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SUNDAY – April 16, 2017 – **Pascha – Resurrection of Our Lord**

8:00 a.m.— Blessing of Baskets followed by Resurrection Matins and the Divine Liturgy – Intention of the **People of the Parish**

**TODAY'S READINGS:** Epistle: Acts: 1:1–8 Gospel: Jn 1:1–17

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To all those celebrating Birthdays, Anniversaries, and other milestones. Mnohaya lita! God, Grant you Many Happy Years!

**REMEMBER OUR ARMED FORCES:** Most especially the Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese for the Military Services, the Most Reverend Timothy Broglio and his Priests and Deacons. Also, those parishioners currently serving in the military--- **Airman First Class Rose Rella, Senior Airman Maria Rella, Petty Officer Second Class Erin Wimmer, Captain Tammy Rella**, and our parish priest, **Chaplain (Captain) Francis Rella** who is currently serving on Active Duty. Also, remember the Veterans of our parishes who served in every armed conflict since World War I, especially **George Sabornick, James Burkhart**, and **Steven Labos**.

**SUMMER SCHEDULE:** As a reminder, beginning at the end of next month there will be one joint Divine Liturgy on Sundays at 10:00 a.m. for the Summer Months. **Summer Schedule will be in effect from May 28th – September 3rd**---the Sunday before Memorial Day until the Sunday after Labor Day. Regularly scheduled Sunday Liturgies will resume on September 10<sup>th</sup>. It will take place at Saints Peter and Paul Byzantine Catholic Church in Somerset, due to Handicapped Accessibility and kitchen facilities. Coffee Hour will be served throughout the summer. The joint weekly Liturgy and fellowship was greatly received last year.

**BLESSINGS:** To all those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. Many Years!

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**The SANCTUARY LAMP:** burns this week for the **For Susan Lukacs Dean** by Lori Grobelny

**PLEASE PRAY** for the sick, **Josephine Abate** at Monmouth County Care Center, **Anne & Chester Kucharski** at Regency, and **Susan Lakat** at the Independence Manor in Flemington, **Carol Timko** at Bridgeway Care Center, and **Elizabeth Bessenyi** at Somerset Hills Assisted Living. Also, pray for our Trustee **Mary Kucak**, and **parishioners Veronica Szegesky**, as well as **Heather Lindsay**, cousin of Father Rella and **Susan Lukacs Dean** goddaughter of Lori Grobelny.

**TRUSTEE NEEDED:** Due to the absence of our long-serving Trustee and after consultation with Mary Kucak, the parish is in need for an alternate Trustee. If anyone is interested in serving, please let your intention be known to John Dulina, Lori Grobelny, or Father Rella. The main responsibility of a Parish Trustee is financial oversight and accountability. As you know Father Rella runs an **open book** parish. Parishioners may review all accounts whenever requested. Please note that the Parish Trustee is **not** an advisor on financial administration or parish management. That is the sole responsibility of the Administrator. However, it is an important role in the life of the parish. Current parishioners who regularly attend liturgy will be considered. Names will be submitted to Father Rella for consideration and selection.

***Christ is Risen! Indeed, He is Risen!***

***Christos Voskrese! Voistinu Voskrese!***

***Föltamádt Krisztus! Valoban Föltamádt!***

***Christos Anesti! Alithos Anesti!***

***Christus resurrexit! Resurrexit vere!***

***Cristo è risorto! È veramente risorto!***

**BLESSED PASCHA:** My dear brothers and sisters. Bishop Gerald of Phoenix teaches us, “Love is an important aspect of the events of the Resurrection. Mary Magdalene loved Jesus so much because of how he had cured her of her illness that she was among the first persons at the tomb. It was St. John, the disciple that Jesus loved (Jn. 20:20), who was the first Apostle to believe in the Resurrection. Here we have one of the truths that St. John teaches us about the Resurrection events: Love can help a person grasp the truth even when things seem irrational. We can neither understand Christ nor help others to understand him and to believe in him unless we ourselves learn to love Him personally as St. Mary Magdalene and St. John the Apostle did. “

May the Resurrection of Our Savior and His ultimate love lead all of us to everlasting life!

**PARISH STAFF**

*Fr. Francis Rella, Administrator      Mr. Robert Kondrk, Cantor*  
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