

The Catechetical Sermon of St. John Chrysostom

If any man be devout and love God, let him enjoy this fair and radiant triumphal feast. If any man be a wise servant, let him rejoicing enter into the joy of his Lord. If any have labored long in fasting, let him now receive his recompense. If any have wrought from the first hour, let him today receive his just reward. If any have come at the third hour, let him with thankfulness keep the feast. If any have arrived at the sixth hour, let him have no misgivings; because he shall in nowise be deprived therefor. If any have delayed until the ninth hour, let him draw near, fearing nothing. If any have tarried even until the eleventh hour, let him, also, be not alarmed at his tardiness; for the Lord, who is jealous of his honor, will accept the last even as the first; he gives rest unto him who comes at the eleventh hour, even as unto him who has wrought from the first hour.

Let no one weep for his iniquities, for pardon has shown forth from the grave.

Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free.

And he shows mercy upon the last, and cares for the first; and to the one he gives, and upon the other he bestows gifts. And he both accepts the deeds, and welcomes the intention, and honors the acts and praises the offering. Wherefore, enter you all into the joy of your Lord; and receive your reward, both the first, and likewise the second. You rich and poor together, hold high festival. You sober and you heedless, honor the day. Rejoice today, both you who have fasted and you who have disregarded the fast. The table is full-laden; feast ye all sumptuously. The calf is fatted; let no one go hungry away.

Enjoy ye all the feast of faith: Receive ye all the riches of loving-kindness. Let no one bewail his poverty, for the universal kingdom has been revealed. Let no one weep for his iniquities, for pardon has shown forth from the grave. Let no one fear death, for the Savior's death has set us free. He that was held prisoner of it has annihilated it. By descending into Hell, He made Hell captive. He embittered it when it tasted of His flesh. And Isaiah, foretelling this, did cry: Hell, said he, was embittered, when it encountered Thee in the lower regions. It was embittered, for it was abolished. It was embittered, for it was mocked. It was embittered, for it was slain. It was embittered, for it was overthrown. It was embittered, for it was

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fettered in chains. It took a body, and met God face to face. It took earth, and encountered Heaven. It took that which was seen, and fell upon the unseen.

O Death, where is your sting? O Hell, where is your victory? Christ is risen, and you are overthrown. Christ is risen, and the demons are fallen. Christ is risen, and the angels rejoice. Christ is risen, and life reigns. Christ is risen, and not one dead remains in the grave. For Christ, being risen from the dead, is become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. To Him be glory and dominion unto ages of ages. Amen.

SUNDAY	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SATURDAY
<h1 style="color: purple;">APRIL AT ST ELIZABETH</h1>						March 31 Lazarus Saturday 8:15am Confessions 9am Divine Liturgy followed by Brunch & Beautification
1 Entrance into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) 9:15am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy Sunday School CH: Teets/Buhner 6pm Bridegroom Matins @Holy Trinity Cathedral Chicago, IL	2 3 H O L		4 6:30pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts Lenten Potluck	5 6:30pm Matins w/ Passion Gospels	6 2pm Vespers Placing of the Shroud 6:30pm Matins Procession with Shroud	7 E K 10AM Vesperal Divine Liturgy 11:30PM Nocturns followed by Matins and Paschal Service
8 FEAST OF FEASTS HOLY PASCHA Resurrection of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ 12AM (Midnight) Matins & Paschal Divine Liturgy Basket Blessing & Agape Meal Hosts: Duda/Darosky 1pm Vespers of Pascha	9	10	11	12	13	14 <div style="border: 1px solid yellow; padding: 5px; text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;"> B R I G H T W E E K - - - No Fasting </div> <div style="border: 1px solid gray; padding: 5px; text-align: center;"> Bright week Services TBA; see Google Calendar & Website for updates </div>
15 St Thomas Sunday 9:15am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy Sunday School Easter Egg Hunt CH: Maddex/LaRocco	16	17	18	19	20	21 5pm Vespers
22 Holy Myrrhbearing Women with Noble Joseph 9:15am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy Sunday School Grave Blessing CH: Bass/Russell	23	24	25	26	27	28 5pm Vespers
29 Paralytic 9:15am Hours 9:30am Divine Liturgy Sunday School CH: Dugan/Messina	30	31	<div style="border: 2px solid green; border-radius: 20px; padding: 10px; color: teal;"> <p style="font-size: 1.2em;">Wishing everyone a fruitful end to the fast and a joyous Paschal celebration,</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">Christ is Risen!</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-weight: bold;">Indeed He is Risen!</p> <p style="font-style: italic;">Fr. Bill & Matushka Jean</p> </div>			

S T E L I Z A B E T H P A R I S H N E W S & E V E N T S

❖ **Services are available every day during Holy Week.** Wishing you had participated in Lent more this year? No time like the present to up your effort. Holy Week evening services begin at 6:30pm, Thursday morning at 10am, Friday afternoon 2pm.

❖ **If you need to arrange a time for confession** please text or call Matushka (219-477-9241). There are no confession times specifically listed on the calendar, but Fr will see you before a service during Holy Week if you arrange it ahead of time!

❖ **Pascha: Feast of Feasts! Services begin Saturday April 7 at 11:30pm:** Nocturns with Matins followed by Paschal Divine Liturgy. Following Resurrection services Fr. will bless baskets outside. As usual we will break the fast in style enjoying items from our baskets as well as a few potluck items. Beverages & tableware will be provided. Many people like to prepare baskets for this event, however, it is not an expectation. Generally baskets are filled with items not eaten during Lent and whatever your family favors for festive fare. See page 4 for more information about this Holy Feast.

❖ The first Sunday after Pascha, **April 15, St Thomas Sunday, will be the Annual St Elizabeth Children's Egg Hunt.** We are collecting candy (individually wrapped) for the eggs, so please bring your items to church by Thursday 12 April.

❖ **Holy Myrrhbearing Women, April 22 Grave Blessing.** Please let Matushka know cemetery location and names of loved ones. This will allow a schedule to be arranged and you can meet Fr at the gravesite you wish to have blessed.

❖ **Pysanki Egg Decorating** will be available to anyone who wishes to learn this beautiful art. Linda has already set things up and has plans to help you see your egg through from start to completion! You may begin and finish your work of art during coffee hour sessions after Divine Liturgy.

❖ **Coffee Hour Notes**

❖ If you see a conflict in the **Coffee Hour Schedule on page 6** feel free to swap your week

with someone else. Zip me an email or text with the change so I can change it on the Master List and avoid confusion down the road.

❖ We can always use more **coffee!** Snatch an extra can (Regular only, *no decaf*) when it's on sale and just leave it on the kitchen counter.

❖ **Electrical creativity.** When placing the hot water pot and coffee pot on the power strip-- NOTE: Let the hot water pot perk first, leave it plugged in, THEN plug in the coffee. It you start both together the strip shuts down.

❖ **We are still collecting for the Westchester Food Pantry.** Please bring your dishwashing & laundry items to church and place in the grocery bags set up in coffee hour area. Please note,

pantry items are given to individual families. Average size packaging is best, not giant containers.

❖ I am looking for **parish event photos** for the parish website (such as Deanery Vespers, Bishop's visit, etc.). Feel free to share some you've taken. Please send to me via email, NOT text. Thank you.

❖ If you have birthday, anniversary, or email information, which needs to be added or changed please send an email to Matushka Jean.

❖ **Helpful tips.... not rules:**

❖ When approaching the chalice, hold infants in your right arm. Give your baptismal name if you think Fr may not know it.

❖ This isn't a right & wrong thing. It is the suggestion we received when relics were given to our parish from Archbishop Job: When venerating the St Elizabeth icon, cross yourself and kiss the relics and then the cross she holds in her hand.

❖ The Antidoron bread which is taken after communion is not consecrated, however, it is blessed and should be taken with care. Aim to set an example for our younger members: minimize crumbs & use care as with any blessed item.



- **Notes on Holy Week. . .**

- Each day during Holy Week has a special emphasis:

- Sunday - The Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem
- Monday - Extreme Humility, Bridegroom services
- Tuesday - Parable of the wise and foolish virgins
- Wednesday - Washing of the disciples feet
- Thursday - Mystical supper
- Friday - Crucifixion & burial
- Saturday - Descent into Hades
- Saturday midnight to Sunday early - Resurrection of our Lord.

- For additional details on Holy Week:

- http://orthodoxwiki.org/Holy_Week

- From OCA Dept of Education— This is in booklet format and can be printed easily and brought to services for a handy reference: <http://dce.oca.org/assets/files/resources/125.pdf> (*Hint: print in landscape; .pdf pages (1) and (2) back to back and pdf pages (3) and (4) back to back, then fold to make booklet.*)

- **And we call it Pascha because ? Pascha is derived from the Jewish (Aramaic) word Pesach which means "Passover".**

In 1 Corinthians 5:7 we read, "for our paschal lamb, Christ, has been sacrificed". Christ was crucified at the very time that the paschal lambs were being killed. The verbal form means to protect and to have compassion as well as "passover". The experience of the Israelites was literally a "passover", but it was also an experience of both God's compassion for his

people, as for example, the passage through the Red Sea. The crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ took place during the Passover Feast. For Christians, Christ was clearly the Paschal Lamb, the fulfillment of all that the Passover had foreshadowed since the first Passover which celebrated the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. Let us remember that because the word "Pascha" is in its origin a Hebrew word, by using it we are a witness to the Jewish community, for whom the Passover is still one of the most important words in their religious faith...."

Source:

The OrthodoxResearchInstitute.org

- More info here: <http://orthodoxwiki.org/Pascha>
- **And why is the date sometimes different than "Western" Easter?** There is a very nice article here>> <http://orthodoxwiki.org/Paschalion>
- **Easter baskets . . .** What's with the whole basket obsession anyway? Baskets are not an expectation at all, but they have been a tradition in most Orthodox cultures for years.
 - A lovely explanation with historical references written by Fr Gregory Wigenbach: <http://stjohndfw.info/orthodox-faith/practical-faith/pascha-and-the-family-basket/>
 - Basket basics from a Slavic perspective: <http://whatimcookingnow.blogspot.com/2010/04/all-about-pascha-baskets.html>
 - For a Pascha Cheese recipe (this is a plan ahead kind of thing) click [here](#).

For a full explanation of Holy Week read this article by Fr Alexander Schmemmann:

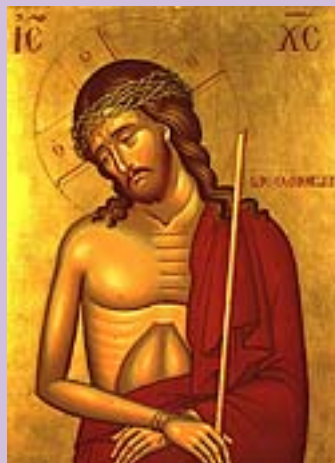
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Holy Week in icons

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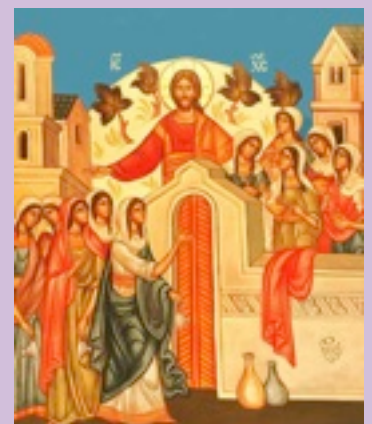


Palm Sunday
The Feast of the Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem



Holy Monday
the Bridegroom,
"Extreme Humility"

Holy Tuesday
Parable of the Wise & Foolish Virgins





Holy Wednesday
Washing of the
Disciples Feet



Holy Thursday
Mystical Supper



Holy Thursday eve into Holy
Friday the Crucifixion



Holy Friday
taking down from
the Cross



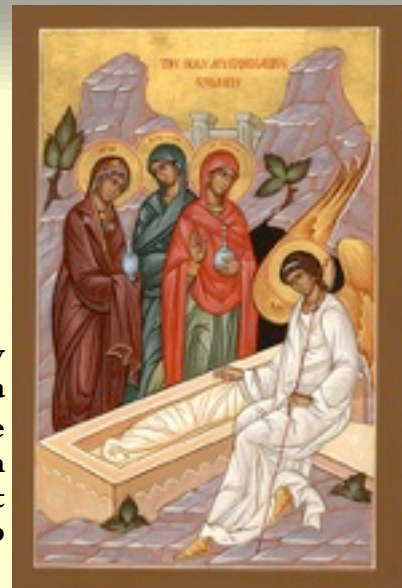
Holy Friday
The Burial of Our
Lord

Notice the icon cloth (left) and as it is during the services of Holy Friday in the center of our church. It is known as the winding sheet in English, in Slavic tradition, plaschenitsa, and epitaphios in Greek.



Holy
Saturday
Descent
into Hades

Holy Saturday
& Pascha
the
Resurrection
the Angel at
the Tomb



DEANERY &
DIOCESAN EVENTS

- The **“Midwest Family Life” website** will debut on **April 10!** Bishop Paul issued an encyclical in 2017 regarding his vision and commitment to **family as an icon of the Church.** Those wishing to receive website news and “Reflections” as posted may register at <http://eepurl.com/dmhHtr>.
- **IOCC to hold Chicago Area Grand Banquet & Silent Auction** April 26.
- The Diocese of the Midwest raised 14K to help Alaskan & Mexican delegates attend the **upcoming All- American Council.** Fr as Rector of St Elizabeth will be attending this event; Bobby Maddex will be our lay representative. The event will be held in St Louis, MO July 23-27. Lay people (as observers) and **youth** may attend this event. Youth registration closes on May 1st. For more information about adult and youth observers go to this website: <https://19aac.oca.org/>

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April & May Birthdays

- 4/5 Greg Veselica
- 4/10 Linda Bloomfield
- 4/18 Victoria VanSickle
- 4/19 Ben VanSickle
- 4/29 Brenda Sprengel
- 5/22 Alexis Bratsakis
- 5/22 Fr Bill

Anniversaries

- 4/24 Peter & Barb Duda (1977)
- 5/14 Mike & Pauline Gotch (1966)
- 5/27 Mark & Lori Dugan (1979)

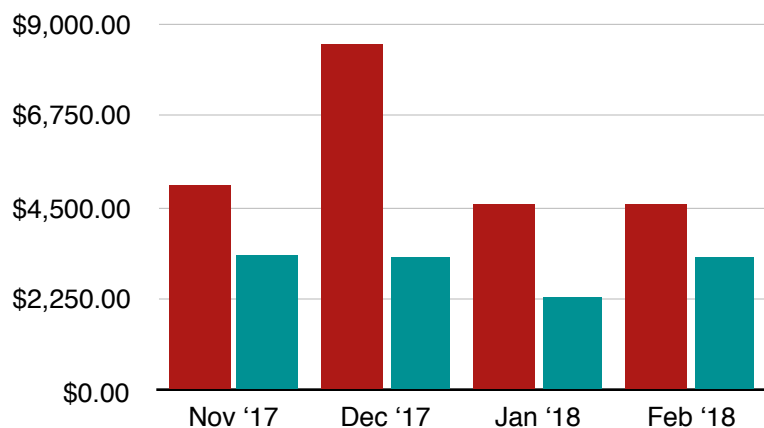
St Elizabeth Coffee Hour Schedule

April/May/June

Host	Host	Date
Teets	Buhner	Apr 1, 2018
Darosky	Duda	Apr 8, 2018
Maddex	LaRocco	Apr 15, 2018
Bass	Russell	Apr 22, 2018
Dugan	Messina	Apr 29, 2018
Bass	Bratsakis	May 6, 2018
VanSickle	VanSickle	May 13, 2018
Sabourin	Newman	May 20, 2018
Early	Barnard	May 27, 2018
Teets	Buhner	Jun 3, 2018
Bass	Russell	Jun 10, 2018

St Elizabeth Stewardship Numbers 2018

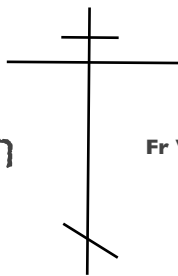
	Nov '17	Dec '17	Jan '18	Feb '18
Needed	\$5,000.00	\$8,500.00	\$4,583.00	\$4,583.00
Actual	\$3,326.00	\$3,269.00	\$2,299.00	\$3,259.00





*Thy Resurrection,
O Christ our Savior,
the angels in heaven sing,
enable us on earth to glorify
Thee in
purity of heart.*

St
Elizabeth
the New Martyr



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