



JESUS IS RISEN

ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR BRIGHT WEEK

Saturday, April 8 **Great and Holy Saturday**
7.30 A.M. - Prayer at the Tomb, Resurrection Matins,
(St. John's, Rocks) **Divine Liturgy, blessing of baskets(abbreviated)**

Sunday, April 9 **Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ**
9:10 A.M. Third Hour
9.30 A.M. - Divine Liturgy, blessing of baskets
 Blessing on all parishioners (By Fr. Igor)

Tuesday, April 11 **Bright Tuesday**
10:00 A. M. Divine Liturgy (St. George)
 Repose of +Yuriy Hordynskyj, mother Marta

Saturday, April 15 **Bright Saturday**
6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, April 16 **The Sunday of Saint Thomas**
 Readings: Acts. 5:12-20; Jn. 20:19-31
9:10 A.M. Third Hour
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

God's blessing upon Micchael Senko on his birthday, by Debbie label
 Supplications will be offered for+ **Patty Della Ragione,**
given by husband Luigi and family.

After the Ambon Prayer, the Paschal Artos will be broken for distribution,
and the faithful will receive it along with Festal Holy Anointing.

M K H C O J E P B B D J Y B F
 O P Z V E U W E O E O S Y M E
 R Z Y S A D E V E C B B D O M
 N Y U T W B H T A B B A S T O
 I S D E I F I C U R C E J V L
 N Y N W V J B A P A Q A N R A
 G O J H M H K R T N F V I A S
 K J T P F Q S L C Q K R P F M
 O E N E L A D G A M Y R A M B
 I F P J S S E C I P S D T I D
 T A T N I O N A S L L Q N E D
 E S T O N E U W C B W E E J B
 M O T H E R O F J A M E S O B
 J H L H W O H J H D K N I U B
 K A J Q D E Z A M A I R R G A

AFRAID	MAN	AMAZED
SALOME	SABBATH	MARY MAGDALENE
ANOINT	MORNING	SPICES
CRUCIFIED	MOTHER OF JAMES	STONE
JESUS	RISEN	TOM

Artos



In our Holy Church during Bright Week, the week following Pascha/Easter, you will notice that the Holy Doors in the Iconostasis are open and there is a table in front to the right of the opening on which there is a round loaf of bread. If you look closely you will note that on this bread is either the icon of the Resurrection of Our Lord or another symbol of Christ's victory over death, the Cross surmounted by a crown of thorns. This bread is called the Artos.

"Artos" is a Greek word meaning bread made with yeast. It is blessed

at the end of the Resurrection Matins and the faithful kiss it at the end of the Pascal Divine Liturgy. According to the oldest tradition, the Apostles, after the Ascension of Our Lord, placed bread on the Holy Table-Altar each time during the Divine Services, for the Divine Master. This they did for their Master, confessing or believing in His invisible presence among them. At the end of the services they took the bread and lifted it up with the words: "Glory be to You, O Christ, Our God, Glory be to You. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit." The Apostles, after receiving the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day, went to preach the Gospel throughout the world and, according to tradition, left a loaf of bread on the Altar in remembrance of His Glorious Resurrection.

It is interesting that at the blessing, the priest chants: ...*"May we who offer it (this bread), and those who shall kiss it and shall take of it, may be partakers of Thy heavenly benediction; and by Thy might root out from us all sickness and infirmity, granting health to all. For Thou are the source of blessing, and the bestower of health..."* The significance of the Artos is that it serves to remind all Christians of the events connected with the Resurrection of Our Lord God and Saviour Jesus Christ. While still living on earth, the Lord called Himself the Bread of Life, saying: "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me shall not hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst" (John 6:35). The Artos is put before us as a symbol of Jesus Christ the Bread of life Who nourishes us with the food of His divine mercies. This is somewhat reminiscent of the Shewbread mentioned in Exodus 25:30; Numbers 4:7; 1 Samuel 21:6; Nehemiah 10:33; Matthew 12:4; and Hebrews 9:2. However, it was unleavened and was to be eaten by the Old Testament priests only while the Artos is leavened, alive with yeast symbolizing life and is to be eaten by all believers who are alive in the Lord. It is a pious custom amongst our faithful to keep a piece of the Artos in their Icon Corner throughout the year and with faith to eat a piece of it when they are sick or under stress. Sometimes, a sip of Holy Water blessed on the Feast of Theophany is taken with it.

Христос Воскрес! Воистину Воскрес!

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

As we come together to celebrate the Resurrection of Lord Jesus Christ we celebrate that wonderful knowledge of His glory: Christ is in our midst, and He always shall be. Let us sing that beautiful hymn that "Христос Воскрес!-Christ is Risen!" and may our joy be so immense and the love that we share so complete that each and every person and all of creation will hear our hymn and know that Truly He is Risen!

Wishing you a Blessed Pascha!

Fr. Igor & Family



Announcements:

Liturgical Custom

Starting today, the Feast of Pascha, and continuing until Pentecost Sunday (even throughout the week), we do not kneel during the Divine Liturgy. Kneeling is a sign of penance and contrition – but the joy of Pascha is so much greater in this season that we stand in celebration instead.

Privileged Week

Please remember that during Bright Week (Sunday of Pascha to the Sunday of St. Thomas), there is no fasting at all. Bright Week is seen, liturgically speaking, as one single day – a continuation of Pascha throughout the whole week.

Pastoral Letter

For the Feast of the Resurrection we have received the 2023 Paschal Pastoral Letter. The entire text is posted on the bulletin board in the Church vestibule.

Next Sunday: Easter Egg Hunt

This year (weather permitting) our Easter Egg Hunt will take place next Sunday, April 16th, the Sunday of St. Thomas, following the Divine Liturgy. If we have a bad weather forecast we will postpone it to the following Sunday, April 23rd. All children from our parish family are invited to be part of this happy event.

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 28th, 2023.

Pyrohy

As we celebrate the Feast of Pascha, I would like to thank all our dedicated women and men who dedicate their time and hard work for our parish pyrohy activity. The total income from our last pyrohy sale was \$3243.00. We will now be closed for our Easter break until Wednesday, April 26th, when we will reopen for business as usual. Thank you and enjoy this well-deserved break!

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Palm Sunday, April 21, 2023 was **\$1,986.20**
(Collection - \$1727.00, Loose & candles - \$99.00, Easter flowers: \$100.00)
*** Sarris candy sale: \$60.20***

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



MOTHER’S DAY

Please light a candle in honor/memory of the following

_____	Living	Deceased
_____	Living	Deceased
_____	Living	Deceased

Given By: _____

Please print each name and circle the correct notation. Red candles will be used for the Living, White for the deceased. Donation for each candle is \$3.00.

*** DEADLINE TO ORDER THESE CANDLES: SUNDAY, MAY 10, 2023 ***



WHAT IS BRIGHT WEEK?

Bright Week is the first week following the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, which is celebrated each year at Pascha. It ends the following Sunday, the Sunday of St. Thomas. For all Eastern Christians Bright Week begins a period of celebration that continues for fifty days until Pentecost.

This celebration includes the practice of the faithful joyously greeting each other with the salutation of Christ is risen, followed by the response indeed He is risen or truly He is risen, as the whole of creation is renewed by Our Lord and Savior. The services of Bright Week are done with the Royal Doors fully open. This unblocked view of the altar symbolizes the open door of Christ’s empty tomb as well as the rent veil of the Jewish Temple, which was torn apart at the moment Christ died. The entire week is considered to be one continuous day and the main reason why fasting is completely prohibited to all Eastern Christians during the week.

