



ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR BRIGHT WEEK

Saturday, April 15

Great and Holy Saturday

7.30p.m. - Prayer at the Tomb, Resurrection Matins (abbreviated)

Divine Liturgy, blessing of baskets

(St. George, North Side)

Sunday, April 16

Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ

9.30 a.m. - Divine Liturgy, blessing of baskets

Blessing on all parishioners (By Fr. Ichor)

Monday, April 17

Bright Monday

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

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Repose of Antoni, Anthony, Kateryna Fedyna

Tuesday, April 18

Bright Tuesday

Reading: Acts 2:14-21; Lk. 24:12-35

9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy (North Side)

Supplications will be offered for+ **Mary Ann Kernan, given by son Michael.**

Wednesday, April 19

Bright Wednesday

Sheptytsky Arms

9:30 A. M. Service of Holy Eucharist- Mass (Latin rite)

Saturday, April 22

Bright Saturday

6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, April 23

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 /Svyachene-Easter Dinner

Supplications will be offered for+ **Joseph Salo, given by Alexandra Kozak.**

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

Easter Sunrise Surprise

He is not here; he has risen! Luke 24:6a (NIV)

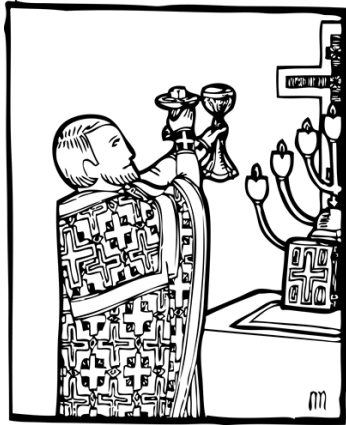
The puzzle is based on Luke 24:1-12 (NIV).



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G D O R C K T Z O W T J O N A
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G M O W L D N E B S S T B Q J
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G F E G N N N B D D F C G D O
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living	tomb	rolled	risen	dead
women	first	spices	away	bowed
faces	stone	entered	ground	remember
morning	week	body	fright	day



LITURGICAL NOTES ABOUT THE PASCHAL SEASON

This period of great festivity and joy finds its liturgical expression in the following manner:

- * We greet each other with the Paschal salutation, “Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!” for 40 days, until Ascension Day.
- * We do not kneel or make prostrations either at church services or in our homes until the “Kneeling Prayers” at Pentecost.

* The Paschal Troparion, “Christ is risen from the dead” is sung or said at the beginning or end of all prayers until the Leave-taking of Pascha on the Eve of Ascension.

* During Bright Week, morning and evening prayers are replaced by the Paschal Hours.

* The prayer, “O Heavenly King” is omitted until Pentecost, being replaced with the Troparion of Pascha and then Ascension.

What!?! ...Water Monday and Water Tuesday (Поліванний понеділок- вівторок)

Bright Week has many beautiful traditions and amongst them is Water Monday and Water Tuesday, when after Divine Liturgy, having exited the Church, the young people (and young at heart) energetically throw water on each other. On Bright Monday the boys throw water on the girls and then on Bright Tuesday the girls throw water on the boys. This practice also has its sociological roots in Eastern European pre-Christian history when pouring water upon each other was a rite of purification.

Yet again, as properly deconstructed, the ontologically prior meaning become clear: it is a symbolic reminder of the Faithful being Baptized in Water and the Spirit. As we sing during the Divine Liturgy of Bright Week, in place of the Trisagion: *All You who have been Baptized in Christ have put on Christ. Alleluia!*



Христос Воскрес! Воістину Воскрес!

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!

Together we celebrate Pascha: the Day of Resurrection! With the angels in heaven and all the faithful on earth let us proclaim this message of victory that “Indeed, He is risen.” This year let the strength of the Resurrected Savior, who today victoriously comes forth from the sealed tomb, be our light, our strength and our song!

Wishing you a Blessed Pascha!

Fr. Ihor & 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.

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 2017 Paschal Pastoral Letter. The entire text is posted on the bulletin board in the Church vestibule.

Our Svyachene-Easter Dinner

This year our Svyachene-Easter Dinner will take place next Sunday, April 23, 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.

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. Ihor or Olha Perkun. Applications must be submitted to the Education Board of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church by June 1, 2017

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 \$2547.50. We will now be closed for our Easter break until Thursday, April 27th, 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 9, 2017 was **\$13,253.53**

(Collection - \$1990.00, Loose & candles - \$59.00, Pyrohy - \$2547.50, Kielbasa: \$190.00)

Paska Bread Sale: \$1690.00; Sarris candy sale: 77.03

Anonymous donation for new icons - \$6,700.00

The names and prayerful intentions of our parishioners that donated towards our Easter Flowers are printed and displayed on an announcement board in vestibule

****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 7, 2017 ***

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.

