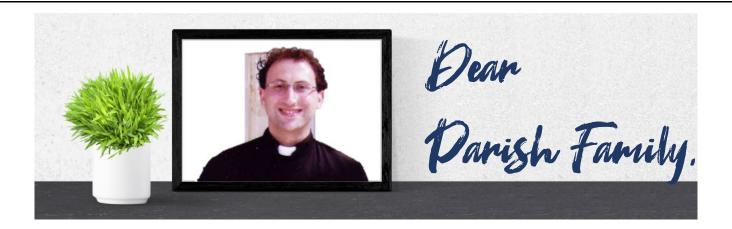
PRESENTATION OF CHRIST GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH



CURRENT

APRIL 2022





"Hi Father. When is Greek Easter anyway?" The first phone call to the office this morning began with this question. I told the caller that "Greek Easter" is at the end of "Greek Lent." He responded, "When was that?" We both had a good laugh, and I explained to him that Orthodox Christians all over the world will celebrate our Lord's Resurrection this year on April 24th.

This conversation was amusing, but it also offered some food for thought. Our celebration of Pascha is not a standalone event. It is the culmination of a journey that began on Clean Monday. The weeks that followed have taken us through a period of fasting. We have tried to increase our repentance, almsgiving, dietary choices, and prayer. Our destination - the Lord's empty tomb on Pascha morning.



We have been on this journey together. Then again, maybe we have not. Maybe, for whatever reason, some of us have not participated in Great Lent. Maybe some of us wish we had done more. The good news is that it is not too late! Saint John Chrysostom tells us that all are welcome, whether we started at the first hour or the last!

The final push to Pascha, the last hour, is Holy Week. There is no better time for us to increase all the facets of our fasting. We are all invited to consider the Holy Week Service Schedule and Paschal Offering envelope included in The Current.

Pascha, "Greek Easter," is on April 24th. St. John tells us that the table will be full – laden, that we are all invited to feast sumptuously. I hope to see you all there!

See you at Church!

FRDK

Fr. Dean



Presentation of Christ Greek Orthodox Church

Saturday of Lazarus, April 16

Matins 8:30 AM, Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM followed by Palm Making

Palm Sunday, April 17

Matins 8:30 AM, Divine Liturgy 9:30 AM 6:30 PM
Bridge Groom Service
Holy Monday, April 18
6:30 PM Bridegroom Service

Holy Tuesday, April 19

6:30 PM Bridegroom Service

Holy Wednesday, April 20

9:30 AM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts 6:30 PM Service of Holy Unction Immediately followed by Matins of Holy Thursday

Holy Thursday, April 21

9:30 AM Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 6:30 PM Service of the Twelve Passion Gospels & Matins of Holy Friday

Holy Friday, April 22

10:00 AM Decorating Kouvouklion 3:00 PM Removal from Cross/Vespers of Holy Saturday 6:30 PM Lamentations Service/Matins of Holy Saturday

Holy Saturday, April 23

9:30 AM Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 11:15 PM: Resurrection Matins and Paschal Divine Liturgy Community Meal Following Divine Liturgy

Great and Holy Pascha Sunday, April 24

11:30 AM- Agape Vespers





Our first open mic night















a call for readers

FOR THE AGAPE SERVICE APRIL 24, 11:30 AM

READ THE GOSPEL PASSAGE IN ANY LANGUAGE YOU LIKE!

see mary doreza to sign up.





Great and Holy Pascha

"Christ is risen, and life reigns! Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave!"



If you wish to sponsor one or more of the following items for Lent and/or Holy Week, please complete this form and return it (along with your preferred form of payment) to the church office as soon as possible.



Easter Flowers...... \$20

Please indicate the number of plants sponsored.



Qty: X \$20 / each = \$

	Flowers for Salutations Services (5a Weeks, \$50 per week)	\$50
	Palms for Palm Sunday	\$80
	_ Wreath for the Nymphios Icon Palm Sunday evening and Holy Monday	\$75
	_ Holy Cross Candles for the Great & Holy Thursday	\$50
	Rose Petals for the First Resurrection Service & Epitaphion Services	\$50
	Rose Water	\$25
	_ Bay Leaves for First Resurrection Service, Great & Holy Saturday Morning	\$50
	Olive Oil for Holy Wednesday	\$25
	_ Egg Dye and other decorations for the eggs	\$25
	Epitaphion Candles	\$50
	Flowers for the Veneration of the Holy Cross	\$75
Name:	Phone:	
Total Donation	n: \$	



FOR

GREEK FEST 2022 AUGUST 18-20

details to follow



PRESENTATION OF CHRIST CHURCH 39TH ANNUAL YPAPANTI GREEK FOOD FESTIVAL - AUGUST 18TH TO THE 20th, 2022

Join the Team to Contribute your TIME, TALENT, and TREASURE in any way you can!



Enjoy fellowship! Work together as an "Ypapanti Team!" Attend baking/cooking sessions, volunteer for one more shift than last year or set-up/clean-up.

Share the Joy! Invite your friends & family to join you at the festival or encourage them to volunteer for a shift.

Publicize! Share on social media or display a sign in your yard during August.

Sponsor Ingredients! Sponsor part or all of your favorite food ingredient.

Be welcoming! Share festival energy with guests.





The festival is the Parish's largest fundraiser. Your help is very much appreciated.

Mary Doreza, Chairperson
Tasso Athans, Co-Chair
Fr. Dean Kokanos, Parish Priest

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Festival Food Ingredients

Festival 2022 – August 18-20

Sponsor a portion (or all!) of your favorite dish - all of us have one! Simply select the ingredient you wish to sponsor by circling it and enter the amount you wish to donate.

Gyros		Pastries			
Gyro Meat	\$4,500	 Milk		\$350 _	
Tzatziki	\$800	 Honey		\$400 _	
Pita Bread	\$1,000	 Eggs		\$300 _	
	1	Butter		\$1,250 _	
Grill		Walnuts	s	\$800 _	
Pork	\$2,200	 Filo		\$250 _	
Charcoal	\$600			_	
Lamb Chops	\$1100				
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Main Dishes		Filo		\$350 _	
Chicken Oregano	\$1,400	 Feta Ch	neese	\$1250 _	
		Spinach	'n	\$250 _	
Sides		Other C	Cheeses	\$500 _	
French Fries	\$600				
Rice	\$400	 Pastitsio			
Grape Leaves	\$850	 Pasta		\$350 _	
		Ground	l Beef	\$1,500 _	
Pantry					
Herbs & Vegetables	\$1,500				
Oils	\$750				
Olives	\$300				
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GREEK ORTHODOX METROPOLIS OF PITTSBURGH

St. Photios Awards Banquet

2022 ST. PHOTIOS AWARDS BANQUET

Saturday, April 30, 2022

Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Pittsburgh-Cranberry 910 Sheraton Drive, Mars, PA 16046 4:00 P.M. Hors d'oeuvres 5:00 P.M. Dinner

DINNER RESERVATIONS FORM

\$95.00 per adult

\$25.00 per child under 12

(Tables of 10)

Note: Parking is free at the hotel.

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Name	Parish
Address	Phone ()
City/State/Zip	** No refunds after April 18, 2022.
E-Mail	Reservations Due by April 1, 2022.
Number of Reservations x \$95.00ea +	
Amount enclosed	
Names of those included in this Reservation (write addi If including Awardees with your table, please list their nawardees.	
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2	7
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Make checks payable to:	Please refer questions to:
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh	Mary Doreza
9	412-877-3415
	doreza@verizon.net
Mail checks, reservation names,	
sponsorship forms, & donations to:	Please do not contact hotel with Banquet
Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Pittsburgh	questions; only contact hotel for overnight room
Attn: St. Photios Awards Banquet	reservations.
5201 Ellsworth Ave	
Pittsburgh, PA 15232	

For overnight room reservations: Contact the Do

Contact the DoubleTree Hotel at (724) 776-6900 A rate of \$109.00 per night has been secured

Use the group name "Saint Photios Awards Dinner"

Deadline for room reservations at this rate is April 9, 2022.

OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2022

SUNDAYS

THEMES / GOSPEL READING

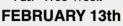
HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Fast - Free Week

Normal Fast Week

FEBRUARY 20th

Meatfare





TRIODION WEEKS

Publican and the Pharisee 2 Timothy 3: 10-15

Luke 18: 10-14 Gospel:

The Prodigal Son Returns!

1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32

The Last Judgement

FORGIVENESS SUNDAY

Epistle:

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8: 8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46

Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.

Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, 'Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.

Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.

FEBRUARY 27th

FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY



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MARCH 6th FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY

1st Sunday of Lent

2nd Sunday of Lent

3rd Sunday of Lent

MARCH 20th

MARCH 27th

APRIL 3rd

APRIL 10th

MARCH 13th



GREAT LENT BEGINS WITH FORGIVENESS VESPERS

Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise!

Romans 13: 11-14:4

Matthew 6:14-21

SUNDAY OF ORTHODOXY Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Epistle:

Gospel: John 1:43-51

ST GREGORY PALAMAS

Hebrews 1:10-2:3 Gospel: Mark 2:1-12

VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Epistle: Hebrews 4: 14-5:6 Mark 8: 34-9:1 Gospel:

4th Sunday of Lent ST JOHN of the LADDER

> Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Mark 9: 17-31 Gospel:

5th Sunday of Lent ST MARY of EGYPT

> Hebrews 9: 11-14 Epistle: Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45

Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!

> Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.

> > Place your palm branches

and pussywillows behind

an icon at home

and in your car!

FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 17th

GREAT WEEK BEGINS

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

APRIL 22nd

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Epistle: Philippians 4: 4-9 John 12: 1-18 Gospel:

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE

Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.

FEAST OF FEASTS!

APRIL 24th

NO FASTING!

BRIGHT WEEK

HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!)

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

Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!

Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.

Bring an icon to church for a procession.

Bring a prayer rope to be blessed today! Use it and pray the Jesus Prayer each day this week.

Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bow!

GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

Why I love my Church...

THE WORDS THAT MAKE UP THIS CROSS WERE TAKEN FROM THE QUESTION ON THE 2021 STEWARDSHIP CARD, "WHY DO I LOVE COMING TO YPAPANTI?"

THESE WORDS ON THE CROSS MAKE UP WHO WE ARE – WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST!



Family Jesus Lord Neighbors Worship Family Glorify God Growth Love Family Love God Glorify God Cross Christ Christ Charles God Cross Christ Christ Christ Charles God Cross Christ Chris

TOP 10 MOST COMMON ANSWERS

JESUS WORSHIP
LOVE CHURCH FAMILY
IT'S HOME GLORIFYING GOD
CLERGY GROWING
WORSHIP OUR NEIGHBORS
CHURCH BEAUTY

WELCOME BACK, STUDENTS!!!

January 2022



Continuing in January, we return to Sunday School in person after Divine Liturgy

THE THEME FOR 2022 IS "LEARNING ABOUT THE DIVINE LITURGY."

LITTLE LAMBS SUNDAY SCHOOL

LITTLE LAMBS SUNDAY SCHOOL

AGES 3-5

Each lesson includes a prayer, the Saint of the Day, an activity, a story, and a song related to the monthly theme.

Continuing In Person in January!!!

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30 Food Pantry Saturday (Date Adjusted for Pascha)	29 Feast of the Theotokos of the Life Giving Spring	Vigil – Feast of the Vigil – Feast of the Life Theotokos of the Life Giving Spring 5:30 PM Matins 6:30 PM Divine Liturgy	27	26	25 10:00 AM Sandwiches for RCC	24 PASCHA!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Pascha Divine Liturgy Followed by Community Meal!	from the Cross 6:30 PM Lamentations Service	6:30 PM Service of 12 Passion/Matins of Holy Friday	6:30 PM Holy Unction			
23 Holy Saturday 9:30 AM Vesperal Divine Liturgy 11:15 PM Matins of the Resurrection and	22 Good Friday 10:00 AM Kouvouklion Decorating 3:00 PM Removal	21 Holy Thursday 9:30 AM Vesperal Divine Liturgy	20 Holy Wednesday 9:30 AM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	19 Holy Tuesday 6:30 PM Bridegroom Matins	18 Holy Monday 6:30 PM Bridegroom Matins	17 Palm Sunday 8:30 AM Matins 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy Church School after Liturgy
16	15	14	13 1:30 PM Dinner Prep for NRP	12	11	8:30 AM Matins 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy Church School after Liturgy
9 4:30 PM Great Vespers	8 5:00 PM Potluck Dinner 6:30 PM Akathist Hymn	7	6 6:30 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	5	4	3 8:30 AM Matins 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy Church School after Liturgy
10:00 AM Parish Family Lenten Retreat No Great Vespers	6:30 PM Salutations to the Mother of God				Sizo	
Saturday	Friday	Thursday	Wednesday	Tuesday	Monday	Sunday

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Sunday Services Matins – 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy - 9:30 AM

Office Hours: 9 to 3, Tuesday to Friday

Adult Education on Wednesday. See Google Calendar or "This Week at Church"

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