

# Holy Resurrection Herald

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# *From the Church's Records...*

## **Deaths:**

**Anthony Santilli** of Steubenville, on March 16 at age 68. Burial at Union Cemetery, Steubenville.

**John Schubenski** of Wellsburg, WV, on March 23 at age 91. Burial at St. John Cemetery, Follansbee.

*Grant rest eternal in blessed falling asleep, O Lord, to the souls of Thy departed servants, and make their memory to be eternal! Vecnaja pamjat!*

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## **April-May Altar Servers/Epistle Readers Schedule**

### **April 4- Palm Sunday**

ALL SERVERS

**Epistle:** Brittany Rodgers

### **April 11-Pascha**

ALL SERVERS

**Epistle:** Natalie Jovonovich  
Jennifer Zatezalo

### **April 18**

Nick Jovonovich

Ben Rodgers

Nicodimus Karas

**Epistle:** Meya Potenzini

### **April 25**

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Nicklas Battista

Strati Maragos

**Epistle:** Natasha Povich

### **May 2**

Richard Fair

Sam Busic

Sam Bruich

Sonny Guarino

**Epistle:** Maria Karas

### **May 9**

Nick Jovonovich

Ben Rodgers

Nicodimus Karas

**Epistle:** Sam Busic

### **May 16**

Michael Merick

Nicklas Battista

Strati Maragos

**Epistle:** Nikki Busic

### **May 23**

Richard Fair

Sam Busic

Sam Bruich

Sonny Guarino

**Epistle:** Jelena Povich

**Please be sure to serve or read as scheduled. If you cannot be present that day, it is your responsibility to arrange for your replacement.**

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## **Upcoming Events**

*Attend the services of Holy Week and Pascha, when we celebrate the very basis of Christian faith and life—God's love for us in His Son's Passion and Resurrection.*

*Mark your calendar now for these upcoming events...*

- Fri, April 2..... **Pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgy and lenten dinner HERE, 6:00 pm**  
Sun, April 4..... **Palm Sunday. Vrbica Procession after Liturgy. Serbian Deanery lenten vespers and dinner HERE, 5:30 pm**  
April 5-10..... **Holy Week**  
Wed, April 7..... **Annunciation. Vesperal DL 10 am**  
Thurs, April 8..... **Great & Holy Thursday. Vesperal DL 10 am. Passion matins with 12 gospels, 7 pm**  
Fri, April 9..... **Great & Holy Friday. Vespers of Christ's burial and Lamentations, 7 pm**  
Sat, April 10..... **Great & Holy Saturday. Vesperal DL, 10 am. Resurrection Matins, 11 pm**  
Sun, April 11..... **Pascha (Easter) DL 10 am.**  
Sun, April 25..... **Indoor Serbian Picnic at Cultural Center. BBQ Lamb!**  
Sun, May 2..... **Holy Resurrection Tammies annual Concert & dinner-dance, SACC**  
Sun, July 25..... **Annual Church Picnic**

# April 2004

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p><i>Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!</i></p>				Sv. Petka Kolo, noon, CJ's	Pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgy & lenten dinner, 6 pm.	Lazarus Saturday DL, 10 am  Gt. Vespers & confessions, 5 pm
<p><b>Our parish is hosting two lenten services and meals for area churches. The Pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgy &amp; dinner April 2, and the Serbian Deanery Lenten vespers and dinner April 4. Come for the services and to welcome our guests.</b></p>				<p><b>Attend the services of Holy Week and Pascha.</b></p>	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
<b>Palm Sunday</b> CS 9:30 DL, 10 am  <b>Deanery Lenten Vespers &amp; dinner, HERE, Holy Resurrection Steubenville, 5:30 pm</b>	<b>Great &amp; Holy Monday</b>  Bridegroom Matins, 7 pm	<b>Great &amp; Holy Tuesday</b>  Eve of Annunciation Matins, 6 pm PK Choir, 7 pm	<b>Annunciation</b> DL 10 am  <b>Great &amp; Holy Wednesday</b>  Unction Service, Pittsburgh, 7 pm	<b>Great &amp; Holy Thursday</b> DL, 10 am  Matins with Passion Gospels, 7 pm	<b>Great &amp; Holy Friday</b>  Vespers & Matins with Procession 7 pm	<b>Great &amp; Holy Saturday</b> Vesperal DL, 10 am  Resurrection Matins 11 pm
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<i>Pascha</i> <b>Uskrs</b> <i>Resurrection of Christ Feast of Feasts</i> DL 10 am	<b>Bright Monday</b> Paschal DL, 10 am  Tiny Tams, 6 pm Tammies, 6:30	<b>Bright Tuesday</b> Paschal DL, 10 am  PK Choir, 7 pm	<b>Bright Wednesday</b>  No Fast	<b>Bright Thursday</b>  Men's Club meets, 7 pm Picnic Grounds	<b>Bright Friday</b>  Pan-Orthodox Paschal DL, 9:30 am, Greek Church Martins Ferry  No Fast	Gt. Vespers, 6 pm
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
<b>St. Thomas Sunday</b> After Pascha DL & CS 10 am	Tiny Tams, 6 pm Tammies, 6:30	PK Choir, 7 pm		Vidovdan Kolo meets, SACC, noon		NO VESPERS
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
<b>Myrrhbearers</b> DL & CS 10 am  <b>Indoor Serbian Picnic, SACC, BBQ Lamb, music</b>	Tiny Tams, 6 pm Tammies, 6:30	PK Choir, 7 pm				<p><b>Enjoy the first Serbian Picnic of the season INDOORS at the SACC on Sunday, April 25. Hot BBQ lamb, Serbian foods and pastries, Serbian music. Come enjoy!</b></p>

# Holy Week Services

Страстна Седмица

*These wonderful services take us through the whole last week of our Lord's life, His saving Passion, and His glorious Resurrection. Go with Him and witness to what He has done for you!*

- Fri., April 2..... End of Lent, beginning of Holy Week.**  
Pan-Orthodox Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts & lenten dinner  
HERE, 6:00 pm. Confessions 5:00 pm
- Sat., April 3..... Lazarus Saturday.** Confessions 9:00 am. Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am.  
Vespers of Palm Sunday & confessions, 5:00 pm
- Sun., April 4..... Palm Sunday. Our Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem**  
Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am. Children's Vrbica procession after church.  
**Deanery Lenten Vespers & Lenten dinner HERE at Holy Resurrection**  
Steubenville, 5:30 pm
- Mon., April 5..... Great and Holy Monday.** Bridegroom Matins, 7:00 pm
- Tue., April 6..... Great and Holy Tuesday.** Matins of Annunciation, 6:00 pm
- Wed., April 7..... Great and Holy Wednesday & Annunciation.**  
Vesperal Divine Liturgy, 10 am  
Deanery Holy Unction (Healing) Service, Pittsburgh Holy Trinity  
Cathedral, 7:00 pm
- Thurs., April 8..... Great and Holy Thursday**  
Vesperal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am  
**The Matins of the Holy & Redeeming Passion of our Lord**  
Jesus Christ, with Passion Gospels, 7:00 pm
- Fri., April 9..... Great and Holy Friday**  
Vespers of Holy Friday & Matins of Holy Saturday with entombment  
and procession with Winding Sheet, 7:00 pm  
[Service books will help everyone follow the service.]
- Sat., April 10..... Great and Holy Saturday**  
Vesperal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am  
**Paschal Resurrection Matins, 11:00 pm**  
[Service books will help everyone follow the service.]
- Sun., April 11..... *Pascha—Uskrs* *The Glorious Resurrection of Christ.***  
*Feast of Feasts.* Paschal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am
- Mon., April 12..... Bright Monday.** Paschal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am
- Tues., April 29..... Bright Tuesday.** Paschal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 am

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# Holy Resurrection to welcome guests to services, dinners April 2 & April 4

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## Pan-Orthodox Presanctified Liturgy & Lenten Dinner Friday, April 2

On Friday, April 2, our Holy Resurrection Parish will host our Orthodox brothers and sisters from the Upper Ohio Valley for the evening Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts at 6:00 p.m. Guests will include clergy and parishioners from Greek, Russian, and Carpatho-Russian parishes from the area extending as far south as Moundsville. Following the Presanctified Liturgy, a light lenten repast prepared by the women of the St. Petka Kolo will be served in the Lyceum without charge. Don't miss this opportunity to experience the beauty of the Presanctified Liturgy, a masterpiece of Orthodox liturgics which is served only during the Great Lent, and to pray and break bread with our Orthodox friends and neighbors of other backgrounds!



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## Serbian Deanery Lenten Vespers and Dinner Palm Sunday, April 4

Our Annual Lenten Vesper service with other Serbian parishes of the area will be held here at our Holy Resurrection Church in Steubenville on Sunday, April 4 (Palm Sunday) at 5:30 p.m. We will be welcoming visiting clergy and parishioners from Serbian parishes throughout the Tri-state area. Following the services a lenten dinner prepared by the Vidovdan Kolo of Weirton will be served in our Lyceum.

*Welcome our visitors and join with them in prayer at these services as we begin the Week of the Holy and Saving Passion of our Lord.*

## *From Father Rade:*

*Dear Brothers and Sisters,*

*Many of you may have seen the movie, "The Passion of the Christ." A whole group from our and other Orthodox parishes saw it a few weeks ago. It surely made a strong impression.*

*But the telling of the story of our Lord's Passion is nothing new for Orthodox Christians. We remember "the Cross, the Tomb, and the Resurrection on the third day" at every Divine Liturgy. We hear the fulness of that story every year during Holy Week, especially at the service of Holy Thursday, called the "Office of the Saving Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ," on Holy Friday as we again remember the Crucifixion and burial of our Lord, and on Holy Saturday as we behold the life-bearing Tomb.*

*Better than the movie, the hymns tell us the meaning and purpose of the Passion. We meditate on our Lord's voluntary suffering and death as part of the cosmic battle between Life and Death, between Good and Evil. The movie shows us what those present might have seen. Our services tell us what it all means, and in them we glorify and fall down in worship before the One Who voluntarily goes to the Cross, death and the tomb to free us from the tyranny of death and sin.*

*The services of this week lead us into a deeper awe of God's boundless love, and of His wonderful power. The Bridegroom services remind us that we must watch and be ready for Him. On Holy Thursday we enjoy the hospitality of His divine Table. Holy Friday we see the world's envy and hatred for Him, and the world's seeming victory as we behold Him crucified and buried. But already on Holy Saturday we begin to see that the Cross is His Throne from which He reigns, and that His Tomb is full of Life and Light. Until finally, on Pascha, that Life and Light burst out to fill us and the whole world with His eternal Joy!*

*Too many of us have grown complacent in our faith. Too many seldom or never join in our wonderful worship. Don't miss out this year. Come, taste and see what it all means! Come to understand the life changing truth of that most joyous and powerful message we shout out to one another in faith and love as the dark night is dispelled by the dazzling light of the resurrection:*

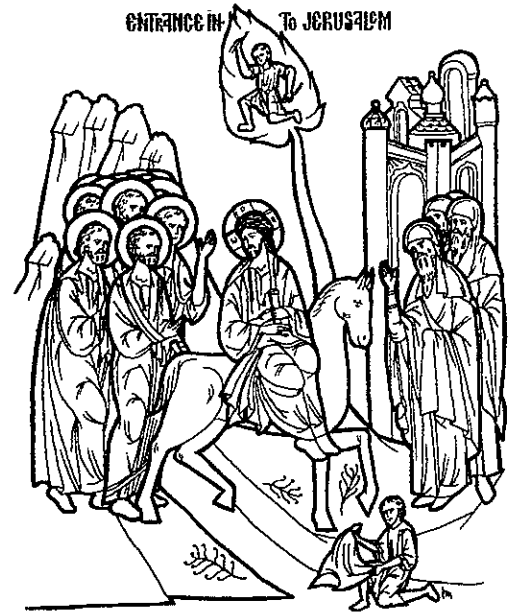
***Christ is Risen!***

# Help Perpetuate These Two Holy Week Traditions by Your Participation

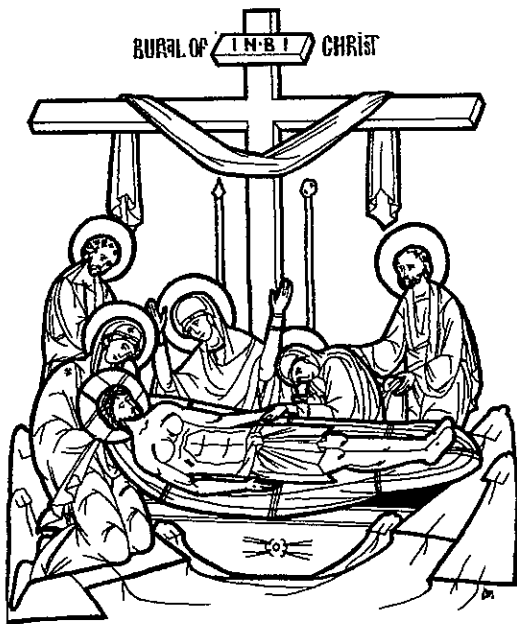
## Children's Vrbica Procession Palm Sunday

One of the very old and honorable Serbian customs associated with Holy Week is the Procession with the willows around the Church on Lazarus Saturday. This procession normally takes place at the vespers for Palm Sunday, on Saturday evening. However, we have moved this procession to the Liturgy on Palm Sunday, April 4. This is a very moving experience for all who participate. The children and all those in attendance walk around the church with the branches, and the children wear small bells around their necks. The procession reminds us of how the Lord was greeted by the children of Israel waving branches as He triumphantly entered Jerusalem on the first Palm Sunday, just before His Crucifixion.

Let us as a parish make this a special way of entering into the beginning of Holy Week!



## Volunteer to Help Guard Christ's Tomb



Another very old custom is the honor guard at Christ's Tomb. The guard is posted following the Holy Friday evening services, and the tomb should remain guarded around the clock until the beginning of the Resurrection Matins at 11:00 p.m. Saturday. This is a very moving and meaningful experience, especially since the guards read the Psalms and the Acts of the Apostles during this time. Those who spend an hour or so at night in the church with only the Tomb, the icons and the candles are sure never to forget it.

Everyone is encouraged to take a turn at guarding the Tomb. Individuals, couples, or whole families can participate together. A sign-up sheet for one-hour shifts will be available at the candle desk after Church, or you may sign up by calling the Church office at 282-4463. Let's try to make sure Christ's Tomb is never left unguarded.

Traditions and customs are the ways in which our ancestors brought their Orthodox faith to life. By keeping these customs and traditions, especially during Holy Week, they united themselves to Christ as He went through the Cross, the Tomb and the Resurrection for our salvation. Keep these holy traditions today as well, for the same reasons, and pass them on to the next generation. They learn best by your example, and you will be spiritually richer for it!



## The Raising of Lazarus

Celebrated the day before Palm Sunday

Troparion of the Feast

O Christ our God, when You raised Lazarus from the dead before Your Passion, You confirmed the universal resurrection. Therefore we, like the children, carry palms, the symbol of victory and triumph and cry to You, O Vanquisher of Death: Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!

Gospel of the Liturgy: John 11:1-45

**THE ICON:**

**St. Lazarus**—The figure on the extreme right; he is depicted at the entrance to the tomb, wrapped in his white burial shroud.

**Christ**—The third figure from the left; He is depicted commanding Lazarus to come forth from the tomb.

**St. Peter the Disciple**—The figure on the extreme left; usually all twelve disciples are depicted in the icon, but in the present icon St. Peter, the chief disciple, is depicted to represent all twelve.

**St. Mary, Sister of Lazarus**—second figure from the left; usually both St. Mary and St. Martha, sister of Lazarus, are depicted, but here Mary represents them both.

**Jerusalem**—in the background of the icon is the walled city of Jeruslaem which Christ would enter in triumph the day following His raising of Lazarus.



## Entrance into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)

Celebrated the Sunday before Pascha

Troparion of the Feast

1) Same as Lazarus Saturday

2) O Christ God, when we were buried with You in baptism, we became deserving of Your Resurrection to immortal life. Therefore we praise you, cying: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!

Gospel at Matins: Matt. 21:1-11; 15-17

**THE ICON:**

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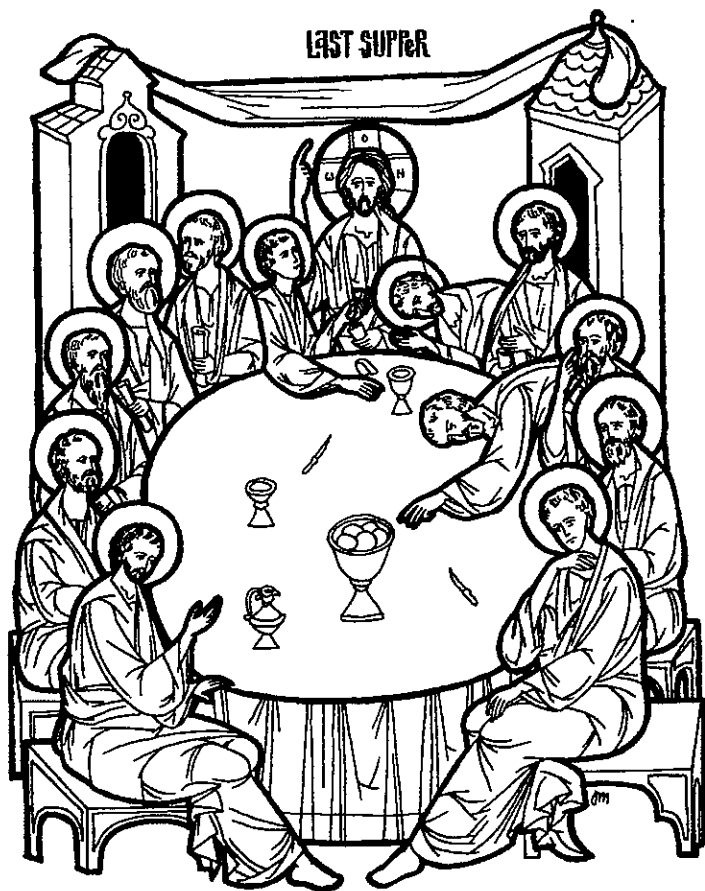
**Christ**—central figure depicted seated upon a donkey

**The Disciples**—The group of figures on the extreme left.

**The Jews**—the group of figures on the extreme right.

**The Children**—one in the tree cutting palm branches; one in the lower right corner spreading his garment below Christ.

**City of Jerusalem**—walled buildings on the right; the Temple is symbolized by the "onion dome."



## The Last or Mystical Supper

Commemorated on Great & Holy Thursday

Great Entrance Hymn of Holy & Great Thursday  
 Of Your Mystical Supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant; for I will not speak of Your mysteries to Your enemies, neither like Judas will I give you a kiss. But like the thief will I confess You: Remember me, O Lord, in Your Kingdom! Remember me, O Holy One, in Your Kingdom! Remember me, O Master, in Your Kingdom!

Gospel of the Liturgy: Luke 22:1-39. Prior to His betrayal and arrest, Christ shared the last common meal with His disciples. It was the first Eucharistic Meal where He offered His Body and Blood to His faithful followers. During each Divine Liturgy we are invited to partake of this same Meal.

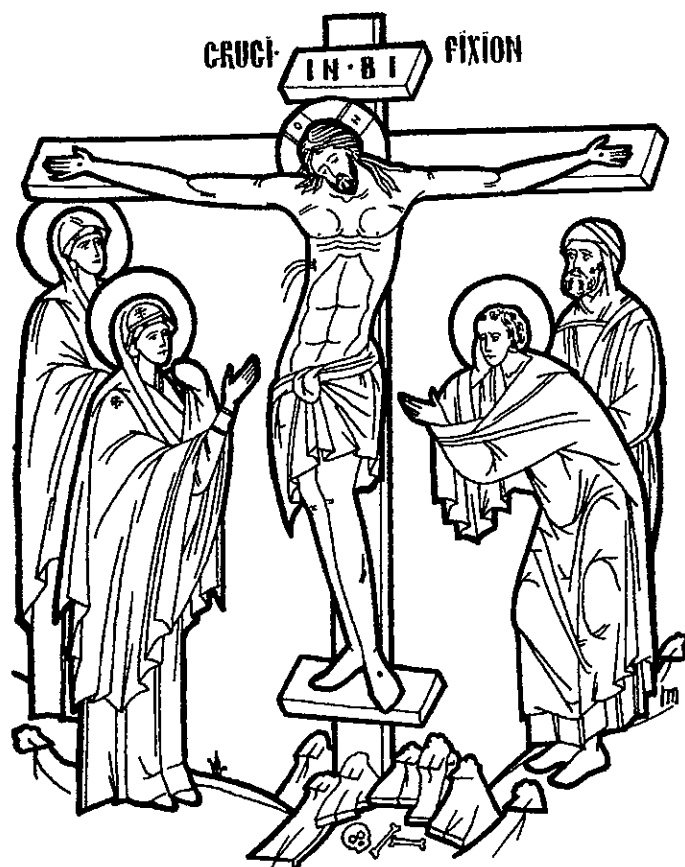
**THE ICON:**

**Christ**—The central figure.

**St. John the Beloved**—The figure seated at Christ's right; as the youngest of the disciples he is depicted beardless.

**Judas Iscariot the Betrayer**—third figure from Christ's left; he is depicted dipping into the dish (cf. Matthew 26:20-25).

**The Bread and Wine**—St. John the Beloved receives in his left hand a piece of the Body of Christ; another morsel is on the table before Christ; the chalice containing the Precious Blood of Christ is in His left hand.



## The Crucifixion of our Lord

Commemorated on Great & Holy Friday

An Antiphon of Matins of Great & Holy Friday  
 O Today He is suspended on a Tree, Who suspended the earth over the waters! A crown of thorns is placed on the head of the King of Angels! He Who wore a false purple robe covered the heavens with the clouds! He was smitten Who, in the Jordan, delivered Adam! The Groom of the Church is fastened with nails, and the Son of the Virgin is pierced with a spear! We adore Your sufferings, O Christ. Make us to behold also Your glorious resurrection!

Gospel of the Ninth Royal Hour: John 19:23-37

**THE ICON:**

**Christ**—Nailed to the Cross. His right side is pierced and the wound flows with blood and water.

**The Theotokos**—Second figure from the left.

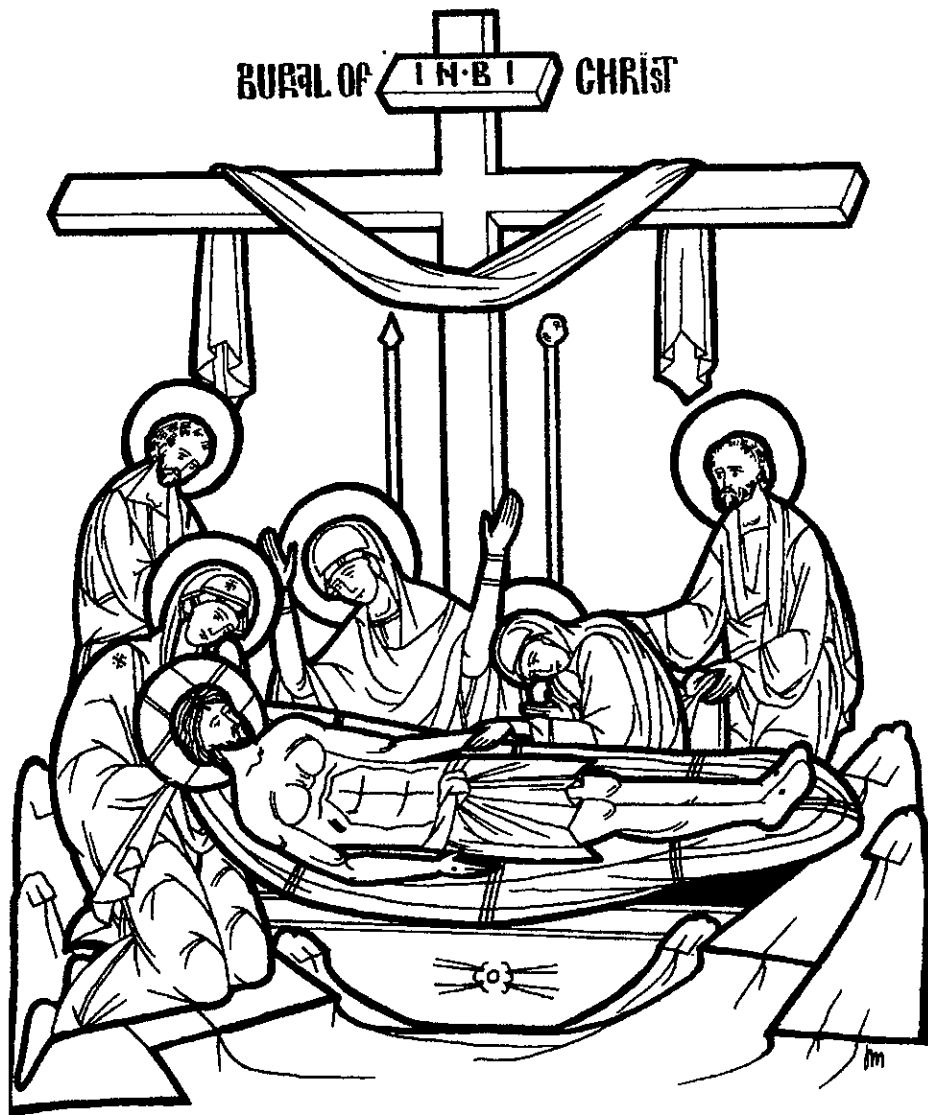
**St. Mary Magdalene**—figure on the extreme left.

**St. John the Beloved Disciple**—The second figure from the right.

**St. Longinus the Centurion**—The figure on the extreme right; he is the Roman centurion mentioned in St. Mark's Gospel account of the Crucifixion (cf. Mark 15:39)

**The Inscription**—On the top bar of the cross is the inscription I.N.B.I., the initials of the Greek words meaning, "Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews."

**The Skull**—At the foot of the Cross; Golgotha, the Mount of the Crucifixion, means "the place of the skull." Tradition relates that the Cross of Christ stood directly above the grave of our Forefather Adam.



## Burial of Christ or Descent from the Cross

Commemorated on Great & Holy Friday

### Troparion of the Burial of Christ

O The noble Joseph, when he had brought down Your most pure Body from the Tree, wrapped it in pure linen, embalmed it with spices, arrayed it and laid it in a new tomb.

Gospel of the Burial Vespers: Matt 27:1-38; Luke 23:39-43; Matt. 27:39-54; John 19:31-37; Matt. 27:55-61.

### THE ICON:

**Christ**—The body of Christ is laying upon a burial shroud upon a rock-hewn tomb.

**The Theotokos**—Figure on the left, supporting Christ's head.

**St. Joseph of Arimathea**—The figure on the left behind the Theotokos; an elderly man with grey hair and beard; this rich man begged Pilate for the body of Christ and buried Him in his own tomb.

**St. Nicodemus**—The figure on the extreme right; he was a pharisee and leader among the Jews who became a follower of Christ (cf. John 3:1-21; 7:37-53; 19:31-42).

**St. Mary, Wife of Cleophas**—the third figure from the left; the Gospel of John refers to her as the Theotokos' sister.

**St. Mary Magdalene**—the second figure from the right.

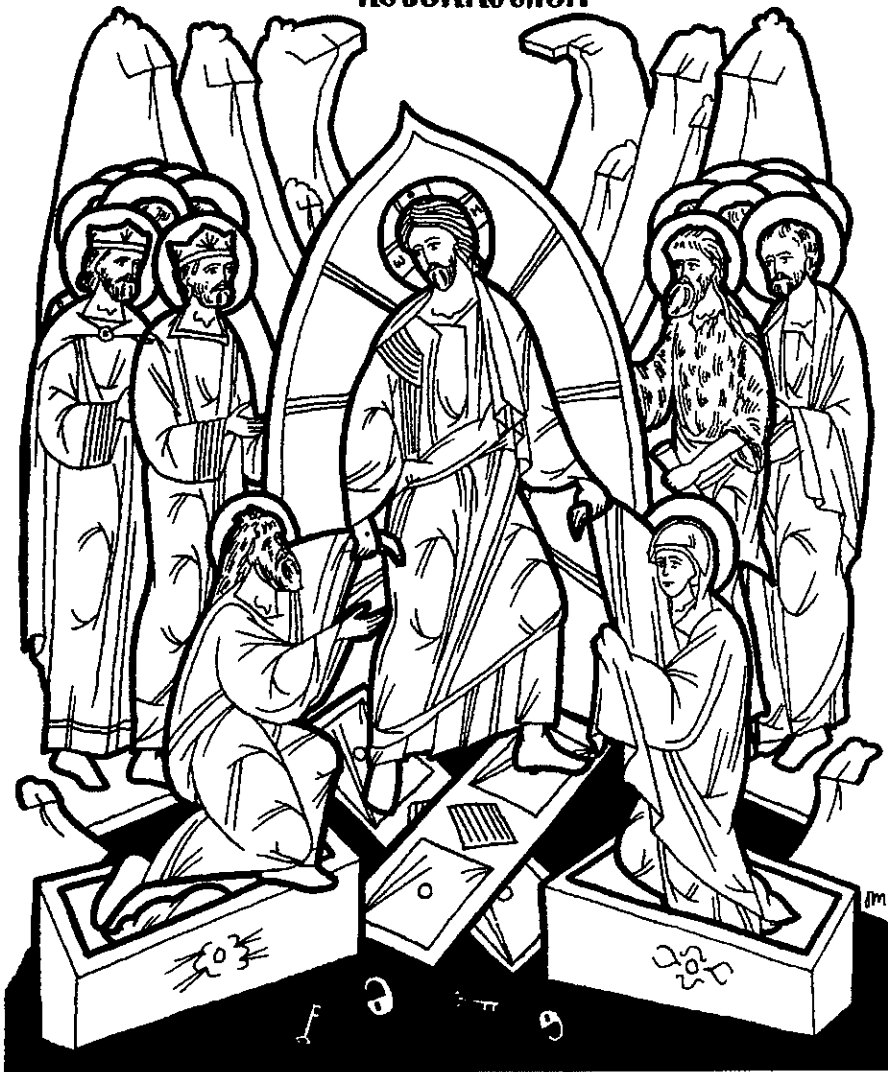
**The Spear and Sponge**—to the left of the Cross is the spear which was used to pierce Christ's side; to the right is the sponge upon a reed used to give Christ vinegar and gall to drink.

**The Shroud**—suspended upon the central bar of the Cross is the shroud which was placed under Christ's arms to lower His body from the Cross.

**The Wounds**—Christ's hands and feet are marked with the wounds from the nails; the wound in His right side is from the spear.

# The Resurrection or Descent into Hades

## RESURRECTION



Commemorated on Great & Holy Saturday and Pascha

Verse from the Vespers Liturgy of Great & Holy Saturday:

Today Hades cries out groaning: "My Power has been trampled on; the Shepherd has been crucified and He raised up Adam; I have been deprived of those over whom I ruled, and all those whom I swallowed in my strength I have disgorged. He Who was crucified has emptied the tombs; and the power of Death is destroyed." Glory to Your Cross, O Lord, and to Your Resurrection!

### Troparion of Pascha

Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down Death by death; and upon those in the tombs, bestowing Life!

The Church teaches that while the body of Christ rested in the tomb on the Sabbath (the day after the Crucifixion), His soul descended into Hades. Prior to the Incarnation the gates of Paradise were closed to mankind. Therefore Hades, not to be confused with Hell, was the place where the souls of all went upon death. It was neither a place of reward nor a place of punishment. It has been likened to death's "prison" where the souls of both the just and the sinners were confined. Since Christ actually died upon the Cross, Death claimed His soul for Hades. However, Hades received more than it expected. . .

it received the Giver of Life, who destroyed the power of Hades. The icon vividly portrays this concept.

### THE ICON:

**Christ**—The central figure. He is robed in white to denote His divinity; the aureole encompasses Him and also symbolizes this brilliant light. At His feet are the brass gates of Hades which He demolished. The keys and broken locks to these gates are also scattered at His feet.

**Adam our Forefather**—Being pulled from the tomb by the right hand of Christ is Adam; he is portrayed as an old man with white hair and beard. The hymns of the Church speak of Adam being "recalled" to his first innocence by the Incarnation.

**Eve our Forebearer**—Being pulled from the tomb by the left hand of Christ is Eve; she is portrayed as an old woman. The hymns of our Church speak of Eve being "set free" from her sin in Eden, by the Incarnation.

**The Righteous of the Old Testament**—The group of figures on the extreme left represents those righteous individuals who lived and died before the Incarnation; the two figures in front of the group are the Holy Kings—St. David the Psalmist and his son St. Solomon the Wise.

**The Righteous of the New Testament**—The group of figures on the extreme right represents those righteous individuals who died after the Incarnation but before Christ's death and resurrection; the two figures in front of the group are St. John the Forerunner (with the animal skin shirt) and St. Joseph the Guardian of Christ.

## The Catechetical Sermon of St. John Chrysostom read during Matins of Pascha.



*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 to-day 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.*

*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 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.*

## From the President's Desk:

We are about to enter Holy Week and the Great Lent is about to come to an end. This is also the time when the winter is over and the spring season is upon us. For the Serbian American Cultural Center this is also a time for renewal and a return to prosperity.

The board has been working on its plan to improve performance of the facility and most of the elements have been put in place. First and foremost, Nick Jovonovich was appointed director of the facility and has answered the challenge to keep costs in line and to improve service and performance of the facility. While business has been rather soft in the winter the performance of the building has actually been better than that experienced in previous years. Now that the spring season has arrived and bookings are improving, we will be working hard to win business lost in the past several years. The preliminary assessment of bookings gained is encouraging.

The Center is always looking for more sources of revenue. To that end we have begun talks with a local person who is knowledgeable of fund raising and athletics that could be used to gain revenue in the multi-purpose room (Read Gym). Once again, preliminary discussions have been promising.

Another initiative we are going to implement this month is an indoor picnic. The first is slated for April 25 and will be held in the lounge. Orders will be taken for lamb that will be roasted at the picnic grounds. Plan to join us for an afternoon of good food, Serbian music and the usual fellowship.

The Tesla lounge project is about to receive the first portion of a remake with the introduction of a Tesla Coil donated by our resident rocket scientist, Steve Drazich. The coil will be the signature piece for the renovation and upgrading of the lounge.

Our bingo is contemplating a move to Monday nights from Wednesday. This move is being considered to lower the amount of competition with other bingos and also to free many of us to be at the picnic grounds to help on Wednesdays. The final decision has not been made, but the move is likely.

The board has as one point of its plan to move the building forward the reintroduction of the donation program. In the months to come the parish will be informed of the status of their donations. Those who can should think of upgrading their donator status at least to get their name on the center's donor wall.

The SACC board has been served legal notice that John Martich has taken legal action to obtain money owed him. The SACC board and church board have always maintained that they will pay any money owed to anyone. That policy has not changed.

I hope to see all of you in church during the holidays.

*Mark*

# Fire ruins much of Hilandar Monastery

## Donations asked for ancient Serb religious center

Sofia, 8 March (ENI) — Fire has destroyed a large part of the historical Serbian Orthodox Chilandar Monastery on Mount Athos in Greece, causing damage estimated at around US\$10 million.

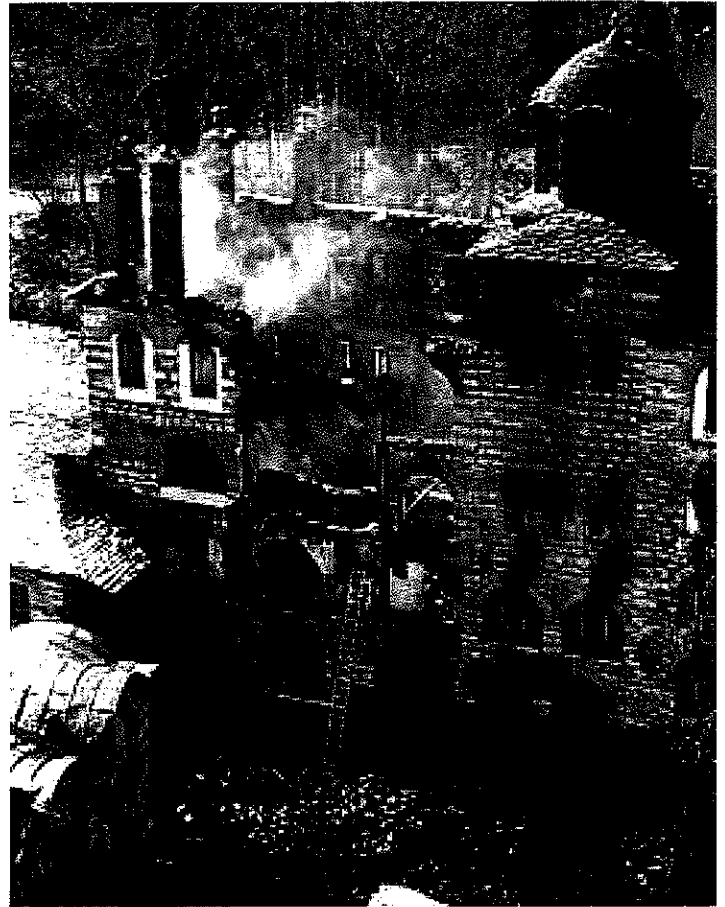
There were no casualties, according to the information service of the Serbian Orthodox Church. A report in Serbia's Novosti daily newspaper on Monday said it was believed the blaze was caused by an electrical fault. The monastery is about eight centuries old.

The Serbian Orthodox Church said that the fire, which happened in the early hours of 4 March, spread along the rooftop. It destroyed about 60 per cent of the accommodation, together with four chapels built into the walls of the monastery compound.

The northwestern part of the monastery residence, erected in 1821, and recently completely renovated, was burned down. The administrative center of the monastery, the hospitality room and guest rooms were located in this section. The northeastern White Residence, erected in 1598, which was being restored, was also destroyed in the fire. The central church, dedicated to the Virgin Mary, the library and the treasury were, however, not damaged.

The Serbian ambassador to Greece, Dusan Batakovic, said the damage would take several years to repair. Novosti reported that the Belgrade government has announced it will give financial assistance to repair the damage, and members of the public also have come forward with offers of funds.

The Greek government has promised to finance part of the repairs. According to Serbia's Politika daily, the Serbian consul-general in Thessaloniki, Jugoslav Vukadinov, who rushed to the scene of the fire, said that monks and local residents had done all they could to save every possible icon and other items of major religious and cultural significance.



**Hilandar Monastery is one of the most important and valuable of all Serbian shrines. Founded by St. Sava himself with his father St. Simeon (King Stefan Nemanja) in 1198, it has been the center of Serbian religious life and learning ever since. Donations for the rebuilding of Hilandar may be sent to our church, which will forward them to the Diocese. Please be generous.**

was needed was a pretext. It is clear that some in the Kosovo Albanian leadership believe that by cleansing all remaining Serbs from the entity (having already achieved the cleansing of two-thirds of Kosovo's Serbs after "liberation" in 1999) and destroying all Serbian cultural sites, they can present the international community with a *fait accompli*. But ethnic purity cannot be allowed to be the foundation for democracy and independence.

The UNMIK spokesman Derek Chappell said:

"The situation is not under control. This is planned, co-ordinated, one-way violence from the Albanians against the Serbs. It is spreading and has been brewing for the past week. Nothing in Kosovo happens spontaneously."

Who is guarding the Serbian churches and villages? Why are they in flames? There are 18,000 foreign troops in Kosovo. Why are they not doing more?

The Kosovo Albanian leadership, while insisting they are capable of governing an independent state, claim that they are unable to control their constituents and stop the pogrom. So while the leader of the most influential political party in Kosovo, Hasim Thaci, travels abroad preaching the virtues of multiethnicity and a civic-based identity, all five Serbian holy sites in his own home town of Prizren have burned. Meanwhile, his political party and other Kosovo Albanian parties issue statements blaming all this on the Serbs. In the 1930s, they did this as well.

Post-June 1999, Kosovo's Serbs were willing to reject the lessons of history and try to work with—even trust their Albanian neighbors—and believe Kosovo's Albanian politicians who promised that religious freedom and multiethnicity would be made permanent—that the values of the West would take root in Kosovo.

At the same time, Kosovo's Serbs have for years been warning of the real nature of Albanian nationalism, and the UN and the West have thought these to be exaggerations. But as the Diocese of Kosovo's statement from yesterday makes clear, "What has happened today and is happening this evening in Kosovo and Metohija represents a horrible defeat for the entire UN mission which has been deceiving the world for the past five years with their alleged successes when in fact they were enabling militarization."

Murder upon murder, kidnapping upon kidnapping, arson upon arson, and now finally this pogrom—have led the Serbs to the awful realization that they are at the mercy of barbarians. This is ethnic aggression of the worst sort, "in the heart of Europe," as Madeleine Albright famously called Kosovo before she bombed Serbia. Today we see the true face of the multiethnicity of which they all spoke so highly. And all this is happening under UN and NATO administration. Imagine how bad it could get if they get their independence.

Senator Sam Brownback, after having met Artemije, the Bishop of Kosovo, several weeks ago in Washington, wrote a letter to President George W. Bush in which he concluded "We should not consider advancing the cause of independence of a people whose first act when liberated was to ethnically cleanse a quarter of a million of their fellow citizens and destroy over a hundred of their holy sites." What might he say now? What will we all say? Will we do nothing, just like in the 1930s?

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Send your humanitarian aid for our suffering brothers and sisters in Kosovo to our Church for forwarding.



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**THE EPISCOPAL COUNCIL OF THE SERBIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH IN THE  
UNITED STATES AND CANADA ON THE CURRENT CRISIS IN KOSOVO**  
**for immediate release**

The Episcopal Council of the Serbian Orthodox Church in the United States and Canada joins with the expanded convocation of the Holy Synod in extraordinary session in condemning the recent violence and destruction in Kosovo. Innocent lives among all ethnic groups have again been sacrificed in the service of an extremist political agenda.

Moreover, we deplore the ethnic cleansing of the remaining Serbian population in the area, achieved through killing, house burning and other devastating forces of intimidation. This has been going on as an organized radical Islamic Albanian terrorist plan against the Serbian Orthodox population now in existence for several decades. It reached its culmination under Adolph Hitler and reinforced by the communist tyrant Tito, and resurrected to reach its second culmination with the Albright-Holbrooke inspired NATO bombing, resulting in the expulsion of several hundred thousands of Serbs and other non Albanians who to this day have not been permitted to return to their homes. This in contrast to the thousands of Albanians who fled the the NATO bombing but who were promptly returned by bus, military vehicles and every means available, and the rebuilding of their homes destroyed by the NATO bombing and some irresponsible Serb paramilitary groups seeking revenge. To make the illegal war palpable the bombing was labeled a humanitarian effort requiring that war be declared against the Serbs. During the subsequent occupation by NATO-KFOR forces as "peace-keepers", more that 115 monasteries and churches have been destroyed, and thousands more Serbs expelled before their very eyes. This happened since the Kosovo-Metohija Province had been under the immediate protectorate of the international community! And now again, since March 17\* of last week, in a systematic pogrom reminiscent of Kristallnacht, more than 30 more churches and irreplaceable religious shrines have been destroyed. Apparently with the tacit approval of the do nothing peace-keepers. Non-action clearly is a signal to the radical terrorists to keep it up because they have the support of the "protectors" and lobbyists to assure them an independent Islamic state within the borders of the sovereign Serbian nation. It matters not to the UN, NATO, KFOR that these newly destroyed places were centers of Serbian Orthodox spirituality and cultural identity, our "Jerusalem." In addition, some were UNESCO protected sites, pinnacles of Byzantine religious splendor more than 800 years old.

This effort to obliterate the monuments that bear witness to the centuries old Serbian presence in Kosovo is an attack not only on Serbs, but also on the history of the human spirit—religious, cultural and artistic. It represents a crime against the Orthodox worlds Christendom, and humanity itself.

We call upon the international community to stop this bloody rampage immediately, to safeguard all peoples and return all those expelled, and to restore the possibility for civil co-existence among neighbors, regardless of ethnic origin. To protect the historic sites that still remain, along with the monks and nuns who continue to dwell within them. We call upon all who were commissioned by a United Nations resolution to protect and be true peace keepers in the region, and not to conspire to institutionalize terrorism disguising itself as the pursuit of self-determination and democracy. With great sadness and dismay, we call attention to the senseless crimes against innocent people, their homes and their churches in Kosovo. The silence of all the media is deafening -no outrage, no coverage of crimes against the Serbian people and their Churches, no comment on true ethnic cleansing - the same media which spent a great deal of time, effort and fortune demonizing the Serbian people in order to wittingly or unwittingly appease the same terrorists who now are terrorizing the whole world.

Furthermore, the Episcopal Council calls upon the Serbian people themselves, both here and throughout the world, to stand firm in their Orthodox Christian faith. Do not seek revenge. As we walk with our Lord to Golgotha during this sorrowful time, His Light alone must guide our steps. Look forward to the Brighter Day of our Savior's Resurrection. For "in this place is one greater than the temple." (Matt. 12:6)



PRESIDENT  
THE EPISCOPAL COUNCIL

*Christopher*

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# Guidelines for Receiving Communion on Pascha

As Pascha is the Feast of feasts, it is important that we keep the feast not only by attending Church, but by eating at the Lord's Banquet Table by receiving Holy Communion. This is the authentic practice of the Church, and the reason we have the Divine Liturgy on Pascha (or any other day). The following guidelines are presented for the who would like to receive Holy Communion on Pascha:

## **Those who wish to receive Holy Communion on Pascha should:**

1. Have received Confession and Communion some time during Lent.
2. Fast as prescribed during all Holy Week.
3. As always, abstain from all food and drink the night and morning before Liturgy
3. Attend as many Holy Week services as possible.

**Show your love for the Risen Lord by approaching His Table when you hear His invitation: "in the fear of God, with faith and love, draw near!"**

## Help Beautify Church for Holy Friday, Pascha

Once again the Weirton Kolo "Vidovdan" is collecting money to help beautify Christ's Tomb on Holy Friday and the Church for Pascha. Donations will be used to purchase flowers for this purpose. The amount of donations will determine how extensively we can decorate. All donations will be acknowledged in the *Herald*. Please make your donation using the form below.



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Dear Parishoners

This year, the *Holy Resurrection Serbian Orthodox Tamburitzans* will be celebrating 28 years of preserving and promoting their cultural heritage through dance and song.

Our *26<sup>th</sup> Annual Concert* will be held on Sunday, May 2, 2004 following church at the **Serbian American Cultural Center**. Dinner will be served at 1:00pm with the concert immediately following. Tickets will be on sale later this month in the lyceum for \$15.00. Please make plans to join us!

This year has been a difficult one with the passing of our beloved Butchie, but as the saying goes, 'the show must go on!', albeit a scaled down version. There will be a dance following with music by the *Silver Strings*.

The *Tammies* are pleased to announce that Fred Kosanovic will be joining us as our new musical director.

As in the past, you may support our folklore ensemble by advertising your business, organization or family in our commemorative program book. The prices are as follows:

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Please send your check payable to the "*Holy Resurrection Tamburitzans*" along with your desired ad to **Martha Zatezalo**

**540 North 12th Street, Weirton, WV 26062**

or give it to a Tammie parent . Deadline for submission is April 25, 2004

We thank you in advance for your continued support.

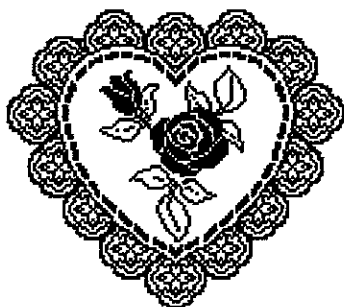
Sincerely,

Martha Z. Zatezalo  
President

# Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquets Being Accepted

Our parish has a long tradition of remembering our living and departed mothers, grandmothers and godmothers with special Mother's Day prayers after the Liturgy. For many years the Mothers' Club sponsored these prayers, and now with the transformation of the Mothers' Club into the 4-C'ers Parents organization the 4-C'ers will continue the tradition. The Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet prayers will take place on Mother's Day, Sunday, May 9 following Liturgy.

You may offer a spiritual bouquet for prayers for the health and salvation of your living mothers, or for the repose of your departed mothers. Not only mothers, but also grandmothers, kumas, etc. may be remembered. All will be remembered in prayer at a special Mother's Day service in Church on that day.



Your donation for the spiritual bouquet aids the 4-C'ers Parents organization in its many activities for our children: parties, gifts, helping send children to Shadeland, Easter eggs, etc. Please fill out the form and return it as soon as possible. Thank you from the 4-C'ers parents of our parish!

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## Mother's Day Spiritual Bouquet — May 9

Name(s) to be remembered at special services on Sunday, May 9:

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