



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

Lazarus Saturday, Saturday, March 24

Paska Bread Baking Readings: Heb. 9:24-28; Mk: 8:27-31
6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Palm Sunday/Annunciation of the Theotokos, March 25

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+ **Eva Hlovchic, by Helen Pyptyk**

Great and Holy Tuesday, March 27, 2018

7.00p.m. - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts & Holy Mystery of Anointing
(McKees Rocks)

Great and Holy Wednesday, March 28, 2018

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.

Great and Holy Thursday, March 29, 2018

11:00 A.M. Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (North Side)

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.

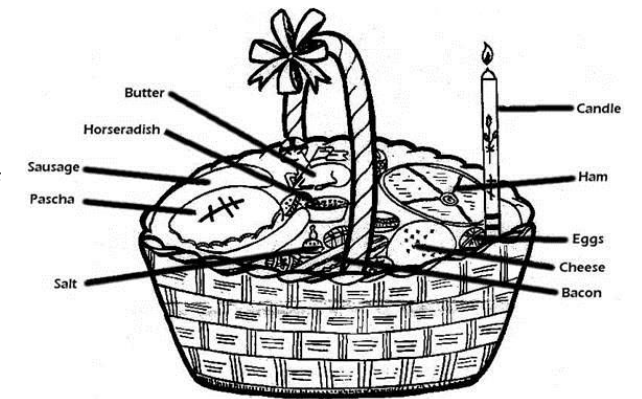
Eggs/Pysanky- Hard boiled eggs-decorated, indicative of new life and Resurrection.

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!





Our 100th Anniversary Celebration

Glory to Jesus Christ!

Parishioners and Friends:

It is with joy that we approach the celebration of the 100th Anniversary of St. George's on Sunday, June 17th. This is a special occasion for all of us to offer our humble but most fervent gratitude to Almighty God. As your parish priest, I

call upon all of you to come and manifest that we are a "LIVING" body of Christ, that we are a parish family that is alive, praying, worshiping, and working together in building the Kingdom of God in our lives.

On this special day, we will welcome His Grace, Most Reverend Bishop Bohdan J. Danylo in our midst. Bishop Bohdan, as our spiritual father, wishes to be with us, to pray with us, and to celebrate the Divine Liturgy.

For that Sunday ONE Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Sunday June 17th, at 3:00 pm.

Schedule of our celebration:

3:00 p.m. Hierarchical Divine Liturgy with His Grace Bishop Bohdan (Danylo)

5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres (Appetizers)

The Mayernik Center

6:00 p.m. Festal Banquet

498 Camp Horne Road

8:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Live Music & Dancing

Pittsburgh, PA 15237

As your parish priest, it is my sincere wish that we come together to pray in our beautiful Church, to welcome our dear Bishop, and to manifest that we are a parish alive.

Let us be glad and rejoice as we reflect the past, meditate the present, and focus on the future as parishioners, as faithful of St. George's.

With love in Christ,

Rev. Fr. Igor Hohosha

Great and Holy Thursday, March 29, 2018

7:00 P.M. Office of the Twelve Passion Gospels-Strasti (McKees Rocks)

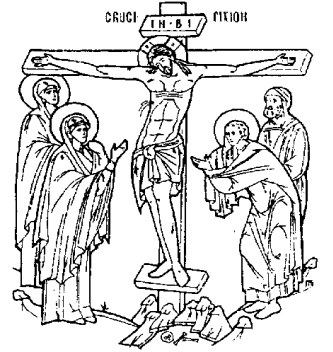
* We listen to the narratives from the four Gospels that relate to the events of Jesus' Holy Passion and His last instructions to His disciples.

Great and Good Friday, March 30, 2018

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, March 31, 2018

**7.30p.m. - Prayer at the Tomb, Resurrection Matins (abbreviated),
Divine Liturgy, blessing of baskets (St. John's, McKees Rocks)**

* 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, April 11, 2018

* 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 (North Side)

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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, March 25 (Palm Sunday).

The kolbasa will be available for pickup on this Sunday, March 25 (Palm Sunday) after the Divine Liturgy. Special thanks to all who supported us with this fundriseser.

Save the Date! Sunday, March 25th, 2pm, at the Ukrainian American Citizen's Club of Carnegie. Premiere Pittsburgh showing of the video, "Music of Survival" the heroic and almost miraculous story fothe Bandurists' escape from Nazi and Soviet occupied Ukraine to freedom in the USA. It is being presented by the producer, Orest Sushko. Kobasa or hot sausage sandwiches, and pyrohi will be available for purchase. Food sales benefit the Carnegie Club's Building Fund. Free showing.

Set-up Tomb & Flowers

On Good Thursday, March 29th, after 11:00pm service we will be preparing the Tomb and flowers for the Good Friday service. If you are able to come down and give a hand please do so.

The Eparchial Office of Family and Sanctity of Life invites everyone to a special evening of "Prayer with your Family" on Sat. April 7th at 4:30pm at Sts. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church, Ambridge, Pa. Prayers and Discussions for families continue until 6pm, at which time there will be a Divine Liturgy.

Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was **\$1302.00** 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 18, 2018 was **\$2,856.00**

(Collection: \$1308.00, L & C: \$23.00, Pyrohy: \$1302.00, Soup/Halushki sale: \$ 223.00)

****The names and prayerful intentions of our parishioners that donated towards our Easter Flowers will be published on Thomas Sunday, April 8th.***

****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 8, 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!