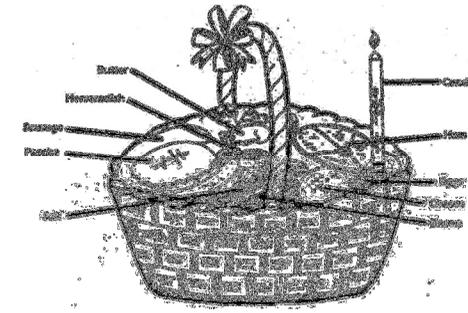


ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE GREAT AND HOLY WEEK



Palm Sunday/Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem, Sunday, March 24

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

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

Supplications will be offered for +Nancy Spikula, given by Maria, Olga Perkun & Anna Merritt.

Supplications will be offered for+ Bohdan Hubar, given by St. Helen's Guild of Aliquippa.

Great and Holy Monday/Annunciation of the Theotokos, March 25

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (North Side)

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

Health and wellbeing on Joe, Andrew, Gabriel, Kirill, Paige, Taisiya, Roman (By Galyna Sibruk)

7:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Annunciation on March 25th is a holy day of obligation for us which means we must attend church once for Sunday, the 24th, and again for Monday the 25th.

Great and Holy Tuesday, March 26, 2013

7.00p.m. - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (McKees Rocks)

Great and Holy Wednesday, March 27, 2013

6.30p.m. - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (North Side of Pittsburgh)

What should I have in my Easter 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 Easter.

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.

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

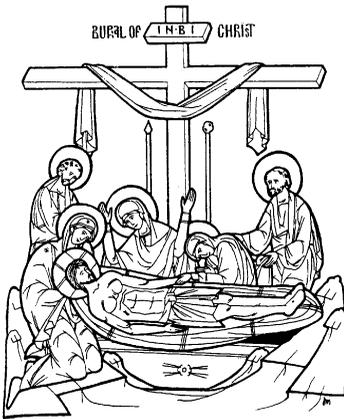
These food articles are placed in a wicker basket. A candle is placed and is lit at the time of the Blessing. A linen cover usually embroidered with a picture of the Risen Christ, Holy Cross or words "Christ is Risen-Христос Воскрес" is placed over the foods when brought to the Church. The Blessing of Easter Foods is a venerable custom in our Holy Church. As we prepare to celebrate Pascha, a feast of new life, let us continue this custom in our families. Our venerable traditions and custom have its meaning even today and, therefore, they should be piously observed.

The Great & Holy Week of our Holy Church



On this Palm Sunday we find ourselves together with Christ, poised on the outskirts of Jerusalem. We are ALL called to be active participants in this celebration. Today, we are not simply commemorating an event which took place in the past – rather, we are called to open our hearts and our souls and joyfully welcome and praise God shouting: “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”

But Palm Sunday will come to an end: The moment, as all moments, must pass. We must now attend to the road ahead. Christ passes into Jerusalem and prepares Himself for His journey to the cross, and through death will transcend death. So too, our journey must begin here, outside of the gates of Jerusalem. Our journey will also lead us to the cross, experiencing the reality of sin and death, and ultimately life. Our journey is that of the Great and Holy Week...will you join Christ on this journey?



Throughout the Great and Holy Week, we remember and celebrate the salvific events of Our Lord Jesus Christ. As Father Calivas notes in his book, *Great Week and Pascha*, “*Each day has a particular theme, focus and story. Each story is linked to the other; and all together, they are bound up in the central event: the Pascha of the Cross and the Resurrection.*” Evidently, the structure and content of Great Week is fixed on Christ Our Savior, who was betrayed, crucified and buried; and who rose on the third day.

From His triumphant entry into Jerusalem to His time on the Cross, some choose to believe in Him and follow Him, while others choose to reject Him and His Divine message. Unfortunately, even with the Gospel accounts, the writings of the Fathers, and the all-encompassing Tradition of our Holy Church, some still choose to neglect their calling to take up their cross and follow.

This year for Great and Holy Week, choose to follow Christ through the Passion of His betrayal, His Crucifixion, and His burial and into the radiant light of His glorious Resurrection on the third day!

Great and Holy Thursday, March 28, 2013

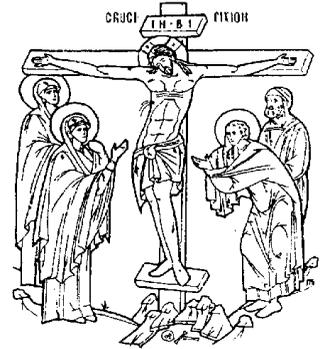
11.00a.m. – The Pontifical Divine Liturgy with Vespers at St. Josaphat Cathedral in Parma, OH

Great and Good Friday, March 29, 2013

Strict Fast

7.00p.m. - Vespers & Burial – Plashchanitsa

* 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, March 30, 2013

8.30p.m. - Prayer at the Tomb, Resurrection Matins (abbreviated), Divine Liturgy, blessing of baskets

* 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!-Христос 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, March 31, 2013

* We sing “Christ is Risen!-Христос 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

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. Michael!

On this Sunday we welcome to St. George's Fr. Michael Lenz, OFM, from the Holy Family Friary in Bellevue. We ask Our Lord to bless Fr. Michael in the priestly religious life 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, March 24th (Palm Sunday).

The kolbasa will be available for pickup on this Sunday, March 24th (Palm Sunday) after the Divine Liturgy. Special thanks to Nick and Kathy Mikovitz for organization of this fundraiser.

On this Sunday March 24, 2013 after today's Liturgy, Sarris Easter Candy Pickup

This Sunday: Central Deanery Vibrant parish Pilgrimages – The remaining pilgrimages sponsored by the Central Deanery on the Postoral Letter by His Beatitude Patriarch Sviatoslav: "The Vibrant Parish – a place to encounter Christ" are scheduled for March 24, 2013 at Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church in Carnegie, Pa. Fr. Monsignor George Appleyard will present a talk on a formation of the Passion Gospels with particular emphasis on the four evangelists. Saint Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church will host such an event on May 5, 2013.

Set-up Tomb & Flowers

On Good Friday, March 29th, 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.

Scholarship

Again this year the Education Board of St. George's is happy to announce that students who are attending or are planning to attend Duquesne University should be aware of the availability of the Estina Franzak Perpetual Scholarship Fund. The Fund is intended to benefit students of Ukrainian ethnicity in their studies at Duquesne University. The amount of scholarship varies. Scholarships are awarded on an academic year basis. Recipients from prior years will be considered for renewal of awards provided that they demonstrate satisfactory academic progress.

For additional details please see Fr. Ihor or Olha Perkun. Applications must be submitted to the Education Board of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church by June 1, 2013

Annual Financial Report If anyone would like a copy of the **Annual Financial Report**. Please sign on the sheet in the vestibule and a copy will be sent to you.

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Our total income from last week's sale was **\$1483.00** 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, March 17th, 2013 was **\$1695.00**.

****The names and prayerful intentions of our parishioners that donated towards our Easter Flowers will be published on Thomas Sunday, April 7th.***

****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 7, 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.

