



The Saint Sava Serbian Orthodox Church Of McKeesport & Duquesne, Pa
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APRIL 21st – Entrance Of Our Lord Into Jerusalem – PALM SUNDAY
(Remembering the Seventy Apostles Of Our Lord & St. Celestine of Rome)

Today's Epistle Reading:

EPISTLE: Philippians 4: 4-9

Today's Gospel Readings:

MATINS: Mt. 21: 1-11, 15-17/**LITURGY:** Jn. 12: 1-18

Sunday Troparion: “By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ our God! Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to Thee: ‘O Vanquisher of Death! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!’”

Sunday Kontakion: “Sitting on Thy throne in heaven, carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God! Accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing: ‘Blessed is He that comes to recall Adam!’ “

Spiritual Food: Today, as we celebrate the uplifting Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem to begin the **JOURNEY to PASCHA** – we ask that you use the Mission Statement below of our Church Health Team to move forward together in Christ to a stronger spiritual future! This statement, and the work we do as a Parish, in the ONCD Program, has at the center of its core, what we in fact are beginning this Holy Week – **re-discovering ourselves** in the Light of the Risen Christ as Orthodox Christians, both cradle-Serbs, and others!

You are invited, welcomed, accepted, and loved at the St. Sava Serbian Orthodox Church regardless of your present or past status in the Orthodox Church; your current family or marital situation; your past or present religious affiliation; or your personal history, age, background, race, or color.

In light of the above, our Church Health Team has a short presentation, and an invitation For all of us – take them up on the invite!

Today's Special Announcements and Upcoming Events For Our Parish:

- (1) **TODAY:** We will distribute the Palms/pussy-willows at the Matins Service – IF you do NOT get one when you come in, please come to the back!
- (2) **TONIGHT:** Pittsburgh Deanery Vespers at Holy Trinity in Pittsburgh – the beginning of Holy Week - 5 PM - Come pray with us!
- (3) **THIS WEEK:** Bridegroom Matins – Monday and Tuesday at 6:30PM; Wednesday Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 9:30AM; Thursday – Vespers Liturgy at 9:30AM, Matins of Great Friday – 7 PM; Great Friday – Royal Hours at 10AM, Burial Vespers at 3 PM, Matins of Holy Saturday at 7 PM; Holy Saturday – Vespers Liturgy at 9:30AM!
- (4) **Please pray for the health and well-being of our following loved ones within our parish:**
Helen Trkula-H Donna Moss-NH Katie Repasky Danijela Belo Ann Vunovic-NH
Beverly Stipanovich Sandy Miller Keith Bedell Margaret Ivkovich Melva Buzzelli-NH
V. Rev. Adam Yonitch V. Rev. Paul Lazor V. Rev. Joseph Cervo Helen Mochan
Vlade Baskot Melva Dandrea Matthew Schaffer John Ratesic
- (5) **Also pray for the souls of those fallen asleep in the Lord:**
+Desa Bunovich +Mark Vojnovich +Nick Trbovic +Stella Stipanovich +Ann Suzich
+Lucy Pcholinski +Protas Dr. Filipovic , Den Pavichevich, St Stepanov/
+Rastko Trbuhovich,/+Vaso Sokolovic/Zvonko Kotorcevic +Carl Magdic
+Ray Moss +Ann Cervo +Helen Lia +Alex Stipanovich +Dan Ikach
+Sophie Vranesevic +Louise Zivkovich +Mimi Pavlovich +Nick Pilipovich
+Kh. Stefanie Yazge +Mika Rocknage +Sharon Young +Amy Pacura
+Betty Perich +Dorothy Shumkaroff +George Medich +Arlene Crnkovich +Helen Medic
- (6) **PASCHA next Sunday** – please bring in candies and red-dyed Eggs for our children!
- (7) **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**
 - **St. Cyril of White Lake Food Drive:** bring in donated goods – basket in foyer of Entrance!
 - **THIS WEEK:** last day for Holy Confessions is Wednesday morning before Pre-Sanctified!
 - **SIGN-UP TO GUARD THE TOMB:** Back of the Church! (Good Friday & Holy Saturday)
 - **Sunday, May 5th:** Baptism of Nathaniel Dushan Rocknage – after Liturgy!
 - **Sunday, May 12th:** MOTHER'S DAY – Come celebrate with us!
 - **Sunday, May 19th:** Parastos for +Nick Trbovic and +Mark Vojnovich – after Holy Liturgy!

THE PASSION OF CHRIST

The decisive hour in the life of Christ has come. It is **HOLY WEEK**, that momentous series of days that have transformed this world. The Son of God comes triumphantly into Jerusalem, and the stage is set for the fulfillment of the promises of the Almighty. Change is about to come.

The icon of the Nymphios - **THE BRIDEGROOM** - sets the tone for the week. The Lord is crowned with thorns, His hands are tied as a criminal, He carries the reed as a mock sceptre, He is draped in a cape and His face bears the sad countenance of His impending suffering and death. The Bridegroom is to be taken away from us, and so the days of sadness are at hand.

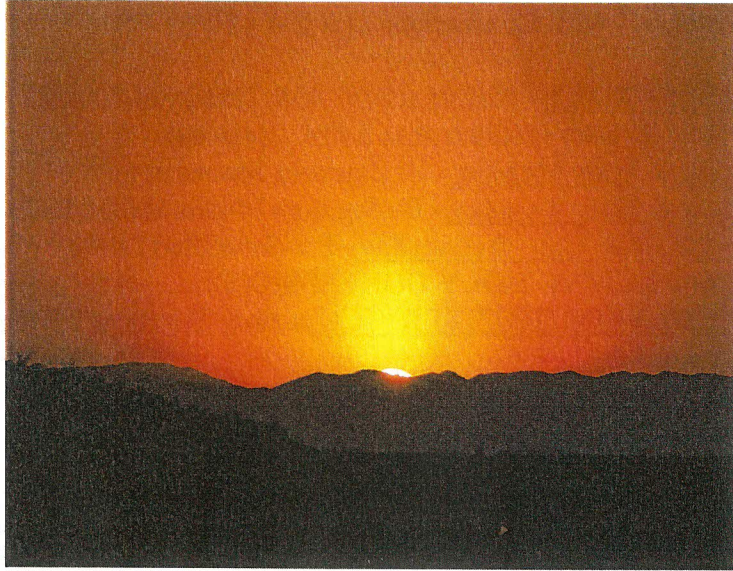
At the beginning of the week, the parable of the Ten Virgins is read at services. It is found in the 25th chapter of St. Matthew. This hymn reflects the significance of that story: "Behold, the Bridegroom comes in the middle of the night, and blessed is the servant whom He shall find watching; and again, unworthy is he whom He shall find heedless. Beware, therefore, O my soul, lest you be weighed down with sleep, lest you be given up to death, and lest you be shut out of the Kingdom. Rather, rouse yourself and cry: Holy, Holy, Holy art Thou, O God."

Then, as the week continues, we come to the commemoration of the betrayal by Judas, the washing of the disciples' feet, the institution of the Mystical Supper, the passion and death of the Lord, Christ's descent into hades, and finally the culmination of all things, **PASCHA**.

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“Bright early at the break of dawn....”



PASCHAL SUNRISE SERVICE – 6:30AM!

Come and experience the Incomparable JOY and Excitement
As We Bask In The Light Of Our Risen Lord on

Sunday, April 28th!

(Holy Paschal Liturgy begins around 8 AM!)

(The Joyful AGAPE Meal Right After Liturgy)

(Bring Your Baskets Of Paschal Foods & Goodies!)

Schedule Of Services/Events – April Through June - 2019!

Friday, April 19th - Eve Of Lazarus Saturday - Confessions for Church-School Families - 6 PM

(Following Confessions - please stay after and help put palms and pussy-willows together!)

Saturday, April 20th - LAZARUS SATURDAY - Divine Liturgy at 9:30 AM - Procession w/Children!

(Luncheon for Church-school children and families after - join us!)

- Festal Vigil for Palm Sunday – with Confessions at 5 PM - JOIN US!

Sunday, April 21st - PALM SUNDAY - Matins at 9:15 AM; Liturgy at 10 AM!

(Bridegroom Matins at Holy Trinity Cathedral at 5 PM - Join us)

Monday, April 22nd - Great & Holy Monday - Bridegroom Matins at 6:30 PM!

Tuesday, April 23rd - Great & Holy Tuesday - Bridegroom Matins at 6:30 PM!

Wednesday, April 24th - Great & Holy Wednesday - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy - 9:30 AM!

(LAST DAY TO RECEIVE HOLY CONFESSION!)

Wednesday, April 24th - HOLY UNCTION SERVICE at Holy Trinity at 7 PM - Come and Be Anointed!

Thursday, April 25th - Great & Holy Thursday - Vespers at 9:30 AM - Join Us!

(Matins of Holy Friday and 12 Gospel Readings - 7 PM, followed by Setting-up of Tomb Of Our Lord)

GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY - April 26th - 10 AM - Royal Hours/3 PM - Burial Vespers/7 PM -

(Matins of Great & Holy Saturday with Procession around the Church)

GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY - April 27th - 9:30 AM - Liturgical Change from 'dark' to "WHITE"!

(Join us after to decorate the Church for Pascha!)

SUNDAY, April 28th - PASCHA - the Resurrection of Our Lord - 6:30 AM 'Paschal Rush Services!'

(The Tradition Continues - .join us for this electrifying service that takes us through Nocturne, Matins and Paschal Liturgy - then join us downstairs for the wonderful AGAPE meal celebration!)

- Don't forget to bring in your food baskets, red-dyed eggs, and candy for the Children!

Monday, April 29th - BRIGHT MONDAY - 9:30 AM Paschal Liturgy! (Youth Group Luncheon)

Sunday, May 5th - THOMAS Sunday - 2nd Sunday of Pascha - 9:15 Matins/10 AM Liturgy!

(Baptism of Nathaniel Dushan Rocknag - after Church)

Sunday, May 12th - 3rd Sunday of Pascha - 9:15 Matins/10 AM Liturgy! (Mothers' Day)

Thursday, June 6th - ASCENSION OF OUR LORD - 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy!

Saturday, June 15th - All Souls' Saturday - Parish Parastos at 9:30 AM - followed by Blessing Of Graves at McKeesport-Versailles Cemetery....Festal Vigil of Pentecost - 6 PM!

Sunday, June 16th - PENTECOST - Holy Trinity Kolo Slava Day - Festal Liturgy at 10 AM!

Monday/Tuesday - June 17th and 18th - Pentecost Services at 9:30 AM! (Blessing graves by appointment)