



Pre-Paschal Parish Preparations Posting

Church Clean-up & Palm Prep: On Lazarus Saturday, (4/24), following the Divine Liturgy and Fellowship we will get the Church ready for Pascha! Please bring a change of clothes and plan on sticking around to help clean the Church for Holy Pascha and prepare the Palms and Willows for Palm Sunday.

Pascha Flowers: Donations are being taken for the purchase of Pascha flowers to adorn the tomb, the Iconostas, Veneration Icons, etc. Please see the special box on the vestibule table, or see Mat. Anastasia for more details. *Thank you!*

Confessions: Fr. Timothy will continue to hear confessions after every service until Holy Tuesday evening, (4/27). (Everyone planning to come to Holy Unction should have made their Lenten Confession at this point. Holy Friday evening will be for college students, etc.) Please take advantage of these times so that you are properly prepared! While St. John Chrysostom is all about those who come at the "11th hour"...if we can avoid that, Father would be much appreciative. ☺ There are plenty of opportunities until then, please make the effort now!

The complete schedule of services for Holy Week & Pascha is now posted. Please make every effort to be present for these wonderful services, and make it a family event!! The Lord goes to His voluntary Passion for us - let's all be there with Him!

Watch Before the Tomb: On the vestibule table there is a sign-up sheet for those willing to take part and help keep an all-night vigil over the Tomb of Christ beginning after Matins on Holy Friday night, and ending at the D. Liturgy on Holy Saturday morning. Please pick a time that you would be willing to come and read from the Book of Psalms at the Tomb of our Lord. Time slots may be shared with others.

Holy Saturday Readers: There is a sign-up sheet for those who would like to read one of the 15 Old Testament Readings at the Holy Saturday Liturgy. Find a reading you like, sign-up, and then practice it for May 1st. Father would like to have the young people of the parish do most of the readings (if kids are reading, Mom and Dad have to bring them...☺).

Paschal Fast: To be prepared for Holy Communion on Holy Pascha, have a light supper and then begin your fast around 6:00 pm on Holy Saturday evening. Also, read the customary pre-Communion prayers.

Paschal Gospel Readers: Anyone willing to read the Paschal Gospel Reading (St. John 1:1-17) in a foreign language, please see Father ASAP so we can organize the readings.

After the Paschal Liturgy we will bless the Paschal Baskets in a slightly different way. **LEAVE YOUR BASKET IN YOUR VEHICLE** during the service. After Liturgy we will line the front walkway and bless them outside at that time. Those who would like to leave, can then do so. Those desiring to stay for the Agape Meal, we will be setting up tables in the hall and in a tent we are renting for the event. Any help in setting up (and taking down/cleaning up!) would be greatly appreciated!

Agape Vespers: On Pascha (5/2), at 2:30 pm, we will again gather for the Vespers of Pascha. Come after you have rested a bit, and continue the celebration of Pascha with this beautiful, festive Vespers service.

On Bright Monday we will celebrate another Paschal Liturgy (with a procession, weather permitting!) I encourage all the youth of the parish to come. Also on Bright Saturday, we will have a "mask required" Liturgy for those who are not comfortable with the more crowded Pascha Services.

Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen!