

**LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK OF  
EASTER AND THE SECOND SUNDAY  
OF EASTER (SUNDAY OF DIVINE  
MERCY)**

**April 1 - 7, 2024**

**Monday, 4/1 † Monday within the Octave of  
Easter**

5:40pm: Divine Mercy, SS. Cyril & Methodius  
6pm: Regina Howard by Sharon Richie

**Tuesday, 4/2 † Tuesday within the Octave of  
Easter**

7:30am: Divine Mercy, SS. Cyril & Methodius  
8am: Scott (Birthday)  
11am: A.S. Linda Potempa by The Scamerhorn  
Family

**Wednesday, 4/3 † Wednesday within the  
Octave of Easter**

9am: A.S. Ann Manion (Birthday) by Jan Duttlinger  
5:40pm – Divine Mercy, SS. Cyril & Methodius  
6pm: The Balad Family by the Dumenric by Family

**Thursday, 4/4 † Thursday within the  
Octave of Easter**

7:30am: Divine Mercy at SS. C & M  
8am: Gary  
9am: A.S.

**First Friday, 4/5 † Friday within the  
Octave of Easter**

7:30am: Divine Mercy, SS. C & M  
8am: McKenzie (Birthday)  
9am: Souls in Purgatory by Jan Duttlinger

**First Saturday, 4/6 † Saturday within the  
Octave of Easter**

8:10: Divine Mercy, SS. C & M  
8:30am: Annette

**Saturday, 3/30 † Vigil, SECOND SUNDAY OF  
EASTER**

4:30pm: Regina Howard by Sharon Richie

**Sunday, 3/31 † SECOND SUNDAY OF  
EASTER**

7:30am: Jadwiga & Leon Wolski – Eternal Salvation  
by Mark & Bogumila Wolski  
9am: A. S. Andrea Simkins (Birthday) by Grandma  
11am: Parishioners  
12:30pm: Divine Mercy, All Saints  
1:30pm: Divine Mercy, SS. C & M

*We Welcome Erin Chaja, Madison Binkowski, and Duke Korous who are being confirmed at the Easter Vigil, and Darlene Biddle who was Confirmed at St. John the Evangelist in February.*

Don't forget the Christian Ladies Baby Shower on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in the Church Parlor.

*As we celebrate Easter, let us rejoice in the miraculous resurrection of Jesus Christ and the promise of new life it brings. May His victory over death fill your heart with hope, your soul with peace, and your life with abundant blessings.*

Today as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others.

**As you place your gift with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter Peace.**

# Dear Padre

March 31, 2024

**Where did the idea of an Easter bunny come from? What about the Easter egg?**

The Easter bunny is really a hare which, according to an Egyptian legend, is a symbol of the moon. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon that occurs after the twenty-first day of March. Put this together, and we have an Easter bunny.

Early Christians gave new meaning to the Roman proverb *Omne vivum ex ovo*, which means, "All life comes from an egg." A hatching chick represented the risen Christ emerging from the shell of a tomb on Easter morning. Consequently, eggs were prohibited during the Lenten fast and were reintroduced at the Easter meal and also shared as decorated gifts. In 1610, a prayer by Pope Paul V blessed the egg "that it may become a wholesome sustenance to Thy faithful servants, eating in thankfulness to Thee, on account of the Resurrection of Our Lord."

In some parts of the world, children carry baskets and torches and sing Easter carols as they go from place to place. They are given brightly colored eggs to put in their baskets. In other places, eggs are carried to church and blessed by the priests. The eggs are taken home and placed in the center of the table as the main dish at the Easter feast. Visitors to the house during Easter week are offered this sacred food of the resurrection. Happy Easter! ●

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*"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." -  
COLOSSIANS 3:2*

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

# Good News!

March 31, 2024

*Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord (B)*  
Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Colossians 3:1-4 or  
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8 / John 20:1-9 or Mark 16:1-7

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**Faith can have the look of high dives** and learning to ride a bike without training wheels and life without one's "blankie." All are confrontations with the specter of death asking us to have faith. From youth to old age, our lives seem to be laced with the loss of control, and unless we embrace such moments, not only will we never really grow up, neither will we ever become people of faith who live in the resurrection.

The Easter Gospels are about women and men who arrive at the tomb but hesitate going in; it is the home of death. Yet they become believers after they have entered that home of death and discover it to be abandoned. Over the years, I have become convinced that the only way to become a believer in the resurrection is to walk into the tomb yourself and there discover that where you thought death was present now has been abandoned. That is the pattern of coming to faith.

Usually such moments do not have the look of faith. They tend to seem more akin to death than any promise of new life—like having to move to a new city or a new school, or abandoning an addiction, or confronting a problem through counseling, or aging, or grieving over lost love. They all can have the look of tombs yet they are also where we find the beginnings of new life. Risk it often enough and so discover new life, and we begin to believe in the reality of resurrection—Jesus' and ours. ●

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IN LOVING MEMORY  
EASTER, 2024  
SS. Cyril and Methodius

INTENTIONS:

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Neftalie Alva, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Selso Guterrez Family, Tom Roe	Mrs. Guadalupe Alva
Deceased members of Dziura, Polak, Trzop & Lukaszczyk, Families	Christopher & Violetta Trzop
Deceased members of Scherer, Haugh, Fary & Beatty Families	Edward & Joan Beatty
Deceased of Jachim & James Families	Sharon James
Deceased of Kaminski, Bowman, Pletka & Torres Families	Donald & Mary Bowman
Deceased members of the Zysk, Kida & Eby Families	Donna Kida
Deceased of Lippelt & Skronski Families	Frank & Evelyn Skronski
Deceased of the Franscoviak & Okeley Families	Bob & Peg Okeley
Joe Vanek, Cox Family, Vanek Family, Neumaier Family	Patricia Vanek
Cyril, Alice, & Chris Dolezal	Ken and Sue Dolezal
Deceased members of Bau, Schrombeck, Richie & Trusty Families	Larry & Sharon Richie
Joseph Healy, Louise Garbaciak, & Jennie Healy	Mary Healy
Russell, Fran, & Mary Vizza & Cyndi Kuehl	Geri Vizza
Deceased of the Origer Family	John & Julie Origer
Deceased of the Koc Family	M/M Jesse Koc
Deceased Vessely Family members	Laura Vessely
Jaunita Harris	Barb Williams
Deceased of the Fula family	M. E. Fula
Dziura & Polak Families	Mr. & Mrs. Eugeniusz Dziura
Deceased of the Labuda Family	Larry Labuda

Deceased of the Zehner Family	Amy Housinger
Roberta & Dan McKendry, Joyce Watterson, Ethan Brittingham, Maxine & Bob Binkowski, Keithern Bays	John & Madison Binkowski
Deceased of the Skronski Family	Norbert Skronski
Deceased of the Labuda Family	Larry Labuda
Carol Conley	Jason & Joan Brunicon
Venture Pacilio	Wife, Marilyn
Wayne Mosher, Margaret, Joseph, Sr. & Joseph, Jr. Materna	Shirley Mosher
Roy Doctor Family, Carl & Loretta Rippy Family	Mark & Shirley Rippy
Richard & Mary Roy, James Bachert	Sue Bachert
Deceased of the Wojtyska Family	Mr. & Mrs William Wojtyska
Janik Family	Marie Kocsak
Deceased of the Vogel Family	Priscilla Vogel
The Heidel & Liskey Families	Pat Heidel
Deceased of the Leja Family	M K Leja



*JESUS, I TRUST IN THEE!*

## DEVOTION TO THE DIVINE MERCY

From 1931 to 1938 Our Lord revealed the secrets of His great mercy also to Sr. Faustina. He designated the first Sunday after Easter as the Feast of the Mercy of God. In preparation of this Feast, He asked that a Novena, which asks for prayers each of the nine days for a different group of souls in order to immerse them in the sea of God's Mercy! Confession is required on the day before this Feast and Communion required on the day of the Feast. Our Lord promised to the souls who follow these requests a complete remission of sin and punishment! "I desire that the Feast be a refuge and a shelter

for all souls," He told her, "especially for poor sinners. The very depths of My Mercy will be opened on that day. I will pour out a sea of graces upon those souls that will approach the font of My Mercy. Tell ailing mankind to draw close to My Merciful Heart and I will fill it with peace...mankind will not find peace until it turns with confidence to My Mercy."

### NOVENA TO THE MERCY OF GOD (Begin on Good Friday)

#### FIRST DAY

*Let us pray for God's Mercy to all mankind, especially to sinners.*

Most Merciful Jesus, \*for whom it is proper to be merciful to us and to forgive us, \*look not upon our sins, \*but upon the trust which we place in Your infinite goodness. \*Receive us all into the abode of Your Most Merciful Heart \* and do not permit any one to depart therefrom for all eternity. \*We beseech You for this through the love which unites You with the Father and the Holy Spirit \*in the unity of the Most Holy and incomprehensible Trinity.

*...Our Father..Hail Mary..Glory be..*

Eternal Father, look down with Mercy upon all mankind, \*and especially upon poor sinners, \*whose only hope is the Most Merciful Heart of our Son and Our Lord Jesus Christ. \*Through His sorrowful Passion show Your Mercy to us \*that we may glorify your omnipotence for all eternity. \*Amen

#### SECOND DAY

*Let us pray for the clergy and all religious through whom the Mercy of God descends upon all mankind.*

Most Merciful Jesus, \*from whom all good proceeds, \*increase Your graces in the souls of priests and religious \*that they may worthily and fruitfully fulfill their tasks in Your Vineyard, \*arousing all by word and example \* to a proper devotion to the Mercy of God for all eternity.

*..Our Father..Hail Mary..Glory Be..*

Eternal Father, look down with Mercy upon the multitude of laborers in Your Vineyard \*on the souls of priests, brothers and nuns, \*who are the object of the special love of Your Son and Our Lord Jesus Christ. \*Grace them with the power of Your blessing\* \*and grant them light \* that they may duly lead the faithful on the way of salvation, \* drawing down on them Your Mercy. \* Amen.

#### THIRD DAY

*Let us pray for all faithful Christians.*

Most Merciful Jesus, who abundantly do bestow upon all \*Your graces from the treasure of God's Mercy, \*receive all faithful Christians into the abode of Your Merciful Heart \*and do not let us depart from It for all eternity. \*We beseech You for this through the love \*which unites You with the Father and the Holy Spirit \*in the unity of the Most Holy and incomprehensible Trinity.

*..Our Father..Hail Mary..Glory be..*

Eternal Father, look down with Mercy \*upon the souls of the faithful as upon the beloved heritage of Your Son, \* and through His sorrowful Passion grant them Your blessings \* and surround them with Your unceasing care. \*Grant that they many never lose the love and riches of the holy Faith, \*but that they may glorify Your boundless Mercy \* with the multitude of angels and saints for all eternity. \* Amen.

#### FOURTH DAY

*Let us pray for pagans and infidels who are still ignorant of the Mercy of God.*

Most Merciful Jesus, light of the world, \*receive into the abode of Your Merciful Heart \* the souls of pagans and infidels who as yet do not know YOU. \* Let the rays of Your grace enlighten them \* that they together with us may praise \* the wonders of Your Mercy for all eternity.

*..Our Father..Hail Mary..Glory Be..*

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - APRIL 7th -- NOVENA PRAYERS: BEGIN MARCH 29th**

Eternal Father, look down with Mercy \* upon the souls of pagans and infidels, \*who still do not know the Most Merciful Heart of Your Son and Our Lord Jesus Christ. \* Draw them near to the light of the Gospel \* that they may recognize how great a happiness it is to love You \* and to glorify Your Mercy for all eternity. \* Amen.

#### FIFTH DAY

*Let us pray for the erring in Faith.*

Most Merciful Jesus, Who are goodness itself \* and Who do not refuse light to those who humbly seek, \* receive into the abode of Your Most Merciful Heart \*the souls of those erring in the Faith. \*Draw them with Your Light into unity with the Church \* that together with us they may praise \*the generosity of Your Mercy for all eternity.

*..Our Father... Hail Mary... Glory be..*  
Eternal Father, look down with Mercy \*upon the souls of those erring in Faith, \*and when, abusing Your grace by stubbornly persisting in their errors, \*they have squandered this treasure, \*look not upon their malice, \*but—mindful of the love and the bitter Passion of Your Son, \*who before His Passion so ardently begged of You: "That they all may be one"-- \*grant that these souls may return to that blessed unity as quickly as possible and together with us may praise Your Mercy for all eternity. Amen.

#### SIXTH DAY

*Let us pray for little children and childlike souls.*

Most Merciful Jesus \*Who did say: "Learn of me, for I am meek and humble of heart," \*receive into the abode of Your Most Merciful Heart \* the souls of little children and those \* who, like them, have become meek and humble, \* thereby enchanting heaven as if by a fragrant crown \* laid before the throne of Your Heavenly Father. \* Grant that they may constantly dwell within Your Sacred Heart, \* therein continually praising the Mercy of God.

*..Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be.*  
Eternal Father, look down with

Mercy upon little children and upon all meek and humble souls, \*who have become most like unto Your Most Beloved Son, \*and who by the fragrance of their virtues ascend to the foot of Your throne. \*Father of Mercy, we beseech You through Your love for these souls \*and the delight which You find in them, \*bless us and the entire world \*that we all may render unceasing praise to Your Mercy. \* Amen.

#### SEVENTH DAY

*Let us pray for all who honor the Mercy of God and foster trust in it, thereby becoming as it were a living image of the Most Merciful Heart of Jesus.*

Most Merciful Jesus, Whose Most Merciful Heart is love itself, \*receive into the abode of this Heart \*those souls especially dedicated to honoring the Mercy of God. \*Praising His greatness, these souls, \*whose true and mighty strength comes from God Himself, \*desire to share and on their shoulders carry with You, \*through torments and adversities, \*the burden of suffering for all mankind. \*Deign to enfold them with Your ever increasing Mercy \* and strengthen them always with the grace of fortitude. \*patience and perseverance.

*..Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be..*  
Eternal Father, look down with Mercy \*upon those souls who with a special tenderness praise and venerate Your Mercy, \*whose lips are filled with hymns of praise \* and hands with merciful deeds. \*We beseech You, deign to show them Your ever increasing Mercy \* according to the hope which they place in You \* and according to the promise that You will protect them as our own glory always \* and especially in the hour of death. Amen.

#### EIGHTH DAY

*Let us pray for the souls in Purgatory, who are satisfying the Justice of God that the Merciful stream of Christ's Blood may diminish and shorten their suffering..*

Most Merciful Jesus, \*Who has said: "Be merciful, as Your Heavenly Father is merciful", receive, we beseech You, into the abode of

Your Most Merciful Heart \*the souls suffering in Purgatory, satisfying their debt to God's Justice. \*May the streams of blood and water \*which gushed forth from Your divine Heart \*quench the flames of Purgatory that there too \*the infinite power of Your Mercy may be glorified.

*..Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be..*  
Eternal Father, look down with Mercy \* upon the suffering souls in Purgatory \*and through the sorrowful Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ \*and the bitterness which overflowed His Most Sacred Heart in that hour, \*show pity on those who already now are subject to Your Justice. \*We beseech You that You deign look at them \* only through the wounds of Your Most Beloved Son and Our Lord Jesus Christ, \*whose Mercy surpasses His Justice. \*Amen

#### NINTH DAY

*Let us pray for lukewarm souls, who were the cause of Our Lord's terrible sufferings in Gethsemani.*

Most Merciful Jesus, Who are goodness itself, \*lead into the abode of Your Most Merciful Heart all lukewarm souls, \*who like decaying corpses filled You with aversion and loathing in the Garden of Olives. \*Plunge them into the fire of Your most pure love \*and melt their icy coldness \*that they henceforth may become fired with ever increasing flames of zeal \* and may ever praise Your boundless Mercy.

*..Our Father...Hail Mary...Glory be..*  
Eternal Father, look down with Mercy \*upon lukewarm souls, \*who once in the Garden of Olives \*wrested from Your Most Merciful Son the sorrowful complaint: \* "Let this cup pass away from me," \*We beseech You through the bitter Passion of the same Most beloved Son \* and Our Lord Jesus Christ \* and through His three-hour agony on the Cross, \*inflamm these souls with a new zeal for Your glory \*and pour a true love into their hearts, \*that thus quickened they may perform here on earth merciful deeds \*and glorify the Mercy of God for all eternity. \* Amen. ###

## PRAYER

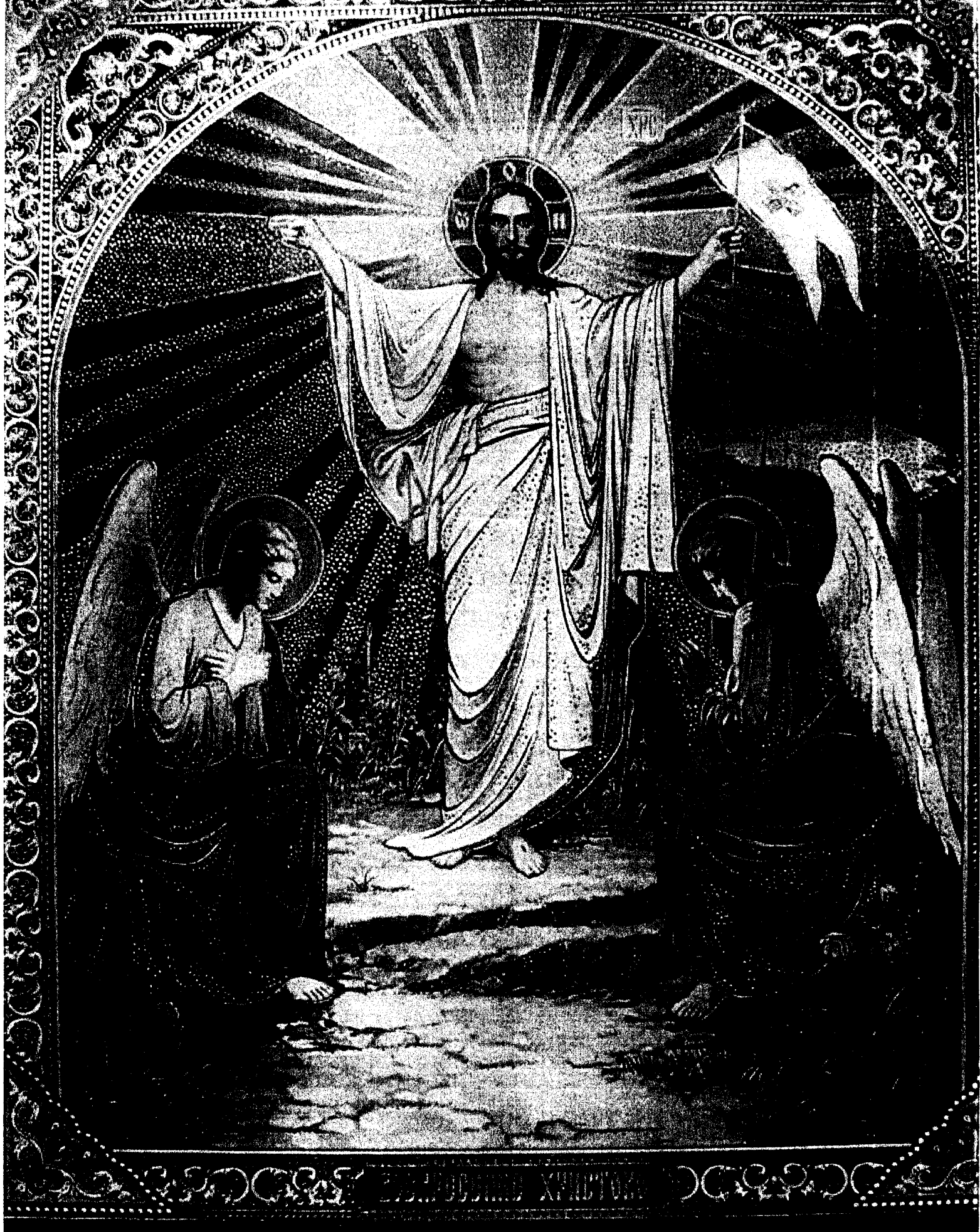
O Lord, help us each day to experience Easter in the ordinary; in the everydayness of our lives and in the mundane events that contain opportunities for grace. Let us see the familiar we take for granted with new eyes.

Let us love anew so that we may help transform that part of the world we touch each day.

O Lord, give us the Holy Spirit that our hearts may be on fire with love for you. Let your Holy Word be the foundation of our lives. Let the Scriptures nourish us in that wisdom and truth by which we proclaim you as Savior.

O Lord, open our eyes each time we celebrate the Eucharist. Remove the blindness that keeps us from seeing you in all things, and in each person we meet. Renew us so that each ordinary day may be a grace for the extraordinary. In the various crosses we carry, let the burden become a blessing. Give us the grace to help others with their crosses.

O Lord, each day we journey in our own way toward Emmaus. Into our midst come many strangers. Open our eyes so that we may see that they are your hidden presence. In so doing, we journey toward our home with you.



QUI PRIMUM VINCIT MORTEM