

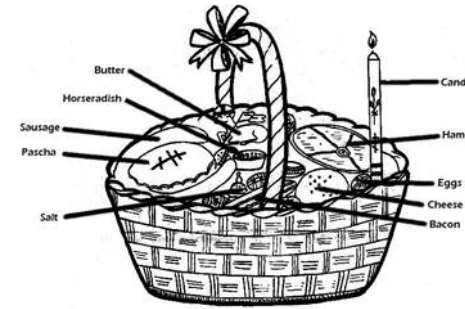
ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

**Palm Sunday/Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem, Sunday,
April 13, 2025**

**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 **+Philip Perkun & Larry Merritt, given by Perkun family**
Supplications will be offered for **+John Pyptyk, given by family**



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-Xpucmoc Bockpec" 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.

Great and Holy Monday, April 14, 2025

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

Great and Holy Tuesday, April 15, 2025

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

Great and Holy Thursday, April 17, 2025

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

* "Accept me this day, O Son of God, as a partaker of Your Mystical Supper" is the predominate message of this Service, which commemorates the Mystical Supper and the institution of the Holy Eucharist. During this Divine Liturgy the priest prepares the "Amnos", the Holy Communion, which is kept throughout the whole year to be given to the faithful in times of sickness. The Body and the Blood of Christ is present in the Church during the entire year and throughout the ages.

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.

Palm Sunday Bishop & Cardinal Bychok Melbourne Australia

On Sunday, March 24, 2024, Bishop Mykola Bychok, Eparch of Melbourne (Australia), headed the Hierarchical Divine Liturgy at the Cathedral Church of Sts. Peter and Paul in Melbourne.

The faithful from Melbourne and the surrounding area came to the Cathedral to celebrate the Feast of the Entrance of Christ into Jerusalem with a joint prayer. Bishop Mykola entered the church accompanied by a solemn procession of clergy and faithful, and children carrying palm branches.

“Today we all came to the church to meet Christ, who constantly enters our lives so that we are not alone, so that we walk through this life together with the Lord, who always gives a helping hand,” the Bishop began his homily. Reflecting on the Resurrection of Lazarus and comparing Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem with Pontius Pilate’s entry into Jerusalem, Bishop Mykola explained to the audience why these events were so important to the Jewish people at that time and how they could be perceived by each of the participants in those events.

“Throughout his life, the paths of Jesus Christ led him to Jerusalem, for it was in Jerusalem that his mission, the redemption of the human race, was to be fulfilled. Although Jesus had repeatedly told his disciples that he was going to be crucified and die, many of his surroundings did not understand these words. At that time, many people came to Jerusalem to celebrate Passover, just as we have come to the church today. And just as many people did not understand why people came to greet Jesus, so many people today do not understand why you have come to church. But you came to this church because it means something to you. Back then in Jerusalem, people knew that Jesus Christ was God and shouted ‘Hosanna!’ to Christ, which means ‘please save us, help us.’ And now, when we pray, we also beg the Lord to be in our lives, to save not only our lives but to grant us eternal life with Him in the Kingdom of Heaven,” said Bishop Mykola.

At the end of the Divine Liturgy, the Bishop blessed the willow branches prepared by the parishioners of the Cathedral the day before. Then all those present had the opportunity to take home the blessed branches, which are a symbol of opening our homes to Christ, so that the Lord may enter not only Jerusalem but also each of us.

Great and Good Friday, April 18, 2025

Strict Fast

6.00p.m. - Vespers & Burial – Plashchanitsa (St. George)

* 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 19, 2025

After consultation with PAC, it was decided to have Great and Holy Saturday services at one place for both parishes. This year, it will be St. John’s at McKees Rocks.

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 20, 2025

* 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) 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.

Palm Sunday: Order of Confession

As part of our preparation for the Feast of the Resurrection – Pascha, we will have on Palm Sunday Fr. Andrew Clarke, who will be here to administer the Sacrament of Confession. If you have not availed yourself of this life-giving Sacrament, please be sure to do so on that Sunday as we will celebrate the Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem. Let us remember that as frequent communicants we should make a confession during this and all penitential periods, and whenever the conscience is burdened.

We ask Our Lord to bless Fr. Andrew in the priestly life for many happy and blessed years:
Многая Літа!

On this Sunday, April 13, 2025, after today's Liturgy, Sarris Easter Candy Pickup



Pysanky Workshop was successful. Thank you to those who helped organize it and to those who attended. We will have it again next year.



Our Lenten project was successful too. Thank you for your generosity. We were able to collect almost 50 pieces. In total it is approximately \$3,500.00. Your donation helped to save someone's life. God bless you and thank 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.

For additional details, please see Fr. Igor or Olha Perkun. Applications must be submitted to the Education Board of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church by June 1, 2025

Mark your calendar: The last Adult Religious education class is scheduled on Thursdays at 6:30 pm on May 15, 2025. We hope you can attend. A special thank you to Don Fontana for leading these classes.

Prayer List:

Make a point of praying for everyone on the prayer list. If you don't have one, contact the office and we'll send you one. In a special way, at this time, remember the following members of our parish family: **Barbara Fedora, Thomas Kunsak, Kathee Shabla, Dorothy Waslo and Msgr. George Appleyard** (The Willows, 1215 Hulton Rd, Oakmont, PA 15139).

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Our total income from last week's sale was **\$2,653.00** 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 6, 2025 was **\$2,199.70 + \$2,653.00**
(Collection - \$1600.00, Loose & candles - \$35.00, Halushki - \$429.00, Reimb. - \$135.70)

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

