



JESUS IS RISEN

ST. GEORGE’S DIVINE SERVICES FOR BRIGHT WEEK

Saturday, April 19 **Great and Holy Saturday (St. John’s parish, McKees Rocks)**
7.30p.m. - Prayer at the Tomb,
Resurrection Matins (abbreviated)
Divine Liturgy, blessing of baskets

Sunday, April 20 **Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ**
9.30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy, blessing of baskets
God’s blessing on all parishioners (By Fr. Igor)

Saturday, April 26 **Bright Saturday**
Reading: Acts. 5:12-20; Jn. 20:19-31
NO SERVICE

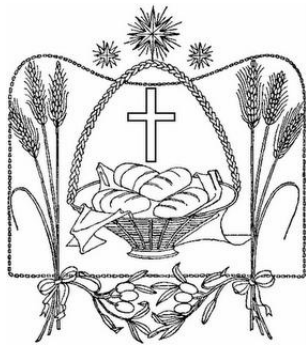
Sunday, April 27 **The Sunday of Saint Thomas**
Readings: Acts. 5:12-20; Jn. 20:19-31
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy

Supplications will be offered for **soldier +Yuriy Hordynskyj,**
given by mother Marta
Supplications will be offered for+ **Orysia Barshowski, given by Pyptyks**

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



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 Savior 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.



APRIL 20, 2025

Great and Holy Pascha The Resurrection of our Lord

Changeable Parts – See the special insert available in the church vestibule.

***Христос Воскрес!
Воистину Воскрес!***

***Christ is Risen!
Indeed He is Risen!***

As we come together to celebrate the Resurrection of our 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.

Sincere Thanks:

To all parishioners for the beautiful Easter cards, greetings and gifts. May Our Risen Lord bless you and reward you for your kindness and generosity.

Pastoral Letter

For the Feast of the Resurrection, we have received the 2025 Paschal Pastoral Letter. The entire text is posted on the bulletin board in the Church vestibule.

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.

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).

Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was **\$3,608.00** 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 **\$1,514.70 + \$3,608.00**

(Collection - \$1,145.00, Loose & candles - \$93.00, Aid for Ukraine: 276.00)

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



Deanery Pilgrimage to Celebrate Jubilee Year 2025

At St. John's the Baptist parish,

South Side of Pittsburgh

On the Eve of Ascension,

Wednesday, May 28, 2025, at 6:00pm

Bishop Bohdan will celebrate Divine Liturgy

with local clergy, Confession will

be available There will be no

service at St. George for the

feast of Ascension.

Please mark your calendar!

