

**ST. MARY'S  
BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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**HOLY**



**WEEK**

**PALM SUNDAY**

**SAT. 4:30 p.m. +Veronica Kovach by Gail Pastoria March 24, 2024**  
**SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners Page 235**

**MON. ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS Page 329**  
**10:30 a.m. +John & Mary Hudak by Daughter, Joni Edgar**

**TUE. 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy & Confessions**  
**St. Michael's Campbell**

**WED. 10:30 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy & Anointing of Sick**  
**+ Richard Hames by MaryAnn Turjanica**

**THU. 4:30 p.m. +Patricia Hames by Rosary Society**

**FRI. 4:30 p.m. Vespers & Procession of Shroud No meat & Dairy Products**  
**Confessions after Service**

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**FEAST OF HOLY RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD**

**SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners**  
**SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Bishops, Clergy, Deacons,& Religious of Our Metropolia**

*Today is the summit of our salvation, and what was hidden from before all ages is revealed: The Son of God becomes a virgin's Son, and Gabriel announces the good news of grace. Therefore, let us exclaim with him to the Theotokos: Rejoice, O full of Grace, the Lord is with You.*

**CHURCH DONATIONS March,17 2024**

**Monthly Dues \$60.00**

**Candles \$12.00 Sisters \$100.00**

**Lent \$64.00**

**Offertory..... \$ 939.00**

**NO BINGO EASTER SUNDAY**

**LENTEN FUND RAISER FOR OUR SISTERS**

**We will once again be asking for donations throughout Lent for our Sisters at St. Mt Macrina. There are envelopes at both entrances.**

**GRANT HER ETERNAL REST**

**Please remember in your prayers former parishioner, Mrs. Betty Yacko who passed on to her eternal reward. Interment will be at our cemetery. Grant eternal rest O Lord to your servant, Betty, and remember her forever. Vicnaja Pamjat!**

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

**Father will hear confessions after the Service on Good Friday**

**BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS**

**Father will bless baskets after the Liturgies on Saturday and Easter Sunday in our Center.**

**ORDINATION...JOHN WELCH**

**Deacon John will be ordained on April 7th at 3:00 p.m. at St. Michael Byz. Church in Hermitage, PA. Dinner to follow. He will also have his FIRST LITURGY on Apr. 14th at 3:00 p.m. at his home Parish, Sts. Peter & Paul in Warren . Dinner to follow. Please sign the sheet in the vestibule if you plan to attend.**

**WE WILL HAVE ANOINTING & MIROVANIJE ON SATURDAY EVENING & EASTER SUNDAY**

## PALM SUNDAY

Today we begin the journey into the holiest time of the entire Church year, Passion Week. If we allow it to, this week will take us to Jerusalem with Jesus today to be welcomed as a king with shouts of "*Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*," and the waving of palm leaves and branches. It will lead us to the wooden altar in the upper room in Jerusalem to be present with Jesus' beloved Disciples on the night when Jesus was betrayed, as He reveals to them the Holy Mysteries of God, the Divine giving of God Himself to us in the Eucharistic sacrifice, anticipating what would take place on the Cross the next day. It will lead us to that same Cross to be present at the Crucifixion and burial of Christ, when a sword of sorrow will pierce the hearts of all faithful Christians, recognizing what we have done to our Lord and Savior. It will lead us to keep vigil at the tomb like Mary Magdalene and the other holy women, hoping to experience the Resurrection of Christ in our own lives.

## GREAT & HOLY THURSDAY

On the night that he was betrayed, or rather, surrendered Himself for the life of the world, our Lord ate His last meal with His Apostles. He also announced that one of the apostles would betray Him. These two events, the institution of the Eucharist and the betrayal by Judas, are the two themes that mark the services of Holy Thursday. Truly Judas is the son of those ungrateful who ate the manna in the wilderness, and murmured against the Nourisher; for while the food was still in their mouths, those ingrates murmured against God. Likewise this wicked one, while the holy bread was still in his mouth, conspired to betray the Savior.

## GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY

The main Service of Good Friday are the Solemn Vespers celebrated in the evening. The Church is darkened as the sun was darkened when Christ was on the cross. All Creation trembled with fear. The hymns of vespers contemplate the supreme love for mankind that Christ has proved by His willingness to undergo the terrible suffering of the Cross. During the second part of Vespers, the faithful begin to sing of Christ's burial by Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. At the end of Vespers, the Holy Shroud, representative icon of Christ's body, is carried by the Priest in procession around the Church, re-enacting the events of the first Good Friday. It is placed in a symbolic tomb in the church for the veneration of the faithful. Since bells are never rung on Good Friday because they are a sign of joy, a wooden clapper is used instead to draw attention to the meaning of the events that are enacted.

## GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY

Fully vested in bright vestments the priest goes to the sepulcher and removes the Holy Shroud and carries it to the altar. The doors to the Church are closed. Standing before them as before the tomb of Christ, the Priest begins singing "Christ is risen from the dead and then enters the Church. The Resurrection canon is a series of hymns that celebrates the Resurrection of Christ. Which gives us eternal life. "It is the Day of Resurrection! O people let us be enlightened by this Feast and let us embrace one another. Let us call Brethren" even those that hate us, and because of The Resurrection, let us forgive all things and let us sing: ***CHRIST IS RISEN FROM THE DEAD!***