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PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS
Feast of Palms, Holy Week, and Pascha
Friday, April 7 – Monday, April 17, 2023
[daily Scripture readings](#)

1. UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS

Friday, April 7

St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia and Enlightener of North America

- **Confessions**, 5:30pm @ Irvona
- **Great Vespers**, 6:00pm
- **Holy Unction**, 6:45pm
- **Confessions**, following

Saturday, April 8

Lazarus Saturday

- **Third and Sixth Hours**, 9:10am @ Irvona
- **Divine Liturgy**, 9:30am

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM (Palm Sunday) [download musical texts](#)

Saturday, April 8

- **Great Vespers with Litya**, 6:00pm @ Madera
- **Confessions**, following

Sunday, April 9

- **Third and Sixth Hours**, 9:00am @ Madera
- **Blessing of Palms**, 9:20am
- **Festal Divine Liturgy with Palm Procession**, 9:30am
- **Coffee Hour**, following (*B. Sidorick, sponsor*)

GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY

Sunday, April 9

- **Bridegroom Matins of Great and Holy Monday**, 7:00pm @ Madera

GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY

Monday, April 10

- **Bridegroom Matins of Great and Holy Tuesday**, 7:00pm @ Madera

GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY

Tuesday, April 11

- **Bridegroom Matins of Great and Holy Wednesday**, 7:00pm @ Madera

GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY

Wednesday, April 12

- **Matins of Great and Holy Thursday**, 7:00pm @ Madera

Thursday, April 13

- **Vespers of Great and Holy Thursday**, 9:30am @ Irvona

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

Thursday, April 13

- **Twelve Passion Gospels (Matins of Great and Holy Friday)**, 7:00pm @ Madera

Friday, April 14

- **"Un-nailing" Vespers of Holy Friday**, 4:30pm @ Madera

GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

Friday, April 14

- **Lamentations (Matins of Great and Holy Saturday) with Funeral Procession**, 6:30pm @ Madera

Saturday, April 15

- **Vespers of Great and Holy Saturday**, 9:30am @ Madera

HOLY PASCHA — THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

Saturday, April 15

- **Nocturns**, 10:30pm @ Madera
- **Rush Procession and Paschal Matins**, 11:00pm

Sunday, April 16

- **PASCHAL DIVINE LITURGY**, 12 midnight @ Madera
- **Blessing of Baskets and Paschal Meal**, following
- **Agape Vespers**, 5:00pm @ Irvona

Monday, April 17

- **PASCHAL DIVINE LITURGY**, 9:30am @ Irvona

ANTIPASCHA — St. Thomas Sunday [download musical texts](#)

St. George the Trophy-Bearer

Saturday, April 22

- **Great Vespers**, 6:00pm @ Irvona

Sunday, April 23

- **Third and Sixth Hours**, 9:10am @ Irvona
- **Divine Liturgy**, 9:30am
- **Paschal Potluck**, following

2. **EXPERIENCE THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST** = This week, be transformed into direct participants and eyewitnesses of the Passion of Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Download or check the Nave for a printed [calendar](#) and a [helpful guide to Holy Week](#). This year, all Holy Week services will take place in Madera with the exception of Holy Thursday's Vespers of Great and Holy Thursday. Please note: By anticipation, the beautiful and solemn Holy Week Matins (morning) services will be held in **each evening** at 7:00pm beginning Sunday, April 8, and next Sunday's Divine Liturgy is **moved up to midnight on April 16** with the blessing of baskets and meal following. Irvona's Paschal Divine Liturgy will take place on Bright Monday, April 17, at 9:30am. **Kalo Pascha!**

3. **HOLY UNCTION SERVICE TONIGHT** = To commemorate the end of the Forty Days of Great Lent and to give us strength for the Great and Holy Week ahead, the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts and Lenten Potluck that were originally scheduled for this evening (April 7) will be replaced with Great Vespers and the **Holy Unction service**. (As a sacrament, the unction service is only for those who have united themselves to Christ through Baptism and Chrismation.) May God bless and keep you as we complete our journey to Pascha!

4. **CONFESSIONS** = Lazarus Saturday evening (Tomorrow, April 8) is the **last scheduled opportunity for Confessions before Pascha**. (See or [contact Fr. Alexander](#) if you would like to schedule a confession at home or in the church during Holy Week.) Please note that the **annual** (at a minimum) **Lenten obligation of Confession and Communion** is the basis for parish membership, which is used to determine quorum and voting eligibility at the Annual Meeting held each November. Accordingly, please let Fr. Alexander know if you have gone to another priest for Confession this Lent.
5. **ARRIVE EARLY ON PALM SUNDAY** = This Sunday (April 9), the chanting of Hours will take place at 9:00am with the **Blessing of Palms and Willows immediately following**. Father Alexander will distribute your branches before the start of the Festal Divine Liturgy, which will become part of our triumphal procession around the church during the Little Entrance. **Hosanna in the Highest!**
6. **MONASTERY TRIP POSTPONED** = Because of scheduling conflicts, an impromptu pilgrimage to St. Tikhon's Monastery was postponed. In its place, an overnight trip to the Hermitage of Holy Cross near Wayne, West Virginia, is being planned for a future date. Participants will stay in the monastery's guest house, tour the grounds, worship and sup with the monks, and experience a bit of the monastic life. **Stay tuned!**
7. **APRIL PANIKHIDA RESCHEDULED** = The monthly memorial service for April originally scheduled for last Sunday will now take place on St. Thomas Sunday, April 23, following the Divine Liturgy in Irvona. [Father is collecting a list of names](#) for all the extended members of our parish family who fell asleep during the month of April; If you have any to add, please be sure [to email him](#) or use the black commemoration slips that are located in the Narthex. **Memory eternal!**
8. **BREAKFAST AND A VISION FOR OUR ARCHDIOCESE** = The [Saint Constantine School](#) is coming to Pittsburgh, and with it, a vision for Christian education in our area. Come join a special presentation and discussion with local clergy, clergy wives, ministers, and lay church leaders along with the incoming Head of School, Jesse Cone, Dr. John Mark Reynolds, and other leadership from the school's headquarters in Houston. The event takes place on Friday, April 21 from 9:00am to 11:00am at St. Alexander Nevsky Orthodox Cathedral, 8290 Thompson Run Rd, in Allison Park (15237). For more information or to RSVP, contact pittsburgh@saintconstantine.org.
9. **STAY CONNECTED** = If you would like to meet with Fr. Alexander, you may call or text the parish's phone number, 814-862-8694, or use the [online form](#) on the parish website, orthodoxclearfield.org. Appointments are available mornings, over lunch, afternoons, and evenings, according to your particular availability and needs. As a reminder, be sure to let Father know if any form of sickness is keeping you away from church so he can add you to the prayer list and **bring the Church's healing Holy Mysteries to you**.

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