

Palm Sunday

April 2, 2023

8:40 AM Rosary
9:00 AM **Health/Blessings for all Parishioners**

DIVINE SERVICES/EVENTS FOR THE WEEK

Monday, April 3 NO SERVICES

Tuesday, April 4 NO SERVICES

Wednesday, April 5

5:00PM Confessions in the Sacristy (or by appointment)
6:00 PM LITURGY OF THE PRESANCTIFIED GIFTS

Thursday, March April 6

10:30 AM VESPERS/DIVINE LITURGY/WASHING OF THE FEET AT St. Josaphat Cathedral
6:30 PM MATINS/READING OF THE TWELVE PASSION GOSPELS

Friday, April 7

6:30 PM GOOD FRIDAY VESPERS AT THE TOMB

Saturday, April 8

1:00 PM BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS
1:15 PM Easter Egg hunt
1:30 PM- 2:30 PM CONFESSION/RECONCILIATION

6:00 PM *EASTER VIGIL: VESPERS WITH DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL*
For the health and growth of the parish –by Fr. Sal

Sunday, April 9 EASTER SUNDAY—PASCHA/ПАСХА!

8:00 AM RESURRECTION MATINS
9:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY
Health/Blessings for all Holy Ghost Parishioners
BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS

DONATIONS – March 26:

Sunday: \$683.10
Pyrohy: \$2,014
Loose candles: \$91
Ukraine Priests: \$20
Ukraine Releif: \$446
Total: \$3,306.10

CONGRATULATIONS:

This week **Andrew Procyk (4/1), Mary Kostiuk (4/2), Veronica Szijarto (4/2), Katerina Griffiths (4/4), Ann Szijarto (4/4) and Jude Szijarto (4/5)** celebrate their birthdays. May God bless you and grant you **many years, *Mnohaya i Blahaya Lita!***

Easter Egg hunt:

There will be an Easier egg hunt for children twelve and under following the traditional Easter Basket blessing on Holy Saturday at 1 pm. All participants will receive a book and a small toy but most importantly the joy of community with our parish family. So that we can plan appropriately, please speak to Dr. Maria Griffiths or text her at 330-620-9571 with the ages of your children.

Pysanky Workshop

All youth and interested adults are once again invited to participate in a pysanky (Ukrainian Easter egg decorating) workshop which will be held Palm Sunday following Divine liturgy. All materials will be provided. Parents may wish to bring a change of clothes or art shirt as the dyes do stain. Wax crayons and coloring options will be available for the youngest members of our parish.

OUR TRADITIONS:

In Ukraine, Palm Sunday is called Flower(y) Sunday (Квітна Неділя), or Willow Sunday (Вербна Неділя), because in Ukraine flowering willow branches are blessed in place of palm fronds. You are welcome to take blessed willow branches home. Due to Covid, there will be no anointing with holy oil.

There is also a tradition to tap each other with willow branches wishing good health, wealth and happiness saying one of the following verses: *“The willow hits, not I; A week from now will be the Great Day, Pascha” “Не я б’ю, лоза б’є, від нині за тиждень буде Великдень.”*

EASTER SVIACHENE DINNER:

This year’s Easter Dinner will be held on **Sunday, April 23, 2023**, immediately following the 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy.

In addition to serving the traditional Easter foods of paska, ham, kielbasa, eggs, cheese and beets with horseradish, there will be fried chicken and vegetables for a little variety.

(Note: Any baked goods for dessert would be appreciated.)

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

April 5 – Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 PM
April 6 – Matins & 12 Gospels 6:30 PM
April 7 – Vespers at the tomb 6:30 PM
April 8 – Blessing of baskets outside 1 PM
1 :30 PM – 2:30 Confessions
1:15 PM – Easter Egg hunt
6:00 PM Easter Vigil
April 9 – 8:00 AM Matins/Easter Liturgy

U.S. Bishops' Doctrine Committee Issues Statement on the Proper Disposition of Bodily Remains

March 23, 2023

WASHINGTON - The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' (USCCB) Committee on Doctrine has issued a statement providing principles for evaluating some newer methods and technologies for disposition of the bodies of the deceased. The USCCB's Administrative Committee approved the issuance of the statement on March 15.

In their statement, the doctrine committee affirms that every human being has been created in the image of God and has an inherent dignity and worth. Furthermore, since "every man and woman is a unity of body and soul, respect for the person necessarily includes respect for the body." The Church considers burial to be "the most appropriate way of manifesting reverence for the body of the deceased," as it "clearly expresses our faith and hope in the resurrection of the body." While the Church permits cremation unless it is

chosen for reasons contrary to the Catholic faith, the preferred method is burial.

Applying the basic principles found in the Instruction regarding Burial of the Deceased and the Conservation of the Ashes in the Case of Cremation (*Ad resurgendum cum Christo*) issued by the then-Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith in 2016, the committee evaluates the two most prominent newer methods for disposition of bodily remains that are proposed as alternatives to burial and cremation -- alkaline hydrolysis and human composting -- and concludes that they fail to satisfy the Church's requirements for proper respect for the bodies of the dead. After the alkaline hydrolysis process, there are about 100 gallons of liquid into which the greater part of the body has been dissolved and this liquid is treated as wastewater. At the end of the human composting process, the body has completely decomposed along with accompanying plant matter to yield a single mass of compost, with nothing distinguishably left of the body to be laid to rest in a sacred place.

The doctrine committee concludes their statement by recalling that the Catholic faith teaches us that our ultimate destiny as human beings includes our bodiliness: “We are therefore obliged to respect our bodily existence throughout our lives and to respect the bodies of the deceased when their earthly lives have come to an end. The way that we treat the bodies of our beloved dead must always bear witness to our faith in and our hope for what God has promised us.”

The committee’s full statement may be read here: <https://www.usccb.org/resources/On Proper Disposition 2023-03-20.pdf>.

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