



By Mikhail Nesterov

Holy Week Bulletin

– April 24-30, 2016 –

¶ **CONGRATULATIONS** to Kathy Piston and Dina Macchia who were received into the Holy Orthodox Church this morning before Liturgy. Please *personally* congratulate them as we welcome them into full membership in our community!

¶ **Holy Week and Pascha Services:** This week—from Palm Sunday until Pascha—is the high point of the Christian year. We liturgically celebrate in a *chronological* manner the saving events of Our Lord’s Suffering, Death and Resurrection. Our church becomes the Upper Room, Calvary and the Tomb. All those things done by Christ are *re-presented*—made present again. Needless to say, we only get this experience if we come to the divine services.

There is at least one service a day during Holy Week. The services on the evenings of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday *should not be missed*. (The services on the mornings of Good Friday and Holy Saturday are also beautiful—consider coming!)

In addition, our church will be open for visits to the Holy Tomb all day on Holy Saturday. This is an old tradition, and we should take advantage of it by coming to quietly pray in preparation for Pascha. Don’t let this beautiful tradition fall by the wayside!

¶ **Fasting Reminders.** Holy Week, as the most solemn week on the Church’s calendar, is observed as a week of fasting. A *minimum* fast from meat and meat products is to be observed on Holy Monday, Holy Tuesday, Holy Wednesday and Holy Thursday. (*If possible, observe a stricter fast from dairy as well!*) All are enjoined to observe a *strict fast* from meat and dairy products on Good Friday and Holy Saturday, ending after Liturgy on Easter Sunday.

¶ **Perpetual Commemorations of the Departed** will not be made during Holy Week and Bright Week, in order that our focus be fully on the saving events of our Lord’s Passion, Death and Glorious Resurrection. All commemorations will be made at a Panachida on Sunday, May 8.

¶ **Decorating Reminders:** We will be arranging the Tomb, Cross, and flower stands after services on Holy Thursday evening; decorating the Tomb on Good Friday at 10:00 AM; and decorating the church for Pascha after services on Holy Saturday morning, at 11:00 AM.

¶ **Camp Nazareth Family Day Raffle Tickets** are available in the church office for a donation of \$20.

THANK YOU!

We express our thanks to all those who helped with the following recent activities:

- Pirohi Making on April 6th, 7th, and 8th
- Our Lenten Mission and Dinner on April 16th
- Our Pancake “Communion Breakfast” on April 17th
- Palm and Willow Prep on April 23rd
- PTO Easter Raffle on April 24th

We have had a busy few weeks in our parish, but we were able to do so much because of your hard work and dedication! God bless you and grant you many, blessed years!

CALENDAR OF SERVICES & EVENTS

MON	4/25/2016	GREAT MONDAY
	5:30 PM	Holy Confession Available
	6:00 PM	Presanctified Liturgy
TUES	4/26/2016	GREAT TUESDAY
	5:30 PM	Holy Confession Available (<i>Last Scheduled Time for Confessions!</i>)
	6:00 PM	Presanctified Liturgy
WED	4/27/2016	GREAT WEDNESDAY
	6:00 PM	Sacrament of Holy Anointing Celebrated by the Local Priests <i>at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, 1007 Washington St, Farrell</i>
THURS	4/28/2016	GREAT THURSDAY – THE MYSTICAL (LAST) SUPPER
	6:00 PM	Vesperal-Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
FRI	4/29/2016	GREAT FRIDAY – CRUCIFIXION, DEATH AND BURIAL OF CHRIST
	8:30 AM	Royal Hours – Morning Prayer Service (<i>Chapel</i>)
	6:00 PM	Great Vespers and Procession with the Holy Shroud
SAT	4/30/2016	GREAT SATURDAY – AWAITING THE RESURRECTION
	9:00 AM	Vesperal-Liturgy of St. Basil the Great – <i>Church Open All Day for Visits to the Holy Tomb –</i>
	6:45 PM	Prayers Before the Removal of the Shroud
	<u>7:00 PM</u>	Removal of the Shroud, Outdoor Procession (<i>Weather Permitting</i>), and Resurrection Matins Service <i>Blessing of Paschal Food Baskets in the Hall to Follow</i>
SUN	5/1/2016	PASCHA – THE GREAT DAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST
	10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy <i>Children’s Easter Egg Hunt to Follow (Weather Permitting)</i>

*(In the case of rain, the Egg Hunt will be held on
the following Sunday, May 8.)*

“We Worship Your Passion, O Christ – Show Us Also Your Holy Resurrection!”

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Bulletin Sponsor ~ Sunday, April 24th

Dorothy Pacinda, Bob and Michael Andras, In Loving Memory of Mother/Grandmother, Helen Andras

BIRTHDAYS

Apr. 26 Robert Maykowski
27 Deborah Moon
28 Tom Tulip
29 Nona Kolbrich

MEN TO HOLD CANDLES

Sunday, May 1st

Bob Kapusta
Matt Kulusich
Steve Lukac
Ken Maceyko
Dr. Emil Maurer

ANNIVERSARIES

April 24th

Tom and Melinda Ristvey



Pirohi Update: In March, 402 dozen were made with a profit of \$2,546.78

In April, 361 dozen were made with a profit of \$2,215.61.

Profits from both months will go towards the Cemetery Perpetual Care Loan.

We sincerely thank all parishioners and friends who contributed their time and talents towards these church projects.

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