

*SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT BEARERS 4/19/26*

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✕ Jean Ferko (req. by Mike Ferko)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✕ Paul and ✕ Ethel Pangratz (req. by Paul Pangratz Family)

11:00 AM (E) For the People of Ukraine

*GEORGE, GREAT – MARTYR 04/23/26*

Thursday: 6:30 PM (E) For the Parish Family

*SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC MAN 04/26/26*

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✕ Martin M. Pushchak (req. by Martin &amp; Patricia Bovee)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✕ Don Hrinda (req. by Don &amp; Pauline Kowalski)

11:00 AM (E) ✕ Shirley Crisswell (req. by her children)

**OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:**

04/12//26

**\$1622.00****REMEMBER IN PRAYER THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND OF OUR PARISH**

Please remember in your prayers all of the sick and homebound of our parish. *Those in their own homes are as follows:* Martha Karmazon, George Smilo, David Kearney, George Huzinec, Michael Molnar, Maureen Huzinec. *Those in nursing homes are as follows:* Helen Krajnik (Nightingale Nursing Center), Elizabeth Andrijiw (Pleasant Ridge Manor), Catherine Kasinec (St. Mary's Asbury Ridge). If you know of anyone who should be on this list, contact Fr. John

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**E.C.F. PROGRAM – Watch for upcoming events!**

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***JESUS PRAYER** – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner*

**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!  
CHRISTOS VOSKRESE! VOISTINNU VOSKRESE!**

**PASCHAL TROPARION: Christ is risen from the dead! By death he trampled death; and to those in the tombs he granted life.**

**SUNDAY OF THE OINTMENT BEARERS**

After the entombment of Jesus and the sabbath day of rest (Lk 23:56), the three women went in secret to the place where the body of the Crucified had been laid. They went in haste with the same faithfulness with which they had followed Jesus on the roads of Galilee and Judea, and straight to Golgotha. They brought with them oils with which to anoint and embrace his lifeless corpse one last time before he would return to dust. But the tomb is empty; only the winding sheets remain (Lk 24:12), and they find life instead. The dawn they had awaited before returning to the tomb heralds the most important day in the history of mankind; the Resurrection. They don't know it yet, but they are to be the first proclaimers, the living witnesses of a truth that we live and comprehend through our faith. Here they see the triumph over suffering and death. Life, emerging from the shadows of the tomb, has had the final word.

**FEAST OF ST. GEORGE – April 23**

George was born into a Christian family in Cappadocia (a region of Turkey) around the year 280. After moving to Palestine, he joined the army of the Roman Empire. When Emperor Diocletian issued an order of persecution against Christians in 303, George would not participate and professed his faith in Christ. He also refused to offer sacrifices to the pagan Roman gods. For this he suffered terrible torture and was eventually beheaded. He is often pictured as a soldier, riding a horse and slaying a dragon (symbolizing evil).

*The Descent Into Hades*

Ours is the God Who, after His crucifixion and death, descended into Hades and broke open the gates, releasing from captivity those who were held therein. The beautiful icon of Pascha, “The Descent into Hades” captures this so magnificently! The locks that held the gates closed are broken and lie in pieces, while Christ, the New Adam, elevates the first man, Adam, with His hand. This is possible only by the power of God – that same power that forgives us our sins and makes us whole again. As we contemplate God's power, let us stand in awe before Him, for He alone releases us from our captivity and restores life.

**GUARD YOUR HEART**

We know what happens when negativity and fear take over, but God intends that we walk in his heavenly peace. He has given us the way, through Jesus, to receive that peace. We need to guard our spirits, keeping watch over what we allow to infiltrate our thoughts and invade our hearts. These are precious territories that require preservation and cultivation. Peace will protect us, but we can't let the devil, in through the back door of negativity and fear.