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CONFESSIONS: 4:00 P.M. to 5 P.M. on Saturdays, 8:00 A.M. to 9:00 A.M. on Sundays before/after each Divine Liturgy or by appt. If you need to see a priest for a spiritual talk and help, please contact the pastor. **FOR SACRAMENTS OF CHRISTIAN INITIATIONS AND MATRIMONY** PLEASE NOTIFY THE PASTOR IN ADVANCE.

LITURGY SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY (4/18) – @9:30 AM – DIVINE LITURGY FOR DECEASED, @4 PM – CONFESSIONS, @5:00 PM – DIVINE LITURGY + EUGENE KARAMAN OFFERED BY SILETSKY'S FAMILY

SUNDAY (4/19) – @10:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY + СОФІЯ ЛЕСЬКІВ ОФІРА МАРІЯ ЛЕСЬКІВ AND PARISH SVIACHENE

NEXT WEEK CALENDAR

MONDAY (4/20) – OUR VENERABLE FATHER THEODORE, JOHN 4:46-54

TUESDAY (4/21) – THE HOLY HIEROMARTYR JANUARIUS, JOHN 6:27-33

WEDNESDAY (4/22) – OUR VENERABLE FATHER THEODORE, JOHN 6:35-39

THURSDAY (4/23) – THE HOLY AND GLORIOUS GREAT – MARTYR AND WONDERWORKER GEORGE, JOHN 15:17-16:2

FRIDAY (4/24) – THE HOLY MARTYR SABBAS STRATELATES, JOHN 648-54

SATURDAY (4/25) – @9:30 AM – DIVINE LITURGY + VIRA, @4 PM – CONFESSIONS, @5:00 PM – DIVINE LITURGY FOR PARISHIONERS

SUNDAY (4/26) – @9:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY FOR PARISHIONERS ; @10:30 AM DIVINE LITURGY + МАРУСЯ ТА ЮРІЙ ОФІРА ВІД РОДИНИ КУШНІР

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Please pray for soldiers defending the freedom in Ukraine: Volodymyr, Nazar, Pavlo, Viktor, Taras, Michael (missing in action), Volodymyr, Hnat, Victor, Yuriy, Oleh, Victor, Volodymyr, Andrew, Ruslan,

Rostyslav, Nazar, Vitaliy, Mykola, Oleksandr, Vasyl, Maksym, Yuriy, Evhen, Bohdan, Viktor, Ihor, Volodymyr, Hryhoriy, Myroslaw, Andriy, Myroslaw, Dmytro, Ivan, Oleh, Ivan, Serhiy, Vladyslav, Vladyslav.

Please remember to pray for the sick and homebound of our parish and those who have requested our prayers: Slavomyra Bilas, Martha Moraczewski, Roksolana Harasymowych, Benjamin Karabin, Joseph Manino, Roman Shwed, Stefania Iwanowicz, f.Robert Hitchens, Taras, Oksana, Bohdan

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FINANCIAL REPORT: 4/11-412 WEEKLY OFFERING-\$1586, CANDLES - \$134, EASTER DONATION - \$190, COFFEE - \$131, HOME MISSIONS - \$180, OTHER - \$48 **TOTAL COLLECTED- \$2,269**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR STEWARDSHIP! MAY GOD BLESS YOU!

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VISITATION OF THE SICK - If you would like father Roman to visit a member of your family, please call him at (215) 776-1688 to arrange a visitation. It is our responsibility to make sure our loved ones will receive the Sacraments, especially in the time of illness.

PARISH FACEBOOK & INSTAGRAM – JOIN OUR SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNITY TO STAY UPDATED WITH A WEALTH OF INFORMATION! CONNECT WITH US AT WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/UKRAINIANABVM AND FOLLOW US ON INSTAGRAM: [@UKRAINIANBVM](https://www.instagram.com/ukrainianbvm)

Birthdays/Anniversaries in April: 4/1 KARON MASSADO, 4/1 WALTER KONONENKO, 4/2 PAVLO TERSHAKOVEC, 4/3 ROMA KUZLA, 4/5 STEPHEN PIDHIRSKYJ, 4/8 CATHERINE GAJDALO, 4/8 MARCO COSTA, 4/12 CHRISTOPHER PLACHTA, 4/16 NATALIE SOROKA, 4/17 ALEXANDRA MINDZIAK, 4/19 VIRA CHAJKOWSKY DUTTON, 4/23 DALE BOYCHAK, 4/28 DEREK COLLEEN.

Eternal lamp (for April) offered by the Hill’s family in gratitude for the blessings received

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HELPING UKRAINE

We are collecting funds to help our chaplains who are ministering at the frontlines. Thank you for your generous support of the people of Ukraine. You may write a check to "Annunciation of the BVM Ukrainian Catholic Church" with "Ukraine Aid" in the memo and mailed to 1206 Valley Rd, Melrose Park, PA 19027.

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EVENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Parish Sviachene – on April 19 we will have our parish sviachene. There will be one Liturgy at 10:00 AM. Please sign in the back of the church. Cost - \$25 per adult; children free.

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PASTOR AND HIS FAMILY TRIP TO UKRAINE- father Roman his family will be traveling to Ukraine from April 7 through April 24 to renew their religious worker visas. Father Vasyl Chudiyovich

(telephone 202-270-8776) from Washington DC will substitute father Roman on the weekends. During the week, if need help with spiritual matters please contact father Volodymyr Kozak at 267-984-9980.

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DIVINE LITURGY

Troparion and Kontakion

Troparion of the Resurrection, Tone 2: When You went down to death, O Life Immortal,* You struck Hades dead with the blazing light of Your divinity.* When You raised the dead from the nether world,* all the powers of heaven cried out:* “O Giver of Life, Christ our God, glory be to You!”

Troparion of the Feast, Tone 2: The noble Joseph took down Your most pure body from the tree.* He wrapped it with a clean shroud and aromatic spices* and placed it in a new tomb.* But on the third day You arose, O Lord,* granting the world Your great mercy.

Glory...

Kontakion of the Feast, Tone 2: You commanded the myrrh-bearers to rejoice, O Christ God,* and ended the grief of our mother Eve by Your Resurrection.* You ordered the apostles to proclaim to all:* “The Saviour is risen from the tomb.”

Now...

Kontakion of Pascha, Tone 8: Though You descended into a tomb, O Immortal One,* yet You destroyed the power of hades;* and You rose as victor, O Christ God,* calling to the myrrh-bearing women: Rejoice!* and giving peace to Your Apostles:* You who grant Resurrection to the fallen.

Prokeimenon, Tone 6

Save Your people, O Lord, * and bless Your inheritance.

verse: Unto You I will cry, O Lord, my God, lest You turn from me in silence. (Psalm 27:9,1)

Epistle: Acts 6:1-7 (NRSV)

In those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.” What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Alleluia, Tone 8

verse: You have shown favour to Your land, O Lord; You brought back the captives of Jacob.

verse: Mercy and truth have met together; righteousness and peace have kissed each other. (Psalm 84:2,11)

Gospel: Mark 15:43-16:8 (NRSV)

At that time, Joseph of Arimathea, a respected member of the council, who was also himself waiting

expectantly for the kingdom of God, went boldly to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate wondered if he were already dead; and summoning the centurion, he asked him whether he had been dead for some time. When he learned from the centurion that he was dead, he granted the body to Joseph. Then Joseph bought a linen cloth, and taking down the body, wrapped it in the linen cloth, and laid it in a tomb that had been hewn out of the rock. He then rolled a stone against the door of the tomb. Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid.

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?" When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you." So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

Hymn to the Mother of God

The Angel cried out to the One full of Grace: O chaste Virgin, rejoice! And again I say, Rejoice! Your Son has risen from the tomb on the third day, and raised the dead. Let all people rejoice! Shine, shine, O new Jerusalem, for the glory of the Lord has risen upon you! Exult now and be glad, O Zion! And you, O chaste Mother of God, take delight in the resurrection of your Son.

Communion Hymn

Receive the Body of Christ;* taste the fountain of immortality.* Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise Him in the highest. (Psalm 148:1)* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia. (Psalm 18:5)

Instead of "Blessed is He who comes..." we sing:

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

Instead of "We have seen the true light..." we sing:

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

Instead of "May our mouths be filled..." we sing three times:

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

Instead of "Blessed be the name of the Lord..." we sing three times:

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

At the dismissal, instead of "Glory be to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever and ever. Amen." we chant:

Christ is risen from the dead,* trampling death by death,* and to those in the tombs* giving life.

After the final Amen, the troparion "Christ is risen" is sung as at the beginning of the Liturgy, but with the addition:

And to us he has granted life eternal;* we bow down before his resurrection on the third day.

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[Gospel's commentary](#)

Receiving with an open heart the word of God that has just been proclaimed, which the evangelist Mark has given us, we understand that these women became eyewitnesses of the suffering, death and resurrection of our Savior. However, to this day, humanity asks itself: were these events true or not?

The Lord calls women. It was they who became witnesses of three wonderful events that the Church recognizes as one great mystery and calls it the “Paschal Mystery.” These women were witnesses of the passion of Jesus Christ, His last words spoken on the cross, and His agony. They were witnesses of His death. The disciples fled, and the women saw where Christ’s body was laid. Then, when the Sabbath was over, as soon as the sun had risen, they ran to the tomb and learned from the angel that He had risen!

It is interesting that it was to a woman — a person who at that time did not have the proper significance in public life, whose testimony was not recognized in court — that the Lord God entrusted the most important news in the history of mankind: Christ is truly risen! And we will see and hear today that those women were not just witnesses of three events united in one mystery of the Lord’s Passover, but are witnesses of hope for us today.

Three words of an angel — three paths of hope

Let us listen to the three words that the angel speaks to them. The first thing he says: “Do not be afraid!”. The women must have heard Jesus say this to different people more than once. But now these words are addressed to them — and they believed. Each of the three women we hear about today: Mary Magdalene, Mary, the mother of James, and Salome — experienced her own story of meeting Christ. Each of them felt that it was in Him that there was hope: for the forgiveness of sins, for salvation, for the fact that we can be close to God. And on that Easter morning they saw the fulfillment of their own hope when they heard that Christ was alive.

The second word of the angel: “You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth.” This word will become a spiritual symbol of femininity — a woman as a search, as humanity’s aspiration for God, as a symbol of humanity seeking the fullness of life. To seek God means to find life and the fullness of hope. For hope, indeed, is what gives a person life, the ability to transcend one’s own limits, one’s humanity.

And the third thing the angel says: “Go!” — go, don’t stand here, He is no longer here, tell His disciples that He is risen! The angel invites the myrrh-bearing women to bring the news of the resurrection to the Church of Christ, to become evangelizers of the apostles. And they were the first to announce to the apostles that Christ had risen from the dead.

These women, witnesses of the Paschal mystery, were the first to receive hope, the first to believe, and the first to become pilgrims of hope, which they can now pass on to others.

A Woman Who Transmits the Faith

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ! Today our Church wants to thank a woman — as the one who is a source of hope for her people, for her family, and as the one who takes this hope from the risen Christ and transmits it to everyone around her.

John Paul II said that a woman is a mystery — not in the sense that she is unknown, but because the Lord invests her with special graces and she carries within herself the mystery of the presence of the Risen One in the bosom of the church community.

If we think about who in our lives first told us about Jesus, who was a teacher of faith for us, then most of the time we will remember a woman! Let us remember with gratitude our grandmother or mother, who taught us to fold our fingers to make the sign of the cross, who herself prayed and taught us living communion with the living God — the risen Jesus Christ! Therefore, today I thank you, mothers, who teach your children to pray, who pass on your faith to them as the greatest ancestral treasure.

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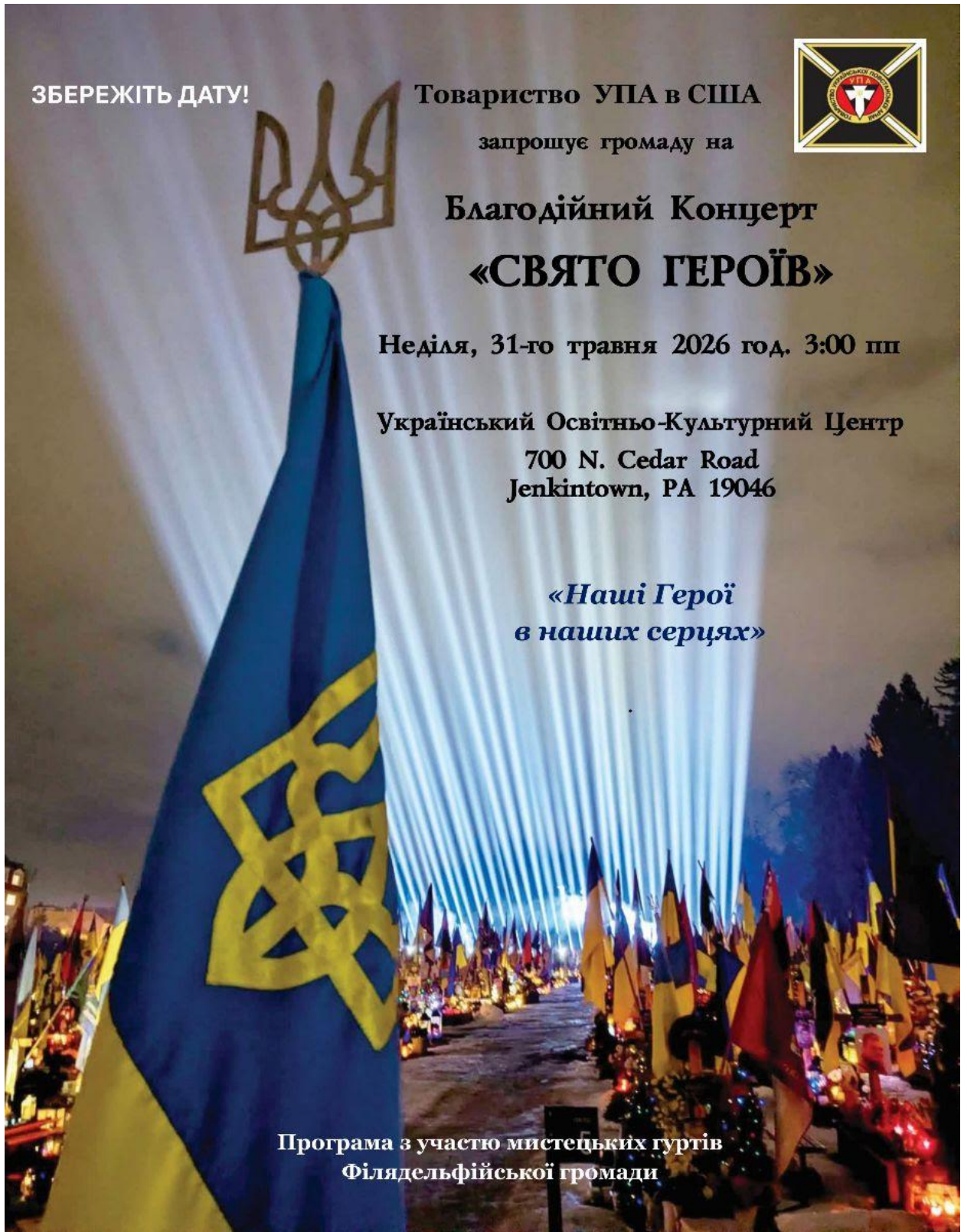
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Dear Friends, Chrystos Voskres, Slava Ukraini- please share with your friends and attend an interesting afternoon this upcoming Sunday

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Sunday, April 26th, 2026 at 3PM

St Sophia Religious Association

7911 Whitewood Rd., Elkins Park, PA 19027

Ambassador of Moldova, His Excellency **Vlad Kulminski**

The Ambassador will give a short address on Moldova – Ukraine relations

Following the Ambassador's address, we will be joined by **David Godfrey-Thomas** who will lead a conversation titled...

From Remediation to Regeneration

A Personal and Professional Journey in Ukraine

David is a specialist in cross-border trade, finance, and geopolitical strategy with 35 years' experience designing innovative financing and business structures that align capital markets with ecological outcomes. His current positions include Board Director of Nexia Group Holdings, CEO of Frontline Intelligence, Chairman of Allagi Biotechnology, and Chairman of the Centre of Excellence for Life Sciences, Agriculture, and Bioingenuity (CE-LAB) in Kyiv.

RUSSIA DID THIS!

MAXIMUM PRESSURE NOW!

massive russian terrorist attack across all of Ukraine

Ukrainian families were once again targeted in another massive drone and ballistic missile attack overnight on December 27th. Dozens of civilians have been injured and critical infrastructure has left Ukraine in the dark this cold winter!



It's clear that russia only seeks to prolong the war.

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Dear Friends of Ukraine,

YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED TO STOP THE GENOCIDE OF UKRAINIANS!

While we continue celebrating the Christmas holiday season in the warmth of our homes surrounded by friends and family, early this morning throughout all of Ukraine, russia launched another barbaric drone and missile attack targeting civilians, homes, and critical infrastructure. These are not the actions of a country seeking peace. They are the deliberate war crimes of a regime committed to terror, destruction, and the erasure of Ukraine.

These continued genocidal act demands immediate action from our elected

leaders!

The Ukrainian Congress Committee of America (UCCA) and its Washington, DC public affairs bureau – the Ukrainian National Information Service (UNIS), urge every constituent to contact the White House and your elected officials in Congress (senators and congressman) and insist that the United States must respond with clarity, strength, and resolve. putin has repeatedly shown that he does not seek peace or negotiations in good faith; he seeks only violence and submission.

Advocacy of this very important matter will prove to be of historical significance.

Take Action Now!

Tell the White House and your Members of Congress: Hold russia accountable. putin does not seek peace!

Demand:

- **Stronger sanctions and enforcement against russia**
- **Immediate and sustained military and air-defense support for Ukraine**
- **Clear U.S. leadership to confront russian terror and war crimes**

Call and send a message. Silence only emboldens aggression!

HOW TO CONTACT THE WHITE HOUSE AND CONGRESS:

1. **Telephone the White House switchboard at (202) 456-1111.**
2. **Telephone the congressional switchboard at (202) 224-3121.**