

per – 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

Special Assembly

On Monday, April 9th, at 6 p.m. we will have a special assembly to discuss the remediation of the rectory and housing for the clergy family. All parishioners in good standing are kindly asked to attend.

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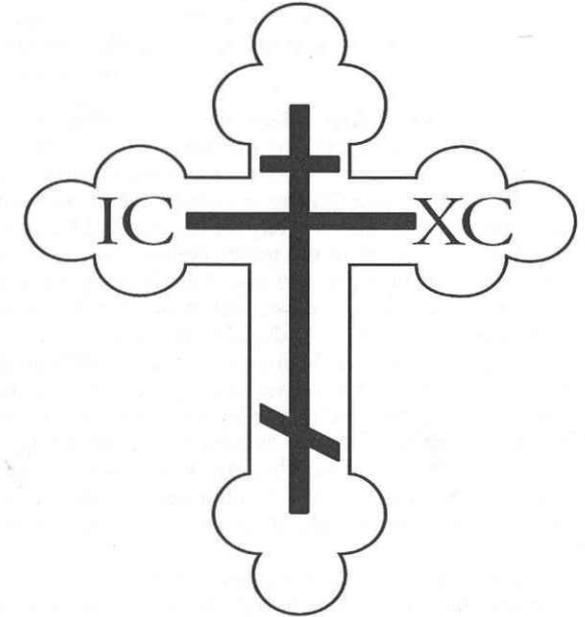
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Bakalar Supper

Does the smell of Bakalar make your mouth water? We hope it does as the Choir's annual Bakalar supper will be held on FRIDAY, MARCH 30th at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

All you can eat fish, salad and homemade bread "Pogaca" for \$12.00 per person. Carry-outs will be available following dinner. Call in your take-out orders to the church at 626-1856 or place your order at the time of dinner. Carry outs are \$12.00 for Bakalar and Pogaca.

Hope to see you all during our Lenten Bakalar Supper.
-St. George Choir

Lazarus Sat- Palm/Willow Assembly (Mar 31)

Palm Sunday-Children's Procession (Apr 1)

Palm Sunday will be on Sunday, April 1st this year. The day before Palm Sunday is always known as Lazarus Saturday. On that Saturday the Lord raised the four-day-dead Lazarus from the tomb, before His triumphal entry into Jerusalem the next day, Palm Sunday. In commemoration of this event, we will have Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m. on Lazarus Saturday, March 31st.

We plan to have a children's procession with pussy willows and palm spear bouquets the next day, in remembrance of the children who joyously held palms when the Lord triumphantly entered into Jerusalem.

We kindly ask those who can help assemble these individual bouquets to join us after the Divine Liturgy on Saturday, March 31st, at 11:15 a.m. in the church hall.

Please do not forget to bring your children and grandchildren on Palm Sunday (April 1st) in order to receive their palms and participate in the children's procession!

PASSION WEEK SERVICES

Great Wednesday, April 4th

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

Great Thursday, April 5th

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

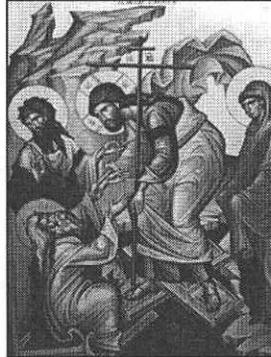
Great Friday, April 6th (strict fast-no oil, no fish)

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 / Annunciation, April 7th

Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m. (fast: wine allowed); Resurrection Matins at 11 p.m. with procession around the church

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EASTER SERVICES

PASCHA-EASTER—Sunday, April 8th

Paschal Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.

Paschal Vespers at 6:30 p.m.

Bright Monday, April 9th

Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.

Bright Tuesday, April 10th

Divine Liturgy at 10 a.m.

Easter Luncheon - April 8th

The Kolo is planning a delicious Easter luncheon of sarma, butter parsley potatoes, Serbian green beans, salad and dessert. Please join us on Sunday, April 8. Please call Luanne at 878-1403 by Wednesday, April 4, with your reservations.

Bishop Longin's Paschal/Easter Greeting

"Come on this auspicious day of the Resurrection, let us partake of the fruit of the new vine of divine gladness of the kingdom of Christ, praising Him as God unto the ages." (Ode VIII of the Paschal Canon)

CHRIST IS RISEN!

Every year, we hear this festive greeting, which for us Christians is never old and always fitting. Having participated in the suffering of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through our common prayer in the Divine Services of Holy Passion Week, we come to this joyous Feast of feasts with gladness and a sense of relief. This is because we specifically now, in the present, experience Christ's Resurrection from the dead and His conquering of death - something that was not only relevant to Christ Himself or to the people of two millennia ago, but rather to each and everyone of us, as He thereby resurrects us from the darkness of sin and eternal

Bishop Longin's Paschal/Easter Greeting cont'd.

death. He gives us life that is unending and all encompassing. He brings us into this everlasting communion with Him by allowing us to partake of *the fruit of the new vine*, that is by partaking in His most-precious Body and Blood through the reception of the Holy Mysteries, a remembrance of His death and resurrection.

Let us, dear brothers and sisters, take this opportunity of the Lord's Resurrection to unite with Him by receiving Divine Communion, having prepared ourselves through fasting, prayer and repentance. Let us heed the words of the great father of the Church, St. John Chrysostom, who invites all Orthodox Christians to partake in the Mystery of Holy Communion on the day of the Lord's Resurrection - Pascha. Let us repent in our hearts of our sins and transgressions, and receive the King of Glory into us, so that by Him we may enter into the Kingdom of Christ. And, let us partake more regularly, remembering that having received Holy Communion, the life of our very own St. Mardarije was extended in order for him to longer serve God and our people in this world.

May our Resurrected Lord grant peace, health and spiritual joy to all of you and your families, uniting all of us through the Holy Mysteries, and granting us oneness of mind and heart.

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Your intercessor before the Resurrected Christ,
+ LONGIN

Bishop of New Gracanica and Midwestern America

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 Sup-