



JESUS IS RISEN

ST. GEORGE’S DIVINE SERVICES FOR BRIGHT WEEK

Saturday, April 3 **Great and Holy Saturday**
8.30 P.M. - Prayer at the Tomb, Resurrection Matins (abbreviated)
(St. George, Pittsburgh) Divine Liturgy, blessing of baskets

Sunday, April 4 **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. Ihor)

Tuesday, April 6 **Bright Tuesday**
Reading: Acts 2:14-22; Lk. 24:12-35
9:30 A.M. Divine Liturgy (North Side)
Supplications will be offered for+ Mary Chiefte Kumo, given by Magdalena Cheresnowsky

Saturday, April 10 **Bright Saturday**
6:30 P.M. Vigil Divine Liturgy (McKees Rocks)

Sunday, April 11 **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
Supplications will be offered for+ Maria Hohosha, given by grandson.
Supplications will be offered for+ David Barshowski, given by Pyrohy workers.
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	MARY MAGDALENE
SABBATH	AMAZED	SALOME
ANOINT	MORNING	SPICES
CRUCIFIED	STONE	MOTHER OF JAMES
JESUS	RISEN	TOMB



Symbolism of the Paschal Egg-Pysanky

One of the most symbolic and beautiful Paschal-Easter customs is the practice of preparing, giving, and eating eggs. Most seem to take for granted the idea of eggs at Holy Pascha. There is the fun in boiling and coloring them, even more enjoyment in giving them to relatives and friends and cracking the eggs by hitting them one upon the other as the greeting of the Holy Feast is said: "Christ is Risen!" However, the real enjoyment of the Paschal eggs comes only when

the symbolism is realized and its connection to Holy Pascha. The egg itself is a symbol of the Resurrection - while being dormant it contains a new life sealed within its walls. The idea of the egg as a symbol of fertility and of renewed life goes way back to the ancient Egyptians and Persians who had the custom of coloring and eating eggs during their spring festivities. This ancient idea of the significance of the egg as a symbol of new life readily became the symbol of the Resurrection of Christ to the people of the early Christian Church. In Christianity the Paschal egg represents the sealed tomb in which the Precious Body of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was placed after His Crucifixion - the shell being the sealed tomb having dormant life within its walls.

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: WEDNESDAY, MAY 5, 2021 ***



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:

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 2021 Paschal Pastoral Letter. The entire text is posted on the bulletin board in the Church vestibule.

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. Applications must be submitted to the Education Board of St. George Ukrainian Catholic Church by May 6, 2021

The Ukrainian Technological Society (UTS) scholarship application season runs from April 1 through July 6. Our territory is the entire tri-state area. Students, please apply ASAP, since your high school or college transcript (including spring semester 2022) is a HUGE part of the application process, and often high schools and universities take up to three weeks to send transcripts. For more information: utspgh.org

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 \$2464.00. We will now be closed for our Easter break until Thursday, April 15th, 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, March 28, 2021 was **\$9,299.81 + Pyrohy: \$2,954.00**

(Collection: \$6,480.00, Loose & candles: \$86.00, Soup: \$70.00, Pyrohy: \$2954.00)

Paska Bread Sale: \$1880.00; Nut Roll: \$710.00, Sarris Candy sale: \$73.81

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



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.