



JESUS IS RISEN

ST. GEORGE'S DIVINE SERVICES FOR BRIGHT WEEK

Monday, April 5 *Bright Monday*
9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy
 Paschal Divine Liturgy, Prayers will be offered for the Marcink Family

Tuesday, April 6 *Bright Tuesday*
9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy
 Paschal Divine Liturgy, Health and Salvation for Fr. James L. Bruney

Wednesday, April 7 *Bright Wednesday*
7:00 P.M. Akathist Hymn to the Resurrection of Christ

Thursday, April 8 *Bright Thursday*
9:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy
 Paschal Divine Liturgy, Health and Salvation for Anna

Friday, April 9 *Bright Friday*

Saturday, April 10 *Bright Saturday*
5:00 P.M. Great Vespers

Sunday, April 11 **The Sunday of St. Thomas**
9:40 A.M. Third Hour
10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy

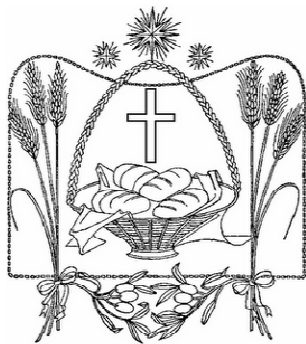
The Epistle Reading will be Acts 5:12-20 and the Gospel will be Jn 20:19-31. Supplications will be offered for +John & +Anna Rodzay, given by Myron & Patty Rodzay. Supplications will be offered for +Leroy Engel Sr., given by wife Rose Engel. Supplications will be offered for +Philip Perkun, given by wife Maria Perkun and family. Supplications will be offered for +William Oboryshko, given by Sharon L. Fleetwood. After the Ambon Prayer, the Paschal Artos will be broken for distribution, and the faithful will receive it along with Festal 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
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 I F P J S S E C I P S D T I D
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 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
 AMAZED
 ANOINT
 CRUCIFIED
 JESUS

MAN
 MARY MAGDALENE
 MORNING
 MOTHER OF JAMES
 RISEN

SABBATH
 SALOME
 SPICES
 STONE
 TOMB



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. Valerian & 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!

From the bottom of my heart I wish to thank you 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. Enjoy this celebration of Our Lord's Resurrection!

Scholarship

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 1st, 2010.

Apartment for Rent

An apartment is available for rent on Brighton Road, across from St. Cyril's Church. For more information please call 412-766-2450.

Pyrohy

Our total income from last week's sale was \$2433.50 Thanks to all our dedicated pyrohy workers. We will now be closed for our Easter break until Thursday, April 22nd.

Collection- May God bless you...

The total for Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010 was \$5058.40.

The total from our Paska Bread sale was: \$1513.00.

**The names and prayerful intentions of our parishioners that donated towards our Easter Flowers will be published next Thomas Sunday, April 11th. Sincere thanks to all of you for your kindness and generosity!*

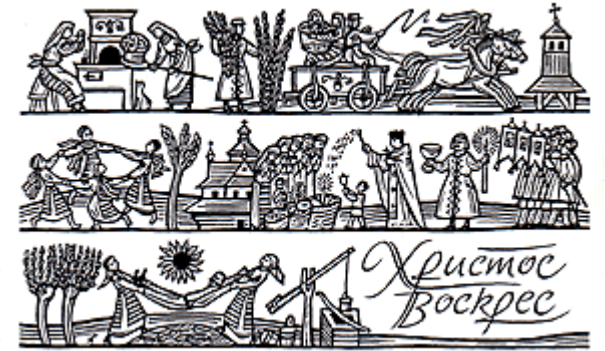
Our Svyachene- Easter Dinner

Mark your calendars for our Svyachene-Easter Dinner which is planned for Sunday, April 18th, starting at 11:30 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. Tickets for this Easter Dinner are \$8.00 per adult, children are \$4.00 (12 and younger). You can obtain tickets for this event before and after the Divine Liturgy in our Church vestibule from our ticket sellers, Ms. Eva Hlovchiec and Mrs. Orysia Barshowski. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this happy event.

Wonderful Paschal Traditions

Easter Traditions

It has been a pious custom amongst our faithful to say that anyone who dies at Pascha-Easter, in the course of the entire week of Pascha -- will enter into Paradise, because during the celebration of the feast of the Resurrection hell is closed, while the doors of Paradise remain open for everyone. Therefore it has been a Liturgical observance in our Holy Church that the Royal Doors are never shut during Bright Week, in order that all might know that heaven is never so near to us as it is at Pascha-Easter.



Another pious custom is always thought that at Pascha, Our Lord comes out of heaven with His Apostles, dressed in beggar's rags, to wander the whole world over, and that He comes to people's homes in the form of a wanderer or a beggar, in order to test people's kind-heartedness. That is why all of us prepare all sorts of foods in such abundance for this glorious celebration. We have Paska bread, eggs, cheese and meat, in order to have an opportunity to treat anyone who might enter into our home. That is why, at Easter, we rejoice at the visit of anyone and everyone, making no distinctions as to whether we might happen to like that person or not, and why we permit no one to leave without having been offered our delicious Paschal-Easter foods.

During this joyful season of Our Lord's Resurrection, we remember with special compassion that there are those in the world who are sick and unfortunate. We are called to take particular pity upon those who are ailing in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are incarcerated.

During this Paschal-Easter season, we go, as well, to exchange a Paschal kiss "Khristosovat'sya" with the departed who lie in their graves. We visit with deep devotion and respect the cemeteries of our departed loved ones and faithful parishioners, place an Easter egg- Pysanka on each grave, and sing that joyous hymn of Christ's Resurrection, in order that our departed, too, might hear: "Christ is Risen!-Христос Воскрес!"

It is the Day of Resurrection, let us be radiant, O ye people; Pascha, the Lord's Pascha: for from death to life, and from earth to heaven, Christ God hath brought us, as we sing the song of victory.

