St. Nicholas Orthodox Church Monthly Newsletter

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Services: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Hours 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Wednesday- 9:30 am Divine Liturgy Adult Class 11:15 am
Saturday – 5 pm Vespers followed by Confessions
Holydays: Vespers & Liturgy as announced

"May mercy, peace, and love be multiplied to you."
St. Jude 1:1

APRIL 2019

From the ANAPHORA of
THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL THE GREAT

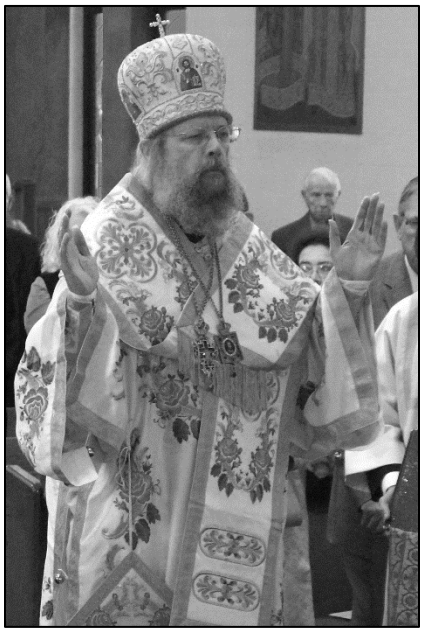
Master, He-Who-Is, Lord God, Father ruler-of-all, who are to be worshipped, it is truly proper and right and befitting the majesty of your holiness to praise you, to hymn you, to bless you, to worship you, to give thanks to you, to glorify you, the only truly existing God, and to offer you this our reasonable worship with a shattered heart and spirit of humility, for it is you who have granted us the knowledge of your truth. And who is able to tell of your mighty works, to make all your praises heard, or to recount all your wonders at every moment?

Master of all, Lord of heaven and earth and of all creation both visible and invisible, who sit upon the throne of glory and behold the depths, Unoriginate, Invisible, Incomprehensible, Uncircumscribable, Immutable, Father of our Lord *Jesus Christ*, the great God and Savior, our hope, who is the Image of your goodness, the seal of your very likeness--showing forth in himself you, the Father--the living Word, the true God, the Wisdom before all ages, the Life, Sanctification, Power, the true Light, through whom *the Holy Spirit* was revealed, the Spirit of the Truth, the gift of sonship, the pledge of future inheritance, the firstfruits of everlasting good things, the life-creating Power, the Fountain of sanctification, through whom enabled every rational and noetic creature worships you and sends up to you the everlasting hymn of glory, for all things together are your servants.

Angels, archangels, thrones, dominions, principalities, authorities, powers, and the many-eyed Cherubim praise you. Round about you stand the Seraphim, one with six wings and another with six wings; with two they cover their faces, with two they cover their feet, and with two they fly, crying out to one another with unresting mouths and never-silent hymns of glory, roaring, lowing aloud, crying out, and saying the triumphant hymn: Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Savaoth! Heaven and earth are full of your glory! Osanna, in the highest! Blessed is he that comes in the name of "Lord"! Osanna, in the highest!

FROM FATHER'S DESK

Last month we conclude our look at the vestments of the priest: 1-sticharion, 2-epitrachelion, 3-belt, 4-cuffs, 5-epigonation, and 6-phelonion. The first five vestments are also worn by the bishop whenever he serves the Divine Liturgy. When he serves a pontifical Liturgy the bishop wears the sakkos instead of the phelonion. The photo at left shows Archbishop Benjamin (OCA Diocese of the West) being vested in the sakkos by the subdeacons. The sakkos is a long robe with wide sleeves fastened by buttons up the sides to the sleeves. It was worn originally by the Emperor of Byzantium symbolizing the robe of mockery placed upon Christ during his passion (Matthew 27:28). Eventually the sakkos came to be worn by the bishop. A cross or icon is centered upon the back and the bishop blesses and kisses the cross or icon before the sakkos is placed on him. A few small bells are customarily used for some of the buttons, following the Lord's direction to Moses in making the high priestly vestments for Aaron (Exodus 28:33-34; 39:25-26). As the sakkos is put upon the bishop, the deacon says verse 9 of Psalm 131: "Your priests, O Lord, will be clothed with righteousness and your saints will rejoice with gladness." This is the same verse the priest prays as he puts the phelonion upon himself.



The omophorion is the next vestment placed upon the bishop. This is a long, wide vestment (originally made of wool) that encircles the bishop's shoulders with a long portion hanging down both at the front and at the back. A cross is at its center which the bishop blesses and kisses before he is vested in it. In the photo at left you can see Archbishop Alexander wearing the omophorion. It wraps around his shoulders and a portion of it hangs down in the front. The omophorion has a series of loops which attach to buttons on the sakkos to hold it in place at the back, left shoulder and in the front. There are additional loops and buttons that join portions of the omophorion to itself.

Usually there are three horizontal stripes or rows of fringe at the ends of the omophorion which, I was told many years ago, remind us that the bishop is the high priest who has the fullness of the priesthood in that he can ordain men as deacons, priests, and bishops. [The deacon's orarion generally has one row of fringe as the diaconate is the first of the three orders (deacon, priest, and bishop). The priest has two rows of fringe on his epitrachelion as the priesthood is the second of the three orders.] Thus, the bishop has three stripes or rows of fringe on his omophorion. Also, a bishop told me that the rows of fringe remind those serving that of the great number of intentions they have been given to pray for by the faithful.

As the omophorion is placed on the bishop, the deacon says "When you took upon your shoulders human nature which had gone astray, O Christ, you bore it to heaven to your God and Father. Always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen." The first portion of this verse is from the irmos of the seventh ode of the canon for the Ascension of our Lord taken at the Matins of the feast. The Son of God took upon himself our fallen nature in order to raise it up. He took us up on his own shoulders as the shepherd takes the lost sheep on his shoulders in order to bear us back to heaven (Matthew 18:12). This is why the omophorion originally was made of wool and some today still are made of wool as a reminder of Christ taking up the lost sheep and the bishop as one who puts on Christ and shows forth Christ in the Liturgy. In some icons of the Good Samaritan, Jesus is shown as the Good Samaritan taking up our broken humanity upon himself to heal us.

Hours Schedule

April		May		June	
7	Lucy	5	Calvin	2	Angelo
14	Calvin	12	Angelo	9	Lucy
21	Angelo	19	Lucy	16	Calvin
28	Lucy	26	Calvin	23	Angelo
				30	Lucy

If you are unable to make your assigned reading date, you must find a replacement.

Reader Schedule

April		May		June	
7	Johnny	5	Johnny	2	Johnny
14	Taras	12	Taras	9	Taras
21	Amir	19	Amir	16	Angelo
28	Angelo	26	Angelo	23	Amir
				30	Johnny

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ANNOUNCEMENT The special parish meeting scheduled for April 7 has been CANCELLED. God bless all of you who have increased your donations. This has helped the parish's financial situation. Donations have been increasing since the Annual Meeting in January and the letter was sent to the parish families. Please keep up the good work of God by each of us doing our part.

AUTOMATIC GIVING Did you know that most banks & credit unions offer automatic bill payment services? You can set it up so they send a check from your account to St. Nicholas for the amount you designate. This can be a onetime event or weekly/monthly. Just call or go online with your banking institution to get the form you need.

QUARTERLY STATEMENTS will be set out in the parish hall April 7th. You will only receive quarterly statements if you marked weekly or monthly giving on your pledge card, otherwise you'll get a yearend statement. Call the office if you have any questions or your statement has an error.

THE PARISH COUNCIL will meet on May 7 @ 6:30 pm. Please call or email the parish office (810-744-0070) if you are unable to attend this meeting.

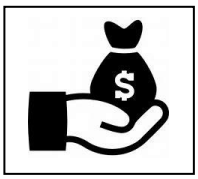
MEMORY ETERNAL – CHRIST IS RISEN! Gerry Batcos fell asleep in the Lord on Tuesday, March 19. His funeral was held from church on Friday, March 22 with burial at Evergreen Cemetery. Pray that Gerry enjoy the light of Christ's face in His heavenly kingdom. Also, remember his wife Irene, daughters Pamela and Stephanie with her husband David and their children and all their family in your prayers. Bog da prosti! Christ is risen!

COIN BOXES to help support the Orthodox Christian Mission Center in its work brining the gospel of Christ around the world are found on the tables in the church hall. Please be generous.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS We need volunteers for April. The coffee hour volunteer schedule has been posted & is located next to the kitchen window. Call the parish office as well as signing up, if you'd like to sponsor the donuts and/or coffee.

April Coffee Hour Volunteers	
7	
14	
21	Palm Sunday
28	Pascha

"EXPLORING OUR FAITH" will meet May 28 at St. George at 6 pm.



KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS
Remember to sign up for Community Rewards online at Kroger.com or go to the customer service desk in the store. They send a check to St. Nicholas for a portion of everything participants spend in their stores.

MEMORIAL (SOUL) SATURDAYS **From early times the Church dedicated Saturday to the souls. It is primarily the day of those who have fallen asleep. Christians always took care, with memorial services and charitable acts done especially on Saturdays, to stay close to their dead and ask God for their repose and salvation. The last Memorial (Souls') Saturday (Zadušnica) of the Lenten/Paschal season is Saturday, June 15. A Trisagion will be served on each Souls' Saturday at 4:45 pm, prior to Vespers.**

VIGIL AT THE TOMB OF THE LORD **It is traditional to keep a vigil at the Tomb of our Lord from Great Friday evening until the Great Saturday's Liturgy and then until the midnight service. The Vigil is from Friday, April 26 at 10 pm until Saturday, April 27 at 10 am and then from 1 pm until 10:30 pm. If you are interested, please email stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com, call the office at 744-0070 or sign your name to the sign-up sheet in the hall.**

HOLY WEEK & BRIGHT WEEK **There is a schedule of all of the services for Holy Week and Bright Week included in this month's newsletter. For your own spiritual well-being, attend as many services as you are able during this time.**

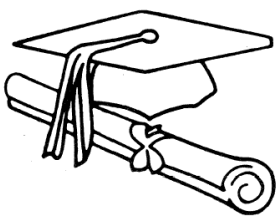
ALL PARISHIONERS **Your help will be needed as we get closer to Pascha. Your help will also be needed twice on Great and Holy Friday. First, after the morning Royal Hours your help will be needed to set up and decorate the Tomb of our Lord for Vespers. Second, after the Lamentations that evening your help will be needed to change over all the candles from purple to white. The red eggs for Pascha will also be prepared this day. Please stay and lend a hand!**

GOOD FRIDAY **We look to the children and young adults to assist Father during the Vespers Service (3 pm) and at the Lamentations Service (6:30 pm). As Father removes the image of the body of Christ from the Crucifix at Vespers, the children help by holding the winding sheet and covering the icon for Father. And, at the evening service, the young ladies of the parish (as well as family and friends), are invited to join in by sprinkling the Tomb with Rose water during the Lamentations. After, the girls help lead the Procession by scattering flower petals before the Tomb and our other young people are invited to join in by bearing various instruments of the Passion.**

PASCHAL VESPERS **It is customary at this service to read the Gospel in various languages. If anyone would like to read the Gospel in a language other than English at this service, please contact the office as soon as possible.**

PASCHAL GREETING **When we greet on another we usually say "Hello" or "How are you". For the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection we have a special greeting to offer on another: "Christ is Risen!" and we respond with "Indeed, He is Risen!" When we come to venerate the Cross after the Divine Services Father Matthew will offer this greeting and we respond: "Indeed, He is Risen!"**

PASCHA EGG HUNT **Monetary donations are being accepted this year to help defray the expenses involved for this event. We are also in need of someone to coordinate the event, which takes place on Thomas Sunday (May 5). Please see Matushka Lisa or call the office for details.**



GRADUATIONS **It's that time of year again. If you have anyone in your family that will be graduating from High School or College please let us know so that we may put their name in our June bulletin. We will need the following information no later than May, 15th. 1) Name of Graduate 2) School they are graduating from 3) If they are graduating with honors 4) Name of the parents and grandparents and 5) Where they will be attending in the fall if they are a high school graduate.**

Flowers for Great Friday & Pascha

Please fill out the form below as soon as possible. Donations will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Return the form to the office or put it in the collection basket on Sunday. The names of those honored or memorialized will be published on a later date.

I wish to donate:

_____ Triple Lilies ($30.00) 9 available
(How many)

_____ Large Hyacinth arrangement ($20.00) 4 available
(How many)

_____ Large Daffodils ($20.00) 1 available
(How many)

_____ Large Boston Ferns ($30.00) 2 available
(How many)

Special Items for Holy Week & Pascha

(Items crossed out have already been donated)

~~1. Flowers for the Cross-Third Sunday of Lent -$125~~
~~2. Palms-Palm Strips-$70~~
~~3. Palms-Fan Palms-$60~~
4. **Wreath for the Cross-Good Friday-$125**
~~5. Flowers for the Priest's Cross-Pascha-$30~~
~~6. Priest Ornamented Paschal Candle-$90~~
7. **2 large ornamented Paschal Candles for the Altar-$90 each**
8. **10 large candles for the Holy Grave-$10 each**
~~9. Flowers for the Holy Tomb (Epitaphios)-$125~~
10. **Incense- ½ lb $35**
½ lb $35
11. **Rose Water-$25**
12. **Eggs for Pasch (14 dozen)-Market Value**
13. **Red Dye for Eggs-30 packets-$50**

In honor of (for the living)

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Or, in memory of (fallen asleep)

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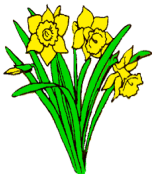
Your Name:_____

Amount: $_____

APRIL BIRTHDAYS, ANNIVERSARIES, & NAMESDAYS

BIRTHDAYS

3 Zayn Abu-Aita
7 Aretoula Nedanis
Danni Burns
David Houser
Kristal George
Nancy Krigner
Nancy Tasevski
9 Athena Adkisson
Julius Kristopher-David Chevalier
Lennon Gerzevske
11 Barbara Brown
Jennifer Borkovich
Katherine Economou
Majd Helal
12 Helen Popoff
14 Irina Sivergina
16 Anastasia Pirkovic
Bob Steiner
Dimitrios Nedanis
22 Jenna Paul
24 Sharon George
28 George Brown
29 Tammy Sapardanis
30 Fred Paul
Les Ford
Vickie Borkovich



ANNIVERSARIES

21 Germanos & Lena Bakousidis

If your name is missing or has the incorrect information in the birthday, anniversary or namesday list please call the office: (810) 744-0070

NAMESDAYS

10 Alexander Gonser
Alexander Grossi
Alex Karayanis
Alex Karayanis
Alex Nedanis
14 Tammy Adkisson
Tammy Sapardanis
16 Shari Marie Nicoloff
21 Lena Grousopoulos
22 Nathan Nicevski
23 Alexa Isabelle Stevens
Carli Alexa Nicoloff
Fred (George) Paul
George Brown
Richard George Elieff
George Popoff
Georgiana Adkisson
Roseanne (Alexandra) Bagale
Sandra Ahejew
Sandra Grossi
Sandy Spankie
24 Brian (Branko) Mitevski
25 Marc Ethington
Mark Houser
Pascha
28 Lambros Grousopoulos
30 Jacob Abu-Aita
James Allen
James Binelli
James Grossi
James Hart
Lennon Gerzevske

CHURCH SCHOOL CORNER

April 7: Class

April 14: Class

April 21: Noisy Offering/ Class
Thank you for saving your change!

April 28: Pascha/No Class

May 5: Egg Hunt/Class

SAVE THE DATES:

Week of June 17th: Vacation Church School @ St. Nicholas

Pan-Orthodox Vacation Church School

Week of June 17th

Hosted by St. Nicholas We need your help!

Invite your children/grandchildren/godchildren!

Volunteers Needed: snacks, crafts, teachers, etc…

Listen for announcements for details!

LENTEN PRAYER PARTNERS Remember your Lenten Prayer Partners daily. At Pascha, you can let your prayer partner know you remembered them in prayer during Lent by giving them a card or a red egg or sending them a card.

VISITATION TO THE SICK Fr. Matthew brings Holy Communion to the shut-ins on Mondays. If you would like to be added to this list, please contact the office. Presently, those receiving weekly visits are: Helen Ashmun, Paul Ellis, John & Rose Goodman & Fred Oginsky and those in rehab. Monthly Fr. Matthew visits Larry Bladecki (Bay City), Peter and Olga Samaras (Caro).

DAILY INTERCESSION FOR OUR SICK AND HOMEBOUND

The following are our brothers and sisters of St. Nicholas who are currently homebound, suffering from chronic illness, in recovery or in need of special prayers. Please remember them in your prayers and reach out to them with a card, a phone call or a visit! Please call the office to schedule a visit for Holy Communion.

Larry Bladecki	**Gladys Edwards**	**Mary Karayanis**	**Ron Salhany**
Deacon John Bocek	**Paul Ellis**	**Nick Karayanis**	**Olga Samaras**
Anna Branoff	**Jo Ann Havens**	**Macy Lemmen**	**Peter Samaras**
Linda Branoff	**Bill Haw**	**Fred Oginsky**	**Bill Tadrick**
			Wendy Tadrick

To aid in your outreach, here is a listing of the addresses and phone numbers of our Homebound:

Helen Ashmun	**4436 Beecher Rd.**	**Flint, MI 48532**	
Larry Bladecki	**409 15th Street**	**Bay City, MI 48708**	
Nick & Marge Butrie	**30 E. Bertsch St. #12**	**Lansford, PA 18232**	
Gladys Edwards	**2 Harbor Dr.**	**St. Clair, MO 63077**	
Paul Ellis	**2360 Stonebridge Dr.**	**Flint, MI 48532**	
Pete & Olga Samaras	**1285 Cleaver Rd.**	**Caro, MI 48723**	**(989) 673-0821**

CHARITY MINISTRIES

HOPE IN A BOX is collecting deodorant for the month of April and bar/hand soap for May. Place the items in the Blue Box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

FOOD DRIVE Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES is in need of new or gently used towels, sheets & comforters as well as toiletries and other personal needs items. The Community Closet is located at 517 E. Fifth Ave., in downtown Flint. For more information call 810-265-7025

NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN We serve Thursday, April 4th from 9 am to 1 pm. Please use the sign-up sheet at the candle stand to volunteer.

DO YOU STILL WANT TO RECEIVE THIS NEWSLETTER? IF NOT PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL THE OFFICE TO BE TAKEN OFF OF THE MAILING LIST.

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$36.00 Single Space
for 6 months

$50.00 Double Space
for 6 months

$65.00 Triple Space
for 6 months

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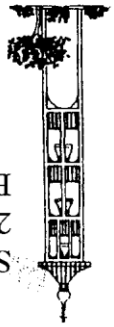

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Assumption (Greek) 2245 Baldwin Road ❖ Grand Blanc, MI 48439 ❖ 810-771-4611
St. George (Antiochian) 5191 Lennon Road ❖ Flint, MI 48507 ❖ 810-732-0720
St. Mary Magdalene (OCA) 2439 S. Long Lake Road ❖ Fenton, MI 48430 ❖ 810- 750-1401
St. Nicholas (OCA) 2143 South Center Road ❖ Burton, MI 48519 ❖ 810-744-0070

~ 2019 Great Fast ~ Pan-Orthodox Divine Services and Potluck Dinners

Great Compline (*Mondays, 6:30pm)* We will be celebrating the Great Compline service together every Monday night at St. George. This beautiful service allows us to experience the Great Fast more deeply. Confessions will be available from 6pm–6:30pm and after the service.

Lenten Hours (*Wednesdays, 10am)* St. Nicholas will celebrate the Lenten Hours every Wednesday.

Presanctified Divine Liturgy *(Wednesdays, 6pm)* We will celebrate the Presanctified Liturgy together according to the schedule below. Holy Communion is given at the Presanctified Liturgy. To partake of Holy Communion, please be prepared with prayer and fasting (not eating or drinking anything after 12 Noon). Confessions will only be available prior to the Liturgy from 5:30pm–6pm.

Potluck Dinners: A Lenten Dinner follows each Wednesday liturgy. Please bring a covered **Lenten Dish** (*no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, wine, olive oil or their by-products*) to the hall prior to the beginning of liturgy. If you have questions, call the church office where the combined service will be celebrated.

March 20th ***Presanctified Liturgy*** Combined at St. Mary Magdalene

- March 23rd **Lenten Retreat** led by Archimandrite Sergius *(see separate flier)*

April 3rd ***Presanctified Liturgy*** Combined at St. George

April 17th ***Presanctified Liturgy*** Combined at St. Nicholas

April 20th ***Preparation of Gifts, Raising of Lazarus Divine Liturgy***, *and Lenten Breakfast* Combined at St. George 9:30am

Assumption is located 1 ½ miles west of Holly Road on Baldwin Road.
St. George is located between Linden and Dye Roads on Lennon Road.
St. Mary Magdalene is located ¼ mile east of Torrey Road on South Long Lake.
St. Nicholas is located ½ mile south of Lippincott on Center Road.

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Schedule for Holy Week, Pascha & Bright Week

LAZARUS SATURDAY, APRIL 20	**9:30 AM**	**Divine Liturgy at St. George**
	5:00 PM	**Great Vespers w/Litiya**
PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 21	**10:00 AM**	**Divine Liturgy w/procession**
	6:30 PM	**Bridegroom Matins**
GREAT & HOLY MONDAY, APRIL 22	**9:00 AM**	**Presanctified at St. George**
	6:30 PM	**Bridegroom Matins**
GREAT & HOLY TUESDAY, APRIL 23	**9:00 AM**	**Presanctified at St. George**
	6:30 PM	**Bridegroom Matins**
	Last day for Confessions before Pascha	
GREAT & HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24	**9:00 AM**	**Presanctified at St. George**
	6:30 PM	**Holy Unction**
GREAT & HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 25	**10:00 AM**	**Vesperal Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene with Archbishop Alexander**
	6:30 PM	**Passion Matins**
GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY, APRIL 26	**9:00 AM**	**Royal Hours (set up the Tomb afterwards)**
	3:00 PM	**Vespers**
	6:30 PM	**Jerusalem Matins with Lamentations**
GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 27	**10:00 AM**	**Vesperal Liturgy**
	12:00 PM	**Simple Blessing of Paschal Foods**
	10:30 PM	**Nocturnes**
	11:00 PM	**Myrrhbearers' Rush Procession Matins of the Resurrection**
	12:00 AM	**Divine Liturgy followed by the blessing of Paschal eggs, food and fellowship**
HOLY PASCHA, APRIL 28	**10:30 AM**	**Paschal Hours**
	11:00 AM	**Paschal Vespers**
BRIGHT MONDAY, APRIL 29	**9:30 AM**	**Divine Liturgy with procession and Gospels Paschal brunch by Fr. Matthew & Matushka Lisa**
	10:00 AM	**Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene Church**
BRIGHT TUESDAY, APRIL 30	**9:30 AM**	**Divine Liturgy (Slavonic) Communion Calls Bay City & Caro**
BRIGHT WEDNESDAY, MAY 1	**6:00 PM**	**Divine Liturgy at St. George**
BRIGHT FRIDAY, MAY 2	**10:30 AM**	**Divine Liturgy at Assumption (tentative)**
BRIGHT SATURDAY, MAY 3	**5:00 PM**	**Vespers**
THOMAS SUNDAY, MAY 4	**9:30 AM**	**Third Hour**
	10:00 AM	**Divine Liturgy followed by egg hunt**
	2:00 PM	**Paschal Commemoration of the Fallen Asleep at St. Nicholas Cemetery**

ORDER OF PROCESSION FOR GREAT FRIDAY AND PASCHA

Matins on Great Friday

Processional Cross	**Subdeacon**
Processional Fan	**2 Altar Servers**
Torches	**Altar Servers**
Instruments of the Passion	**Church School Students**
Wooden Clappers	**Subdeacon**
Girls with flower petals	**Church School Students**
Incense	**Altar Servers**
Censer	**Deacon**
Holy Tomb of our Lord	**Tom Batzos, Bob Steiner, Amir Abu-Aita, Nicholas Nicoloff, Paul Brayan, Jordan Abu-Aita, Jacob Abu-Aita, Calvin Conrad, Alexander Gonser**
Gospel	**Priest**
Procession Wardens	**Bob Russell, Dave Houser, Bob Steiner**

Resurrection Procession on Pascha

Processional Cross	**Subdeacon**
Processional Fans	**2 Altar Servers**
Torches	**Altar Servers**
Icons	
Holy Theotokos Icon	**Kathy Gonser**
Myrrhbearers Icon	**Shari Nicoloff**
St. Catherine Icon	**Christine Panoff**
St. Juliana Icon	**Michelle Gerzevske**
Resurrection Icon	**Susie Ford**
Gospel	**Sharon Jernigan**
Assistants to Priest	**Subdeacon**
Censer	**Deacon**
Resurrection Candle	**Priest**
Choir and People follow	
Procession Wardens	**Bob Russell, Bob Steiner**
Church Set-Up	**Dave Houser, Dennis Jernigan & Dennis Goodman, Charlie Jernigan**

PLEASE inform the office if you are unable to participate in the processions. 810-744-0070

From the Archdiocese of Pittsburgh and Western Pennsylvania (OCA)

What Kind of 21st Century Orthodox Parish Do We Prefer?

As you consider your parish's

response to the Archdiocese' request for each parish to undertake a meaningful Parish Development Initiative, explore these two models of Orthodox parishes in America.

Which parish will be blessed with growth?
Which is a model of decline? Of burying its talents?
Which is a model of vibrancy and hope – providing a return to the Master?
In what areas can <u>we</u> improve as a parish?

Parish A	Parish B
We exist for us and our needs.	We exist to proclaim Christ; To do His work in the world and bring others to Him. We have a sense of mission and outreach.
We are Orthodox by birth & heritage	We are Orthodox by choice
We are trying to reproduce "Old World" Orthodoxy. Ancient & Foreign	We are bringing Orthodoxy to America. Local & Indigenous Apostolic, Authentic & Alive
Let's attract people "like us" Ethnic/demographic consistency	We serve all in our locale. Openness, Increased diversity
Complacent & comfortable	Seeking & Reaching
Good enough	Sense of excellence; Offering our best
Stern & sober	Cheerful & Hopeful
Water it down; Make it easier	Meaningful, Understandable, & Challenging
Sunday Liturgy	Active Weekly/Annual Worship Cycle
Social Events & Clubs	Social Events & <u>Ministry</u> Charitable Outreach: Time & $
We don't do it that way! Won't work!	Let's try it!
Control & Power; Rules & Battles	Collaboration, Discernment & dialogue
No risk Conserving; protecting; maintaining	Hopeful intelligent risk taking "investing"; creating; "building"
"Ownership" Voting; majority; "Robert's Rules"	"Stewardship" Consensus; conciliarity
Dues, minimum, equal share Compulsory, fund raising, "appeals"	Proportional, meaningful amounts, Personal generosity; from the heart
Free agents; Autonomy; Independence; Optional participation	Constitutive element of diocese Shared responsibility

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 ***St Mary of Egypt***	2 ‡	3 ‡ *10 am Lenten Hours* ***6 pm Presanctified & Lenten potluck @ St. George***	4 ‡ *Office Closed*	5 ‡	6 ***Memorial Saturday*** *4:45 pm Trisagion* *5 pm Vespers*
7 ***4th Sun. of Lent*** *9:30 am Hours* *10 am Divine Liturgy* *Church School*	8 ***70 Apostles***	9 ‡	10 *10 am Lenten Hours* ***6 pm Presanctified & Lenten potluck @ St. Nicholas***	11 *Office Closed*	12	13 ***Akathistos Saturday*** *10 am Liturgy & Akathist* *5 pm Vespers*
14 ***5th Sun. of Lent*** *9:30 am Hours* *10 am Divine Liturgy* *Church School*	15 ‡	16 ‡	17 ‡ *10 am Lenten Hours* ***6 pm Pan-Orthodox Presanctified & Lenten potluck @ St. Nicholas***	18 ‡ *Office Closed*	19 ‡	20 ***Lazarus Saturday*** ***9:30 am Liturgy at St. George & Lenten breakfast*** *5 pm Vespers*
21 ***PALM SUNDAY*** *9:30 am Hours* *10 am Divine Liturgy* *Church School*	22 ‡ ***HOLY MONDAY*** *9 am Presanctified @ St. George* *6:30 pm Bridegroom Matins*	23 ‡ ***HOLY TUESDAY*** *9 am Presanctified @ St. George* *6:30 pm Bridegroom Matins* ***Last Confessions before Pascha***	24 ‡ ***HOLY WEDNESDAY*** *9 am Presanctified @ St. George* *6:30 pm Holy Unction*	25 ***HOLY THURSDAY*** *10 am Vesperal Liturgy @ St. Mary's with Archbishop Alexander* *6:30 pm Passion Matins*	26 ‡ ***HOLY FRIDAY*** *9 am Royal Hours* *Set-up the tomb* *3 pm Vespers* *6:30 pm Matins* *Office Closed*	27 ***HOLY SATURDAY*** *10 am Vesperal Liturgy* *12 pm Simple Blessing* *10:30 pm Nocturnes* *11 pm Procession/ Matins/Divine Liturgy*
28 *Fast Free* **PASCHA** *11 am Paschal Vespers*	29 *Fast Free* ***BRIGHT MONDAY*** *9:30 am Divine Liturgy* *Paschal Brunch*	30 *Fast Free* ***BRIGHT TUESDAY*** ***Communion calls in Bay City & Caro***				

‡ *Fast*

Dairy Permitted (no meat)

Wine & Oil Permitted (no meat)

Fish Permitted (no other meat)

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Fast *Dairy Permitted (no meat)* *Wine & Oil Permitted (no meat)* *Fish Permitted (no other meat)*			1 *Fast Free* ***BRIGHT WEDNESDAY*** *6 pm Vespers & Liturgy at St. George*	2 *Fast Free* ***BRIGHT THURSDAY*** ***9:am to 12:30 pm North End Soup Kitchen*** *Office Closed*	3 *Fast Free* ***BRIGHT FRIDAY***	4 *Fast Free* ***BRIGHT SATURDAY*** *5 pm Vespers*
5 ***Thomas Sunday*** *9:30 Third Hour* *10 am Divine Liturgy* *Church School* *2 pm St Nicholas Cemetery*	6	7 *6:30 pm Parish Council*	8 ***St. John the Theologian*** *9:30 am Divine Liturgy* *11:15 am Adult Ed.*	9 *Office Closed*	10	11 ***Ss Cyril & Methodius*** *10 am Divine Liturgy* *5 pm Vespers*
12 ***Myrrhbearers*** ***Mother's Day*** *9:30 Third Hour* *10 am Divine Liturgy* *Church School*	13	14	15 *No Liturgy* *No Adult Ed.*	16 *Office Closed*	17	18 *5 pm Vespers*
19 ***Paralytic*** *9:30 Third Hour* *10 am Divine Liturgy* *Church School* ***Bingo***	20	21	22 ***Mid-Pentecost*** *No Liturgy* *No Adult Ed.*	23 *Office Closed*	24	25 ***(tentative schedule)*** *9 am Evergreen (inside the chapel) Trisagion* *12:30 pm Crestwood* *1:30 pm Sunset Hills* *2:00 pm New Calvary* *5 pm Vespers*
26 ***Samaritan Woman*** *9:30 Third Hour* *10 am Divine Liturgy* *Church School* *2 pm St. Nicholas Cemetery*	27 *Office Closed*	28 *6 pm Exploring our Faith at St. George*	29 *9:30 am Divine Liturgy* *11:15 am Adult Ed.*	30 *Office Closed*	31	