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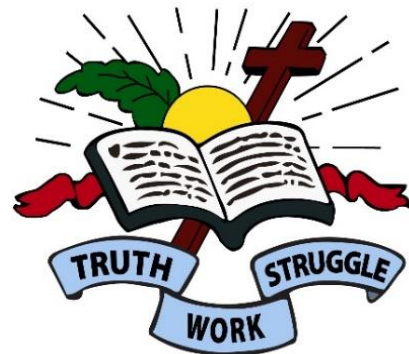
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EASTER SUNDAY – ALLELUIA!

*He is risen!
He is risen, indeed!*

About Today's Bible Readings

Jesus lives! The fact of his resurrection has set the world and its values upside down. (1 Corinthians).

Death is no longer the end but the beginning of a life that never ends (John).

Life has become a multi-dimensional experience in which believers share by faith in an ancient Passover; in which believers share daily the many great and small passages from death to life and look ahead to the ultimate passing over from time into the timelessness of eternity (Acts).

Responsorial Psalm:

118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

R: This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

ENTRANCE RITE (Traditional CFR-RSV Psalm 139:18, 5b-6a; 118:1-2)

V. I have risen: I am with you once more; you placed your hand on me to keep me safe. How great is the depth of your wisdom. Alleluia.

R. O Lord, you have probed me and you know me; you know when I sit and when I stand. Alleluia.

V. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen!

SEQUENCE - Victimæ paschali laudes

Christians, to the Paschal Victim Offer your thankful praises! A Lamb the sheep redeems; Christ, who only is sinless, Reconciles sinners to the Father. Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous: The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal. Speak, Mary, declaring What you saw, wayfaring. "The tomb of Christ, who is living, The glory of Jesus' resurrection; bright angels attesting, The shroud and napkin resting. Yes, Christ my hope is arisen; to Galilee he goes before you." Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining. Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning! Amen. Alleluia.

ALLELUIA (1 Corinthians 5:7b-8a, c)

V. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

V. For our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed.

Therefore let us feast with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

R. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel (JOHN 20:1-9)

On the first day of the week, Mary of Magdala came to the tomb early in the morning, while it was still dark, and saw the stone removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and told them, "They have taken the Lord from the tomb, and we don't know where they put him." So Peter and the other disciple went out and came to the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple ran faster than Peter and arrived at the tomb first; he bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. For they did not yet understand the Scripture that he had to rise from the dead.

This is the Gospel of the Lord!

Worship Services

**TODAY – April 17th
Easter Sunday**

**Solemnity of The Resurrection
of Our Lord – Procession**

9:00 AM – Holy Mass

**SUNDAY – April 24th
Second Sunday of Easter
(Low Sunday)**

8:00 AM – HOLY MASS

9:30 AM – HOLY MASS

EASTER GREETINGS!

In these trying times, I urge you to take comfort and draw joy from the eternal Easter message, He is risen! He is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

Christ's glorious resurrection is what being a Christian is all about and today is when we sing aloud our happiness and joy. For it is through Jesus' eternal, perfect sacrifice on the cross that we are made whole, our sins forgiven and the promise of eternal life is bestowed upon us. All we need to do to reap this greatest of all gifts is to believe in Him, our Lord and Savior, and to follow His teachings as He leads us on the road to the Heavenly Kingdom.

Please, be strong, take care and stay well as we once again join together as the one Body of Christ to sing praise, honor and glory to His most Holy Name.

From Fr. Sr. Don, Danielle
and your parish Committee:

Happy Easter!
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

INTENTIONS:

My Brothers and Sisters:

Our prayers are needed: For the increase in men called to the priesthood and diaconate of the Polish National Catholic Church; For the health and growth of our Parish; For all of the sick and homebound members of our Parish, our families and friends, especially Isabella Mularczyk, Edward Czechowski, Patrice Czechowski, Donna Schalata, Tom Schalata, David Wunderlich, Bernice Biroscak, Geri Piotrowski, Janet Katinowsky, Julia Urban, Sandy Pfennig, Courtney Pierce, Joseph Grossman Sr., Joseph Grossman Jr., Kyle Grossman, Damon Grossman, Ed Edling, Donald Deihm, Janice Elaine Casperson, Frank Fisher, Elizabeth McAlanis, Skye Sadowski, Barbara Waszk, Jerry Butto, Terry Leatherman and Riley Rejniak. **Our Father....**

If there are any other individuals who should be on this list, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, April 18th: The Picnic/Fundraising Committee will meet in the Library at 7:00PM. All are invited to attend.

Thursday April, 21st: The Book Club will meet at 7:00PM in the library. The book that will be discussed is "Where Do We Go From Here" by Dr. David Jeremiah. All are welcome.

Sunday, April 24th: Regular monthly meeting of the Parish Committee in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 AM.

Sunday, May 1st: ANS Rigatoni and Meatball Dinner at 12:00 Noon. Tickets are \$10.00 for Adults and \$5.00 for Children ten and under. They can be purchased from Cheryl Weinhold, Eleanor Kaczmarczyk or Mary Cooper. Masses this day will be 8:00AM and 10:00AM.

Monday, May 2nd: The Mission Commission will meet in the Library at 7:00 PM

Saturday, May 7th: Mother's Day Pottery Sale and Craft Event in the Fellowship Hall from 10:00AM until 3:00PM. Please see the Flyer on the table in the vestibule for more details.

If there are any other events not listed here, please email or tell Father Senior Donald so he can add them!

RELIEF FOR UKRAINE

We will be taking a second collection today as you leave for financial support to the Ukraine. This money will be sent to the National Church in Scranton to be forwarded to our sister Parishes of the Polish Catholic Church that are near the Ukrainian border to assist in their efforts to help refugees fleeing the conflict. Please be as generous as you can. We are also collecting items for the refugees as well. A list of what is needed is in your April Newsletter arriving in the mail soon. Please have any items that you wish to donate here in the Church by Sunday, April 24th as we will be taking them to Philadelphia on Tuesday, April 26th. Thank you.

