

HOLY MASSES

at Our Lady of the Skies Chapel

Saturday, April 10 at 5:00 PM

Sunday, April 11 at 1:00 PM

Tuesday, April 13 at 12:15 PM

Wednesday, April 14 at 12:15 PM

Thursday, April 15, at 12:15 PM

Friday, April 16, at 12:15 PM

Saturday, April 17 at 5:00 PM *in Honor of Our Lady of the Skies*

Sunday, April 18 at 1:00 PM *for Jenny O'Neill*

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

the following sick:

Sue McCormick

Louise Cirillo

Lindsey Jefferies

Linda Cavello

Mike O'Sullivan

Maureen Ramazzotti

Anthony DiBenedetto

Yolan DePhillips

Maureen Devine

Walter McNally

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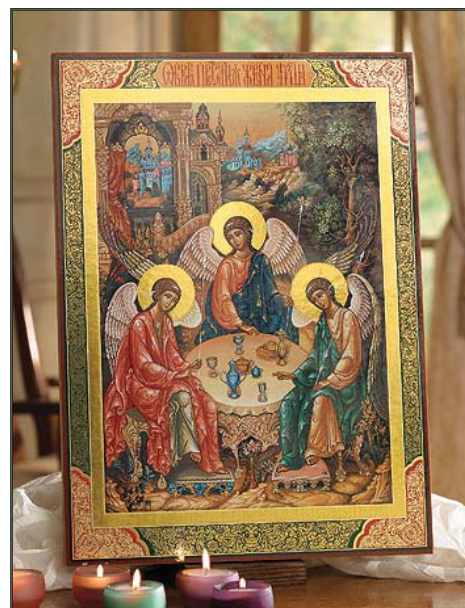
the following deceased:

Severina Camora

George Peterman

Florence McGee

96 deceased in Polish presidential plane crash

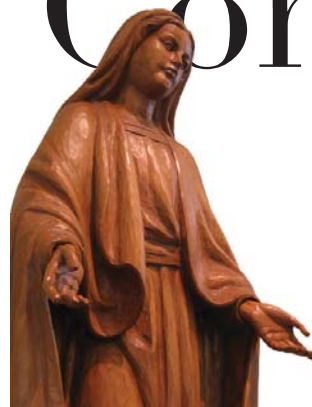


Andrew Rublev painted this icon not only to share the fruits of his own meditation on the mystery of the Holy Trinity but also to offer his fellow monks a way to keep their hearts centered in God while living in the midst of political unrest. As we place ourselves in front of the icon in prayer, we come to experience a gentle invitation to participate in the intimate conversation that is taking place among the three divine angels and to join them around the table. The movement from the Father toward the Son and the movement of both Son and Spirit toward the Father become a movement in which the one who prays is lifted up and held secure.

Henri Nouwen

OUR LADY OF THE SKIES CHAPEL Connections

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APRIL 11, 2010 | 2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

*On the evening
of that first day of the week,
when the doors were locked,
where the disciples were,
for fear of the Jews,
Jesus came and stood in their midst
and said to them,
“Peace be with you.”*

John 20:19



Peaceful Break-in

Chapel Hours
6 AM-10 PM

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From Our Chaplain:

Dear JFK Community, Travelers and Visitors to Our Chapel,

Since I became the Catholic chaplain for John F. Kennedy International Airport, I have had the opportunity to watch and serve many travelers, employees and visitors who were ending up in our corner of the Terminal 4. Some people were nicely surprised that there is a chapel at JFK at all. Some others, who came back to JFK after quite a few years, have been asking about the former Chapel built right outside our terminal, where can you see parking lot in these days. Not everybody knows how unique it is to have not one but four chapels for various religious groups and denominations. At most airports all you can see is one multi-religious room with all sorts of artifacts. Yet, once in a while I come across somebody who is searching for something “in between” our chapels, such as an universal meditation room or a chapel for a specific religious group.

I have noticed, that Our Lady of the Skies Chapel unofficially has become a chapel for our Orthodox brothers and sisters. I am very happy about it and I welcome all of them. I can't give you exact number of such people, employees, travelers and other visitors, who are crossing the threshold of our Chapel in order to pray and worship the One who defeated death, however I believe it is enough for us to welcome them in our Chapel more appropriately. That is why I decided to purchase two icons: the *Resurrection* (right) and famous *Trinity* by Andrei Rublev (page 4). If more will be needed or appropriate (particularly during special feasts and seasons), we will do our best to equip our Chapel with these *divine windows*. We will soon mail Orthodox churches in our area informing their communities about this initiative in order to meet their needs as they are travelling or visiting JFK.

I hope that even in this Easter season I will be extending to many Orthodox brothers and sisters our best greetings by saying *Christos Anesti - Alithos Anesti!* (Greek: Christ is risen - He is truly risen!) at our Chapel.

*Fr. Chris Piasta, OFM
Chaplain*

An icon is not a painting in the sense we normally regard pieces of art, although it is an image that is painted. An icon is a window out of the obvious realities of everyday life into the realm of God. Every paint-stroke has a meaning hallowed by centuries of prayer. Icons are religious

Icons: written or painted?

images that hover between two worlds, putting into colors and shapes what can't be grasped by the intellect. Rendering the invisible visible. Icons are the visual equiva-



lents of the Divine Scriptures. Not every religious painting can be considered an icon. Icons are religious pictures that convey inner spiritual meaning of their subject matter. The Son of God came to restore

the divine image in human form. Iconography is the graphic witness to this restoration.

THE RESURRECTION

Based on ancient prototypes, the icon of the Resurrection which will be placed in our Chapel, shows Christ's triumphant descent into Hades

after His death on the Cross on Good Friday. As described in the Apocryphal Gospel of Nicodemus,

we see Him freeing those souls held in the bondage of death, and also bestowing freedom on those righteous souls who were as yet unable to enter Paradise. In this paschal icon these holy ones stand on either side of Christ, looking on in worshipful joy: King David, Solomon, Saint John the Baptist, Abel the Righteous, and the Prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah. Raising them up the Savior brings them into Paradise and sets them free. He also raises Adam and Eve by the hands from their tombs, symbolizing the freeing of mankind from its imprisonment in fallen nature that was accomplished by the Resurrection.

Christ stands on the fallen gates or doors of Hell and Lucifer lies chained and crushed beneath them, symbolizing the victory of the divine over evil.