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*Bulletin for
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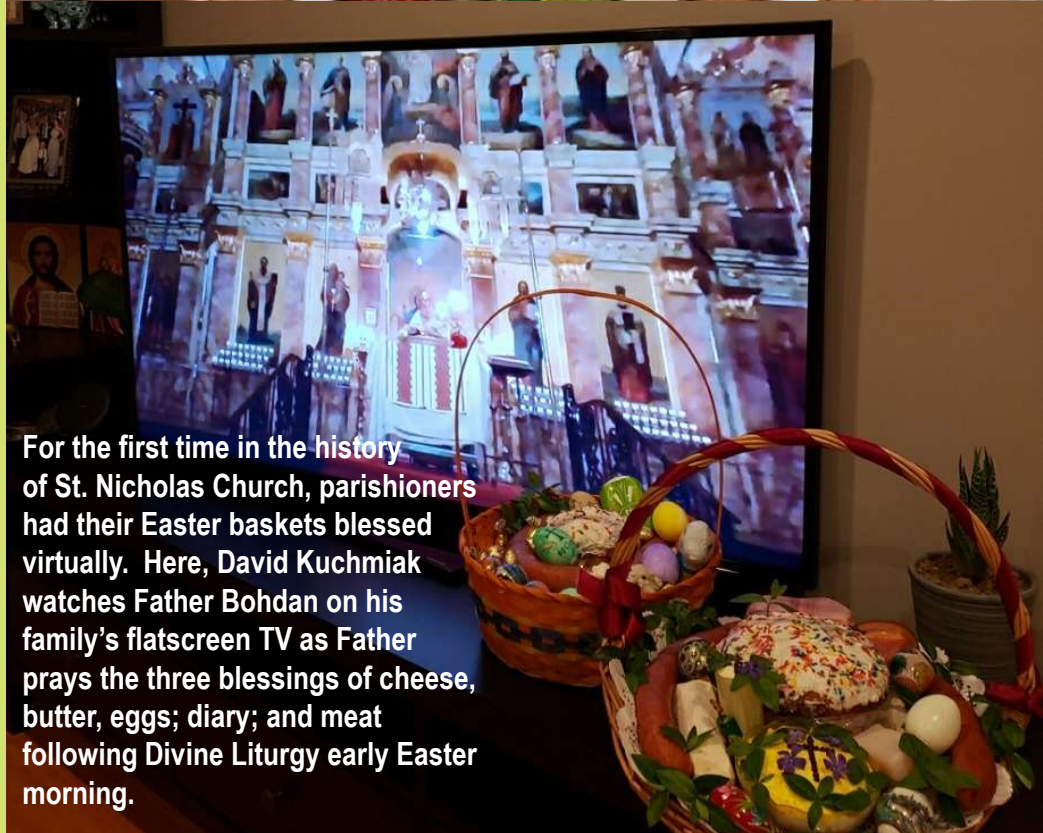
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EASTER 2020

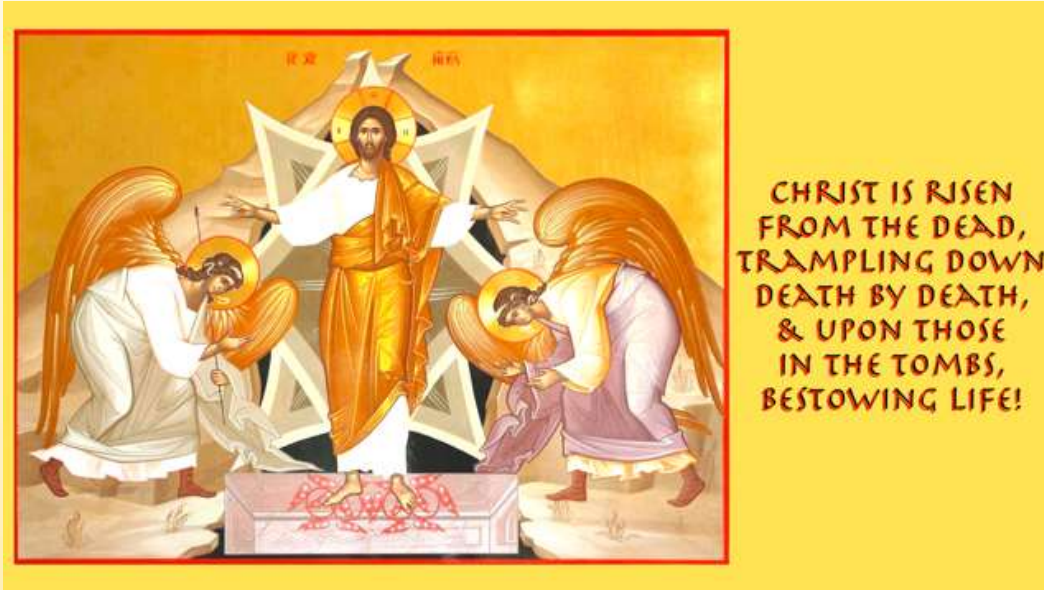
Remarkable, Historic, Joyous



For the first time in the history of St. Nicholas Church, parishioners had their Easter baskets blessed virtually. Here, David Kuchmiak watches Father Bohdan on his family's flatscreen TV as Father prays the three blessings of cheese, butter, eggs; diary; and meat following Divine Liturgy early Easter morning.

Brothers and Sisters,

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!
Let us rejoice in the Resurrection of Jesus Christ!



CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!

God Bless You!
Father Bohdan

St. Nicholas Church remains closed until May 15.
All Church services are being live-streamed. To “attend” a
virtual service, simply click on the YouTube channel link:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCAcnmIRpplmasL-806_Lzrg

International Viewers

Viewers across the United States – from WI, TX, WA, CT, FL, MI, IL, PA, NJ – to viewers worldwide – in Ukraine, Italy, Russia -- have tuned in to watch our Church webcasts. Comments received: “very professional”...”most appreciative“...”great service”...”the webcasts helped us get through a very difficult time”...”a wonderful Divine Liturgy”...

Schedule of Services to be served by Father Bohdan

with the Congregation praying at home
ALL SERVICES WILL BE WEBCAST

Saturday, April 25

5:00 pm: Vespers

Sunday, April 26
ST. THOMAS SUNDAY

9:30 am: Divine Liturgy, followed by a Panikhida
(Memorial Services for the Departed at the cemetery
have been tentatively postponed to Saturday, June 6)

Saturday, May 2

5:00 pm: Vespers

Sunday, May 3
SUNDAY OF THE
MYRRH BEARING WOMEN

9:30 am: Divine Liturgy

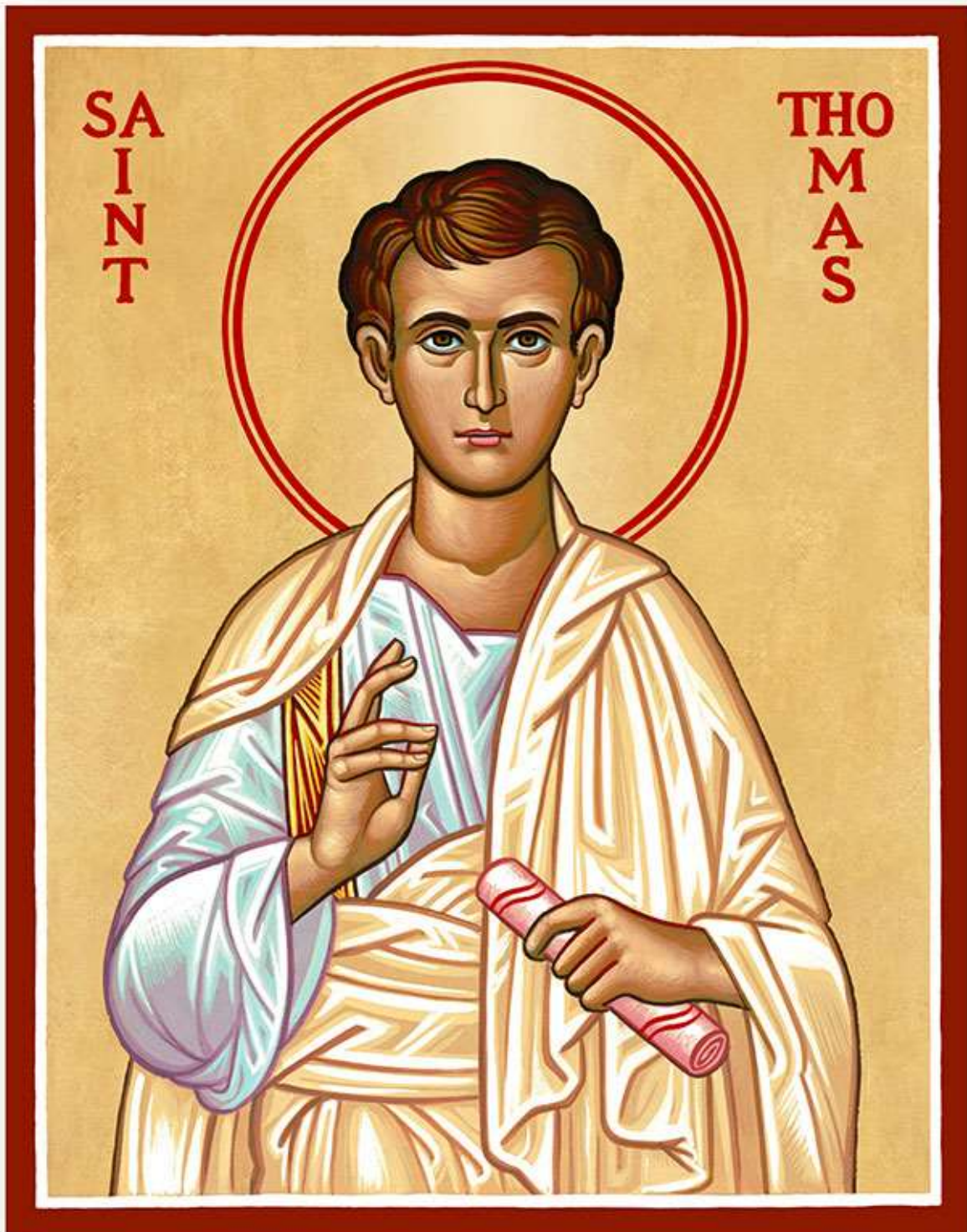
**This week's Bulletin is
Sponsored by Dawn Healey
in honor of her mother,
ELLEN HANAVIN
on her Birthday today!**



**Congratulations to
Thomas Hanney
and
Thomas Demchuk
on the
Feast Day of St. Thomas
Sunday, April 26**

St. Thomas Sunday, April 26

Because of the COVID-19 quarantine, memorial services for the departed at the cemetery, traditionally scheduled on this day, **have been tentatively postponed to Saturday, June 6**. In addition, following Divine Liturgy on Sunday, April 26, Father Bohdan will serve a Panikhida for all the departed he prayed for on Soul Saturdays during Lent. We are suggesting a donation of \$25 to St. Nicholas Church for this Panikhida.



Our Treasurer, Ellen Hanavin, reports that the Church has recently received very generous donations (totaling almost \$3,000) from many of you – in response to our appeal. It is especially meaningful that you gave to your Church at a time when we are all enduring financial hardship.

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

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GIVING
easy. fast. effective.

stnicholaseoc.org/donate

Your contribution is automatically deposited into the Church Fund of your choice.

You will be emailed a receipt.

Simple, easy, needed and greatly appreciated!

St. Nicholas Church needs your financial help more than ever. Along with many other individuals and businesses, our Church has lost significant income – yet the bills do not stop. So, we are making a special appeal to please give generously.

A big THANK YOU to those of you who have been making your weekly “envelope” contributions and vigil payments online. This is a big help and a sensible way to handle money during this challenging time.

Donations to the Building Fund 2020

1. In Memory of Victoria Patterson from Diane Kavchok, Renee Murphy, Vicki Borriello, and Gail Osborn
2. Anna Kuliasha
3. Colleen and Nicholas Philipp in Memory of Parents/Grandparents Pauline and Charles John Redmond



Please remember our homebound parishioner:

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Blessing of Easter Baskets

The COVID-19 quarantine prevented the usual gathering to bless Easter baskets. Father Bohdan instructed us to use our Holy Water and watch the blessing online – and sprinkle the foods with Holy Water as Father chanted the blessing.



The Hanney Family prepared a beautiful Easter basket as they too, watched Father Bohdan's blessing on the webcast.





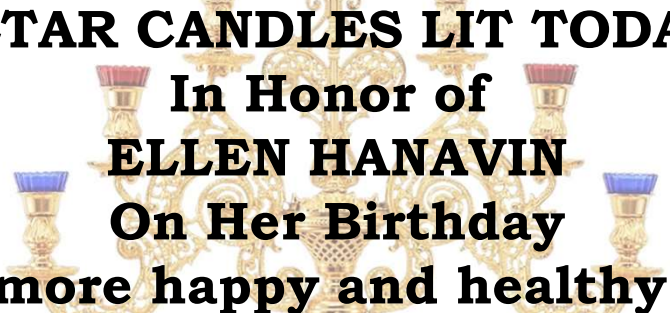
Father Bohdan practiced safety and social distancing and ordered the traditional foods for his Easter basket ONLINE.

Father Bohdan shows us the loaf of freshly-baked Artos, a special leavened bread. On Pascha, the Artos is blessed with Holy Water. The Artos is then saved for one year, partaking of it in times of illness or other need for spiritual sustenance throughout the year. Father Bohdan handled the Artos with protective gloves.



SUNDAY VIGILS LIT TODAY

Altar Candles: \$35; Analo Candles: \$25
Sunday Vigils: \$2; Annual Vigils: \$100



ALTAR CANDLES LIT TODAY
In Honor of
ELLEN HANAVIN
On Her Birthday
Many more happy and healthy years!

SUNDAY VIGILS

1. For the repose of the soul of John Martin. Memory Eternal. Offered by Susan Guz
2. For the health of my sister, Karen Niehoff, Love, Gail
3. For the health of our sister/aunt, Karen Niehoff, love, Renee, Frank, Alex and Matt
4. For the health of our mother, Ellen Hanavin, on her birthday. Love, Dawn, Ron and John xoxo
5. For the health of George Latsios on his 80th birthday. Love, Dawn and Ron Healey
6. For the health of our granddaughter, Adalee, on her 9th birthday. Love, Mimi and Pop Healey xoxo
7. For the health of our grandson, Weston, on his 5th birthday. Love, Mimi and Pop Healey xoxo
8. For the health of Father Bohdan and Susan Guz for serving/broadcasting all Easter Services.
Offered by Dawn & Ron Healey
9. For the health of Ellen Hanavin, on her birthday, Love, Judy and Tom
10. For the health of Lloyd Bennett, on his birthday, Love, Judy, Tom, Anastasia and Kirk
11. For the health of Alexandra and Lloyd, on their anniversary, Love, Mom, Dad, Anastasia and Kirk
12. For the health of Ellen Hanavin, on her birthday, offered by Susan Guz
13. For the health of Ellen Hanavin, on her birthday, offered by the Sisterhood
14. For the health of my beloved wife, Ellen, on her birthday, Love, Phil
15. For the health of our daughter, Dawn, as she continues her recovery, Love, Mom and Dad



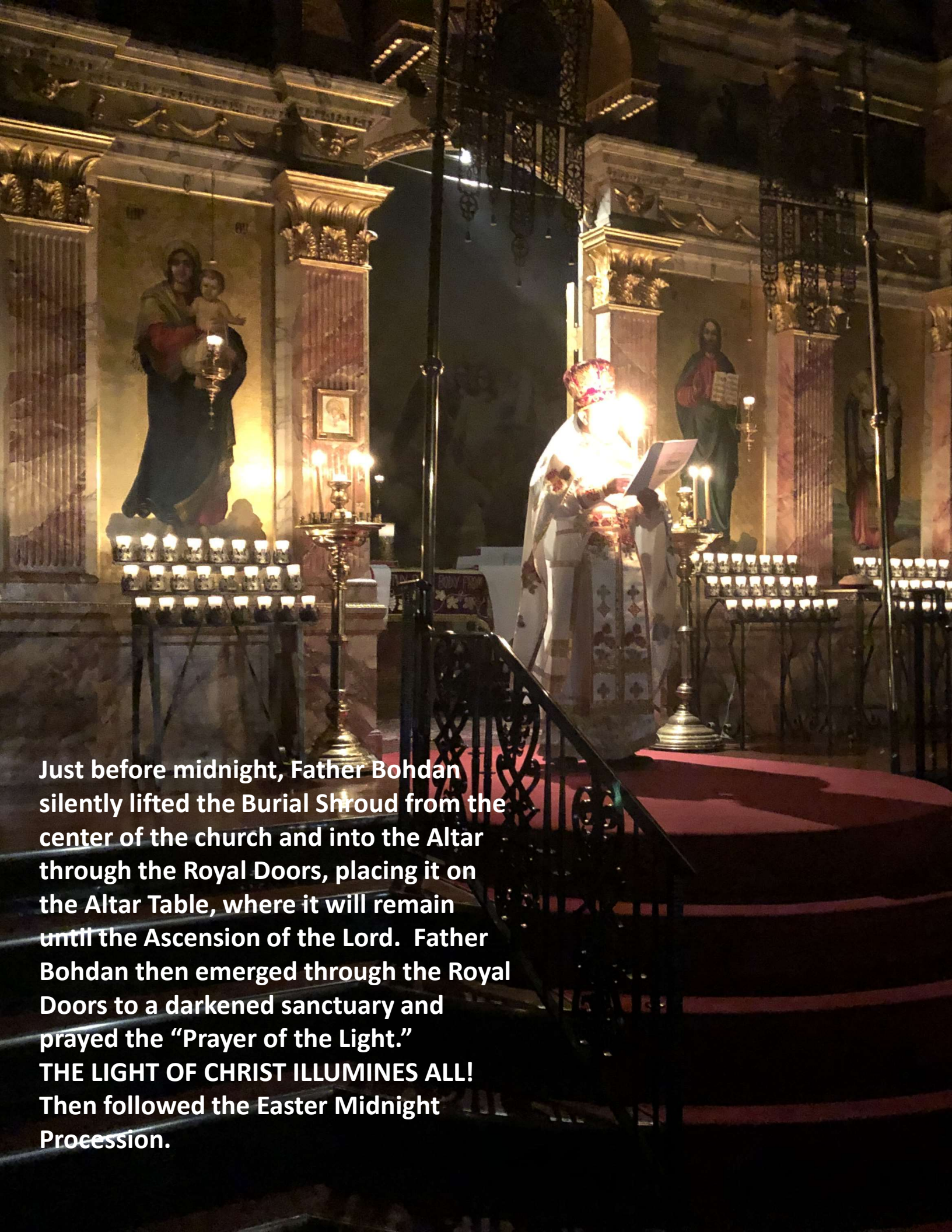
ANNUAL VIGILS LIT TODAY

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1. +The Repose of the soul of Carol Dantine, offered by David Dantine, Jr. and Family. exp. 11/1/21
2. +The Repose of the souls of George and Barbara Wohar, offered by Barbara McMonigle and Family. exp. 11/1/20
3. +The Repose of the souls of John and Helen Guz, and John and Mary Dzwonczyk, offered by daughters/granddaughters Patricia Walker and Susan Guz. exp. 12/31/20
4. +The Repose of the souls of Helen and Michael Zaruba, and Christina and Christopher Natale. May Their Memory Be Eternal. Offered with love by Daughter/Sister/Aunt, Marcia O'Connor. exp. 10/1/20
5. +The Repose of the souls of the Kucheruk Family, Matrona, Constantine, George, William, Anthony, Anna, John "Whitey" and Helen Horbacz. exp. 7/1/20
6. +The Repose of the souls of All Members of the Sisterhood Fallen Asleep in the Lord, offered by the Sisterhood of the Pokrova. exp. 10/13/20
7. +The Repose of the souls of the Boljarevich Family, Anastasia (Nancy) Yarosh, Helen Kon, Helen and John "Whitey" Horbacz, Harry Mason, Sophie Gamble, Michael Zaruba and John Martin. PERPETUAL
8. +The Repose of the soul of my beloved husband, our devoted father and grandfather, Jack Kavchok. May his memory be eternal! Offered with love, Diane, John, Michael, Melissa, Makenzie, Riley and Kylie. exp. 8/1/20
9. +The Repose of the souls of Emil and Helen Levchenko offered by daughter, Ellen Hanavin. exp. 12/31/20
10. +The Repose of the souls of Irina and Michael Sierp, Konstantin, Olga, Lydia and Juris Teterski, Richard Boswell, and the health of all living members of the Teterski, Sierp, Boswell and Lis Families, offered by Susan Lis. exp. 9/18/20
11. +The Repose of the soul of our mother and grandmother, Helen Marx, offered by Victoria, Frank, Christopher, Stephanie, Julia, Nicholas, Krissy, Nathan and Morgan Borriello. exp. 4/19/20
12. +In memory of John and Susan Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
13. +In memory of Paul Stetsuk, offered by Susan Isaac. Exp. 12/31/20
14. +In memory of Vera, Richard and Paul Wienckowski, offered by Susan Isaac. exp. 12/31/20
15. +In memory of Evelyn Atlee, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 12/31/20
16. +In memory of Nadia Borriello, offered by the Borriello Family. exp. 5/31/20
17. +In loving memory of our mother Lillian Fox, offered by Renee, Gail, Karen & Families, exp. 8/1/20
18. +The Repose of the souls of the Kowal Family: Andrew, Paraskeva, Andrew, Catherine, Susan, John, Nionila, Anna, David, Franklin Shultz and Edward Barrett, offered by Drew Kowal. exp. 11/1/20
19. For the health of Mykhailo, Tetiana, David, Svitlana, Vitaliy, Marina, Viktor, Ilona, Bogdan, Oleksandra, Volodymyr, Halyna, Victoria, Mykola, Father Bohdan Zhoba and his family, and in memory of Mykhailo, Yaroslav, Anna, Petro, Bohdan, newly-departed Anna, Veronika, Tetiana, Oleksander, Diana, Olga, Hrystyna, Dimitriy and Diana, offered by Michael, Tetiana and David Kuchmiak. exp. 12/31/20
20. For the health of Dmitry, Olga, Denis, Anna, Aetyom, Ludmila, Vladyslav, Tatiyna, Sofiya, Konstantin, Vladimir, Natalia, Ludmila, and in memory of Boris, Evdokiya, Nina, Oleg, Anna, Raisa, Leonid, Valerii, Zinaida, offered by Denis and Anna Bivoino. exp. 3/1/20
21. +In memory of Vladimir, offered by Denis and Anna Bivoino. exp. 3/1/20
22. +The Repose of the soul of Andrej Cebotarev (+July 2018), offered by brother Zlatko Plese. exp. 4/1/20
23. For the health of Olga, Albina, Pavel and Elizaveta, offered by Olga Fitzgerald. exp. 5/1/20
24. +In memory of my beloved parents, Nadejda and Carlos Davidyan, and for the health and protection of my son, Karlos, offered by Era Carter. exp. 6/1/20
25. For the health of Vasyl, Maria, Anna, Mykhailyna, Viktor, Oksana, Volodymyra, Anna-Diana, Olga, Mykola, Olga, Marianna, Oksana, Volodymyra, Olga, Roman, Volodymyr, Iryna-Olesia, Bohdan and Angelina, offered by Oksana and Victor Voloshnovskyy. exp. 9/1/20
26. +The Repose of the souls of Stephen and Helen V. Sameruck, offered by Barbara Latsios, Judy Hanney and families. exp. 10/25/20

250 VIGILS ILLUMINATED THE CHURCH ON EASTER representing your prayers for your loved ones





Just before midnight, Father Bohdan silently lifted the Burial Shroud from the center of the church and into the Altar through the Royal Doors, placing it on the Altar Table, where it will remain until the Ascension of the Lord. Father Bohdan then emerged through the Royal Doors to a darkened sanctuary and prayed the "Prayer of the Light." THE LIGHT OF CHRIST ILLUMINES ALL! Then followed the Easter Midnight Procession.

Easter
Holy Fire
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33
Candels
Age
of
Jesus



ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ
ΑΥΕΣΤΗ
ΑΓΗΘΟΣ
ΑΥΕΣΤΗ



Souvenir
from
Bethlehem
Nazareth
Jerusalem



You can see from the previous photo of Father Bohdan that the candle he held during the "Prayer of the Light" had an unusually bright and large flame. Why?

This is a special candle – called the "Easter Holy Fire Candle" – obtained by Father John Bohush from Jerusalem. The candle is actually composed of 33 smaller candles made as one.

The 33 small candles represent the approximate age of Jesus Christ when he died, and that is why the Holy Fire Candle is held during the "Prayer of the Light" on Easter.

A special thank you to Father John Bohush for the Holy Fire Candle and his assistance.



At 12:48 AM, early Easter morning, in a brightly-lit church, Father Bohdan reads the Holy Gospel during Divine Liturgy.



Bright Monday

April 20, 2020

Father Bohdan's Sermon
Following Divine Liturgy

**Brothers and Sisters,
Christ is Risen!
Indeed He Is Risen!**

Today is Bright Monday, the start of Bright Week that ends next Saturday at Vespers. There is no fasting this week. We are to enjoy all our Easter food during this period of celebration. Bright Week services are done with the Royal Doors open. This unblocked view of the altar symbolizes the open door of Christ's empty tomb. And the empty tomb is proof that no matter how terrible things may seem, there is always a hope for a new day. May God renew all your dreams and hopes this Easter. **REJOICE!**



Imagery from Holy Friday







The tomb was adorned with fresh flowers cut from the St. Nicholas Church garden.

THE SCRIPTURE READING FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 26

ANTIPASCHA - ST. THOMAS SUNDAY



PRIEST: Let us attend! Peace be unto all!

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The Prokeimenon in the 3rd Tone: Great is our Lord and abundant in power! His understanding is beyond measure!

CHOIR: Great is our Lord and abundant in power! His understanding is beyond measure!

READER: Praise the Lord for it is good to sing praises to our God! Great is our Lord and abundant in power!

CHOIR: His understanding is beyond measure!

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: The reading is from the Acts of the Holy Apostles.

PRIEST: Let us attend!

READER: Brothers...And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were done among the people. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch. Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly. And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women, so that they brought the sick out into the streets and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them. Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing sick people and those who were tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all healed. Then the high priest rose up, and all those who were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with indignation, and laid their hands on the apostles and put them in the common prison. But at night an angel of the Lord opened the prison doors and brought them out, and said, Go, stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this life. **(Acts 5:12-20)**

PRIEST: Peace be unto thee, Reader.

READER: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: Wisdom!

READER: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! **CHOIR:** Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

READER: Come, let us rejoice in the Lord! Let us make a joyful noise to God our Savior!
For the Lord is a great God, and a great King over all the earth.

CHOIR: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRIEST: Wisdom! Let us attend! Let us listen to the Holy Gospel. Peace be unto all.

CHOIR: And to thy spirit.

PRIEST: The reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John.

CHOIR: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

PRIEST: Let us attend. Then, the same day at evening, being the first day of the week, when the doors were shut where the disciples were assembled, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and said to them, "Peace be with you." When He had said this, He showed them His hands and His side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. So Jesus said to them again, "Peace to you! As the Father has sent Me, I also send you." And when He had said this, He breathed on them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained. Now Thomas, called the Twin, one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said to him, "We have seen the Lord." So he said to them, "Unless I see in His hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and put my hand into His side, I will not believe." And after eight days His disciples were again inside, and Thomas with them. Jesus came, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, "Peace to you!" Then He said to Thomas, "Reach your finger here, and look at My hands; and reach your hand here, and put it into My side. Do not be unbelieving, but believing." And Thomas answered and said to Him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you have believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." And truly Jesus did many other signs in the presence of His disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name. **(John 20:19-31)**

CHOIR: Glory to Thee, O Lord, glory to Thee.

**A special Easter message from
Very Reverend Dr. Volodymyr Vakin, Rector of the
Volyn Orthodox Theological Academy in Lutsk, Ukraine.**



CHRIST IS RISEN!

V. Rev. Bohdan Zhoba

The fullness of the professor's staff and all the students of the Volyn Orthodox Theological Academy sincerely congratulates you on the occasion of the life-affirming feast of the Resurrection of Christ!

This year's good fight of the Lent as well as the very circumstances of the celebration of the Resurrection of Christ have actualized our awareness of the atoning Sacrifice of Christ. The World's Savior, upon his descent to earth, received the human body with all the consequences of sinfulness, infirmity and disease, so that it would be through His death and Resurrection that humans could be freed and healed.

"You create the earthly new, the Creator, Himself becoming earthly; both the shroud and the coffin reveal the mystery that is in You, the Word; your goodly counselor prepares you for burial, and this is amazingly renewing for me"
(the 5th Song of the Easter Midnight service)

We prayerfully wish you good health, spiritual courage, inner peace and invincible faith in the all-powerful Grace of the Holy Spirit!

HE IS RISEN INDEED!

With love in Christ Risen
Rector of VOThA – archpriest Volodymyr Vakin



Easter 2020 AD

And....

*Happy 80th
Birthday, George!
George and Barbara Latsios,
Cassandra and Ray McNulty
celebrate George's milestone
Birthday (April 23rd) at home!*

