

Christ is Risen!  
Χριστός Βοσκρεσε!  
Χριστός ἀνέστη!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection  
Byzantine Catholic Church  
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Indeed He is Risen!  
Воистину Воскресе!  
Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη!

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~ GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA ~



LITURGY SCHEDULE:			
Sun.	Apr. 01	10:00	<b>GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA</b> Suffrages <i>pro populo</i> Blessing of Baskets after the Liturgy
Sat.	Apr. 07	17:00	Vigil: <b>THOMAS SUNDAY</b> Second Pascal Sunday Suffrages <b>+Helen Krynicky</b> - Richard & Mary Urbanowski
Sun.	Apr. 08	10:30	<b>THOMAS SUNDAY</b> Second Pascal Sunday Breaking of the Artos Suffrages <i>pro populo</i> ; for <b>Suzanne Blasinsky's health &amp; well being</b> - her parents James & Patricia Krisner

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	ACOLYTES	LECTORS	USHER
Sun. Apr. 01	E.R.A. Hess	J. Hess	Any two present
Sat. Apr. 07	-----	J. Krynicky	Any two present
Sun. Apr. 08	M. Syphan	A. Prizzi	G. Krynicky, A. Syphan
03 / 25 / 2018	Adults \$1150	Children \$11	Candles \$70
COLLECTION	Pascha \$10	Holy Days \$10	Eastern Europe \$130
TOTAL: \$1381			
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**BRIGHT WEEK** is a week of joy, for Christ has destroyed the kingdom of death and the power of sin, and has established the Kingdom of God. For this reason there is no fasting this week. Death no longer reigns over human life, and paradise is reopened to all, symbolized by the Royal and Beautiful Doors of the Iconostasis remaining open throughout the week. Through the power of the Spirit, all mankind and the whole cosmos are renewed. In the ancient tradition, the newly-baptized, having entered into a ne life in the hope of the Resurrection, wore their white baptismal garments of joy and purity throughout the week. We do not chant for the departed during this week, for Christ has destroyed the power of death.

The **Artos** is a loaf of leavened bread with either a cross made of dough placed on top or impressed before baking with a seal of an icon of the Resurrection that is blessed at the Paschal Vigil after the Ambon Prayer. It is symbolic of the physical presence of the Resurrected Christ among the Apostles. This **Artos** is kept in the church during Bright Week, either in the nave, next to the Icon of the Resurrection; in front of the Icon of Christ on the Iconostasis; or in front of the Holy Doors. Throughout the week, whenever anyone enters the church, the Artos is kissed as a means of symbolically greeting the resurrected Christ. It is then broken and distributed to the faithful on Thomas Sunday.

## Next Sunday's Readings ~ THOMAS SUNDAY

Epistle – Acts of the Holy Apostles 5:12-20

*Many Signs and Wonders Performed; Persecution of the Apostles*

GOSPEL – John 20:19-31

*The Appearance of Jesus to the Apostles; Jesus and Thomas*

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### ~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

- During the 50 days of the paschal season, in Church and at your icon corner at home, there is **NO KNEELING** at any time. Standing is a sign of the resurrection.
- The **2018 Vocation Icon** sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Reserve the icon for a week and pray for vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and monastic life. In the Narthex are pictures of all our current seminarians from the various Byzantine Catholic jurisdictions.
- You may still turn in your **SPECIAL COLLECTION** to aid our sister churches in need in **Central** and **Eastern Europe** if you have not already done so.
- **15<sup>th</sup> Annual Day of Reflection for Women** will be held on **Saturday, 5 May 2018** from **9:00 – 14:30** at our cathedral of St John the Baptist in Munhall. This year's theme is *Angels Build Bridges*. The cost is \$25 (no refunds) and includes a box lunch. Proceeds from the Benefit Auction will be given to local women's shelters. Checks are to be made payable to Office of Religious Education. Brochures containing the schedule for the day and all other information can be found on the tables in the Narthex. Registration deadline is 26 April.
- This fall 2018, the Byzantine Catholic Seminary is making available its **MASTER OF ARTS IN THEOLOGY** degree program with fully online courses. These classes are consistent with those offered on campus and utilize many of our in-house faculty. In keeping with our mission statement, «...*teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.*» (Mt. 28:20), **Byzantine Online** seeks to produce exceptional academic leaders in Eastern Christian theology, scripture and dogma. A new chaplaincy focus has been added as well. Through **Byzantine Online**, one has the chance to join with a Catholic community who by God's grace will form some of the Church's leaders. More information can be found at **online.bcs.edu**.