



SERVICES FOR THE GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

Lazarus Saturday, Saturday, April 9

Paska Bread Baking Readings: Heb. 9:24-28; Mk: 8:27-31
6:00 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Palm Sunday/Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem, Sunday, April 10

9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy/Blessing of Palm & Willow Branches/Confession
 Readings: Phil. 4:4-9; Jn. 12:1-18
 Supplications will be offered for **+Larry Merritt, given by Anna Merritt.**
 Supplications will be offered for **+ deceased Ukrainian soldiers and civilian.**

Great and Holy Tuesday, April 12

7:00p.m. - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts & Holy Mystery of Anointing
 (St. John, McKees Rocks)

Great and Holy Wednesday, April 13

9:30a.m. - Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts & Holy Mystery of Anointing
 (St. George, North Side)

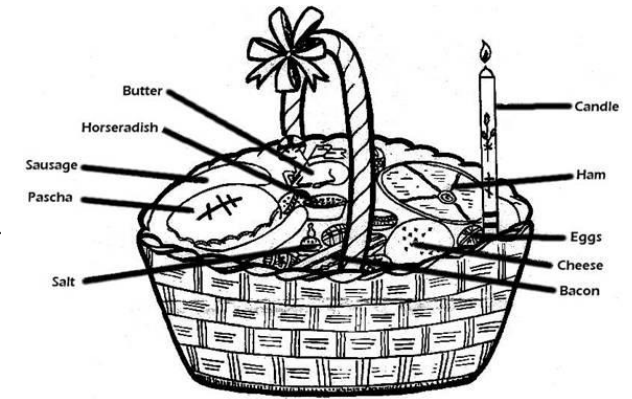
* Holy Wednesday Services ask us to repent our sins and to forgive others. During the Liturgy of the Presanctified we celebrate the Holy Mystery of Anointing during which the priest anoints us with Holy Oil that we may be healed physically and spiritually.

Great and Holy Thursday, April 14

11:00 A.M. Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (St. George)
7:00 P.M. Office of the Twelve Passion Gospels-Strasti (St. John)

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 Good Friday, April 15

Strict Fast

**6:00p.m. - Vespers & Burial – Plashchanitsa
(St. John, McKees Rocks)**

* 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 16

**8:00p.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 17, 2022

* 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)

Monday, April 18

Bright Monday

Reading: Acts 1:12-17 & 21-26; Jn. 1:18-28

9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy (North Side)

Supplications will be offered for+ **Ivan & Eva Salo, given by Andy Salo**

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.

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!

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. Applications must be submitted to the Education Board of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church by May 29th, 2022.

Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was **\$2,531.00** Thanks to all our dedicated women and men that come faithfully to be part of this parish activity. We will reopen in three weeks. Thank you!

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Sunday, April 3, 2022 was **\$6,359.00**

(Collection: \$2279.00, Loose & candles: \$7.00, Soup: \$140.00, Easter flowers: \$230.00, Nut Rolls: 590.00, Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine: \$3,113.00)

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity



Dear Ukrainians and our American Friends!



Thank you very much each and every one for your continued prayers and support towards our Beloved Ukraine during this tremendous crisis — WAR in Ukraine, which was started by Russian federation several days ago. These are really difficult times for our Nation, but we believe in God's protection and in our army and all who defend our peace-loving country from Russian aggression.

Many of our friends ask how they may help.

First, your continued **prayers**. This is the most powerful weapon that may be used against enemies, and IT WORKS.

Second, your **donations**. Our Eparchy invites you to make donations to the Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine. This can be done as follows:

A. You can donate through the St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church by making checks payable to "St. George Ukrainian Catholic" with memo "Humanitarian Aid Fund for Ukraine", and sending to 3455 California Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15212 or through <http://www.saintgeorgepittsburgh.org> PAYPAL and make a memo "WAR VICTIMS AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE";

B. You can donate on the St. Josaphat Eparchy website <https://stjosaphateparchy.com> and click on Donate through PAYPAL and make a memo "WAR VICTIMS AND HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN UKRAINE";

3. Encourage local financial and other institutions to make contributions.

4. Additionally what can be done is sharing the news and contacting The White House/President, Congress, Senators, appealing to do more sanctions and military assistance to Ukraine.

May God bless our Heroes!

Mat God Bless Ukraine!

