

Palm Sunday - 5 April 2026

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Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; We have blessed you out of the house of the Lord. God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us.

Scriptures for today

Phil. 4:4-9

John 12:1-18

SAINTS NAME FOR THIS WEEK TODAY, SUNDAY (April 5/March 23)- Nikon, Filitus, Lydia, Macedonius, Theoprepus, Kronidus, Amfilogy, Dometius, Luke, Pachomy, Basil. MON- Zachariah, Artemon, Artemy (Arthur), Selevkius, James, Stephen, Peter, Parthenius. TUE- Annunciation: Newmartyr Patriarch Tikhon. WED- Archangel Gabriel, Ireneus, Malcus, Basil, Bathusius, Verkus, Arpidus, Avipus, Agnus Reasus, Igathraxus, Iskoius, Silus, Sigitsus, Sonirilus Suimphlus, Thermus, Fillus. *Anna, Alla, Larissa, Dukilda.* THUR- *Matrona*, Manuel, Theodosius, John, Kyrikus, Ananius, Paul. FRI- Hilarion, Stephen, Evstratius, Jonah, Barachisius, Lazarus, Maruthanus, Narsimus, Elijah, Marinus, Avivus, Sivsithinus, Sava, Isichius, Boyan. SAT- Mark, Kyrill, John, Evstathius, Jonah, Mark, Paul, Alexei.

Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the Twelve Passion Gospels on Holy Thursday and for processions on Good Friday Evening, Midnight Resurrection and Paschal Vespers. There are sign-up sheets in the back of church.

SCHEDULE FOR PASSION WEEK AND PASCHAL SERVICES

Holy & Great Monday (April 6, 2026)

8:30 AM – Presanctified Liturgy *

Doors Open & Confessions begin at 7:30 AM

FEAST OF ANNUNCIATION – April 7, 2026

Monday evening, 6:30 PM – Grand Complines *

Tuesday Morning, 9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Holy & Great Thursday (April 9, 2026)

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

6:30 PM – Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels *

Holy & Great Friday (April 10, 2026)

8:30 AM – Royal Hours*

3:00 PM – Vespers * (taking down of the Lord's body from the Cross) *

6:30 PM – Matins * (Christ's descent into Hell) *

Holy & Great Saturday (April 11, 2026)

9:00 AM – Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

2:00 PM – Lesser Blessing of baskets *

(Note: Food which is blessed at the 2:00 PM service CANNOT be eaten until the conclusion of the midnight Resurrection Service)

11:30 PM – Midnocturnal Prayers

Bright Resurrection (April 12, 2026)

Midnight Resurrection – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
Blessing of Paschal baskets, after Liturgy

12:00 noon – Paschal Vespers

Bright Monday & Bright Tuesday (April 12 & 14, 2026)

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

* Absolutions and Confessions will be heard at these services. NO CONFESSIONS will be heard before the midnight service on Pascha.

First Votive Crosses
Offered by Lara Werries

Second Votive Cross
Offered by Simo & Paula Dragovich

St. Herman's Shrine
Offered by Robert Barron

Iconostas Lampadi
Offered by Tomkowitz Family

Pascha Donations

Remember that only offerings made in the "Easter Christ is Risen" envelope will be printed in the gift list.

Confessions/Absolutions in Passion Week

Those who have come to Confession and received Holy Communion during this current Lent may prepare themselves to receive Holy Communion at the Bright Resurrection Liturgy by coming for absolutions at any of our church services beginning with Great Thursday and continuing through Great Saturday afternoon. NO Confessions will be heard at night before the Midnight Service.

Reservations for Special Pascha Candles

Today is the last day for registration of special requests for Altar Candles, Chandeliers, Floral Arrangements, etc. in order to appear in the Paschal edition of our bulletin. All requests must be turned in at the candle counter today before leaving church.

Weekday Parking

When attending weekday services, please be advised that you should park in the back parking lot with a sign in the dash simply stating "In Church".

Thank You

Many thanks to all who helped with this year's Easter Bake Sale and Kielbasa Sale. There is so much necessary work that goes into these projects. Thank you and God bless all of you who came to help!

Hot Dog Brigade

We are looking on opinions on where to go for Bright Monday. The options are Di's Diner in McKeesport or Papa Rocks Pizza Pub in Trafford. Both have a room that will accommodate us. We just need to let them know in advance. We did go to Papa Rocks for the second day of Christmas and it was nice. Would we like to go there again or go to Di's, which is a little closer. The menus of the two are quite different. Papa Rocks is a pizza and sandwich place and Di's is a diner.

School Excuses

School excuses are available for those students who attended and will attend services throughout the Paschal weekend. Please see Fr. Dimitri to receive your school excuses.