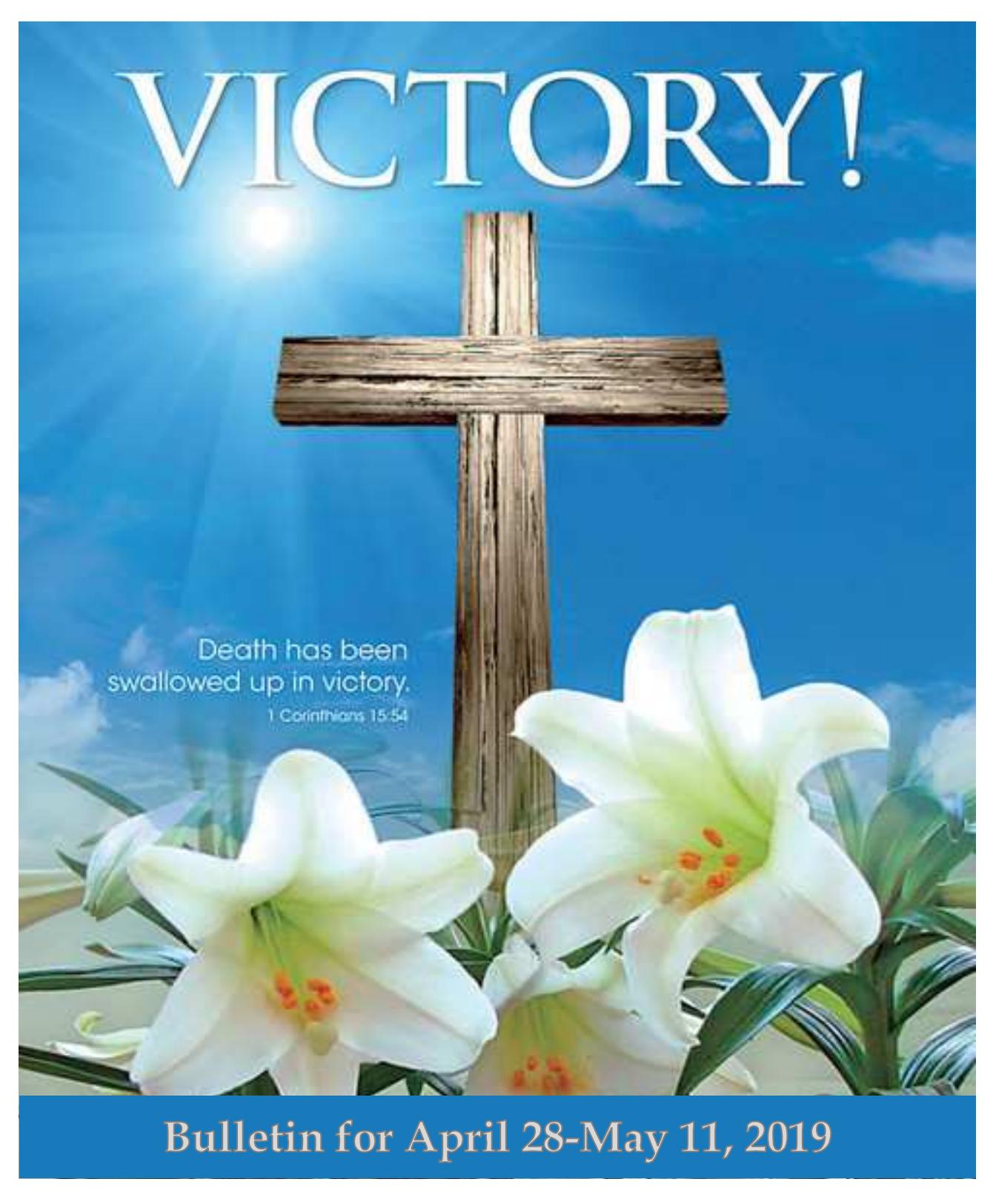


VICTORY!



Death has been
swallowed up in victory.

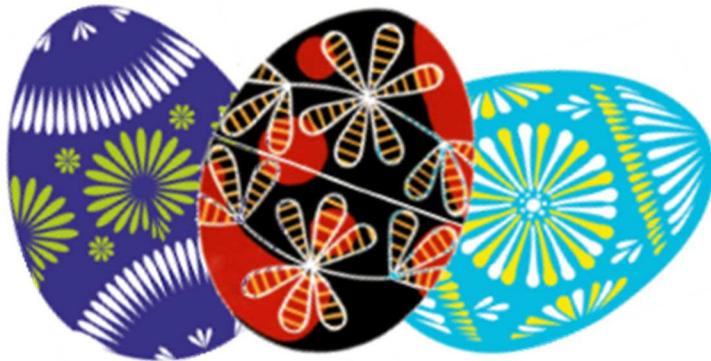
1 Corinthians 15:54

Bulletin for April 28-May 11, 2019

*Joyous Paschal Greetings
to One and All!*

*Rev. David M. Mastroberte
Very Rev. Protopresbyter Michael Polanichka
Very Rev. Thomas Blaschak
Rev. Deacon John Anderson
&
Archon Steven Lukac and
Our Church Board Officers and Trustees*

**CHRIST IS RISEN!
INDEED, HE IS RISEN!**



CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

TUES 4/30/2019 BRIGHT MONDAY & ST. GEORGE THE GREAT-MARTYR
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy and Procession

TUES 4/30/2019 BRIGHT TUESDAY
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

***SUN 5/5/2019 SECOND SUNDAY OF PASCHA – SAINT THOMAS**
9:00 AM Pro-Liturgy Service with Distribution of Holy Communion
(Served by Deacon John)
Sharing of the "Artos" (Paschal Bread)

MON 5/6/2019
8:30 AM Divine Liturgy
For the Perpetual Commemorations
which fell during Holy Week and Bright Week:
YARABINEC, Steve
KROKO, John, Mary & Tom
LAZOR Family
PENICK, Andrew
ANDRAS, Helen & John Jr.
POPADICS Family
MISINAY Family
TURCHAN, Andrew & Helen

***SUN 5/11/2019 THIRD SUNDAY OF PASCHA – MYRRHBEARING WOMEN**
MOTHER'S DAY
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy
Prayers for the Special Intention of All Mothers
Panachida for All Departed Mothers
Panachida – Perpetual:
PENICK, John
KARAS, Agnes & Andrew
KRAYNAK, Anna & John Sr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

¶ **Welcome** to all worshipping Our Lord with us on this great day of Pascha—Christ’s Resurrection! This day is the high-point of our year, but don’t forget that every Sunday is a “Little Pascha” and that Liturgy is every Sunday at 9 AM!

¶ **No Fasting** for Bright Week (April 28-May 4) in celebration of the Resurrection! Enjoy, for Christ is risen!

¶ **Perpetual Commemorations of the Departed** will not be made during Bright Week, in order that our focus be fully on our Lord’s Glorious Resurrection. All commemorations will be made at a special Divine Liturgy on Monday, May 6.

¶ **Fr. David will be away** over the weekend of May 3-5. Deacon John Anderson will offer a Pro-Liturgy Service with the Distribution of Pre-Consecrated Communion on Sunday, May 5. In case of any emergencies, please call one of the area Orthodox priests:

¶ **Priest Convocation:** Fr. David will be attending the Priest Convocation at Camp Nazareth from Tuesday, May 7th to Friday afternoon, May 10th. In case of a pastoral emergency, please try his cell phone first (724-813-3172). Since cell reception is poor at the Camp, you may also call the Camp number (724-662-4840).

Did You Know?

- ◆ The word “Pascha” is Greek for “Passover”.
- ◆ In several Slavic languages (including Carpatho-Rusyn), Easter is called “Velikden” or “Great Day.”
- ◆ The week after Pascha is called “Bright Week” because, in the early church, those who were baptized at the Paschal Vigil wore their white robes for the entire week.
- ◆ All the doors of the ikonostas are left open for Bright Week, signifying that the Kingdom of God is now open to all.

Words of Thanks

As we celebrate the Feast of Feasts, we express our thanks to many within our parish:

- We thank Cantor Professor Joseph Jaeger; Choir Director Paula Kudelko; our Choir Members; Dan Hromyak, Jerry Chupak, Daniel Corridori, and Greg Cross for offering the responses and readings at the divine services throughout Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha.
- We thank all who donated towards the flowers that beautified the Tomb of Christ and our church.
- We thank all those who gave of their time to help decorate and prepare the church and hall for Good Friday and Pascha.
- We thank our altar servers for their assistance at the Holy Altar, and all the men who participated in the Processions on Good Friday and Pascha.
- We thank Pani Vikkie for organizing the Easter Egg Hunt, and all those who donated candy and helped fill the eggs.
- We thank Renee Maceyko for decorating the Resurrection Icon with flowers.
- We thank all those who help out in ways too many to number, especially throughout Lent, Holy Week, and Pascha.
- And we thank ALL of our parishioners and friends who gave offerings and donations in honor of Pascha.

May Our Risen Lord Richly Bless You!

Many Years – Christ is Risen!

Thoughts on Stewardship

by Dan Hromyak

*"I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me."
- Luke 22:34*

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about Jesus or our Orthodox faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet not to cause a disturbance? Or, do you remain quiet because you believe people will think negatively about you? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful dialogue when the opportunity arises.

*"He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."
- Acts 10:38*

On this Easter Sunday, open your hearts to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. God is love and we are made in His image and likeness. Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray for guidance on how to live your life and give thanks for all that He has given you.

Welcome, New Members!

Before Resurrection Matins, **David and Irene Beight** were received into the Orthodox Church through the Sacrament of Chrismation. David and Irene began attending Saint John's over a year ago, and are excited to formally become part of our parish community. *We congratulate them and wish them many, blessed years!*

In addition to those who have converted, we welcome several Orthodox Christians who now call Saint John's their home parish: **Gregory Cross** (who comes to us as a tonsured Reader, and will be helping in the Altar) and **Randy Martin**.

May the Risen Lord bless you all!



Daily Prayers for Bright Week

Bright Week – the entire week after Pascha – is a special time in the life of the Church. Our joy in the Resurrection overflows from the church into our daily life. In place of your regular morning and evening prayers, offer these:

In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

+ Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and to those in the tombs, bestowing life.
(three times)

Having beheld the resurrection of Christ, let us worship + the holy Lord Jesus, the only sinless One. We venerate + Your Cross, O Christ, and we praise and glorify Your holy resurrection; for You are our God, and we know no other than You; we call on Your name. Come, all you faithful, let us venerate + Christ's holy resurrection. For, behold, through the Cross joy has come into all the world. Let us ever bless the Lord, praising His resurrection, for by enduring the Cross for us, He has destroyed death by death.

Before the dawn Mary came with the women and found the stone rolled away from the tomb. And they heard from the angel: He abides in life everlasting. Why seek Him among the

dead as if He were a man? Behold the burial shroud! Go and proclaim to the world: The Lord is risen and has conquered death. For He is the Son of God and He is the Savior of mankind.

You descended into the grave, O Immortal One; yet You destroyed the power of death. As Conqueror, You arose, O Christ God, saying to the myrrh-bearing women: "Rejoice", granting peace to Your Apostles, and offering resurrection to the fallen.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, through the prayers of Your most-pure Mother and all the saints, have mercy + on us. Amen.

+ Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death and to those in the tombs, bestowing life.
(three times)

And He bestowed upon us eternal life, therefore let us worship + His resurrection on the third day!

CAMP NAZARETH SUMMER CAMP 2019

The time for Summer Camp is Rapidly Approaching!!! The clock is ticking!!

REGISTER ONLINE STARTING MAR. 1, 2019!!!

Dates for the Summer Camping Program

Week 1: July 14-20, 2019

Pittsburgh, Mid-Atlantic, Tri-State and Washington D.C. Deaneries

Week 2: July 21-27, 2019

New England, NY, NJ, Florida and Canada Deaneries

Week 3: July 28-August 3, 2019

Johnstown, Pocono, Southern Tier, Youngstown and Chicago Deaneries

Register Online Starting March 1, 2019

Register at – campnazareth.org

From the Home Page, From the 2019 Summer Camp Icon, or From the Diocesan Summer Camp Tab found under the Summer Camp Tab and look for Camper Registration.

If you are Clergy or a Volunteer go to the 2019 Summer Camp Icon on the Home Page or the Diocesan Summer Camp Tab found under the Summer Camp Tab and look for the paper forms under Clergy/Volunteers.

\$20 Early Bird Discount Per Child!!!!

(one-time only, not per week)

Register & pay by May 15, 2019!!!!

Online Registration MUST be complete AND payment must be submitted by May 15 in order to qualify for the Early Bird Discount.

Registrations after June 15 will incur an additional \$20 late fee.

When you register online please note that **you will still need to submit a paper copy of the Medical Examination Form (i.e. Camper Physical)** which must be filled out and signed by a licensed medical professional (licensed physician or physician's assistant). This form will be emailed to you after you complete the online registration process.

Payment by check, money order, or credit card is accepted. Checks and Money



ACROD
Young Women's
Encounter



Sunday June 30th to Wednesday July 3rd 2019

Location:

Saints Peter & Paul
Orthodox Church, Windber, PA

Register Now!

Registration Link and Information:
www.acrod.org

Space is limited!

Questions? Contact:

Pani Eleni Stagon
acrodywe@gmail.com

The American Carpatho-Russian Orthodox Diocese is hosting the 6th Annual Young Women's Encounter! The YWE is a retreat created for our young women, ages 12 to 18, to have fellowship with their Orthodox sisters in Christ while learning about God and our Orthodox faith as they grow in their journey to know Him. This engaging experience includes spiritual discussions, special events, and more!



We hope you will join us!

Let's have fun, pray together,
cultivate our gifts, and grow in
the Faith!



Looking for more information and photos from our last 5 Young Women's Encounters?
Check out: <https://www.acrod.org/ministries/youth/ywe/>

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Sacramental and Membership Information

Sick Calls can be made at any time. Please phone the rectory (724-346-4457) when a family member is admitted to the hospital, or to request a home visit. Hospitals do *not* call to alert the parish when someone is admitted.

Marriages are solemnized on Saturdays or Sundays. Circumstances may require a dispensation from the diocesan bishop. Consult the pastor at least six months in advance and before any plans have been made for the wedding reception. Marriages cannot be celebrated during the fasting seasons of the church, or on Fridays.

Baptisms are usually scheduled on Saturdays or Sundays. Consult the pastor. Two godparents (godfather and godmother) are required, at least one of whom must be a practicing Orthodox Christian in good standing, and the other a practicing, baptized Christian.

Church Funerals are, under ordinary circumstances, provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their spiritual and material obligations to the parish; otherwise, the funeral service is conducted at the funeral home. The Church does not permit cremation.

Parishioners in “good standing” are those Orthodox Christians who, as members of Saint John’s Orthodox Church, strive to live according to the teachings of the Orthodox Church; participate in the life of the parish through regular church attendance, regular reception of Holy Communion and periodic Holy Confession (and receive these sacraments no less than once a year); and financially support the parish (especially through an annual “pledge”).

Prospective members and returning members are asked to fill out an application form, copies of which are available in the church office.

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Altar Flowers

Easter Sunday

The flowers that beautify our Church, the Cross and the Tomb of Christ were donated through the generosity of all our parishioners.

Happy Birthday

April 28th Tom Tulip
April 29th Brent Hynes
April 29th Nona Kolbrich
May 1st Dina Fabian
May 9th Corey Kupensky
May 9th Jordan Polanichka
May 10th Pani Eleanor Polanichka

Happy Wedding Anniversary

Diane & Kyle Kupensky
May 6th



MEN TO HOLD CANDLES

Sunday, May 5th

Pete Roman
Steve Saluga
Milan Shumkaroff
Ed Slovesko
Gino Tofani

Sunday, May 12th

Henry VanZanten
Michael Waryanka
Donald Yasnowsky
Kevin Yasnowsky
Gary Yonchak

**Coffee Hour will NOT be held on
Easter Sunday, April 28th**

Bulletin Sponsor

Sunday, April 28th

In Loving memory of
Mother / Grandmother

Helen Andras

Sponsored by:

Dorothy Pacinda,
Bob & Michael Andras

Sunday, May 5th

In Honor of

Diane & Kyle Kupensky's
41st Wedding Anniversary
on May 6th

