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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES FOR THIS WEEK

PALM SUNDAY MARCH 28TH, 2021

THE ENTRY OF OUR LORD

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Saturday, March 27th

5:00 PM Divine Liturgy

*Blessing of Palms and Pussywillows
Intentions of our Parishioners*

Palm Sunday, March 28th (live streamed)

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

*Blessing of Palms and Pussywillows
+Florence Gretskey
by Husband, Paul*

Great and Holy Monday, March 29th

No Public Services

Great and Holy Tuesday, March 30th

No Public Services

Great and Holy Wednesday

7:00 PM Divine Liturgy of St Gregory with Holy Anointing

Great and Holy Thursday

7:00 PM Vespers with Divine Liturgy

Great and Holy Friday

7:00 PM Burial Vespers with Procession

NEXT SUNDAY APRIL 4TH, 2021

THE GREAT DAY!

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

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Great and Holy Saturday, April 3rd

**7:00 PM Matins of the Resurrection
With Easter Divine Liturgy**

Blessing of Food Baskets

Easter Sunday, April 4th

**10:00 AM Easter Divine Liturgy
(live streamed)**

Blessing of Food Baskets

Palm Sunday, March 27/28, 2021

SANCTUARY LAMP

For the Blessed memory of

+FLORENCE GRETSKY

By Kevin and Gretchen Gretskey and Family



BLESSED REPOSE AND ETERNAL MEMORY!

BISHOP'S APPEAL 2020: Please mail in your pledge card ,or go on line at www.eparchyofpassaic.com, then click on the "Giving" tab. **Our goal this year is \$12,400.** Together we can reach our goal and get a rebate of almost \$5,000 as we've done every year so far!

In Blessed repose... please remember the soul of **+WILLIAM FITZULA** who fell asleep in the Lord and was buried from our church on Friday. He is reunited with his beloved wife, **+Catherine** in the arms of Our Lord! To his children, grandchildren and great grandchild, as well as to his family and friend of St Thomas Parish we extend our heartfelt condolences. *May his memory be eternal!*

Need Help with COVID VACCINE? Call "Heather" at Robert Wood Johnson, Rahway at 732-499-6223. Give her your name, DOB, Cell Phone #, Gender, and Email Address.

Good News!! Easter Food Baskets WILL be Blessed this year! However, Baskets will NOT be blessed indoors. Instead, please leave Food Baskets in your CAR. Father will pray the Prayer of Blessing in the church following the Divine Liturgy. Baskets will then be blessed as you drive by the rotunda. (or, weather permitting, at your car).

Many thanks to our ECF coordinators, **Colleen Hornaciek and Caroline Shubeck** and their HELPERS who made last Sunday's Pysanky Class so memorable! Some dedicated parishioners worked very hard to prepare a WONDERFUL day for about 30 students and parents of our Sunday School Program! Eggs were made, lessons were learned, pizza was served and everyone got a complimentary Easter Basket to take home! The BEST compliment was that the day seemed almost "normal again"! Indeed it was that, and so much more! **MANY THANKS!**

Virtual All night Vigil—On Good Friday, you can still spend an hour with Our Lord virtually. We will live stream before the Tomb of Our Lord. There will be no in-person visitations this year.

GIFT SHOP OPEN!! Immediately after Liturgy, the parish Gift Shop will be open for your convenience. There are a variety of Easter items available, including candles, basket covers, egg wraps and more! Please simply WAIT by the Gift Shop Door until someone arrives.

URGENT! We need to assist our priests in Eastern Europe! Please see the letter from Bishop Kurt that will be mailed to everyone. We will assist you in the parish office if you like. Call with questions.

AVOID CONFUSION! Reserve your seat for Weekend Divine Liturgies! Here's how: Invitations are emailed on Sunday and confirmations are sent on Friday. Spill over is in the Church Hall. MASKS are required in both locations and at all services. No email? Call the Parish Office and reserve a seat. with AnnMarie, OR watch us on **Facebook**, or **YouTube** or listen on the FM radio from the church parking lot on channel **90.5 FM**. (Reservations REQUIRED on Sunday)

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INCOME FOR LAST WEEKEND: (including those mailed in —thank you!)

Sunday Offering/Donations	\$	1152.00	Monthly/Initial	\$	xxx.00
Candles	\$	234.00	Gifts/Donations	\$	xxx.00
Flowers	\$	85.00	Holydays/Easter	\$	535.00
Maintenance/Fuel	\$	1.00	ECL	\$	xxx.00
Missions	\$	xxx.00	Total	\$	2007.00

Additional Income (Bingo) \$xxx.00 **GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT!**

BYZANTINE MONASTERY CLOSING—Holy Dormition Franciscan Friary, in Sybertsville, PA will close as of January 2021. Father Jerome, OFM stated that this is mainly due to the lack of available Friars. **On January 31, at 2pm, they will have a final prayer service to close the chapel**, with a reception if conditions permit. The friars are still able to honor all intentions and memorials; and will continue to pray for all of their benefactors. *They ask for your prayers at this difficult time.*