



# HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH RESTON Parish Newsletter

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## OUR MARANATHA COME!<sup>1 Cor. 16.22</sup>

APRIL — DAY 13 HOURS, NIGHT 11

The biblical 14th of Nisan which brings the full moon announcing the Pasch of the Law (read Exodus 12.5) falls this year on Monday, April 18 (=5 April Julian). The Orthodox Catholic Church of the East always wants the Christian Pasch to follow the Pasch of the Law (*i.e.*, the Old Testament Pasch) which it fulfills and perfects. Consequently Holy Friday is April 22, and Resurrection Sunday is the 24th (=11 April Julian). And this year for the second year in a row the Latin West will celebrate together with us and after the Pasch of the Law which is a detail their tradition does not care about to the abiding annoyance of the Eastern Church.

### THE GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

FAST IN THE BRIDEGROOM'S ABSENCE

VIGIL FOR THE BRIDEGROOM WHO COMES AT MIDNIGHT

(In Mark 3.20+ the Lord Jesus says that his disciples will keep a fast "when the bridegroom is taken away from them." And why? Because his departure can be laid to the sins of the church. There's more, but we leave that to another venue.)

**17 Sun ENTRANCE OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM — ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΒΑΤΩΝ, ΗΕΡΒΑΛΑ ΔΕΥΤΕΡΟΧΩΣΙΑΣ, SUNDAY OF FLOWERING BRANCHES**

9:30 a.m. Matins and blessing of flowering branches and palms

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy — **Coffee Hour: Morrow**

**21 GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY — INSTITUTION OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST**

**22 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY — THE LAMB OF GOD — OUR PASCHAL LAMB — IS SLAIN**  
PASCH OF THE CROSS — ΠΑΣΧΑ ΣΤΑΥΡΩΣΙΜΟΝ

**10:00 a.m. Reading of Twelve Passion Gospels (St. Luke's Serbian)**

**6:45 p.m. Great Vespers: Descent from the Cross (Glade Room)**

**23 THE GREAT AND HOLY SABBATH WHEN THE LORD RESTED**  
FROM HIS WORK

\* **PENTECOST — ΠΕΝΤΗΚΟΣΤΗ — ΠΕΝΤΑΓΕΣΤΗΜΙΑ — THE FIFTY DAYS \***

**THE GREAT AND HOLY PASCH — FESTIVAL OF FESTIVALS — THE GREAT DAY**  
PASCH OF THE RESURRECTION — ΠΑΣΧΑ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΙΜΟΝ  
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

**Midnight** (=First Sunday after the Pasch of the Cross — Begin the Weeks of John) — Gospel: *John 1.1–18 (Polyglot)*

**Resurrection Matins with the Divine Liturgy**

(at the Glade Room)

*Blessing of paschal foods (baskets).*

☛ *Parish paschal breakfast follows at Mariño home, 703.796.0330.*

**4:00 p.m. Paschal Vespers** at Hawkins home, 703.430.2289

☛ followed by *Parish* roasted-lamb feast.

**26 Mon BRIGHT MONDAY**

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy (St. Luke's Serbian)

Each one of you is a child of God because of your faith in Christ Jesus: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have robed yourselves in him. There does not exist among you Jew or Greek, slave or freeman, male or female. All are one in Christ Jesus. Furthermore, if you belong to Christ you are the descendants of Abraham, which means you inherit all that was promised. —Galatians 3.26–20

### Seattle 2011

The triennial convention of the OCA—the 16th All-American Council—will start October 31 and conclude November 4. It will be held in Seattle, WA. Travel information together with information about participation in the gathering will appear on our parish website in short order. Should a parishioner be interested in representing Holy Trinity at the convention we will be happy to provide proper accreditation. Unfortunately there no funds allocated in our pared-down 2011 budget to cover travel expenses. If two people went one could oversee selling our Confession book at the "shameless commerce division" the organizers always have at these conventions.

### Speaking of money.

We have some funds for a new computer which it turns out will cost two grand. But the project is bigger than simply acquiring a new machine. Because of a change in processors the programs we use will not work without purchasing updated versions. On top of that our printer that produces all those nice participation-enabling sheets is quite old (refurbished once), and the scanner we use to capture art and texts is simply ancient in computer terms. So. Some donations earmarked for the project would help.