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SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022

PALM (BLOSSOM) SUNDAY

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

Sunday, April 10, 2022 – 11:00am ~ For the intentions of the Parish

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Monday: 9am, Holy Spirit, Bridegroom Matins

5:30-7:30pm, Holy Spirit, Confessions

Holy Tuesday: Fr. Michael's day off (due to Holy Thursday)

Holy Wednesday: 9am, Pius X, Bridegroom Matins, then Confessions until 12pm – LAST

CHANCE AT PIUS UNTIL PASCHA

12pm, Pius X, Presanctified Liturgy with Anointing

4pm, Holy Spirit, Confessions – LAST CHANCE AT HOLY SPIRIT UNTIL

PASCHA

6pm, Holy Spirit, Presanctified Liturgy with Anointing

Holy Thursday: 12pm, Pius X, Vespereal Divine Liturgy

6pm, Holy Spirit, Vespereal Divine Liturgy ~ Intention for Ms. Cathy Warhola's birthday, by Mrs. Theresa Carr

Good Friday: 11am, Pius X, Strasti Matins, followed by Burial Vespers at 12pm

4:30pm, Holy Spirit, Office of Readings, followed by Burial Vespers at 6pm

Holy Saturday: 9am, Holy Spirit, Jerusalem Matins

12pm, Pius X, Vespereal Divine Liturgy, followed by basket blessings

6pm, Holy Spirit, Vespereal Divine Liturgy followed by basket blessings

The Sunday of Pascha: 8am, Pius X, Paschal Matins followed by Divine Liturgy at 9am

11am, Holy Spirit, Paschal Matins, followed by Divine Liturgy at 12pm, followed by basket blessings

Note: The law of the Church ordains that all the faithful go to Confession at least once during the Lenten season. Please be sure to take advantage of this blessed opportunity

LESSONS FOR TODAY'S DIVINE LITURGY...

We are celebrating jubilantly **The Feast of the Royal Entry into Jerusalem of our Lord Jesus Christ**. This feast day is called **Blossom Sunday** (*Kv'itna Ned'ilja*) by the Ruthenian people, for the first indications of the new life of spring were usually visible in the freshly budding blossoms on the trees and in the newly blossoming buds of greens and flowers. We welcome Jesus today as our personal King with the symbolic branches used when He entered Jerusalem: the **palm**, the emblem of *victory*; the **willow**, indicative of *new life*; and the **olive branch**, signifying *peace*. The Hebrew children also threw **flowers** in His path, and these remind us of the magnificent *beauty of eternal life*. The Church emphasizes for us today the two themes of the eternal **kingship** of Jesus and also the fact that His "*hour has come*" (*to accomplish our salvation*). The Lord is near, and He comes to fulfill the will of His Father Who had sent Him to earth in order to secure redemption for the entire human race. We **must** go through Passion Week with Jesus!

PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9 - Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

~~~~~Today on this solemn feast, we commemorate the public acknowledgment of Jesus' royal prerogatives as an anointed King from all eternity, and we proclaim His KINGSHIP as He jubilantly enters Jerusalem. The words of the Holy Apostle Paul written to the Christian community at Philippi seem most appropriate as the Lord approaches us today in triumph: "*Rejoice in the Lord always! I say it again: Rejoice!...the peace of God, which is beyond human understanding, will guard your hearts and minds.*" The "peace" about which Paul is speaking can only come to those who truly accept the kingship of Jesus. Through these words to the Philippians, Paul now echoes the keynotes of Passion Week: "*Rejoice in the Lord always!...The Lord is near!*" It is true that the Lord is *near*. He is in our midst! We must welcome Him into the "Jerusalem" of our hearts as our personal KING to Whom we express love and loyalty!

**GOSPEL JOHN 12:1-18** - Six days before Passover Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. They gave a dinner for him there, and Martha served, while Lazarus was one of those reclining at table with him. Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair; the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. Then Judas the Iscariot, one [of] his disciples, and the one who would betray him, said, "Why was this oil not sold for three hundred days' wages and given to the poor?" He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief and held the money bag and used to steal the contributions. So Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Let her keep this for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." [The] large crowd of the Jews found out that he was there and came, not only because of Jesus, but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. And the chief priests plotted to kill Lazarus too, because many of the Jews were turning away and believing in Jesus because of him. On the next day, when the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, [even] the king of Israel." Jesus found an ass and sat upon it, as is written: "Fear no more, O daughter Zion; see, your king comes, seated upon an ass's colt. His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him. So the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from death continued to testify. This was [also] why the crowd went to meet him, because they heard that he had done this sign.

~~~~~The Holy Evangelist John gives us the details of how Jesus came to Bethany, and there He raised from the dead His friend Lazarus who had been in the tomb for four days. This awesome miracle took place on Saturday, and the news of it was spreading everywhere. That evening, which was six days before the Feast of Passover, Jesus was at supper with Lazarus and his two sisters, Martha and Mary. Mary took some very expensive perfume made from aromatic spices and anointed Jesus' feet and then wiped them dry with her hair. Jesus remarked that this ointment should be kept for His burial. The next day on Sunday morning, as Jesus prepared to enter Jerusalem, enormous crowds of Jewish people came out to meet Him, waving branches, spreading flowers, and triumphantly proclaiming His KINGSHIP. While escorting Him into the Holy City, they acclaimed Him to be the "King of Israel." The Lord indeed is *near*! He has come among us for the passion! Today on Blossom Sunday, as we carry these symbols of His royalty and the emblems of His ultimate victory, we must ready ourselves to go along willingly with Him—to follow our KING to His passion.

THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF PASSION WEEK..... - On **Great Monday**, **Great Tuesday** and **Great Wednesday**, we follow the Lord Jesus each day in the Temple at Jerusalem as He preaches to the people, instructing them about His messianic mission and the establishment of His true Kingdom. At the morning prayer service of the Church for these three days, that is at the **Bridegroom Matins**, Jesus is depicted as the "Bridegroom" Who now comes to claim His bride, which is the Church—the People of God (all of us).

GREAT THURSDAY: THE LORD'S MYSTICAL SUPPER..... - With the **Betrayal Matins**, the morning service of prayer of the Church for **Great Thursday**, Judas' treacherous act is portrayed as the traitor conspires to sell-out Jesus and to hand Him over to His enemies. **The Vigil Divine Liturgy of the Lord's Mystical Supper** constitutes the Church's evening liturgical service, and at this festive vespereal Divine Liturgy, we commemorate the institution of the Mysteries of the Eucharist and the Priesthood. At this Passover Meal, Jesus thus provided forever for the spiritual nourishment and sustenance of all of us, His faithful people—the Church.

THE MOST SOLEMN DAY OF THE YEAR: GREAT FRIDAY..... - We unite ourselves on **Great Friday** with our Divine Savior as Jesus accomplishes those acts which signify the Mysteries of our Redemption. At its morning service of prayer, the **Passion Matins**, the Church recounts the horrific sufferings of Jesus through the reading of the twelve gospels of the passion. With the **Royal Hours**, the Church's daytime prayer service, we reflect upon the actual physical death of Jesus upon the holy wood of the salvific cross. The **Entombment Vespers** comprise the evening liturgical prayer of the Church, and we thus participate in the burial of our Lord after His execution on Golgotha as His corpse is wrapped in a shroud (*pláščanica*) and then placed in a new tomb.

GREAT SATURDAY – THE VIGIL AT THE HOLY SEPULCHER..... - The Church mourns the death of Jesus Christ on **Great Saturday** and stands watch throughout this somber day in keeping a vigil at His holy tomb. The **Sepulchral Matins** are served as the Church's morning prayer, during which Jesus' funeral is conducted with poetic dirges that are chanted over His lifeless body. At the evening liturgical service of the Church, which is the **Paschal Vigil Divine Liturgy**, salvation history is recounted, culminating with Jesus as the true Lamb of God Who affects the New Passover from Death unto eternal Life. This vespereal Divine Liturgy illustrates vividly how, through baptism, we are incorporated with Christ, our Divine Savior, into these sacred paschal mysteries.

PRAYER REQUEST LINE – Please send prayer requests to HolySpiritPrays@gmail.com

PEROGI SALE – Perogi are available in the hall after Liturgy until 2pm.

WHAT PENITENTIAL PRACTICES ARE YOU DOING???

In practical terms, what does the Church require us to do during this sacred penitential great fast season? 1) to fast, not only on the required days, but also self-imposed, personal fasts; 2) Engage in charitable practices – good works of mercy for others; 3) Increase prayer, both public and private: attend church at least once during the week (Monday-Friday), and participate in the Presanctified Divine Liturgy; 4) Frequent confession: approach the Holy Mystery of Reconciliation; 5) Receive Holy Communion often; 6) Perform acts of self-denial: monetary and ascetical; 7) Practice almsgiving by donating daily a sum of money not spent on yourself; 8) Read the Holy Bible, a small portion of the Old and New Testament each day; 9) Make a daily meditation, reading from the Great Fast booklet of reflections for each of the forty days; 10) Keep a period of silence – the "desert experience": quiet time with the Lord, not talking or listening to anyone or anything for a specific time, just offering our thoughts to God. Make this a spiritually meaningful great fast season! Put forth the effort now, and the Lord will bless your endeavors!

The Carpathian Cookery Cookbook, now in its 20th printing, is available for sale. This 330-page cookbook was requested by the Library of Congress for their ethnic cooking collection. These tried and true recipes from the St. John community in Uniontown features traditional meatless and festal foods for Phillip's Fast through Pascha and more! The cost of the cookbook with plastic protective cover is \$14 plus \$4 postage. To order, please send check or money order to: Ethnic Craft Club, St. John Byzantine Catholic Church, 201 E Main St., Uniontown PA 15401. For more information leave a message with (724)438-6027 or email carpathiancookery@gmail.com

PRAYER FOR SEMINARIANS

Saints Cyril and Methodius, Venerable Apostles of the Slavs and Patrons of our Byzantine Catholic Seminary, we place our Seminarians in your loving care. Help them to grow in humility, meekness and prudence. Enkindle in them a burning zeal for souls. May their hearts be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and may they learn to know and love the church so that they may always and everywhere think, speak and act with Her, the Glorious Spouse of Christ. May they become exemplars of generosity and detachment from the things of this world. But above all, O Venerable Patrons, help them to truly know, love and serve the Eternal High Priest, Our Lord Jesus Christ, Whose priests they aspire to be. Amen.
St. Michael the Archangel, Defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the Devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray. And do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, By the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen

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Prayer requests or donations can be sent to this address.

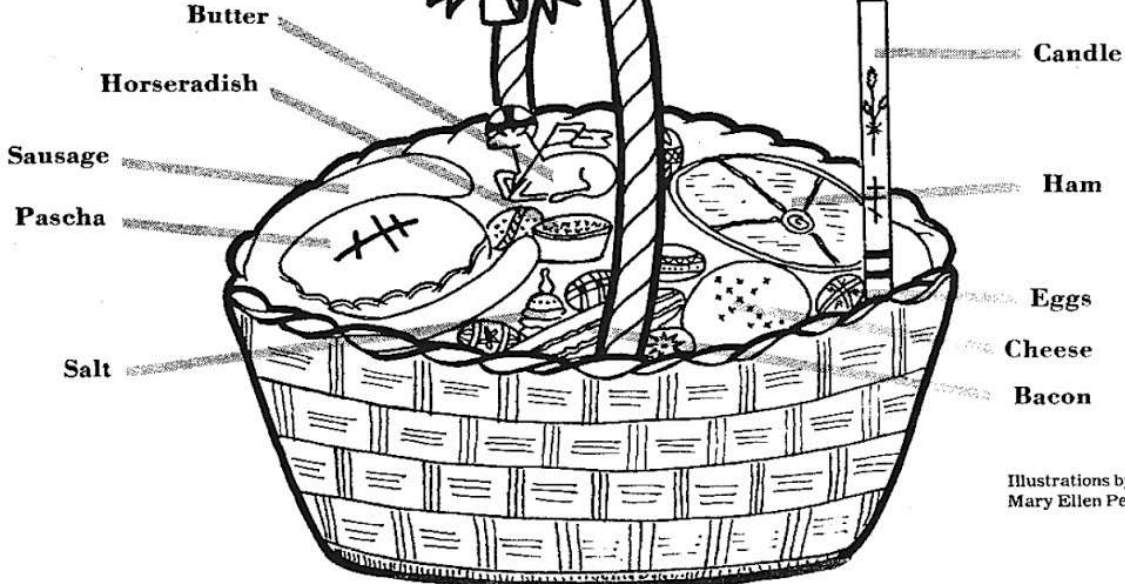
April 9, 26, may 3, 10, 17, 24 – 6:30-8:30pm – Tuesday Evening Compassion Series In-House Program.. “Developing Boundless Compassion.” With Sr. Barbara Jean OSBM and Dr. Jo Ann Jankoski, D.Ed, LCMSW, MS, CCTP. This series invites those who serve the hearts of others into a circle of up to 10 persons to further develop in Gospel-Centered compassion, using *Boundless Compassion: Creating a Way of Life*, by Sr. Joyce Rupp – Book, journal, and prayer resource. Requires commitment to 6 interactive lessons with these resources in hand. Registration due 4/12. Offering \$100. Scholarships available. Proof of full vaccination and masks required..

54th Annual Ukrainian Easter Egg Sale

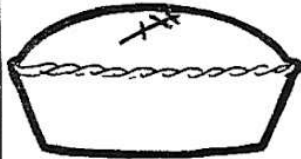
Sunday, April 10, 2022 – 11am to 4pm - Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church 220 Mansfield Blvd. Carnegie PA 15106 Over 1200 Pysanky (Easter eggs) and over 300 specialty eggs (goose, ostrich, wood, and more). Ukrainian folk arts and crafts, basket raffles, door prizes. Homemade Ukrainian foods for takeout or dine in/outside. Church tours and talk at 12pm, 1pm, and 2pm with Fr. Charest For info call (412) 527-5359 or (412) 279-2111 - www.orthodoxcarnegie.org or facebook.com/OrthodoxCarnegie/

How to Put Together a Traditional Easter Basket

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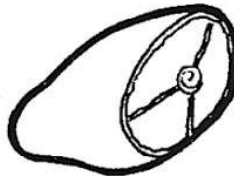


PASCHA - The Easter Bread (pron. pá-ska.) A sweet, yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually a round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a symbol (—) of dough is placed on top encircled by a plait giving it a crowned effect or Greek abbreviations for the name of Christ. The letters XB indicate the Slavonic for Christ is Risen.

CHEESE (Slav. Hrudka or Sirets pron. hrood-ka or sí-rets) A custard-type cheese shaped into a ball having a rather bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things. Also, creamed cheese is placed in a small dish and both are decorated with symbols (see Pascha) out of cloves or pepper balls.

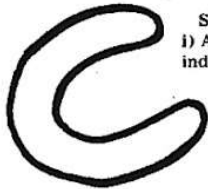


HAM (Slav Šunka - pron. shoon-ka.) The flesh meat popular with the Slavs as the main dish because of its richness and symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter. Some may prefer Lamb or Veal. This is usually well roasted or cooked as well as other meats so that the festivity of the day will not be burdened with preparation and all may enjoy the Feast.



BUTTER (Slav. Maslo pron. má-slo) This favorite dairy product is shaped into a figure of a Lamb or small cross and decorated as the cheese. This reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

BACON (Slav. Slanina pron. sla-ni-na) A piece of uncooked bacon cured with spices. Symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy to us.



SAUSAGE (SLAV. Kolbasi - pron. kol-buš-i) A spicy, garlicky sausage of pork products, indicative of God's favor and generosity.

EGGS (Slav. Pisanki pron. pi-sín-ki) Hard-boiled eggs brightly decorated with symbols and markings made with beeswax. Indicative of new life and resurrection.



SALT (Slav. Sol' pron. sol') A condiment necessary for flavor reminding the Christian of his duty to others.



HORSERADISH (Slav. Chrin pron. khrin) Horseradish mixed with grated red beets. Symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection. A bitter-sweet red colored mixture reminds us of the sufferings of Christ.

These articles are placed in a wicker basket and a ribbon or bow is tied to the handle. A decorated candle is placed in the basket and is lit at the time of blessing. A linen cover usually embroidered with a picture of the Risen Christ or symbol with the words "Christ is Risen" is placed over the food when brought to the Church.

In some places a large Easter Bread (Pascha) is made and brought separately in a large linen cloth. If the origin of the people was from a wine growing area, a sweet wine may be brought.

