



## ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

### Lazarus Saturday, Saturday, April 8

**\*Paska Bread Baking\***

Readings: Heb. 9:24-28; Mk: 8:27-31

**4:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (Arnold, PA)**

**6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)**

### Palm Sunday/Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem, Sunday, April 9

**9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy/Blessing of Palm & Willow Branches**

**Festal Anointing-Mirovanya/Confession**

Readings: Phil. 4:4-9; Jn. 12:1-18

Supplications will be offered for **+Helen (Bielyk) Petrushka (by Michael Petruska)**

Supplications will be offered for **+Antoni, Anthony, Kateryna Feghnkdyna**

### Great and Holy Tuesday, April 11, 2017

**7.00p.m. - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts & Holy Mystery of Anointing**

(McKees Rocks)

### Great and Holy Wednesday, April 12, 2017

**7.00p.m. - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts & Holy Mystery of Anointing**

(North Side of Pittsburgh)

\* Holy Wednesday Services ask us to repent our sins and to forgive others. During the Liturgy of the Presanctified we celebrate the Holy Mystery of Anointing during which the priest anoints us with Holy Oil that we may be healed physically and spiritually.

### *What should I have in my Easter-Pascha Basket?*

**Paska-** The Easter Bread. Symbolic of Christ Himself, who is our True Bread. Usually a round loaf of bread decorated on the top with a Cross.

**Ham-** This meat is popular as the main dish because of its richness and symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Pascha-Easter. Meat in the Pascha basket also symbolizes the calf sacrificed when the Prodigal Son returned home; the meat is a celebration of our return to Christ.

**Sausage-** A spicy, garlicky sausage of pork products, indicative of God's favor and generosity.

**Cheese-** Sweet cheese; mix farmer cheese with confectionary sugar, raisins, cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg. Indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things.

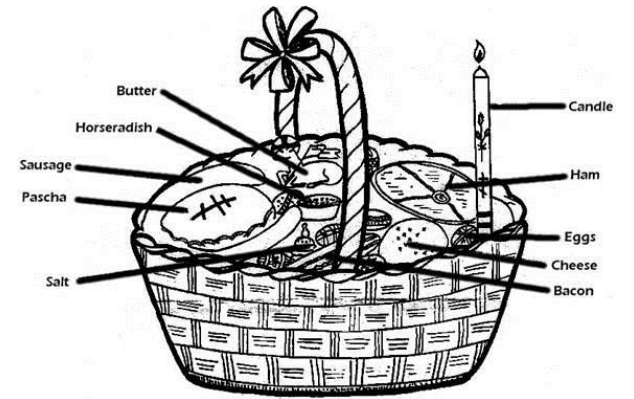
**Eggs/Pysanky-** Hard boiled eggs-decorated, indicative of new life and Resurrection.

**Horseradish-** A piece of the root or prepared horseradish with red beets. Symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection. It is also included in the basket to remind us of the bitter drink given to Christ at his crucifixion, vinegar and gall.

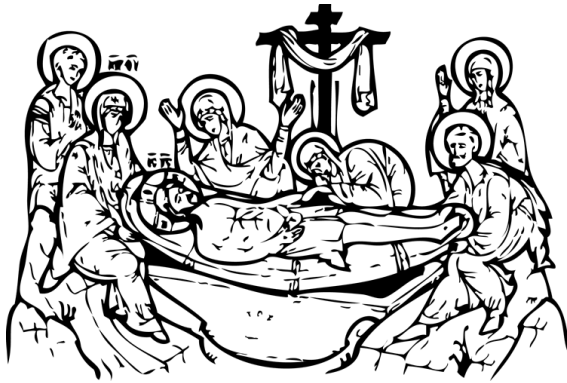
**Butter-** Usually whipped (sometimes flavored with almond), is included in the basket to symbolize the Lamb of God, the Sacrifice made for the world. Some families use a lamb-shaped mold for their butter, which made the symbolism even stronger.

**Salt-** A condiment necessary for flavor; reminding the Christian of his duty towards others.

*If your family has never taken a Pascha basket to be blessed, the above Easter-Pascha basket traditions may give you some ideas for starting your own. If you regularly prepare a basket for the celebration of the Resurrection, take some time to explain the deep meanings of the foods and their preparation to your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Everyone will enjoy being involved: baking, decorating, eating!*



## 10 TIPS FOR HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA



1. Make participation at the Divine Services for Holy Week and Pacha a priority.

2. In our homes we should strive to “keep out the world” and enter into the peace, solemnity, and theology of the events of the last days of Our Lord.

3. Make sure to read the last chapters of the

Holy Gospels that speak of the Passion, Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Christ.

4. If you are visiting another parish and wish to receive Holy Communion, make sure that the priest knows who you are and that you are prepared. This should be done in advance by phone, email, or any other way.

5. Last year’s palms and willow branches should be placed outside in an area to decay where they will not be disturbed. They are holy and should not be simply thrown out with the garbage.

6. On Good Friday or Pascha before venerating Holy Objects, such as the Cross, Icons, or the Holy Shroud-Plashchanytsia, make sure to wipe off your lipstick or chap-stick. Reminder: we do not kiss the face of Our Lord, His Mother, or the Saints; instead kiss the hands or feet.

7. If you haven’t yet made your Confession during the Great Fast-Lent, try to make it today on Palm Sunday or during Holy Week.

8. Try to make amends with those we may be upset with or those who are upset with us, so that on Pascha-Easter we can joyfully sing, “Let us call brothers, even those that hate us, and forgive all by the Resurrection!”

9. Remember to prepare and to bring an Easter basket to be blessed on the Feast of the Resurrection. Let us share in the joy of the Lord’s Resurrection with fellowship and love.

10. During Paschal Season, sing or read the Troparion “Christ is Risen-Χριστος Воскрес” together with your “normal” morning and evening prayers. Let the joy of praising the Lord’s Resurrection accompany you throughout Bright Week, the Paschal season, and your whole life.

## Great and Holy Thursday, April 13, 2017

**11.00a.m. – The Pontifical Divine Liturgy with Vespers at St. Josaphat Cathedral in Parma, OH**

## Great and Good Friday, April 14, 2017

**\*Strict Fast\***

**7.00p.m. - Vespers & Burial – Plashchanitsa (St. George, North Side, Pittsburgh)**

\* During this Service we sing hymns that tell of Christ’s Saving Passion, of His Mother’s grief as she and her friends watch His agony, and the meaning of the Cross for all Creation. At the end of Vespers, the Shroud, which is really a cloth Icon depicting Christ’s sacred body is carried in procession and placed on the flowered bier that represents Christ’s tomb.



## Great and Holy Saturday, April 15, 2017

**7.30p.m. - Prayer at the Tomb, Resurrection Matins (abbreviated), Divine Liturgy, blessing of baskets (St. George, North Side)**

\* In the darkened Church, the faithful receive the Resurrection Light from the priest and form a procession out of the Church. The joyous hymn of Christ’s Resurrection is triumphantly chanted- “Christ is Risen!-Χριστος Воскрес!” The Paschal Divine Liturgy invites us to partake in the Feast of the Resurrection and to receive Holy Communion.



## The Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ,

April 16, 2017

\* We sing “Christ is Risen!-Χριστος Воскрес!” repeatedly. As we receive the Holy Eucharist, we share in the mystical communion with the Risen Christ, who has conquered death once and for all.

**9.30a.m. - Divine Liturgy, blessing of baskets (North Side)**

**11.30a.m. - Divine Liturgy, blessing of baskets (McKees Rocks)**

## Announcements:

### Today: Palm Sunday

On this Great Feast of Palm Sunday we come bearing palm and willow branches shouting: "O, Save-Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" At the end of the Divine Liturgy we will have the Blessing of the Palm and Willow Branches. Following that you may come forward to receive the Blessed Palm and Willow Branches during Festal Anointing-Mirovanya.

### Welcome Fr. Walter!

On this Sunday we welcome to St. George's Fr. Walter Wysochansky, retired priest of our Eparchy. We ask Our Lord to bless Fr. Walter for many happy and blessed years: *Многая Літа!*

### Paska Bread

Our Paska-Easter Bread is ready for pick-up in the Church hall. You may do so after the Divine Liturgy. Thanks to all our hard-working bread workers for being here and preparing our Paska Bread. It is great that as a parish family we continue with this unique tradition of baking Paska. May God bless you!

### St George Easter Kolbasa Sale - pickup on this Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday).

The kolbasa will be available for pickup on this Sunday, April 9th (Palm Sunday) after the Divine Liturgy. Special thanks to Nick and Kathy Mikovitz for organization of this fundraiser.

**"Christ among us"** - a program brought to you each Sunday at 2:00 p.m. to reach those who are elderly or ill, and those who are not able to attend their church for Sunday worship.

Tune in to WPIT- 73 AM - Pittsburgh, PA every Sunday at 2:00 pm (EST) or listen to the radio program on-line at [www.wpitam.com](http://www.wpitam.com). You can also listen any time at <http://stjosaphateparchy.com/listen/>

This Program is sponsored by the Diocesan Resource Committee of the Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy of Saint Josaphat in Parma, OH, and by your contributions.

### Set-up Tomb & Flowers

On Good Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. we will be preparing the Tomb and flowers for the evening service. If you are able to come down and give a hand please do so.



### Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was **\$1480.00** Thanks to all our dedicated women and men that come faithfully to be part of this parish activity. Thank you!

### Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday, April 2nd, 2017 was **\$3,657.27**

(Collection - \$1480.00, Loose & candles - \$52.27, Pyrohy - \$1480.00, Easter flowers - \$145.00, Donation by Dabbie Label for new icons - \$500.00)

***\*The names and prayerful intentions of our parishioners that donated towards our Easter Flowers will be published on Thomas Sunday, April 23rd.***

***\*Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity\****

### Our Svyachene-Easter Dinner

This year our Svyachene-Easter Dinner will take place on Sunday, April 23, starting at 11:00 a.m. As part of this celebration the children of our Church school will have their annual Easter Egg Hunt on the parish grounds. We will also have a raffle of different gift baskets and prizes. We also ask you to consider making a donation for the Chinese auction. Tickets for this Easter Dinner are \$10.00 per adult, children (12 and younger) \$5.00. You can obtain tickets for this event before and after the Divine Liturgy in our Church vestibule from our usual ticket sellers. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this happy event.



***HOLY WEEK is an invitation to walk into the joy and wonder of life in Christ. Each one of these gatherings has a profound meaning and a specific spiritual purpose, and together they provide a profound opportunity for growth in union with God through Jesus Christ. Please take time to read the description of each service, and make plans to be present for as many as possible. Every decision you make about the Holy Week services should ask this question: Can I and will I open myself – heart, soul, mind and body – to receive the grace that is being offered to me through this service? Holy Week worship is not about rules, it is about life! It is not a burden, it is a release!***