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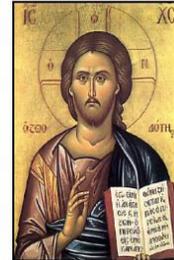
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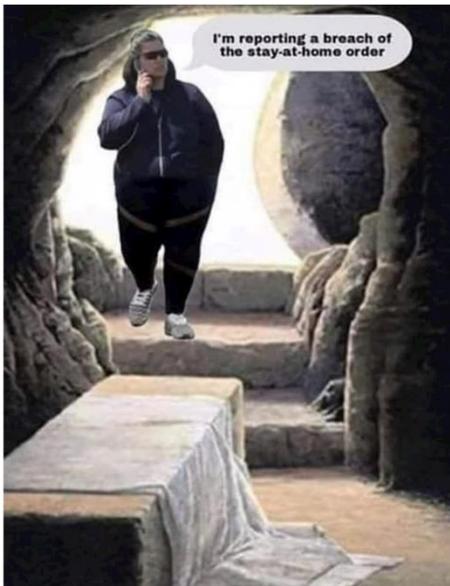
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Pastoral Message from Fr. George for April 17, 2020

Grave Violation



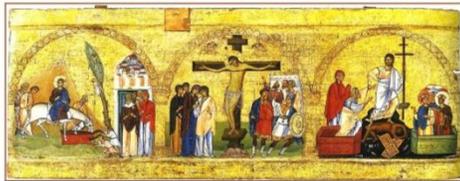
Surprise... Fr. George shared his sense of humor to lure you to his weekly message before Great and Holy Pascha!

[Click here to read his message...](#)

[Click here](#) to register your family *now* for our “Virtual Pascha Glendi” this Sunday at 3:00 p.m.



Sunday, April 12, 2020 – Palm Sunday



[Click here](#) to view our St. Christopher Family Video made from photos you shared from Palm Sunday.

“Religious Education Lesson from Katie Wilson”



Why do we dye eggs red at Pascha? And, how do we do it? The red dye represents the blood of Jesus Christ shed on the Cross. The egg itself

symbolizes the empty rock tomb from which Jesus Christ arose after His Crucifixion. The hard shells represent the sealed tomb. While the eggs are normally distributed at the conclusion of Paschal services, this year we are hoping everyone can make some at home.

Here are three non-traditional ways to dye red eggs. We recommend dying them on Holy Saturday afternoon so they are ready for Pascha Sunday.

FOOD COLORING METHOD: YOU NEED: - Eggs hard-boiled for 15-20 minutes - White vinegar - Red food coloring - Boiling water - Optional - vegetable oil Measure 1/2 cup of the boiling water into a jar or another heat-resistant container. Then, add one teaspoon of vinegar and 10-20 drops of red food coloring to achieve your desired color. If you're working with small kids, allow the dye to cool before you move on to dying eggs. You can polish the eggs to a shine with vegetable oil after they have dried

KOOL AID METHOD: YOU NEED: - Eggs hard-boiled for 15-20 minutes - Kool-Aid Packets (red) 2/3 Cup Water + 1tsp white vinegar per Kool-Aid Packet Directions Mix each packet with 2/3 cup water in a jar or any cup that will allow egg to be completely covered by colored liquid. If you like, you can use crayons or wax candles to write on dry eggs to make designs which will show up after you dye them. Place egg into jar and let sit for as long as you like. The longer you allow the egg to sit in the Kool-Aid colored water, the brighter the color will be.

ONION SKIN METHOD: This method is super cool! Check out this website as they share tips for how to add natural designs to the eggs as well. *Note the article was written in 2016 but, the instructions are still the same ;)

<http://www.atastyadventure.com/onion-dyed-easter-eggs/>



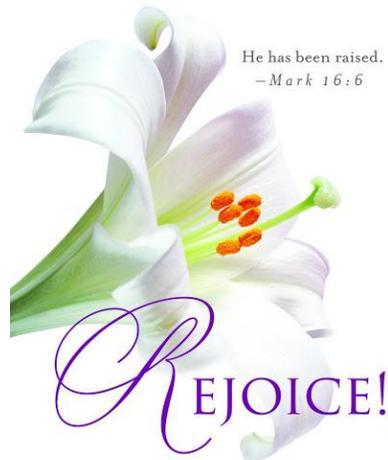
When and why do we hold candles during certain services during Holy Week? Traditionally we all hold candles starting with the Holy Friday Lamentations service (this year it will be at 4:30pm on Holy Friday). We hold them again for what is usually the midnight Resurrection service for Pascha. This year the Resurrection Service will start at 9am on Sunday morning with the singing of “Come Receive the Light”. The Agape Vespers (11:00am Sunday) is also a time to hold our candles.

WHY do we hold candles? The light of the candles represents the Light of Christ overcoming the darkness of evil. Normally, just before we sing “Come Receive the Light”, the whole church becomes dark and we all receive the candle light from Fr. George’s Pascha candle, we are all connected through Christ’s light, his love. While this year is a little different, we want to continue to understand and partake in this tradition. We ask that our family members continue to light their candle(s) as the Light of Christ always overcomes the darkness.

In an attempt to join the whole family in participation, we ask you check out this brief video on how to make paper candles. This is a fun way to involve younger kids who may not be able to hold real candles yet. Also, this is a great activity to allow kids to make paper candles for their parents too; this will really allow them to feel connected since they are getting to make something for the whole family, not just one for themselves. As you work together, be sure to talk to your kids about why the candles are

important. <https://youtu.be/yX-9SmTsZro>

Paschal Offering



Pascha Donation envelopes have traditionally been used by our parishioners wishing to make a Paschal donation.

If you would like to donate a special gift for Pascha please click on the link below.

There is an option on the “Stewardship Other” line to designate your gift for Pascha.

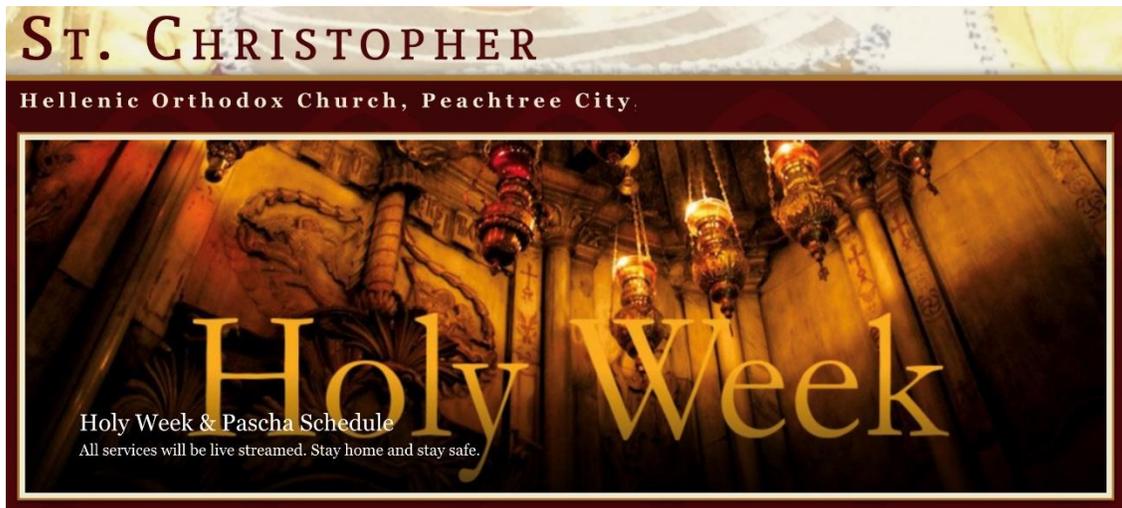
Thank you!

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For questions, please email communications@saintchristophermcc.org

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Great news!! Live streaming is HERE!

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