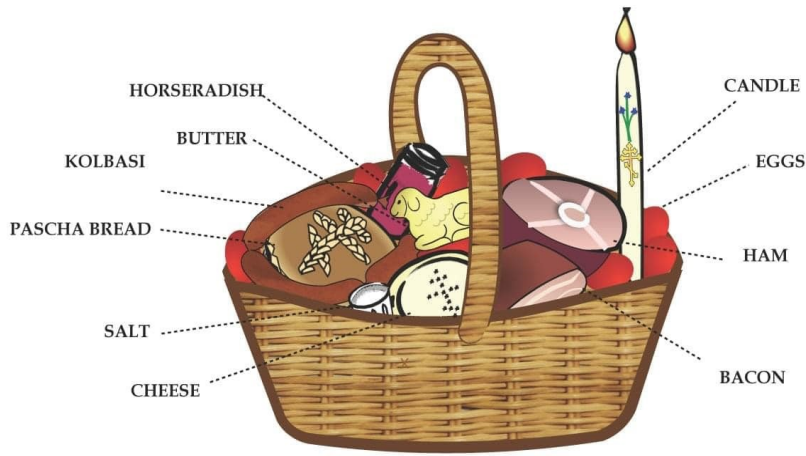


HOW TO PUT TOGETHER A TRADITIONAL EASTER BASKET

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PASCHA - The Easter Bread (Pron. Pa-ska.) A sweet yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a cross (+) of dough is placed on top encircled by a plait given it a crowned effect or Greek

CHEESE - (Rusyn: Hrudka or Sirec) A custard type cheese shaped into a ball having a rather bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things. Also creamed cheese is placed in a small dish and both are decorated with symbols (see Pascha) out of cloves or pepper balls.

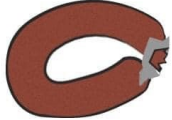
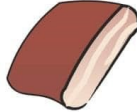


HAM - (Rusyn: Sunka - pron. shoon-ka.) The Flesh meat popular with the Slavs as the main dish because of its richness and symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter. Some may prefer Lamb or Veal. This is usually well roasted or cooked as well as other meats so the festivity of the day will not be burdened with preparation and all may enjoy the Feast.



BUTTER - (Rusyn: Maslo pron. ma-slo.) This favorite dairy product is often shaped into a figure of a Lamb or small cross and decorated as the cheese. This reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

BACON - (Rusyn: Slanina pron. sla-ni-na) A piece of uncooked bacon cured with spices. Symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy to us.

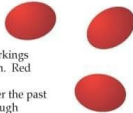


SAUSAGE (Rusyn: Kolbasi-pron. kol-bus-i) A spicy, garlic sausage of pork products indicative of God's flavor and generosity.



SALT - (Rusyn: Sol' pron. sof') A condiment necessary for flavor reminding the Christian of his duty to others.

EGGS (Rusyn: Pisanki pron. pi-sun-ki) Hardboiled eggs brightly decorated with symbols and markings made with beeswax, indicative of new life and resurrection. Red eggs are also traditional date back to a story with St. Mary Magdalene. Having been dyed with onion skins saved over the past year, red shows the color of life and victory that came through Christ's blood.



HORSERADISH (Rusyn: Chrin pron. khryn) Horseradish mixed with grated red beets (optional) symbolizes the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection. A bitter-sweet red colored mixture reminds us of the sufferings of Christ.

These articles are placed in a wicker basket. A decorated candle is placed inside and is lit at the time of the blessing. A linen cover usually embroidered with a picture of the Risen Christ or symbol with the words "Christ is Risen" is placed over the food when brought to the Church. In some places a large Easter Bread (Pascha) is made and brought separately in a large linen cloth. If the origin of the people was from a wine growing area, a sweet wine may be brought



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But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said" (Matthew 28, 5-6).



Dear Faithful in the Crucified and Risen Lord,

As the days of celebrating Easter approach, we convey to you with joy the traditional greeting: **"Christ is risen! Indeed He is risen!"**

I share this message at a difficult time in the lives of many peoples, churches, and nations. This year, we observe Easter in challenging and painful situations. Many of our people are experiencing fear and uncertainty, as well as trauma, separation, isolation, loss of hope, some even sickness and death in their families or in their church communities. The War in Ukraine and the lingering COVID- 19 pandemic, which has affected the whole world, is also affecting the way Easter will be celebrated. Many newcomers from Ukraine need help and love, many people have left church due to the pandemic and have not returned. We all need your support and your involvement and your prayers.

Yet, despite these traumatic and painful situations, the message of Easter shines as God has said it always will. Faith in Christ does not waiver, His promise is eternal. The Risen Lord is the same yesterday, today, and forever (Heb. 13:8). Easter is a reminder and encouragement that God in Christ continues to love and care for the whole world, overcoming death with life, conquering fear, and uncertainty with hope. The tomb is empty; Christ is Risen!

Throughout the centuries, the Easter greeting "Christ is risen!" has always infused Christians with the power and courage to confront death, destruction, oppression end enslavement, fear, doubt, and uncertainty. As we are confronted today with the challenges of pain and hurt, we clergy assure you that we are united with you in prayer and in affirming together our common faith and hope in the Risen Lord: "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Cor. 15:55, 57).

Join us in worship this Easter and let us face and overcome our adversities,

Very Rev. Fr. Mark Gnutel, Rev. Fr. Alan Wizinsky, Rev. Fr. Vasyl Hoi

St. Anne & St. Michael Ukrainian Catholic Churches PASSION AND RESURRECTION WEEK Schedule of Services - 2023

It is important for all to make your confession before Easter Sunday.
Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available during services beginning Friday, March 31st to Friday, April 7th.

Saturday, April 1

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - Lazarus Saturday - St. Anne Parish
4:00 p.m. Divine Liturgy & Distribution of Willows - St. Anne Parish

PALM SUNDAY, Sunday, April 2

9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy & Distribution of Willows - St. Anne Parish
9:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy & Distribution of Willows - St. Michael Parish
11:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy & Distribution of Willows - St. Anne Parish

Holy Wednesday, April 5

7:00 p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy & Anointing of Sick - St. Anne & St. Michael

Holy Thursday, April 6

7:00 p.m. Matins of the Passion - St. Anne & St. Michael Parishes
(followed by setting up the Tomb)

GOOD FRIDAY, April 7 - Vespers - Exposition of Holy Shroud Plaschanychia - Today is a strict fast day. No meat, dairy or poultry.

10:00 a.m. Exposition of the Holy Shroud (Plaschanychia) - St. Michael Parish
Confessions Available
3:00 p.m. Exposition of the Holy Shroud (Plaschanychia) - St. Anne Parish
Confessions Available

HOLY SATURDAY, April 8

11:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (St. Basil the Great) *followed by
Blessing of Easter Food in the church* - St. Anne & St. Michael
2:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food - St. Anne & St. Michael
3:00 p.m. Blessing of Easter Food - St. Anne & St. Michael

EASTER SUNDAY, April 9 - FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

8:00 a.m. Resurrection Matins, Liturgy & Anointing with Holy Oils - St. Anne
9:30 a.m. Resurrection Matins, Liturgy & Anointing with Holy Oils - St. Michael
11:00 a.m. Easter Liturgy & Anointing with Holy Oils - St. Anne Parish

EASTER MONDAY, April 10

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy - St. Anne & St. Michael Parishes

SUNDAY OF THE PARALYTIC, Sunday, April 30

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *followed by Easter Fellowship Luncheon* - St. Anne
ONLY ONE LITURGY STAY TUNED FOR MORE INFO!

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