

PASCHAL TRADITIONS AT ST. JOHN

CANDLES (Palm Sunday & Pascha)

During the services of the Triumphal Entry (Palm Sunday) and Pascha, we have outdoor processions (weather permitting). Traditionally at St. John, we bring our baptismal/chrisman candle if you have one. For those who do not have one, you are welcome to bring your own white candle decorated with ribbon, flowers, greenery... whatever you feel is festive. Bringing candles is completely voluntary.

HOLY FRIDAY CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES (following Royal Hours at 9:00 a.m.)

Following Royal Hours on Holy Friday, the children of the parish gather to assist in the preparation for the upcoming service which include decorating the bier.

DECORATED BASKETS for Paschal Feast

It has been our tradition at St. John to bring foods that we have been fasting from in a basket decorated with flowers. When you come to the services on Saturday night you will put your basket on the solea. After the liturgy, you pick up your basket and take it to the fellowship hall and place it on one of the food tables. The decorated baskets are beautiful on the solea during liturgy and the fellowship Hall where we celebrate the feast.

Additionally, you may bring a decorated basket to take home after the feast is over to share with your family.

AGAPE PICNIC (following Agape Vespers at 3:30 p.m.)

The parish gathers for our annual BBQ picnic following Agape Vespers on Sunday afternoon. The picnic is catered by Corky's BBQ which is supplemented by desserts provided by the parishioners. This is a **Bring Your Own Beverage & Lawn Chair** event and a wonderful way to spend Pascha in fellowship, fun, and food. The musicians amongst us normally join together for an impromptu concert, so bring your guitar, ukulele, mandolin, etc. if you'd like to join in.

EGG HUNT (also following Agape Vespers)

Our annual egg hunt is for children in the 4th Grade and under. They should bring a dozen plastic candy-filled eggs *per child* and a basket(s) for hunting the eggs! Please put eggs in the room next to the kitchen before Vespers. **NO HARD-BOILED EGGS, PLEASE**, for they will not be hidden.

BRIGHT WEEK PIZZA PARTY (following Liturgy on Thursday)

Each year we enjoy pizza in the parish hall following our Liturgy for the Life Giving Font. Join us!

☞ Please feel welcome to participate as much or as little as you would like. ☞