

March 29, 2026

Flowery Sunday, the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem



SAINT GEORGE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Fighting the Good Fight with Faith

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St. George: Divine Services for the Week:

SUN., MARCH 29 PALM SUNDAY

8:15 A.M. FIRST HOUR

8:30 A.M. DIVINE LITURGY of St. John Chrysostom,
Blessing of Palms & Procession

Intention: + Connie Hersh, requested by Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Dickey

TUE., MARCH 31 HOLY TUESDAY

5:00 - 5:45 P.M. Confessions

6:00 P.M. LITURGY of the PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS with HOLY ANOINTING

THUR., APRIL 2 HOLY THURSDAY

9:00 A.M.MATINS of the COMMEMORATION of the MYSTICAL SUPPER

FRI., APRIL 3 HOLY and GREAT FRIDAY

9:00 A.M.MATINS of the TWELVE PASSION GOSPELS

1:00 P.M. ROYAL HOURS of GOOD FRIDAY with BURIAL PROCESSION

SAT., APRIL 4 HOLY SATURDAY, RESURRECTION of our LORD, *Anticipated*

6:30 P.M. MIDNIGHT OFFICE of PASCHA

7:00 P.M. RESURRECTION MATINS with PASCHAL DIVINE LITURGY

Intention: + Mary Ann Jugan, 40th day of passing

There will be Blessing of Baskets and a Reception in the Center following the Saturday, April 4 Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy. Join us as we break the fast and indulgence in our traditional Easter Foods!

Happy Birthday Greetings This Week:

None for the week

Wedding Anniversaries this Week:

None for the week

Please Pray For Our Sick and Shut-ins

HOME – Eileen Batcha, Mary Dickey, Marianne Dove, Jean Herdt, Rebecca Hutcheon, Kevin Joray, Neil Jugan

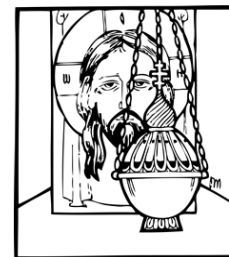
Josephine Maruhnich – **Beaver Elder Care** (616 Golf Course Road, Aliquippa, PA 15001)

Betty Polas – **Apple Blossom Senior Living** (125 Apple Blossom Way, #307, Moon Twp., PA 15108)

Epistle Readers – March 29: Dan Pinchot – Holy Week & Pchas: Cantors

Ushers – Stand in as needed

Troica Holders – March 29: Michael Bobanic – April 4: R. Mudron



THIS WEEK'S SANCTUARY LAMP

March 29 – April 4, 2026

Burns before the real presence of our Lord for:
+ Joseph & Mary Elizabeth Olack
(in loving memory)

Offered By:

Daughter, Kathy

Parish Offerings for March 22, 2026

God bless your generosity! "Everyone must give according to whatever he has inwardly decided; not sadly, not grudgingly, for God loves a cheerful giver." (2 Cor 9:7)

Offertory	\$1165.00
Loose Currency	\$5.00
Candles	\$96.00
Holy Day	\$85.00
Christmas (12/25/25)	\$100.00
Easter Flowers	\$140.00
Total:	\$1451.00

During this time, we are called to make every effort to "lay aside all earthly cares", to devote ourselves to contemplate the central Mysteries of our Faith which are revealed in the liturgical services of Passion Week: the Cross, the Tomb and the Resurrection of Christ. So significant is Holy Week that "time seems to stand still, and earthly life ceases for the faithful, as they go up with the Lord to Jerusalem". (Fr. Thomas Hopko)

St. George Fellowship Hour

We extend a warm welcome to our parishioners, visitors, and friends. We are thankful that you have come to worship with us today. We invite you to join us following the Sunday Divine Liturgy for Fellowship coffee and doughnuts TODAY and every Sunday!



We invite EVERYONE to STAY and join us.

We accept donations throughout the year for our annual Flea Market. Any time you have items to donate, please leave it in the Center marked as for the Flea Market. Thank you!

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St. Mary: Divine Services for the Week:

WED., APRIL 1 HOLY WEDNESDAY
 5:00 - 5:45 P.M. Confessions
 6:00 P.M. LITURGY of the PRE-SANCTIFIED GIFTS & HOLY ANOINTING

THUR., APRIL 2 HOLY THURSDAY
 6:00 P.M. VESPERAL LITURGY of ST. BASIL the GREAT
Intention: Special Intention, requested by Mike and Patty Costantino

FRI., APRIL 3 HOLY and GREAT FRIDAY
 6:00 P.M. BURIAL VESPERS
 7:30 P.M. Fast friendly snacks available in the hall
 8:15 P.M. JERUSALEM MATINS

SAT., APRIL 4 HOLY SATURDAY
 9:00 A.M. VESPERAL LITURGY of ST. BASIL the GREAT
Intention: + Reid Hoover, requested by Claire Arnold

SUN., APRIL 5 RESURRECTION of our LORD
 10:00 A.M. RESURRECTION MATINS and DIVINE LITURGY,
 Blessing of Easter Baskets in the Hall
Intention: + Jack Kotula, requested by Betty Kotula

St. Nicholas: Divine Services for the Week:

SAT., APRIL 4 HOLY SATURDAY, RESURRECTION of our LORD, Anticipated
 4:00 P.M. PASCHAL DIVINE LITURGY
 Blessing of Easter Baskets
Intention: For the People of St. George, St. Mary, and St. Nicholas Chapel

I will be available Tuesday and Wednesday for Confession prior to Pre-sanctified Liturgy from 5:00-5:45pm. While I will always hear a Confession upon request, I would appreciate if you ask now if you know you will need special arrangements made as I will be extremely busy with all the services beginning Holy Thursday.

Fr. Anthony

A Note from Fr. Anthony

The 40 Days of Lent have ended, and we have arrived at Great and Holy Week. A reminder that **Great and Holy Friday is a day of strict fast from meat and dairy products.** Traditionally, this was a week of more intense fasting. I encourage all who are able to continue Great and Holy Friday's fast through Holy Saturday (as we commemorate our Lord's descent into Hades that day) until after the celebration of an Easter Divine Liturgy.

Next week, we will only have Divine Services Bright Monday and Tuesday to allow myself and our cantors time to recover from the extremely intense services of Great Lent and Holy Week.

Bright Monday's Liturgy will be at 11:00am at St. George and will include the Traditional Paschal Procession. The mystery of crowning for Chris and Christine Winslow will also be celebrated during this liturgy. While already in a civil marriage, this day they will be sacramentally married in the Church! All are welcome to attend.

Bright Tuesday an abbreviated Resurrection Matins will be celebrated at 8:30am at St. Mary's followed by a 9:00am Divine Liturgy.

In Christ,
Fr. Anthony

Palms, branches, flowers and willows

As our Lord made his way into Jerusalem, the crowd accompanying him from Bethany and Bethphage spread their cloaks on the ground before him, as was done for the Jehu, King of Israel (2 Kings 9:13), who had been anointed by Elisha the prophet. Others spread branches before our Lord, while a crowd of people coming from Jerusalem came to meet him, carrying branches of palm (John 12:13). In ancient times, the palm was a sign of triumph and victory in the Greco-Roman world; among the Jews, palm branches were carried at festive celebrations (Leviticus 23:40). In the New Testament, palm branches became a sign of martyrdom - victory over death. In the early Christian church, a procession was held before Pascha to commemorate our Lord's entry into Jerusalem, with the faithful carrying "palms and branches." This led eventually to the name **Palm Sunday** for this feast (in Slavonic, *Nedil'a Vaj.*) In Constantinople, in addition to palms, other flowering branches (olive, laurel, lilac) were carried in procession, leading to the name **Flowery Sunday** (in Slavonic, *Nedil'a Kvitna*). In the colder climates of Eastern Europe, few flowers would bloom this early in Spring; but the common pussy-willow would be in bud at this time and so branches of pussy-willow came to be used.

Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Palm or Flowery Sunday

On Palm Sunday, we recall the triumphant entry of the Lord Jesus into the holy city of Jerusalem, to the acclamations of the crowd, who had come to believe in him after the events of Lazarus Saturday. Palm Sunday is counted as one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church. As on Lazarus Saturday, bright vestments are worn at all services on this day, instead of the dark vestments used during the Great Fast, and Great and Holy Week. According to the traditional fasting rules, fish may be eaten on this day.

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

For centuries, the Jewish people looked forward to the coming of God's "anointed" (in Hebrew, Messiah; in Greek, Christos), who would be at once Savior and King. The patriarchs and prophets foretold his coming: a descendent of King David, he was to rule the nations but would also be a humble servant of God. The prophet Isaiah described a suffering servant who would "save the people from their sins", which other prophets spoke of a "Son of Man" who could come in glory and power.



After the raising of Lazarus, the people began to have faith in Jesus; it was Martha, the sister of Lazarus, who declared to Jesus, "I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God; he who is to come into the world." It was at this point that the Lord made his way to Jerusalem, where the chief priests and Pharisees had made plans to apprehend him.

Our Lord sent his disciples to fetch a donkey-colt, which no one had ever ridden. (There was a tradition that the ability to guide such an animal was a mark of the Messiah). The disciples brought both the colt and its mother, for Jesus to ride into Jerusalem. The evangelist Matthew tells us that this was in fulfillment of prophecy: "Tell the daughter of Zion, your King comes to you without display, astride an ass, astride a colt, the foal of a beast of burden". Christ would enter Jerusalem not on a horse, a symbol of the warrior, but on the work beast of the poor - one traditionally ridden by the kings of Israel.

The shout of the crowd makes it plain that they saw Jesus as a great figure, a king and prophet, and (perhaps) the Messiah:

Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest!

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Grounds Keepers: Rich Mudron, Rob Dzumba, Francis Hersh

Holy Mystery of Reconciliation Fridays during Lent 4:45-5:45 P.M. & before Sunday Liturgy

Holy Mysteries of Initiation Contact the priest

Holy Mystery of Anointing Contact the priest prior to surgery or in the event of illness

Holy Mystery of Marriage Contact the pastor six months prior to wedding

Pirohi Sales 2nd Friday of each month

St. George Ladies' Guild & Men's Club.... All men & women are members and welcome to participate

Opportunities for StewardshipChurch and grounds cleaning and maintenance: Every Saturday, Pirohi making: 2nd week of each month, October - May

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