



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Next Liturgy: Sunday, April 25th at 3pm

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St. Ann Catholic Church

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Next Liturgy: Saturday, April 24th at 10am

DIVINE LITURGY / MASS / PATRONAGE CHURCH

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Sunday 3.28.2021	11:00am 11:15am	Matins Divine Liturgy	In Memory of: +Michael Fedarko Requested by: Frances Fedarko
Friday 4.02.2021	5:00pm	Vespers with Procession of the Burial Shroud	For Living and Deceased Members of our Parish
Sunday 4.04.2021	8:00am	Resurrection Matins Divine Liturgy Blessing of Pascal Food	For Living and Deceased Members of our Parish

Confession will take place 20 minutes before or immediately after Divine Liturgy.

This is **Palm/Flowery Sunday**. See special handout, in the back of church, for this service.

PRAYER INTENTIONS – PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Keiko Suseck, Arlene Duda, Clara Valeika, Caroline Belensky, Nancy Erdek, Kay Dinko, Andy Turian, Doris Ruszin, Anne Gupman, Joseph and Marie Repasi, Anna Martin, Marge Dulina, Paul Ruszin, Sr., Georgianna Kostak, Betty Rankin, and Greg Rudy

*May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies,
grant them peace and good health for many blessed years!*

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In spite of the pandemic, the maintenance of our church continues and bills still must be paid. Thanks to those who continue to support our church and for your dedication to our parish. If you would like to make a donation, using our online giving account, please visit our church's website for the Tithely link. ***“Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth” (Dt. 8:18).***

BLESSED PALMS AND PUSSWILLOWS: The palms and pussywillows that are blessed today should be kept in your home, usually at the icon corner or crucifix, as a witness to the Lord's presence in your life. Last year's palms and pussywillows are blessed sacramentals and should be destroyed by burning or burying them. ***Many thanks to Dan & Nancy Bobby and Michael Kakalec for their generous donation of pussywillows.***

EASTER FLOWERS ORDER: *Today is the deadline* if you would like to order flowers that will be placed within the church and altar for Divine Liturgy on Pascha. Order forms are in the Narthex and can be left in the donation basket.

VENERATION OF THE HOLY SHROUD (PLASCHANICJA): One of the most impressive rituals of Holy Week, in our Byzantine Rite Church, involves the procession of the Holy Shroud (Plaschanicja) and the placement in the tomb during the Vespers Service on Good Friday. Visit www.archpitt.org, click on ***Menu, Resources/About, Our Faith***, then ***The Veneration of the Holy Shroud...*** to read this informative article that gives insight to our Good Friday service.

EASTER EGG HUNT: There will be an Easter egg hunt for all children on ***Sunday, April 18th***, following the Divine Liturgy. Theresa Kotlar will be collecting bags of wrapped candy through April 11th, if you would like to donate to the egg hunt.

ORDINATION OF DEACON JAMES FRASER: Please join us for the first Liturgy of the newly ordained Fr. Jim Fraser. It will take place at Patronage Church on April 11th, at 11:15am. ***Receiving a first blessing from a newly ordained priest carries special benefits.*** A luncheon will follow in the church hall. Please contact Mary Demyan at 410-591-5654 if your family plans on attending so we can properly prepare.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: We welcome all new visitors, to our parish family, and are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and hope you will become an active part of our parish community. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send us an email at patronage.church@gmail.com. ***“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples” (Isaiah 56:7).***

Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na viki! Glory to Jesus Christ! Glory forever!

OUR DAILY BREAD: Many thanks to those who were able to prepare a casserole for Our Daily Bread and to Michael Kakalec for delivering the 1st batch of casseroles. ***The next delivery date will be April 18th.*** If you would like to prepare a casserole, for this project, please contact Mike Skovran at 410-979-4791, for more information.

ASK THE DEACON: *Why do churches, who originated in Eastern Europe, distribute Pussywillows on Palm/Flowery Sunday?*

ANSWER: As our Lord made His way into Jerusalem, the crowd accompanying Him from Bethany and Bethphage spread their cloaks on the ground before Him, as was done for the Jehu, King of Israel (2 Kings 9:13), who had been anointed by Elisha the prophet. Others spread branches before our Lord, while a crowd of people coming from Jerusalem came to meet Him, carrying branches of palm (John 12:13). In ancient times, the palm was a sign of triumph and victory in the Greco-Roman world; among the Jews, palm branches were carried at festive celebrations (Leviticus 23:40). In the New Testament, palm branches became a sign of martyrdom - victory over death. In the early Christian church, a procession was held before Pascha to commemorate our Lord's entry into Jerusalem, with the faithful carrying "palms and branches." This led eventually to the name **Palm Sunday** for this feast (in Slavonic, *Nedil'a Vaj.*) In Constantinople, in addition to palms, other flowering branches (olive, laurel, lilac) were carried in procession, leading to the name **Flowery Sunday** (in Slavonic, *Nedil'a Kvitna*). In the colder climes of Eastern Europe, few flowers would bloom this early in Spring; but the common pussy-willow would be in bud at this time, and so branches of pussy-willow came to be used.

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*Having Suffered the Passion for Us
Jesus Christ, Son of God
Have Mercy, Have Mercy, Have Mercy on us*

*Preterpivjy za nas strasti,
Isuse Christe, Syne Bozij,
Pomiluj, pomiluj, pomiluj nas.*