy.

Readers: Subdeacon Thomas Bodnar, Brandon Banko.

**PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:** Alice, Kathy B, Catherine Shaffer, Joyce and Raymond Wizna,

Diane (Decibus) Morgan, Michael Hrycuna, Richard Hrycuna, John Decibus, John Zelenak, Veronica Deli, Nancy Grabie, Sarah Rowland and the children of God: Sophia Mazan plus Jacob, Jonathan and Sofia.

Also remember all the sick, the suffering, those in hospitals and nursing homes, and all the men and women in the US Military who serve all of us and our country. Please keep them in your prayers daily, asking God's protection upon them all.

**Special Gratitude to beloved brothers and sisters in the Lord for their generous monetary donation towards flowers that our Shroud/ Plashcanytsia were beautifully decorated during this Holy Week. May our Lord bless you abundantly for many blessed years!**

Banko, Mr. & Mrs. Michael  
Buchan, Mr. & Mrs. William  
Cerkevich, Mr. & Mrs. Longine  
Chichik, Mrs. Maria  
Deli, Mr. & Mrs. David Jr.  
Hladun, Miss Carol  
Hrycuna, Mr. & Mrs. Richard

Mrak, Mrs. Nadja  
Nagy, Mr. Frank  
Phillips, Mr. Richard A.  
Sartain Mr. & Mrs. Dennis  
Spoganetz, Mrs. Linda  
Zmigrodski, Mrs. Christine  
McClester, Mr. & Mrs. R. Scott



**Special Intentions:** If you have a need for prayers for any intention, please send them to me (call, email or text a message - contact info in this Bulletin). I will include these in my personal prayers and as the Liturgy is celebrated. Contact me about this via phone or email.

### **Pascha and Passover:**

The word "Pascha" (Greek: Πάσχα) is a transliteration of the Aramaic word "pascha," which itself comes from the Hebrew word "pesach" (פֶּסַח), meaning "Passover". The Jewish Passover celebrates the Israelites' liberation from slavery in Egypt.

### **Symbolic Connection:**

Jesus' death and resurrection are often linked to the Passover in Christian tradition, signifying a new liberation from sin and death.

### **Orthodox Tradition:**

The Eastern Orthodox Church, following its traditional understanding, retains the term "Pascha" for Easter to highlight this theological connection between the Jewish Passover and the Christian Pascha.

**Happy Birthday!** - Our Parish Congregation sincerely expresses greetings to our Brothers and Sisters of **St. Demetrius Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral** who celebrate Birthdays in the following week of April: **NICHOLAS PROCIUK, DENNIS SARTAIN**. May the Lord God Almighty send upon you His Blessings for many blessed years!

*If you would like to have a birthday or special event announced in the bulletin for upcoming week for a family member or friend not on our Church roster, please consider making a donation to the building fund in their honor.*



**April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**HELENA AND HENRY POGODA  
MANY BLESSED YEARS!**

### **DONATIONS:**

**TREE OF LIFE LEAF  
MEM. OF MICHAEL & FLORANCE BODNAR**

**THANKS TO ST. DEMETRIUS MEN'S CLUB & MARIA DECIBUS FOR DONATING  
AND PLANTING THE FLOWERS IN FRONT OF THE RECTORY**