



CHRIST IS RISEN!  
*Christ is Risen From The Dead, Trampling  
Down Death By Death and To Those In The  
Tomb Bestowing Life!*  
INDEED HE IS RISEN!



## Saint John the Baptist Orthodox Church

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FEAST OF FEASTS!

**APRIL 19th**

NO FASTING!



BRIGHT WEEK

**HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)**

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17

Greet everyone with  
"CHRIST IS RISEN!"

& say it before  
good morning and goodnight!

ONLINE Resurrection Matins / Paschal Divine Liturgy

Liturgical Color: **White**

**SERVED BY PRIEST & CANTOR ONLY** with Additional Prayers for COVID-19, Coronavirus

### SERVICES, SAINTS, AND READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Upcoming Cathedral Online Schedule Of Services** ([www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/live/](http://www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/live/)):

**Bright Monday: 8 am:** Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy (at about 9am)

**Bright Tuesday: 8:15 am:** Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy (at about 9am)

Bright Monday	Venerable George the Confessor (820)	Acts 1:12-17; 21-26	John 1:18-28
Bright Tuesday	Holy Apostles of the 70: Herodion, Hermes, & those with them (1st c.)	Acts 2:14-21	Luke 24:12-35
Bright Wednesday	Martyr Euphrosyne of Caesarea in Cappadocia (362)	Acts 2:22-36	John 1:35-51
Bright Thursday	Martyrs Terence, Maximus, Zeno, and 37 others, beheaded at Carthage (250)	Acts 2:38-43	John 3:1-15
Bright Friday	St. Barsanuphius, bishop of Tver (1576)	Acts 3:1-8	John 2:12-22
Bright Saturday	Hieromartyr Zeno, bishop of Verona (ca. 260)	Acts 3:11-16	John 3:22-33

*A FAST FREE Week - Let us Imitate Christ and the Saints and Feast (in moderation) as they did!*

**No Kneeling in Prayer for 50 Days**

**Sunday, April 26 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Pascha: St Thomas Sunday**

ONLINE Divine Liturgy

Liturgical Color: **White**

Epistle: Acts 5:12-20; Gospel: John 20:19-31

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### A Warm Welcome To Our Visitors!

**Christ IS Risen!** (responded with: **Indeed He IS Risen!**)

**Christos Voskrese!** (Voistinu Voskrese!)

**We are happy** that you have joined us today! **Please join us downstairs** for coffee and a bite to eat. It is our pleasure to have you in our presence this morning and we wish God's Blessings to all who visit with us today and hope you stop in again soon! **If you have any questions** in regards to our worship or Orthodoxy, please see Father Dave and he will gladly answer any of your questions to the best of his ability. He looks forward to meeting you!

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#### **This Bulletin Is Offered:**

For The Living And  
Departed Of The Jesko,  
Kaschak, And Mahar  
Families.  
Many Years!  
May Their Memory  
Be Eternal!

### **PASCHAL COMMEMORATIONS** (to be remembered at Proskomedie [Preparation prayers])

**ProceSSIONAL Candles** In Memory Of +Anna And +Michael Spirnack

**Incense For Censer** For The Health For All Of Our Doctors, Nurses And Medical Staff Of Our Parish Community

**Charcoal For Censer (Kadilo)** In Memory Of The Departed From St. John The Baptist

**Priest's Triple Paschal Candle** In Memory Of The Departed From The Mirilovich And Kuneman Families

**Eucharistic Bread & Sacramental Wine** In Loving Memory Of Parents, +Anastasia And +Lawrence Martin

**Altar Candelabras** In Memory Of +Nick And +Anna Buhonick

**6 Decorated Candles On Altar** In Memory Of The Departed From The Sanger Family And Loved Ones

**2 Decorated Candles On Altar** For The Health Of Our Parish Community

**2 Decorated Candles On Preparation Table** For The Health Of Loved Ones

**4 Candles In Front Of Iconostasis** In Loving Memory Of Grandparents, +Helen And +John Kailyar

**2 Decorated Candles On Tetrapod** For The Deceased Members Of The Hudak Family And Friends

**Festive Oil** For Our President, Armed Forces, Doctors And Caregivers,

All Those Who Are Working To Keep Us Safe, And All Orthodox Christians Everywhere

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SUNDAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

“Of all the afflictions that burden the human race, there is not one, whether spiritual or bodily, that cannot be healed by the Holy Scriptures.” +Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8

The Promise of the Holy Spirit

1 In the first book, O The-oph’ilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me, <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.”

The Ascension of Jesus

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samar’ia and to the end of the earth.”

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Gospel: John 1:1-17

The Word Became Flesh

1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. <sup>2</sup>He was in the beginning with God; <sup>3</sup>all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. <sup>4</sup>In him was life, and the life was the light of men. <sup>5</sup>The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

<sup>6</sup>There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. <sup>7</sup>He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him. <sup>8</sup>He was not the light, but came to bear witness to the light.

<sup>9</sup>The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world. <sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not. <sup>11</sup>He came to his own home, and his own people received him not. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God; <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

<sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. <sup>15</sup>(John bore witness to him, and cried, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks before me, for he was before me.’”) <sup>16</sup>And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.



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“SERMON” SNIPPET

Simon Beared Christ’s Cross

Dearest Family of St. John the Baptist, Christ is risen! As Christ was on His way to Golgatha, Simon of Cyrene was called to carry Christ’s Cross. He carried it willingly without making excuses. In his love for Christ, he was a steward. We are all called to pick up our cross and follow Christ. We cannot make excuses and we need to be good stewards of our time, talent, and treasures.

Also, in our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ,

we need to support each other. No one truly knows the cross that others are carrying. All we can do is support one another. Call them. Be there for them. Listen to them. If you offer to help and they do not accept, that’s okay! (Just try again later...)

Allow the Light of the Risen Lord inside you to be shared throughout the world!

Have a blessed Bright Week & Paschal season!

Hristos a înviat! (Adevărat a înviat!)

- Father Dave

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PARISH BULLETIN BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS



(Please have submissions for this section to Father Dave by Wednesday.)

**Having flu-like symptoms? PLEASE KEEP FR. DAVE POSTED OF ANY ILLNESSES SO TO BE ADDED TO OUR PRAYER LIST!**

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**Bright Week** – Enjoy the *Fast-Free* Week following the Resurrection of our Lord!

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**“20 seconds” of Prayer** – Following the CDC recommendations, as you wash your hands, instead of singing your ABCs, pray! It takes roughly 20-seconds to pray *The Lord’s Prayer*, sing *O Heavenly King*, pray *Hail Mary (twice)*, sing *You are truly deserving*, or say the *Jesus Prayer* (5 times).

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**Fear Zone → Learning Zone → Growing Zone**

Please share with Father Dave things that you are surprised that you became grateful for. Anonymous inspirations will be in future bulletins



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**Weekly Candle Intentions / Memorials** were offered last week by Tim Martin; Shuster Family; Cindy Pavilonis.

***"I am the light of the world; he who follows Me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."*** - John 8:12


**The Eternal Lamp** was offered last week by Cindy Pavilonis, Birthday Remembrance for Grandmother, Barbara Pavilonis. May Her Memory Be Eternal!

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**Candles in Church** – If you wish for Father to light your weekly candles, please email or call him with your intentions and mail your candle donation to Tim Martin.

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**Praying with online services from your domestic-church** - Sunday Liturgies at St. John's will be celebrated **BUT WITH ONLY THE PRIEST AND CANTOR IN ATTENDANCE**. This comes from the Protocol from our Metropolitan. We will pray for our parish and the world. PLEASE watch services online! Here are the words of Fr. Matthew Dutko concerning watching services online:

- *"Wake up at the normal time that you always do on a Sunday. If you have kids, wake them up. Shower, get dressed in your Sunday finest and gather together in front of a computer screen.*
- *Light a candle and burn some incense [if you do not have any, contact Fr. Dave who can recommend online sites to order from]. When the Liturgy begins, pray and sing as you always do.*
- *Even though you will be in your home-church, don't let the distractions of being in your own home get in the way. For that hour or so, you will be with your parish family in prayer. I know it's not the same, but we will still be praying to our Lord, all together, all at the same time; just like we always do."*

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**Cathedral Live-Broadcast** - Our diocese is blessed with the opportunity to watch our Cathedral's Divine Liturgy every Sunday at 9am (and other services). The best scenario is to attend the Divine Liturgy and receive the Eucharist, but with these current limitations, please take the time Sunday morning, Wednesday evening, and throughout the week to pray with our brothers and sisters via the live broadcast on the web. [www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/live/](http://www.acrod.org/organizations/cathedral/live/)

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 **Now On Instagram (with a new name)** (SJB\_Orthodox\_Pittsburgh) – Our Parish now has an Instagram page! Father will need some time to figure this out, but more details coming soon...

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**Holy Unction and Pascha cover-dish coffee social** are POSTPONED until PENTECOST

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**Calling All Graduates** – if you will be graduating from High School, a University, or a Trade School this year, please contact Father ASAP.

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**Weekly Bulletin Email** – If you would like to receive the bulletin in an email at the beginning of each week, please email Father Dave at: [fr.sleepless@gmail.com](mailto:fr.sleepless@gmail.com)

**Our Stewardship Gifts To God**

Stewardship:	\$ 600
Candles/Eternal Lamp:	\$ 75
Envelopes/Stewardship:	\$ 1190
Community Outreach:	\$ 25
<b>Total Collections:</b>	<b>\$ 1890</b>
<b>Capital Improvement Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 75</b>
<b>Relocation Fund:</b>	<b>\$ 100</b>

*Give Generously: "For they gave according to their means... and beyond their means, of their own free will." 2 Cor 8:3*

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**Weekly Offerings to God** – During this time that we are in, we request that all weekly donations be mailed to:



Tim Martin  
2225 McAleer Road  
Sewickley, PA 15143

For our parish to continue it's ministries, outreach, and general bill paying, we need your generosity to continue.

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**Bulletin Sponsor** – Please contact Fr Dave to sponsor a bulletin *In Honor of* (anniversary, birthday, etc.) or *In Memory of* someone. An additional stewardship offering to the Church is requested.

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**Census Forms:** If you have not done your census form yet... when you fill it in, check the box for your race then type in or print Carpatho Rusyn. (Not just Rusyn) There is no guarantee the census bureau will lump the two together. Please pass this on to ALL your Carpatho Rusyn friends and family members.



**Looking FURTHER Ahead**

- Some 2020 dates of interest:
- ??? ?? – Graduate Sunday
  - May 6 – Feast of St. George
  - May 13 – Feast of Mid-Pentecost
  - May 28 – Feast of Ascension
  - Jun. 3 – Mystery of Holy Unction
  - Jun. 4 – Paraklis to the Theotokos
  - Jun. 5 – Moleben to the Holy Cross
  - Jun. 6 – 5<sup>th</sup> All Souls Saturday
  - Jun. 6 – Faith Night at PNC Park
  - Jun. 7 – Feast of Pentecost
  - Jun. 8 – Pentecost Monday (Gospel Procession)
  - Jun. 8-13 – Fast Free Week
  - Jun. 15 – Apostles Fast begins
  - Jul. 7 – Feast of the Nativity of St John
  - Jul. 12 – Feast of Saints Peter and Paul AND Church Picnic at "The Cabin" in North Park
  - Jul. 26-Aug. 1 – Pittsburgh Deanery Week at CN
  - Aug. 2 – Feast of the Holy Prophet Elias & Annual Blessing of Vehicles
  - Aug. 9-15 – Science and Nature Week at CN
  - Aug. 14 – Dormition Fast Begins
  - Aug. 19 – Feast of the Transfiguration
  - Aug. 23 – Blessing of Fruit and Vegetables
  - Aug. 28 – Feast of the Dormition
  - Aug. 30 – Blessing of Flowers and Herbs

***Please, Save the Dates!***



**LOOKING AHEAD LOCALLY**



✱ ***Please Continue to Pray (and wash your hands)***

**ORTHODOXY AROUND DA 'BURGH & OUR DIOCESE**



**SPF50 (Scripture, Prayer, Family): A Diocese Family Ministry** - The second Issue of SPF50 is available NOW!! It is a digital edition. If you didn't start with us on March 1, consider joining now. Make a commitment to reading Scripture and Praying together with your family. Visit the Diocesan Website at [acrod.org](http://acrod.org) and look for the SPF50 section

or go directly to the SPF50 web page at [www.acrod.org/ministries/acrod-family/spf50](http://www.acrod.org/ministries/acrod-family/spf50) to find out more about SPF50 and how to help your family read Scripture and Pray together at home. Don't forget to fill out the Commitment Card which is available in the SPF50 Section of the Diocesan Website, and return the card to your priest.



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**Pysanky in June!** Ss. Peter and Paul Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Carnegie has rescheduled their 53<sup>rd</sup> Annual Ukrainian Easter Egg Sale to **Saturday, June 6** from 11am to 4pm. Pysanky, folk arts, food, basket raffles, food, door prizes and, of course, more food! It is not too early to put this on your calendar!

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**Purse Bash** hosted by St. Nicholas that was scheduled in May has been POSTPONED.

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**National ACRY Bowling Tournament** scheduled for Memorial Day Weekend to be hosted by Elizabeth, NJ has been CANCELLED.

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**Camp Nazareth Updates:**  
Diocesan Seniors Retreat is rescheduled from May 12-14 to October 13-15, 2020  
Family Camp (June 5-7) is Cancelled  
Family Day (June 7) is Cancelled

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**Visit Our Diocese On-Line**  
Diocesan Website: [www.acrod.org](http://www.acrod.org)  
Camp Nazareth: [www.campnazareth.org](http://www.campnazareth.org)  
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LIVES OF THE SAINTS

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**Sainted Methodios, Archbishop of Moravia**  
*Commemorated on April 19/6*

The Holy Equal-to-the-Apostles First-Teachers and Enlighteners of the Slavic Peoples, the Brothers Cyril and Methodius came from an illustrious and pious family living in the Greek city of Soluneia (Thessalonika). Saint Methodius was the oldest of seven brothers, Saint Contantine (Cyril – was his monastic name) was the youngest. Saint Methodius was at first in the military profession and was governor in one of the Slavic principalities dependent to the Byzantine empire – probably Bulgaria, which made it possible for him to learn the Slavic language. Having dwelt there for about 10 years, Saint Methodius afterwards accepted monastic orders at one of the monasteries on Mount Olympos (Asia Minor). Saint Constantine from his early years distinguished himself by great aptitude and he studied together with the emperor Michael during that one's youth – under the finest teachers in Constantinople, among which were Photios, future Patriarch of Constantinople. Saint Constantine, having attained knowledge in all the sciences of his time and also many languages, also with particular diligence studied the works of Sainted Gregory the Theologian. Because of his keen mind and penetrating perception, Saint Constantine received the title "Philosopher" (wise). Upon the completion of his education, Saint Constantine accepted the dignity of priest and was appointed curator of the patriarchal library at the church of Saint Sophia, but he soon quit the capital and went off secretly to a monastery. Discovered there and having returned to Constantinople, he was appointed teacher of philosophy in the highest level of the Constantinople schools. The wisdom and strength of faith for the still rather young Constantine was so great, that he won the victory in a debate with the leader of the heretic-iconclasts Ananias. After this victory Constantine was sent by the emperor to dispute in a debate about the Holy Trinity with the Saracens (musselmans) and again he gained the victory. Having returned, Saint Constantine went off to his brother Saint Methodius on Olympos, spending the time in unceasing prayer and reading the works of the holy fathers.



The emperor soon summoned forth both of the holy brothers from the monastery and dispatched them to preach the Gospel to the Khazars. Along the way they stayed for some time in the city of Korsun, making preparations for preaching. There the holy brothers in miraculous manner discovered the relics of the Priestmartyr Clement, Pope of Rome (Comm. 25 November). There also at Korsun Saint Constantine found a Gospel and Psalter written in "Russian letters" [i.e. Slavonic], and a man speaking in Slavic, and he began to learn from this man to read and to speak in

his language. After this, the holy brothers set off to the Khazars, where they gained the victory in a debate with Jews and Moslems by preaching the Gospel teaching. On the way home the brothers again visited Korsun and, taking up the relics of Saint Clement there, they returned to Constantinople. Saint Constantine remained in the capital, but Saint Methodius received the hegumenate at the small Polychronion monastery – not far from Mount Olympos, where he pursued asceticism as before.

Soon there came to the emperor messengers from the Moravian prince Rostislav, otherwise pressured by German bishops – with a request to send teachers to Moravia, who would be able to preach in the vernacular Slavic tongue. The emperor summoned Saint Constantine and said to him: "It is necessary for thee to go thither, where it be better for thee that no one realise this". Saint Constantine prepared for the new task with fasting and prayer. With the help of his brother Saint Methodius and the students Gorazd, Clement, Savva, Naum and Angelyar he composed a Slavonic alphabet and translated into the Slavic tongue books – without which it would be impossible to celebrate Divine-services: the Gospel, Epistles, Psalter and collected services. This occurred in the year 863.

After completing the translation, the holy brothers set off to Moravia, where they were received with great honour, and they began to teach the Divine-services in the Slavic language. This aroused the malice of the German bishops, who celebrated Divine-services in the Moravian churches in the Latin language, and they rose up against the holy brothers, convinced that Divine-services must be done only in one of three languages: Hebrew, Greek or Latin. Saint Constantine answered them: "Ye recognise only three languages by which to give glory to God. But David sang: Come to the Lord, all nations, praise the Lord all peoples, let everything that hath breath praise the Lord! And in the Holy Gospel it says: Go teach all nations...". The German bishops were humiliated, but they became all the more bitter and sent off a complaint to Rome. The holy brothers were summoned to Rome for a decision on this question. Taking with them the relics of Saint Clement Pope of Rome, Saints Constantine and Methodius set off to Rome. Knowing that the holy brothers were bringing along with them these relics, Pope Adrian met them along the way with his clergy. The holy brothers were greeted with honour, the pope of Rome gave permission for Divine-services in the Slavonic language, and the books translated by the brothers he ordered to be placed in Roman churches and to make liturgy in the Slavonic language.

At Rome Saint Constantine fell ill and, in a miraculous vision from the Lord advising of the

After the death of Saint Cyril, the pope in fulfilling the request of the Slavic prince Kotsel, sent Saint Methodius to Pannonia, – having ordained him Archbishop of Moravia and Pannonia, on the ancient throne of the holy Disciple Andronikes. In Pannonia Saint Methodius together with his students continued to propagate Divine-services in books inscribed in the Slavonic language. This again aroused the wrath of the German bishops. They obtained an arrest and held a trial over Saint Methodius, who was sent in chains to Swabia, where during the course of two and an half years he underwent many sufferings. Having been set free by order of the Pope of Rome, John VIII, and restored to the rule of his archdiocese, Saint

Here in the ensuing years of his life Saint Methodius with the help of two of his priest-students translated into the Slavonic language all the Old Testament except for the Book of Maccabbees, and even the Nomokanon (Rule of the holy fathers) and books of the holy fathers (Paterikon).

Sensing the nearness of death, Saint Methodius decreed one of his students – Gorazd, as worthy successor to himself. The sainted-bishop predicted the day of his death and he died on 6 April 885 at an age of about 60 years. The burial service of the saint was done in three languages – Slavonic, Greek and Latin. He was buried in the cathedral church of Velehrad.

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The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters, He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil: for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

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*Father can meet M-F 9:30a–4p **or** by appointment.*

**Phone Tree** – Please call Fr. Dave to be added.

**Myseal of Confession** – Opportunities are available after every service, most Saturdays during fasting periods from 11am to 1pm, OR by appointment.

**Lapsed Members** – You are always welcome home and we want you back! Generally speaking, sincere participation in the Mysteries of Confession, Communion, and regular attendance at the divine services are all that is required to begin parish life anew! See Fr. Dave for specific details.

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**Adult Chrismation** – New parishioners are always welcome! In the case of adults seeking entrance into the Church, a period of prescribed catechism will be established with Fr. Dave before administration of the Mysteries. An Orthodox Christian sponsor is also required.

**Church Funerals** – are provided for practicing Orthodox Christians who are current in their spiritual and financial obligations; otherwise burial is from the funeral home. The Church does not permit cremation.

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## *The Pascha Basket Tradition*

Sweet bread is always included, leavened with yeast. This is a symbol of the New Covenant; the Jews made unleavened bread, and we, the Children of the New Covenant, make leavened bread. Kulich is the traditional Russian bread, and Tsourekia is the traditional Greek braided bread. The braided form of this bread is a display of the Trinity.

The bitter herb, often horseradish or garlic, serves as a reminder of the first Passover (horseradish is eaten as a traditional part of the original Passover meal) and

of the bitter sufferings which Christ endured for our sake. Sometimes the herb is colored red with beets, symbolizing the Blood of Christ. The bitter herb is also to bring to mind the Jews' forty years of wandering in the wilderness.

Wine, cheese, and butter are figurative of all the good things of life, and remind us of the earthly gifts that come from God.

Meat is included in remembrance of the sacrifice of the Old Testament Passover, which has been replaced by Christ, the New Passover and Lamb of God.

Salt serves as a reminder to us that we are "the salt of the earth."

The red egg is likened to the tomb from which Christ arose. This is because of the miracle of new life which comes from the egg, just as Christ miraculously came forth from the tomb.

Thus each of the foods in the Pascha basket have rich meaning, as does everything in Orthodoxy. Glory to God!

The **Paschal greeting** is a custom among Orthodox Christians, consisting of a greeting and response. Instead of "hello" or its equivalent, greet another person with "Christ is Risen!". The response is "Indeed, He Is Risen!". This greeting is used during liturgical services AND informally at other times, starting with the feast of Pascha (*Easter*) until Ascension (known as the *Paschal season* or *Paschaltide*).



**Church Slavonic** – Christos Voskrese!  
Voistinu Voskrese!  
**Greek** – Khristós Anésti! Alithós Anésti!  
**Romanian** – Hristos a înviat!  
Adevărat a înviat!  
**Italian** – Cristo è risorto! È veramente risorto!  
**Spanish** – ¡Cristo ha resucitado!  
¡En verdad ha resucitado!

\*\*\* If greeted in a language you are unfamiliar with, "translate" and respond in English

peace and love all the days of their lives and may He grant them many and blessed years! Na Mnohaya I Blahaya L'ita!

**For our Catechumens & Inquirers...**  
Dustin, Stephen, Daniel, Susan  
...through the prayers of St. Paul the Apostle, St. Mary Magdalene, and St. John Maximovitch.

**For those preparing for Marriage...** Lauren & Corey, Ashley & Derek ...through the prayers of Sts. Adrian & Natalia and all Holy Martyrs.

**Anniversary Prayers for...** John & Theresa Sharpless (4/21) ...May God fill them with His grace that they may continue to live in unity with Him!

**For Pregnant Mothers...** Faith (June), Mallory Ann (July) ...through the prayers of St Anna, the mother of the Virgin Mary, & St Irene Chrysovalantou.

**For those serving in the Armed Forces & Civil Authorities...** Thomas R. Dzadovsky, Devin Meegan, and Trevor Meegan ...through the prayers of St George, the Great-Martyr & Wonderworker.

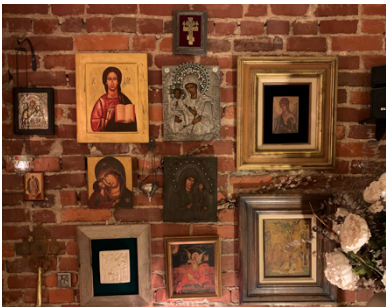
**For the souls of the newly departed...**  
+Darline Labas (4/13), +Philip Fall (4/9), +Jack Scherer (4/1), +Phyliss Stienstra (3/28), mother of Fr. Dcn. Stienstra, +Harry (3/23), +Ron (3/19), +Henry, and those who have passed from the coronavirus ...May the Lord God grant them blessed repose where there is no pain sorrow or mourning. May their Memory in God be Eternal! Vičnaya Pamyat!

\* This is to be used for the special intentions of our brothers and sisters in Christ and can be inserted as a prayer itself into our daily prayers. Please let Fr. Dave know if you wish to make additions or subtractions (in the case of answered prayers) to our Parish List. The words of the Gospel are true: **it is good to pray for one another.** Let this be a place where we lay out our concerns and beg the help of our brothers & sisters in Christ. This prayer list is NOT limited to only Orthodox Christians.

PRAYER CORNER

Our Parish Prayer List for Special Intentions & Other Needs

**A Prayer For The Sick:** O Christ, You alone are prompt to defend us; quickly visit Your suffering servant name(s). Through the prayers of the Theotokos, deliver him/her/them from sickness and bitter pain. Heal him/her/them so that he/she/they may sing to You and always praise You for You alone love us. Amen.



**For the Health of...** Lynn, Fr. Michael Ellis, Candice, Fr. Michael Rustick, Ella, Lexi, John, Susan, John, Alexandra D., Pañi Marie, Sonja, Anna Mae, Eleanor D., Viola, Juliana, Fredrick, Kenneth, Michael, Roberta, Lino, June, for all those battling viruses ...through the prayers of St. Nectarios the Wonderworker; St. Luke, the Surgeon; and St. Panteleimon, the Healer.

**For the Special Intentions of...** Metropolitan Gregory, Callum, Killian, Caitlin, Dustin, Stephen, David, Anastasia, Nicholas, Cassandra, Alexander, Nancy, Andrea, Jason, Tyrone, Sarah, Amee, Joshua, John, Kathryn, Rose, Charles, Justin our seminarians: Thomas, John, Daniel and Dylan and our Church Council, Curators, and Relocation Committee: Matthew, Lawrence, Timothy, Theresa, Rich, Gina, Robert, Jane, Anthony, Mary Jane, Steven, Kenneth, Jillian, John, Wendy, John, Margaret, John, John, Todd and for those who labor towards our Community Outreaches ...through the prayers of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker; St. John the Baptist; the Archangels Michael & Gabriel; and the Theotokos and Ever-Virgin Mary.

**Patronal Feast Days (Name's Day):**  
(contact Fr. Dave with your Patron Saint)

**Birthday Prayers for...** Father's brother-in-law, Christopher Ditmore (4/19), Susan Waugh (4/19), Dr. Lawrence Martin (4/20), Max Anton (4/22), Donald James Gavulich, Jr. (4/23/19), Fred Anton (4/24), Fr. Peter Paproski (4/24), Donna Tongel (4/24), Jaxson Maruscak (4/25) ...May God allow them to grow in







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## DEVOTIONAL PRAYERS FOR THE WEEK:

### **Amvon Prayer for the Feast of Feasts, Pascha**

Today brings us light and salvation. Brothers and sisters, today is the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Church of the Lord is honoured by many good people. See how many of the faithful have not only endured the weariness of fasting, but, with lighted candles, are eager to offer gifts to the King of ages on the feast of the Resurrection. For the whole world rejoices in the Resurrection of Christ: Heaven is purified by the brightness of the Godhead, the earth is clothed, the sea is calmed, tyranny stopped, reverence grows, those who are taught are enlightened, those who have wandered away have returned, sinners are loosed from sin, the Churches are joyful, and Christ is glorified! Not only do we carry candles offering gifts to the King of ages, not only are the meadows in flower, but the newly-baptized receive the grace of the Spirit.

Receive, therefore, the sacrifice and worship of our humble priests. Forgive the sins of all—both young and old—for Thou art a good God Who love mankind. Give strength to the civil authorities, keep our bishop on his honored throne, keep all the clergy and people in oneness of mind. Watch, preserve, have mercy upon and keep all the people standing about in the enjoyment of Thy divine, immortal and life-creating mysteries, through the prayers of Thy pure Mother, and of the holy Apostles and myrrh-bearing women.

For Thou art the Resurrection from death, Christ our God, and we give glory to Thee, together with Thy eternal Father, and Thy all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

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### **Prayers At The Blessing Of Food On The Holy And Great Sunday Of Pascha**

*(to be done at home in the year 2020, because of the Covid-19 Pandemic)*



*The foods are assembled on the table or place from which they will be served.*

*The family gathers together at the table where*

*a lighted candle and the Icon of the Resurrection are also placed.*

*They pray together as follows:*

**All:** Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death, and upon those in the tomb bestowing life. *(3 times)*

#### **The Bread**

O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Eternal God, bless and sanctify this bread with Your heavenly blessing, so that it may be for the health of body and salvation of soul for all who partake of it, that it may be a safeguard against all illness and enemy assaults, through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Only-begotten Son, the Living Bread, which came down from heaven, giving life and salvation to the world, Who lives and reigns with You in union with the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen!

#### **The Meats**

O Lord, Jesus Christ, our God, look upon this lamb and all these other flesh meats, bless and sanctify them as you sanctified the ram which Abraham offered to You, and the lamb that Able offered to You in sacrifice; bless and sanctify these meats as you blessed and sanctified the fatted-calf which You ordered to be slain for the prodigal son, when he returned again to You; so just as he was considered worthy to enjoy Your goodness, so also may we who eat of these meats, blessed and sanctified by You, enjoy Your goodness, and obtain Your Holy Cross and Resurrection from the Dead on the Third Day: For You are our True Food and the Giver of all good things which You Yourself bless and sanctify; and we give glory to You, together with Your Eternal Father and Your All-Holy, Gracious and Life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen!

#### **The Dairy and other foods**

O God, our Lord and Master, Creator of all things; bless this cheese, butter and all other foods here present; and preserve us in your goodness, so that, as we eat of Your gifts which You readily bestow on us, we may be filled with Your indescribable goodness, for the sake of the glorious resurrection on the third day from the dead of our Lord Jesus Christ: For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen!

*Make the sign of the Cross over the foods (with your 3 fingers positioned as they are when you bless yourself) and sprinkle Holy Water on the foods. Then sing Christ is Risen again!*

*Dobru Chut'! (Enjoy your meal!)*

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### **A PRAYER TO THE MOTHER OF GOD DURING THIS TIME OF THE CORONAVIRUS**

*With the Blessing of Metropolitan Gregory (ACROD) – 3-31-2020*

O Most-Holy Ever-Virgin Mary, Theotokos: receive this heartfelt supplication from us, your unworthy servants. We run to you tearfully, O Sovereign Lady, as this dreadful illness spreads through the whole world. Listen to the much-afflicted sighs of your ailing people and grant healing of soul and body. As a loving Mother, cover your suffering children everywhere with your protecting veil. In times of despair, console the faint-hearted, strengthen the weak, and enlighten those with embittered hearts. Guide the minds and hands of our doctors and nurses, that they may serve as instruments of the all-powerful Physician, Christ our Savior.

You are the strong intercessor for our city, our country, and the whole world, O Queen of All.

Present our prayers before the throne of the King of Glory, your Son and our God, that He may be merciful towards us and grant His grace to those who honor you and bow before your holy icon with faith and love.

O joy of the sorrowful and consolation of the afflicted, stretch out your hands which are full of health and cures, so that having quickly received your wondrous help, we may glorify the Life-giving and Undivided Trinity: the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.