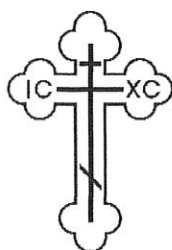


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## A Meditation

Jesus said: "A little while, and you will no longer see me, and again a little while, and you will see me" (Jn. 16:16).

Life is "a little while," a short moment of waiting. But life is not empty waiting. It is to wait full of expectation. The knowledge that God will indeed fulfill the promise to renew everything, and will offer us a "new heaven and a new earth," makes the waiting exciting. We can already see the beginning of the fulfillment. Nature speaks of it every spring; people [speak] of it whenever they smile; the sun, the moon, and the stars speak of it when [they] offer us light and beauty; and all of history speaks of it when amid all devastation and chaos, men and women arise who reveal the hope that lives within them. . . . What is my main task during my "little while"? To point to the signs of the Kingdom to come, to speak about the first rays of the day of God, to witness to the many manifestations of the Holy Spirit among us.

Henri Nouwen

## Remembering Fr. Basil

I write this now with a heavy heart, having just heard today of Fr. Basil Summer's falling asleep in the Lord this morning. Our relatively young and modest Orthodox Church in America has lost another dedicated and long time laborer. And with his passing, our St. Mark parish family lost a beloved founder. As we look toward the celebration of our fiftieth year, we remember that when St. Mark began in 1972, Fr. Basil was there. He served as pastor from September of that year until January of 1990. In his nearly 20 years of service at St. Mark, he touched the lives of so many people as he tirelessly shepherded his flock with warmth and compassion.

In thinking of Fr. Basil, I consider the words of St. Paul in his epistle to the Corinthians: "... I laid a foundation, and another man is building upon it (1 Cor. 3:10). Others have indeed built well upon this foundation which Fr. Basil laid those many years ago. I am only the most recent. When I arrived in Bethesda almost 21 years ago now, I found a church in good order. One which indeed had a solid foundation in faith and love - a generous and loving parish community which continues to be a

joy to serve. It is evident that as we priests are called to do, Fr. Basil made Christ known to countless men, women and children during his ministry and in so doing, he established a noble trajectory to follow.

Fr. Basil was 95 years old, having celebrated his 90th. birthday with us here at St. Mark, just 5 years ago. Again, scripture comes to mind. Of those who dwell in the shelter of the Most High, God

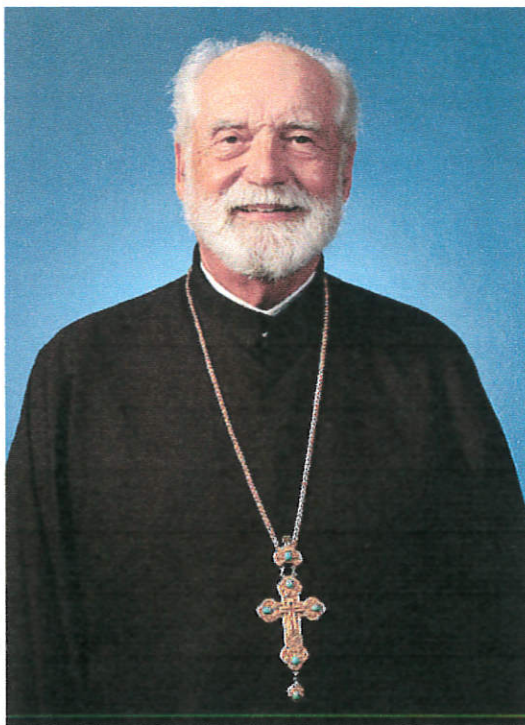
says: "With long life I will satisfy him, and show him my salvation" (Psalm 91:16).

I will personally miss his always joyful and vivacious personality. May he who was once well described as "flamboyantly humble", find rest in the Lord. My prayer is that he will hear the words of our Lord: "Well done, good and faithful servant".

In conclusion, I will share some words of others about him.

"He was a very kind and wonderful priest and mentor!" "Such a delightful person and wonderful priest." "His expressive enthusiasm left a lasting impression." "He was a good friend and spiritual Father. My heart is broken." "Memory Eternal to a wonderful man."

With love in Christ, Fr. Gregory





# A SHOUT OUT

*Submitted by Matuskha Alexandra Safchuk*

Although we are certainly discouraged from a shout out just now (you know, droplets), I really feel the need to publicly acknowledge and give the 6-foot distanced pat on the back to our long suffering and still marvelous choir.

A few weeks ago I sang for a Memorial Service (I tried not to be too loud so that the neighborhood dogs wouldn't start to howl) and with the mask and the positioning I had a small taste of what our directors and singers have gone through to maintain the beauty and dignity of our worship during this past year. Family members of different choral parts sharing a stand, choir stands widely separated and those so comfortable, but quite possibly life-saving, masks.

Working as a nurse I often wore a surgical mask, but gasping to get enough oxygen to sing wearing one is a huge challenge. We didn't sing much in the OR and never while administering flu vaccines. But singing on that Saturday my teeth were literally vibrating while I was working to breathe. I am stunned anyone can do it and I appreciate the enormous effort those who do are making.

A week or so after my Memorial Service experience I came to church while the choir was practicing. I love to do this. There, spread out in the Nave of the church, properly distanced and masked up, each with their own copy of the music, the choir sang pieces that are so familiar to us that their poignant words and lingering melodies say, "Lent" as we experience them year after year. Inhaling air through masks, these dedicated voices enhance our liturgical life, service after service, even under and especially during these trying circumstances.



At other practices, often late in the evening, with only one light on in the Church itself, the choir in the choir loft, each part of new pieces and familiar melodies sublimely blended, I am in the company of "so great a cloud of witnesses" (Hebrews 12:1) enjoying the sound. It is often a lovely earworm, echoing its way into the atmosphere long after the practices have ended., making sacred the not so sacred moments of life.

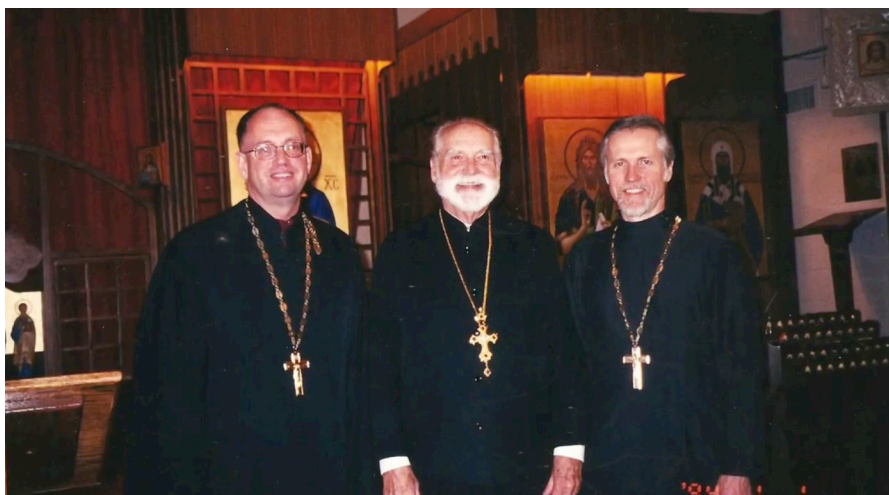
Fr. Alexander Schmemmann wrote that experiencing the services of the church as a child he was "for life captivated by the mystical, beautiful world of divine worship." (from the Russian edition of Introduction to Liturgical Theology)

I would like to thank our choir for helping make that possible for the rest of us.

Many blessed years, St. Mark Choir!

In Christ's love,  
Matushka Sasha

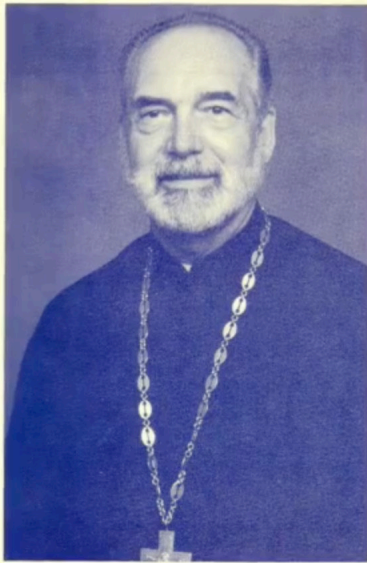
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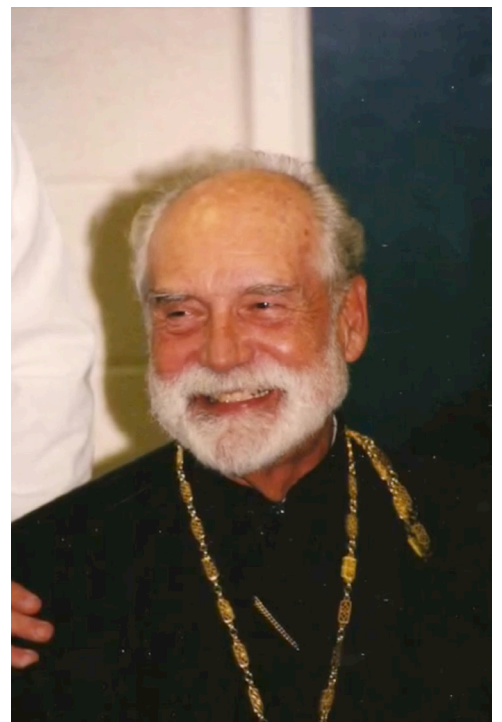
*Very Reverend Basil Summer*



*Farewell Banquet*

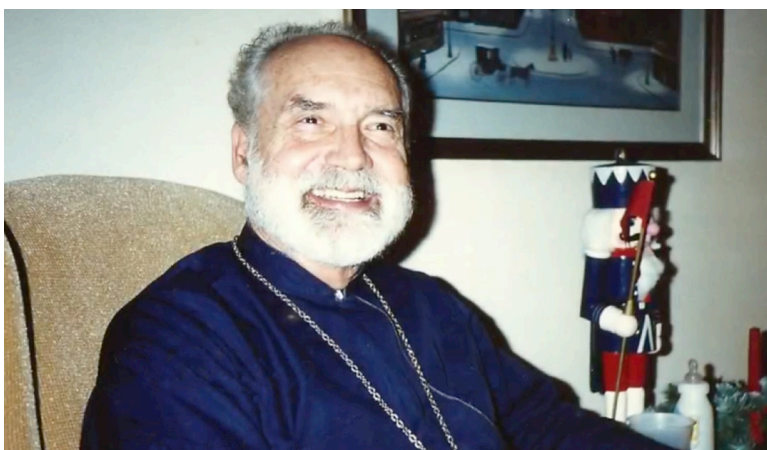
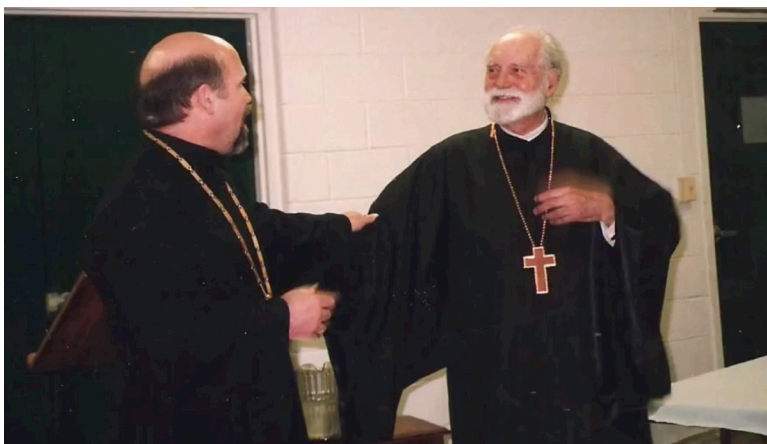
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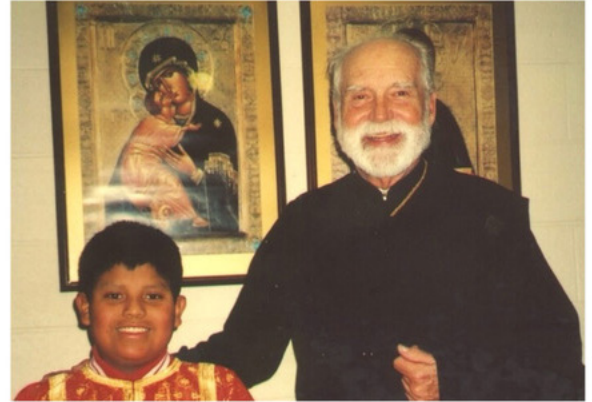


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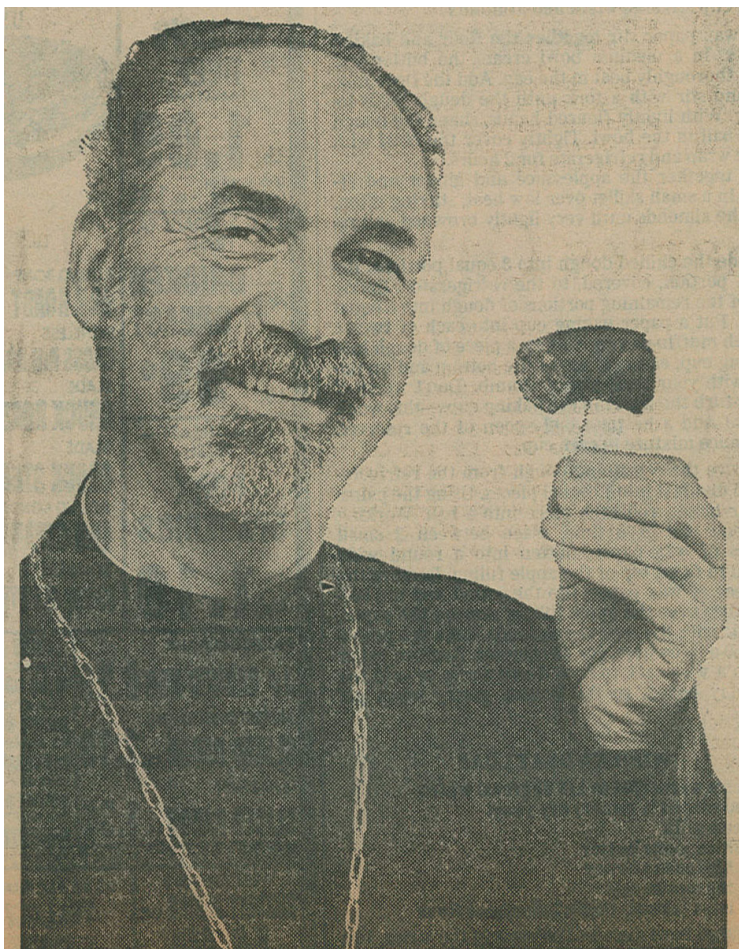


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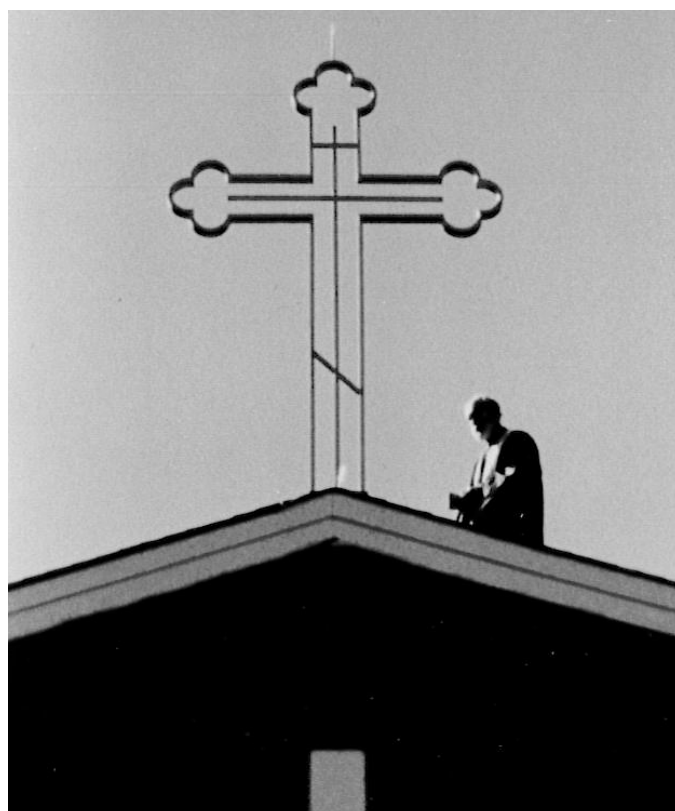




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*Rev. Fr. Basil Summer, by Gerald Martineau—The Washington Post*





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**Additional photos of Fr. Basil can be found here:**

Fr. Basil visits for his 90th birthday:

<https://www.victorlutes.com/Fr-Basil-Summer-visits-for-his/n-pVMJc8/>

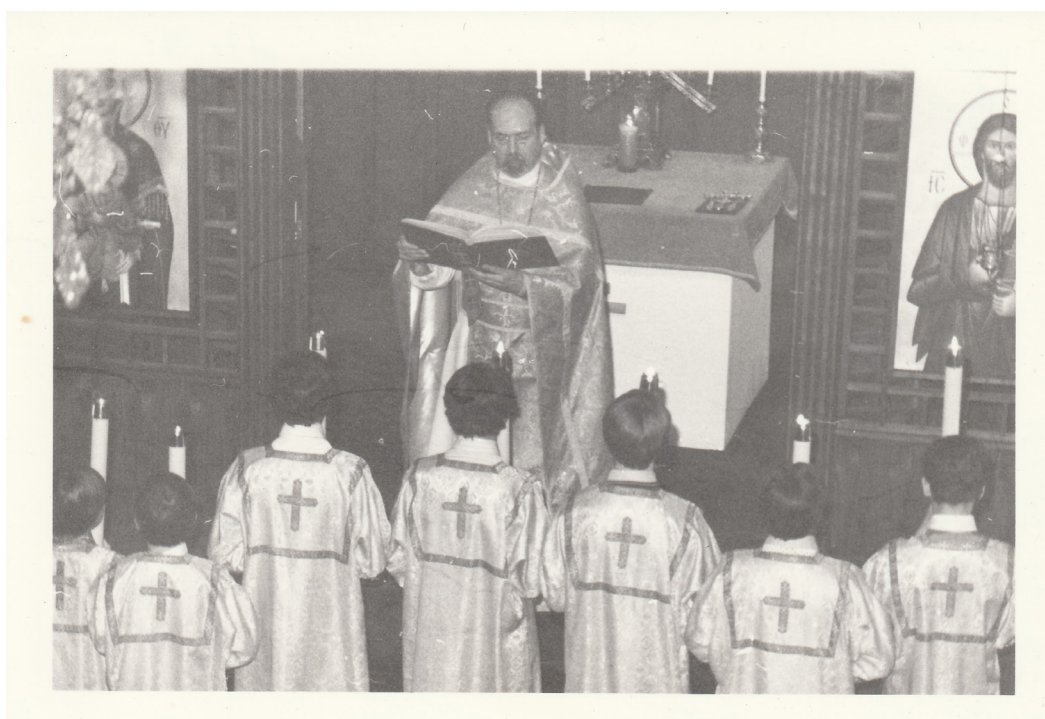
Fr. Basil's 90th birthday slideshow:

<https://youtu.be/198HWM7mT0>

Thank you to all who submitted photos!



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**Fr. Basil in Russia - June 1991**



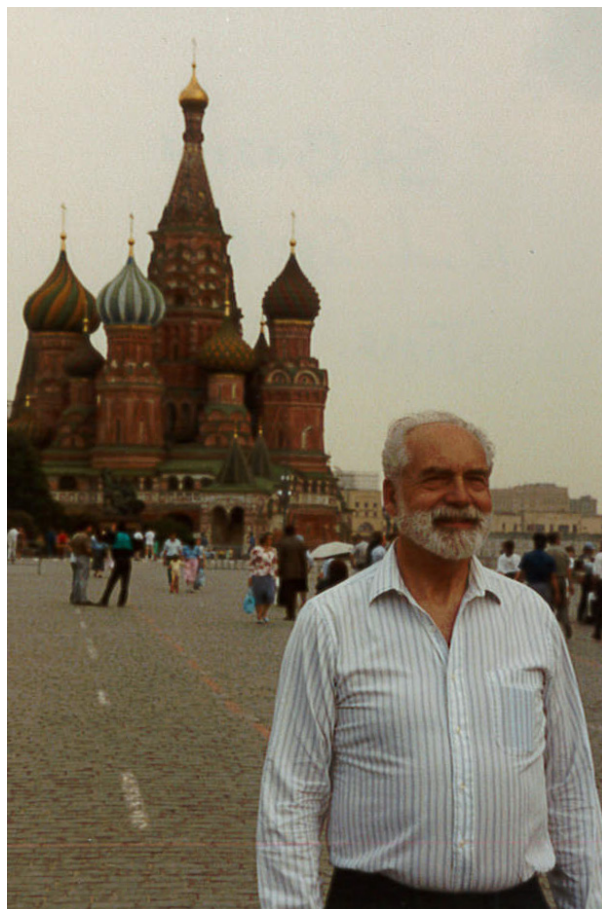
Novodevichy Monastery - June 1991



Sofrino, Russia - June 1991



with Patriarch Alexsy - June 1991



St. Basil's Cathedral - Red Square - June 1991<sub>3</sub>



## FR. BASIL SUMMER

The Mitred Archpriest Basil Summer fell asleep in the Lord the morning of March 26, 2021, at the age of 95. Father Basil served as Director of the Fellowship of Orthodox Stewards (FOS) for the Orthodox Church in America (now Stewards of the OCA) from 1990-94 following his ministry as rector of Saint Mark Church in Bethesda, Maryland in 1972-89.



Born William Summer on January 28, 1926 in Waynesboro, PA to a devout Lutheran family, he was baptized in the Lutheran Church as an infant. The family moved to Maryland where William graduated from Hyattsville Hill School.

After serving in the US Navy at the end of World War II, William attended Muhlenberg College, where he excelled in track and obtained a bachelor's degree in history in 1949. He then enrolled at Lutheran Theological Seminary in Philadelphia, receiving a Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1952. After graduation, he embarked upon nearly two decades of ordained ministry in the Lutheran Church, which took him to parishes in several states. While serving a parish in Charleston, South Carolina, Father William (as he was then known) attended the Lutheran Federation Assembly in Helsinki, Finland. It was there that he discovered the Orthodox Cathedral located near the Lutheran Cathedral. Enthused by his first encounter with the Orthodox Church, he decided to continue exploring the Orthodoxy through the Greek Orthodox Church in Charleston. He continued to be inspired by the Orthodox faith and deepened his knowledge.

A particularly memorable incident that Father Basil recounted with some emotion in recent years occurred when he was a Lutheran pastor in Charleston that also spurred a major step on his road to Orthodoxy. One Sunday, he welcomed a African-American family to services at the church. The parish council vehemently rebuked Father William for his action and unanimously opposed such integration in the congregation. Father William promptly resigned as pastor. He then requested a leave of absence from his bishop in order to enroll at Saint Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary in New York in 1966, where he was greatly inspired by the teaching of the faculty, especially Frs. John Meyendorff and Alexander Schmemmann. In 1968, he was assigned to pastor a Lutheran parish in Bay Shore, NY, but continued to strengthen his connections to and knowledge of the Orthodox Church. Having become convinced that Orthodoxy was the true Church of Christ, William Summer was chrismated by Father John Meyendorff at Saint Vladimir's Seminary Chapel on October 17, 1971. He was given the name Basil at chrismation. On February 19, 1972, Basil Summer was ordained to the diaconate at the seminary chapel by Bishop Dmitri (Royster) of Washington, DC. His ordination to the priesthood followed on June 18, 1972 by Metropolitan Ireney (Bekish) at Christ the Savior Church in Paramus, NJ. On September 3, 1972, Father Basil was assigned as Rector of Saint Mark Church in Bethesda, MD, a newly established all English language parish

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# FR. BASIL SUMMER

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just outside of Washington, DC. Under Father Basil's leadership, the parish grew quickly and acquired land with a church building which was dedicated in 1977 and consecrated in 1982. A dynamic speaker and inspiring preacher, Father Basil was also a father confessor to many. Several young men from the parish were moved to enroll in seminary and be ordained to the priesthood. Two other parishes – Saint Catherine's in Hagerstown, MD and Saint Mathew's in Columbia, MD were established under Father Basil's leadership as offshoots from the Bethesda parish

At the end of 1989, Father Basil left the parish in Bethesda, as he was called to serve the Orthodox Church in America as Director of the Fellowship of Orthodox Stewards (FOS). He moved to New York and assumed his new position at the OCA Chancery effective January 1, 1990. His work entailed much travel to visit parishes throughout the United States to preach and conduct retreats, and to instill among the faithful a consciousness of the larger Church outside their own congregations and the stewardship necessary to sustain the work of the departments of the OCA funded through donations to FOS. Father Basil under-



took his labors energetically and his own enthusiasm radiated to the faithful, making his efforts successful. After nearly five years of intense labors as FOS Director, Father Basil retired. He continued to live near the OCA Chancery and would regularly serve at St Sergius Chapel there. He was often called upon to substitute for clergy in various parishes and was also invited to churches to serve and preach. He continued to maintain contact with his spiritual children and many friends throughout the country.

Father Basil was a larger-than-life personality not easily forgotten once you met him. He loved to socialize and had a keen sense of humor and a distinctive laugh. He made those around him comfortable and a certain charm drew people to him.

Among his hobbies and interests were music, reading, bike riding (he would regularly ride several miles until slowed by age and illness just a few years ago), travel, oil painting, theatre, golf and movies. No matter what he did or where or with whom he spoke, his life was always centered on Christ and His Church. Through his out-sized demeanor, he led people to Christ and earned the love and respect of many.

For his labors, Father Basil was granted numerous honors and awards, the latest being the mitre which was bestowed upon him by His Beatitude Metropolitan Tikhon in 2018. Just hours before his repose, on the great feast of the Annunciation of the Mother of God, Father Basil was blessed with the opportunity to receive the Holy Eucharist brought to his bed in a hospice facility by Metropolitan Tikhon. May Father Basil's memory be eternal!



# IN HIS OWN WORDS

*Fr. Basil Summer*

This is an excerpt from the cover article of the St. Mark Newsletter, dated March 1981, written by Father Basil.

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The primary aim of fasting is to make us CONSCIOUS OF OUR DEPENDENCE UPON GOD...AND this is not captured only in food disciplines. The liturgical hymns of the first week of Great Lent:

“As we fast from food, let us abstain also from every passion...

Let us observe a fast acceptable and pleasing to the Lord.

True fasting is to put away all evil

To control the tongue, to forbear from anger,

To abstain from lust, slander, falsehood and perjury.

If we renounce these things, then is our fasting true and acceptable to God.

Let us keep the Fast not only by refraining from food,

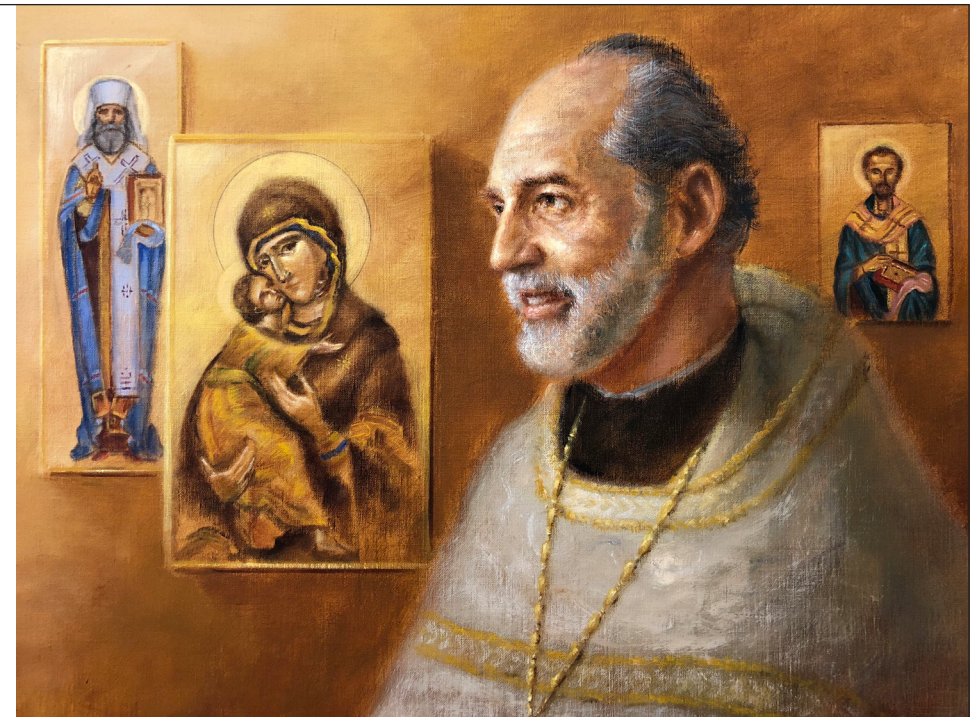
But by becoming strangers to all the bodily passions.”

*--(Vespers for Sunday of Forgiveness)*

The inner significance of fasting is best summed up in the triad: PRAYER, FASTING, ALMSGIVING. Divorced from prayer and from reception of the holy Sacraments, unaccompanied by acts of compassion, our fasting becomes pharisaical or even demonic; it leads, not to contrition and joyfulness, but to pride, inward tension and irritability. Fasting, then without prayer and acts of love is valueless and even harmful.

We begin the Lent with the Forgiveness ceremony...this is no coincidence on the threshold of the Great Fast...for without love towards oth-

ers there can be no genuine fast for any of us. This love for others should not be limited to formal gestures or to sentimental feelings, either, but should issue in specific acts of almsgiving of our time and money and ourselves for others...real MISSION.





# PROFILE OF A SAINT

## Saint Andrew, Archbishop of Crete

*"Holy Father Andrew pray to God for us!" - Great Compline & Canon of St. Andrew*

Saint Andrew, Archbishop of Crete, was born in the city of Damascus into a pious Christian family. Up until seven years of age the boy was mute and did not talk. However, after communing the Holy Mysteries of Christ he found the gift of speech and began to speak. And from that time the lad began earnestly to study Holy Scripture and the discipline of theology.

At fourteen years of age he went off to Jerusalem and there he accepted monastic tonsure at the monastery of Saint Savva the Sanctified. Saint Andrew led a strict and chaste life, he was meek and abstinent, such that all were amazed at his virtue and reasoning of mind. As a man of talent and known for his virtuous life, over the passage of time he came to be numbered among the Jerusalem clergy and was appointed a secretary for the Patriarchate -- a writing



*Photo by Victor Lutes*

clerk. In the year 680 the locum tenens of the Jerusalem Patriarchate, Theodore, included archdeacon Andrew among the representatives of the Holy City sent to the Sixth Ecumenical Council, and here the saint contended against heretical teachings, relying upon his profound knowledge of Orthodox doctrine. Shortly after the Council he was summoned back to Constantinople from Jerusalem and he was appointed archdeacon at the church of Hagia Sophia, the Wisdom of God. During the reign of the emperor Justinian II (685-695) Saint Andrew was ordained bishop of the city of Gortineia on the island of Crete. In his new position he shone forth as a true luminary of the Church, a great hierarch -- a theologian, teacher and hymnographer.

Saint Andrew wrote many liturgical hymns. He was the originator of a new liturgical form -- the canon. Of the canons composed by him the best known is the Great Penitential Canon, including within its 9 odes the 250 troparia recited during the Great Lent. In the First Week of Lent at the service of Compline it is read in portions (thus called "methymony" [trans. note: from the useage in the service of Compline of the "God is with us", in Slavonic the "S'nami Bog", or in Greek "Meth' Humon ho Theos", from which derives "methymony"], and again on Thursday of the Fifth Week at the All-night Vigil during Matins.

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# PROFILE OF A SAINT

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## Saint Andrew, Archbishop of Crete

*"Holy Father Andrew pray to God for us!" - Great Compline & Canon of St. Andrew*



*Photo by Victor Lutes*

Saint Andrew of Crete gained renown with his many praises of the All-Pure Virgin Mary. To him are likewise ascribed: the Canon for the feast of the Nativity of Christ, three odes for the Compline of Palm Sunday and also in the first four days of Holy Passion Week, as well as verses for the feast of the Meeting of the Lord, and many other church hymns. His hymnographic tradition was continued by the churchly great melodists of following ages: Saints John of Damascus, Cosma of Maium, Joseph the Melodist, Theophan the Written-upon. There have also been preserved edifying Sermons of Saint Andrew for certain of the Church feasts.

Church historians are not of the same opinion as to the date of death of the saint. One suggests the year 712, while others -- the year 726. He died on the island of Mytilene, while returning to Crete from Constantinople, where he had been on churchly business. His relics were transferred to Constantinople. In the year 1350 the pious Russian pilgrim Stephen Novgorodets saw the

relics at the Constantinople monastery named for Saint Andrew of Crete.

Source: <https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2021/07/04/101894-saint-andrew-archbishop-of-crete>

### **Kontakion (Tone 6)**

*The Great Canon of St. Andrew of Crete*

My soul, my soul, Arise!  
Why are you sleeping?  
The end is drawing near,  
and you will be confounded,  
awake then and be watchful  
that Christ our God may spare you,  
Who is everywhere, and fills all things.



*Photo by Victor Lutes*



# A LENTEN RECIPE

If you like mushrooms, this is a super easy, one-pot, Lenten dish perfect for a weeknight meal!

## Mushroom Stew

### Ingredients

- 1 tablespoon canola oil or any vegetable oil
- 1 onion diced
- 2 carrots diced
- 2 garlic cloves minced
- 1 tablespoon all-purpose flour or corn starch if gluten-free
- 3 tomatoes diced
- 1 pound (450 grams) mushrooms sliced
- 1 ½ cups (350 ml) vegetable stock
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce reduced-sodium (or tamari if gluten-free)
- 1 teaspoon oregano dried
- 1 tablespoon parsley fresh, to garnish

### Instructions

Heat oil in a medium pan.  
Add onion and cook until it becomes soft and translucent.  
Add carrots and cook for a couple of minutes.  
Add minced garlic and cook for a minute or until it's fragrant and turns golden.  
Add flour and mix well (or corn starch if gluten-free).  
Then add tomatoes and sliced mushrooms, and cover with vegetable stock.  
Add soy sauce (or tamari if gluten-free).  
Add oregano or any herb using, and simmer covered for 5 minutes or until the carrots are softened.  
Taste the stew and adjust the seasonings to your preference.  
Serve hot and garnish with fresh parsley.

Serve with mashed potatoes, rice, or pasta!

Recipe found on [nourishplate.com](https://nourishplate.com/mushroom-stew/#Mushroom_Stew): [https://nourishplate.com/mushroom-stew/#Mushroom\\_Stew](https://nourishplate.com/mushroom-stew/#Mushroom_Stew)





# VIRTUAL LENTEN YOUTH RETREAT

## *Virtual National Lenten Youth Retreat*

### **“Rediscovering Pascha”**

*After a year of Pandemic*

A gathering via Zoom of Orthodox Youth grades K - 12  
Sunday April 11 4 -7:00 pm (Eastern time)

Join our Retreat Leaders:

*Archpriest Timothy Hojnicky & Archpriest Benjamin Tucci*

As they remind us of the pathway to the Feast of Feasts  
Our Lord's Resurrection

### **Registration Required**

To Register go to our registration page at

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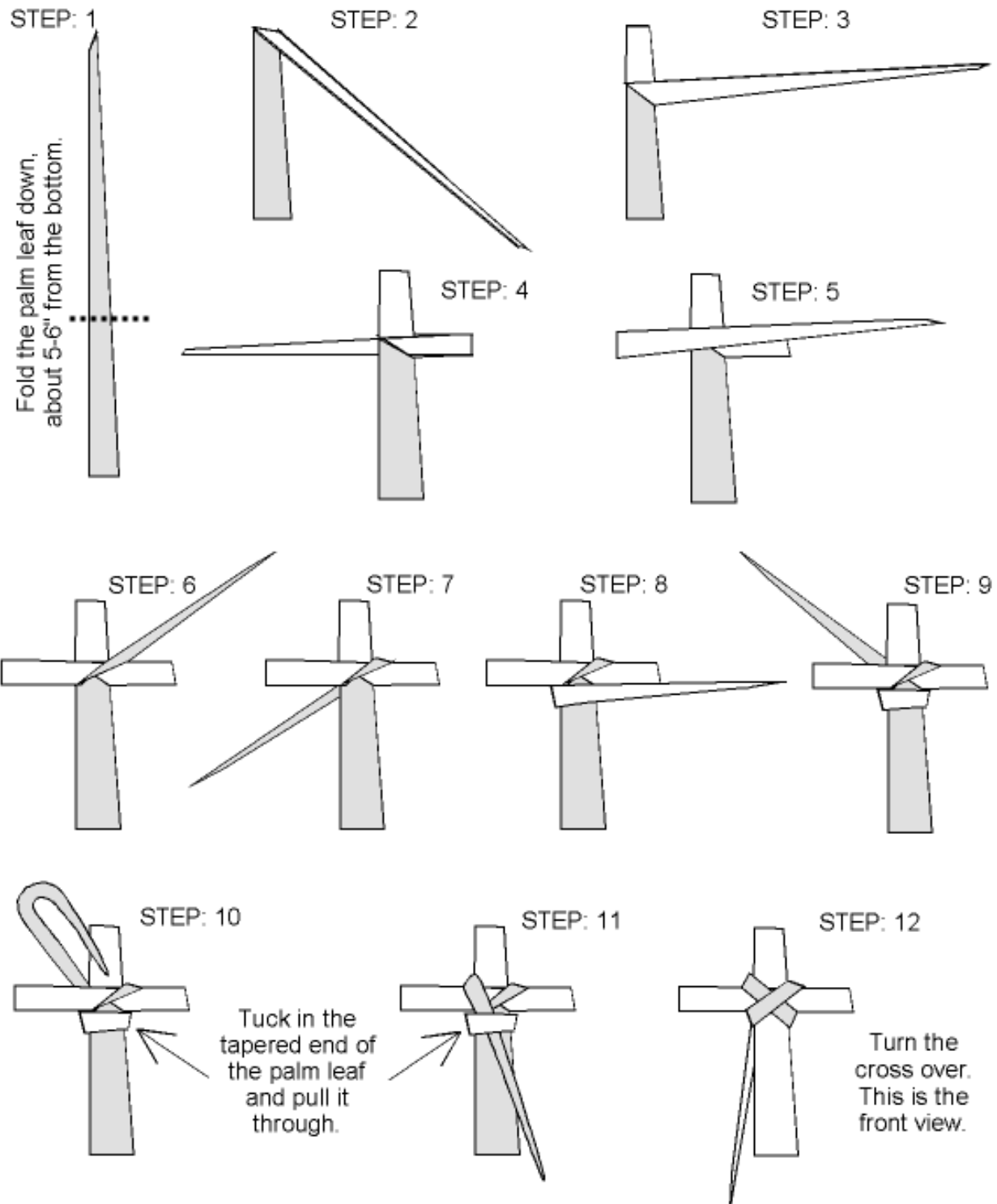


# PALM CROSS

No palm fronds available? No problem! Cut strips of paper to the dimensions listed below!

## Palm Leaf Cross Directions

Supplies: One palm leaf strip about 24-26" in length, 1/2" in width, tapering to the end.

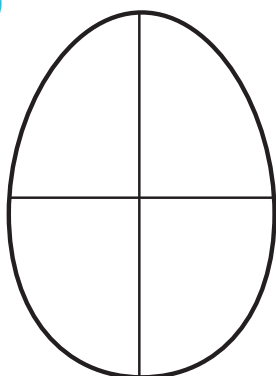




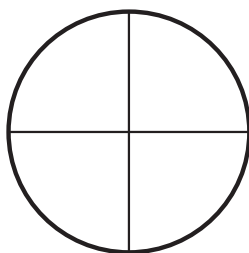
## STEP-BY-STEP Pysanka Pattern

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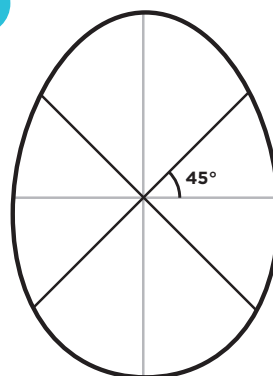
TOP VIEW



With an HB pencil and a light touch, divide egg into 8 sections as shown.

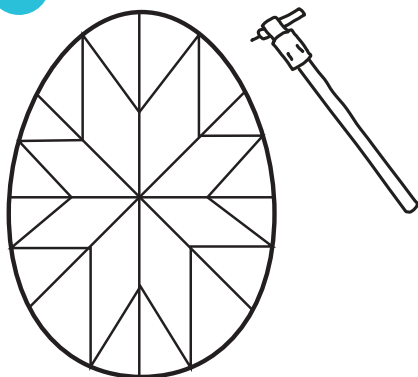
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FRONT VIEW



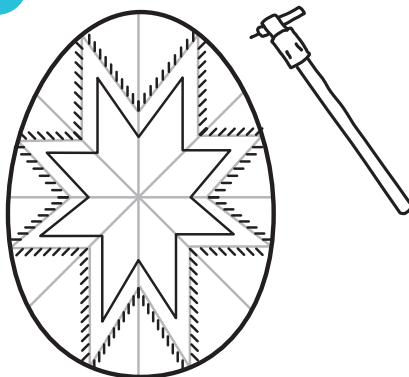
Add diagonal lines from centre, making sure to keep them at 45 degrees from the first lines.

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With the kistka, wax in the base lines and connect the marks from step 3.

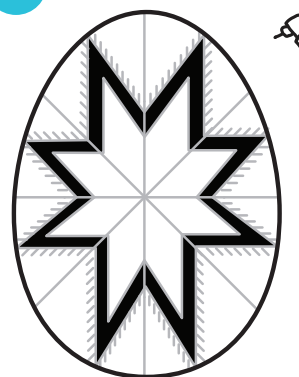
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Using your wax lines from step 4 as reference, add the lines shown.

Dye the egg first (lighter) colour. See samples on the right for ideas, or feel free to experiment!

6



Wax in the area shown above

Dye the egg in the second (darker) colour.

For complete instructions or pysanky-making, check out instructional booklet, *Pysani Party* by Doris Mielke available at [ukrainianeggcessories.com](http://ukrainianeggcessories.com)

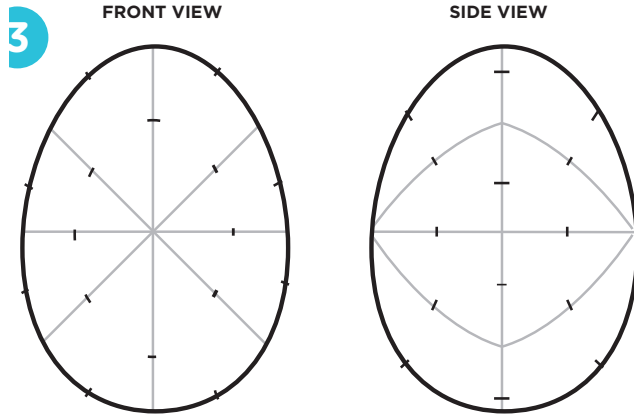


# PYSANKY!

## SECRET MESSAGES

Traditional Ukrainian eggs (also known as *pysanky*) were decorated with symbols that carried meaning and good wishes. Below are just a few examples.

Design your own egg using traditional symbols, or invent your own!



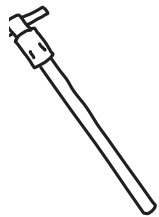
Make a mark halfway from centre to the end of each "spoke"  
Make a mark halfway along the side sections, as shown.



**HORSE:** Sun, wealth, prosperity



**FLOWERS:** wisdom, beauty, elegance



### SAMPLE COLOUR COMBINATIONS



Gold and blue



Red and black



Green and black



Pink and purple



Gold and pink



Turquoise and blue



**OAK LEAF/ACORN:** strength and persistence



**DEER:** masculinity, victory, leadership



**PINE BOUGH:** strength, growth, eternal life



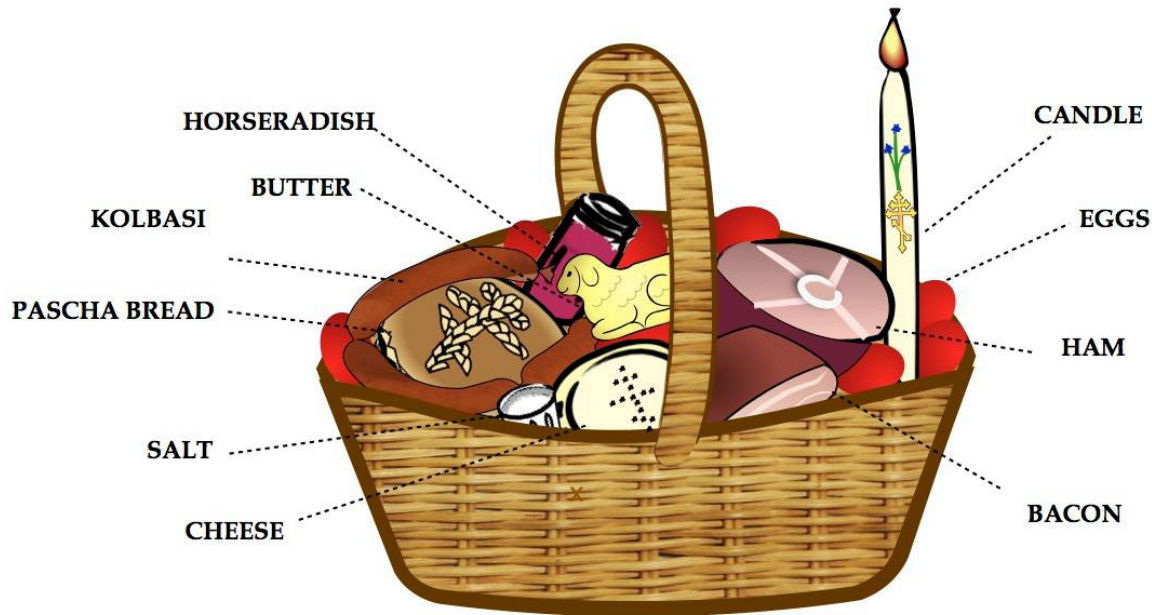
**BIRD:** coming of spring, fertility, fulfillment of wishes



# EASTER BASKET

## HOW TO PUT TOGETHER A TRADITIONAL EASTER BASKET

"TEXT ADAPTED FROM AN ARTICLE BY FR. BASIL KRAYNYAK, GCU MESSENGER, APRIL, 1979" ILLUSTRATED BY FR. JONATHAN BANNON



**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: Šunka - 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.

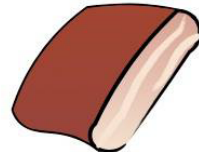


**BUTTER** - (Rusyn: Maslo pron. ma-slo.) This favorite dairy product is often shaped into a figure of a Lamb or small cross and decorated as the cheese. This reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

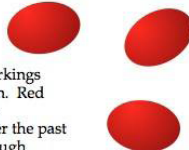


**SAUSAGE** (Rusyn: Kolbasi-pron. kol-bus-i.) A spicy, garlic sausage of pork products indicative of God's flavor and generosity.

**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.



**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.



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



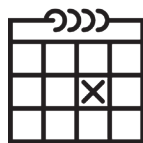
**HORSERADISH** (Rusyn: Chrin pron. khryn) Horseradish mixed with grated red beets (optional) symbolizes the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection. A bitter-sweet red colored mixture reminds us of the sufferings of Christ.

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







# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **GROCERY CARDS**

Please consider donating grocery cards for the needy all, and especially, through-out Lent! Please see Father Gregory or Kyra Smerkanich for questions or donations. Thank you!!

**AMAZON SMILE:** Do you use the Amazon App? Do you have us as your charity for Amazon Smile? Well now you can! See the instructions below for adding St. Mark as your charity for Amazon Smile! AmazonSmile customers can now support St Mark Orthodox Church in the Amazon shopping app on iOS and Android mobile phones! Simply follow these instructions to turn on AmazonSmile and start generating donations.

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## **BLESSED MAT. OLGA OF ALASKA WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP**

During COVID-19 Quarantine protocols, the Blessed Matushka Olga Prayer Group meets every Tuesday at 10:30 am via Zoom: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/152870659>. All are welcome to join and pray. April meeting dates are not listed below because of the uncertainty of when protocols will be lifted.

The Blessed Matushka Olga of Alaska Prayer Group meets regularly on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM in the church nave for intercessory prayer. In addition, the group meets regularly to pray varying Akathists on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 10:30 AM in the church nave.



Please join us as you can and please remember us in your prayers. All prayer requests may be given to Debbi Dillon, Mat. Alexandra or Marcella Hydock. Also, there is a prayer request email address on the St. Mark website.

We hope you can join us on:

### **Intercessory Prayer Dates & Times:**      **Akathist Dates & Times:**

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|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| • TUESDAY, APRIL 6th, 10:30 AM | • TUESDAY, APRIL 20th, 10:30 AM |
| • TUESDAY, MAY 4th, 10:30 AM   | • TUESDAY, MAY 18th, 10:30 AM   |
| • TUESDAY, JUNE 1st, 10:30 AM  | • TUESDAY, JUNE 15th, 10:30 AM  |

# UPDATER

## Births

2/1/21 - Jack W. Thomas  
3/6/21 - Laurel Elizabeth Church  
3/22/21 - Caleb Paul Bryan



Jack W. Thomas



Laurel Elizabeth Church



Caleb Paul Bryan

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## *Memory Eternal!*

### Deaths

1/20/21 - Fr. Daniel Ressetar  
1/23/21 - Mary, mother of Bishop Alexis  
1/25/21 - Jim, longtime friend of Jim Lacko  
2/5/21 - Fr. Daniel Hubiak  
2/10/21 - Bonnie Schuett, sister-in-law of Marilyn Macht  
2/23/21 - Job Henning  
3/20/21 - Patricia Carter, Mother of Herman Carter  
3/26/21 - Fr. Basil Summer



*May Their Memory Be Eternal!*



# Happy Birthday!

## April

1 Gherman Uritsky  
 2 Jack Albert  
 Elizabeth Cannon  
 Joshua Pierce  
 Elianna Niemi  
 4 Alexis Pearce  
 Jessica Herrera  
 Paulina Masick  
 5 Barbara Kreta  
 Faith Skordinski  
 6 Mary Mytryshyn  
 7 Nathaniel Safchuk  
 Irene Tarpy  
 8 Darlene Marti  
 10 Martin Riskam  
 Don Truitt  
 Aaron Wickard  
 11 Melanie Firestone  
 12 Eric Williams  
 15 Christopher Safchuk  
 16 Sophia Nimmer  
 18 Nina Uritsky  
 19 Ashley Albert  
 20 Mary Rudin  
 21 Doug Burns  
 Anastacia (Stacy) Jacobsen  
 23 Lori Landsburg  
 Chloe Emerson Little  
 Kiprian Tatusko  
 24 Susan B. Petro  
 25 Sasha Lutes  
 26 Peter Truitt  
 27 Dorothy Gumpert  
 Sarah Jenkins-Petro  
 Justin Markovich  
 28 Linda Weir  
 29 Sarah Hardy  
 Tristan Pearson  
 30 Marge Dove  
 Justin Humphries



## May

1 John Michael Mikuluk  
 2 Susan Rodak  
 3 Manuella Buzoianu Balan  
 7 Colleen Church  
 Lily Church  
 Madeleine Voth  
 Nicholas Voth  
 8 Olga Lobas  
 Patricia Pearson  
 9 Michael Karas  
 10 Grace Dillon  
 12 Paul Antich  
 Shirley Dean  
 Joanna Williams  
 Ellen Barber  
 14 Alexander Norton  
 Bella Prose  
 15 Antonina Riscuta  
 16 Alexandra Brasoveanu-Tarpy  
 Dorothy Dillon  
 17 Sherry Safchuk  
 19 Carol Mary Ashley  
 Stephen Ilario  
 21 Coy Williamson  
 22 Simina Lal Ciubotaru  
 Renee Zabela  
 Dominic Rotunda  
 23 Kenneth Bernstein  
 Carl Firestone  
 Cindy Jefferson  
 24 Nicholas Paul Moser  
 25 Talia Sieff  
 26 Christina Berencz  
 Andrew Bumbak  
 27 Timothy Firestone  
 Fr. Mark Koczak  
 28 Shawn Niemi  
 29 Henry William Meyers  
 Lisa Robinson  
 Patricia Prose  
 Michelle Bahumian  
 Hannah LeFors  
 Alexandra Sedor



## June

1 Alexandra Zabela  
 3 Christine Cacic  
 5 Michael Cacic  
 Rachael Datch  
 6 Robert Rudin  
 7 James W. (Skip) Mersereau  
 9 Simon Markovich  
 10 Nicholas Niemi  
 11 Mat. Gemma Phelps  
 12 Hannah Antich  
 Nicholas Corbin  
 Eliot Landsburg  
 David Burke Jackson  
 Ann Marie Steger  
 Vadim Uritsky  
 14 Joshua Lindsay  
 Maximus Timothy Masick  
 Daniel Schuresko  
 15 Tina Burpee  
 Mary Ann Holovac  
 John Humphries  
 Alexandra Kissell  
 16 Fr. David Cowan  
 Wright Steinberg  
 Kara Yakubik  
 18 Kathryn Balamaci  
 19 David Jefferson  
 Rachel Salas  
 20 Karen Jankovic  
 21 Kimberly Yakubik  
 22 Salomea Jankovic  
 Peter Sielinski  
 23 Timothy Dillon  
 Michael Hydock  
 Ravyn Malatesta  
 Timothy Perry  
 24 Benjamin Oleynik  
 Joshua Tucker  
 25 Alexsandra (Sunny) Holovac  
 Harell Little  
 Tara Shimer  
 26 Nicola Ilario  
 27 Dawn Little  
 30 Ella Rose Datch  
 Jenna Datch  
 Nick Pedersen

