

Dear parishioners, brothers and sisters in Christ,

Great and glorious days for our Holy Church are ahead of us. We will once again celebrate our Lord's Bright Resurrection. Before that, however, we will prayerfully commemorate all the events that preceded this Feast of feasts.

Great Lent prepares us, with fasting, prayers and repentance, to meet the Resurrected Lord. We are cleansing the neglected vessel of our soul to prepare it for the reception of God's grace and our Lord Himself in the Mystery of Holy Communion. To be communicants of this joy, we must also experience the suffering that came before it. We should make every effort not only to come to church on the Sunday of the Resurrection, but to attend the services of Passion Week as well.

As we do that, let us contemplate the events we are commemorating.

On **Great Wednesday**, our Lord was betrayed by Judas – let us not betray Him by turning away from His commandments.

On **Great Thursday**, our Lord washed the feet of His disciples and broke bread with them at the Last Supper – let us allow Him to wash away our sins with His bloodless sacrifice as we partake of the Holy Mysteries of Confession and Communion.

On **Great Friday**, our Lord was crucified on the Cross – let us crucify our old man with Him, so we could be renewed.

The Mother of God lamented beneath the Cross – let us lament the many times we crucify our Lord in our life when we depart from Him through sin.

Our Lord's Body was wrapped in a burial shroud – let us venerate this shroud in the church with piety and let us sing solemn hymns at our Lord's funeral service.

On **Great Saturday**, our Lord descended into Hades to deliver our ancestors from the bonds of death – let us descend also into the depths of our souls to prepare them for the coming of the Lord.

On **Sunday**, the Myrrhbearers found the Tomb empty and the angel proclaimed the Resurrection of our Lord – let us rejoice and be glad, and announce this joy to the whole world.

Let us be in our Holy Church as She remembers our Lord's Suffering on the Cross, so that the Lord would be with us on the Glorious Day of His Resurrection, granting us eternal life and salvation in His heavenly kingdom.

Wishing you and your family a blessed and soul-profitting Passion Week and a joyous Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord, I greet you with a victorious exclamation:

Christ is Risen – Truly He is Risen!

-Fr. Kristijan

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PASSION WEEK SERVICES

Great Wednesday, April 12th

Presanctified Liturgy at 10 a.m.; Blessing of the Oils (Unction) at 6 p.m. (Come and be anointed!)

Great Thursday, April 13th

Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.; Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels at 6 p.m.

Great Friday, April 14th (strict fast-no oil, no fish)
Royal Hours at 9 a.m. followed by Preparing of Christ's Tomb; Vespers with placement of Christ's burial sheet at 6 p.m. followed by a short break with refreshments and at 7:30 p.m. the Funeral Service of our Lord Jesus Christ

Great Saturday, April 15th

Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m. (fast—no oil, no fish); Resurrection Matins at 11 p.m. with procession around the church

EASTER SERVICES

PASCHA-EASTER—Sunday, April 16th

Paschal Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.
Paschal Vespers at 6:30 p.m.

Bright Monday, April 17th

Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.

Bright Tuesday, April 18th

Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.

Easter Luncheon - April 16th

The Kolo is planning a delicious meal for Easter, April 16. The meal will consist of ham, lamb, butter parslid potatoes, corn, lettuce salad and strawberry shortcake. Please call Luanne at 878-1403 with your reservations. Reservations need to be in by April 12.

Easter Flowers

We are collecting donations for Easter flowers. If God so moves your heart, please consider giving toward this. On your donation, in writing a check, please earmark (in memo), "Easter Flowers." Thank you so much and, God be willing, may we have more flowers this year than before!

Flowers for Paver Project

Believe it or not spring has sprung! For those of you who have generously committed to buying flowers for the paver project-- now is the time! Please make your check payable to St. George Church. In the memo line write flower project. Any questions please call Sonja Ulvi at (218) 626-1846. Again, thanks for your participation in this beautiful project.

New Credit Card Service at St. George's

St. George Church can now accept payments from credit card and electronic checks at the church or from your home. It's a convenient way to buy items from our bookstore, candle room and kitchen. One can also pay for dances, dinners-refreshments as well as fulfill pledges and make donations. Watch here for updates as we expand this service.

Updates to Church Website

Please check out our newly updated St. George website: <http://stgeorgeduluthchurch.com>

Kolo & Choir Dues

Kolo and Choir dues are due. Please see Donna Benson for Kolo (\$12) and Amanda Soberg for Choir (\$5).

St. George Slava

Please mark on your calendars that our St George Slava will be on Sunday, May 7th. We plan to have a delicious for the event. More information to follow in our next bulletin.

Kolo Meeting

The next Kolo meeting will be Tue., May 2 at 6 p.m.

Choir News

The Choir will begin rehearsals for its fall concert on Wednesday, May 3 at 6 p.m. All members wishing to sing in the concert should plan to attend.

Also the Choir would like to welcome its newest member, Alex Kiprof!

The next Choir meeting will be Sunday, June 11, after Liturgy.



2017 Dates to Remember

April 16—Easter-Pascha (Vaskrs)
May 7—St. George’s Day Celebration
June 25—Vidovdan Commemoration Day
July 29—Men’s Club Golfing Event
October 28-29—St. Petka Slava Celebration

Building Repair Project

The church temple and hall are in need of repair. There has been leakage around the edges of the roof and cupola of the church.

Early last fall technicians caulked these suspected areas and some of the leaking has been stopped. This is something that needs to be done every year. There is also mortar coming loose from between the bricks of the church and the hall which are showing signs of aging. This spring, summer and fall we plan to address as many of these problems as possible. A budget of \$55,000 was set at the annual meeting. We are hoping to raise at this time as much funding as possible for this project.

Please consider giving toward this cause. On checks, please designate with “Building Repair Project.” Thank you so much!

Confession

I would like to remind the faithful that the practice of confession before communion is just as important as fasting in our preparation for the Holy Communion. Confessions will be heard starting at 9 a.m. on Easter Sunday morning. Please be in church early, no later than 9:45 a.m., so that we can preserve church order and start the service on time. Thank you! -Fr. Kristijan

Bulletin

It is a great joy that we put out our bulletin and share the latest parish news and upcoming events with you every other week. If you enjoy receiving it, please, consider giving a donation toward offsetting its costs, so that we may continue providing this wonderful service to all.



Executive Board Meeting

The next board meeting will be April 23rd after Liturgy.

Calendar Reminders

Please see the other side for more details.

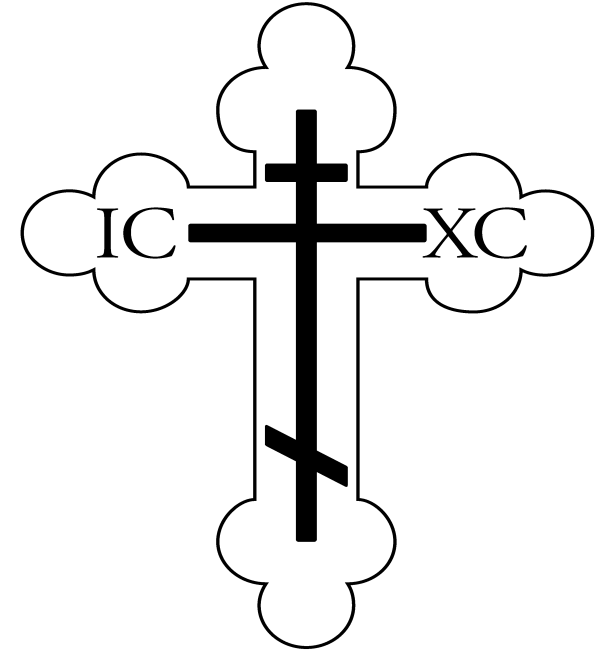
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