The Announcement of Easter and the Moveable Feasts • 2021

In keeping with an ancient practice of the Holy Church, the moveable feasts of the coming year are announced on the Epiphany of the Lord. It is sung immediately following the Gospel (and before the homily). Music with specific dates for 2021 can be found on the following page. The original formula can be found in the Roman Missal, Appendix I: “Various Chants for the Order of Mass.”

The rubrics from the Roman Missal indicate:

On the Epiphany of the Lord, after the singing of the Gospel, a Deacon or cantor, in keeping with an ancient practice of the Holy Church, announces from the ambo the movable feasts of the current year according to this formula:

(see music on the following page)

This proclamation is a reminder of the centrality of the resurrection of the Lord in the liturgical year and the importance of the great mysteries of faith, which are celebrated each year. Although optional, it is a living tradition that connects the present day to our ancient roots in the Church.
Know, dear brethren, (brothers and sisters,) that, as we have rejoiced at the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ, so by leave of God's mercy

We announce to you also the joy of his Resurrection, who is our Savior.

On the seventeenth day of February will fall Ash Wednesday, and the beginning of the fast of the most sacred Lenten season. On the fourth day of April,

you will celebrate with joy Easter Day, the Paschal feast of our Lord Jesus Christ.
On the thirteenth day of May will be the Ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On the twenty-third day of May, the feast of Pentecost.

On the sixth day of June, the feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ.

On the twenty-eighth day of November, the First Sunday of the Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom is honor and glory for ever and ever. Amen.