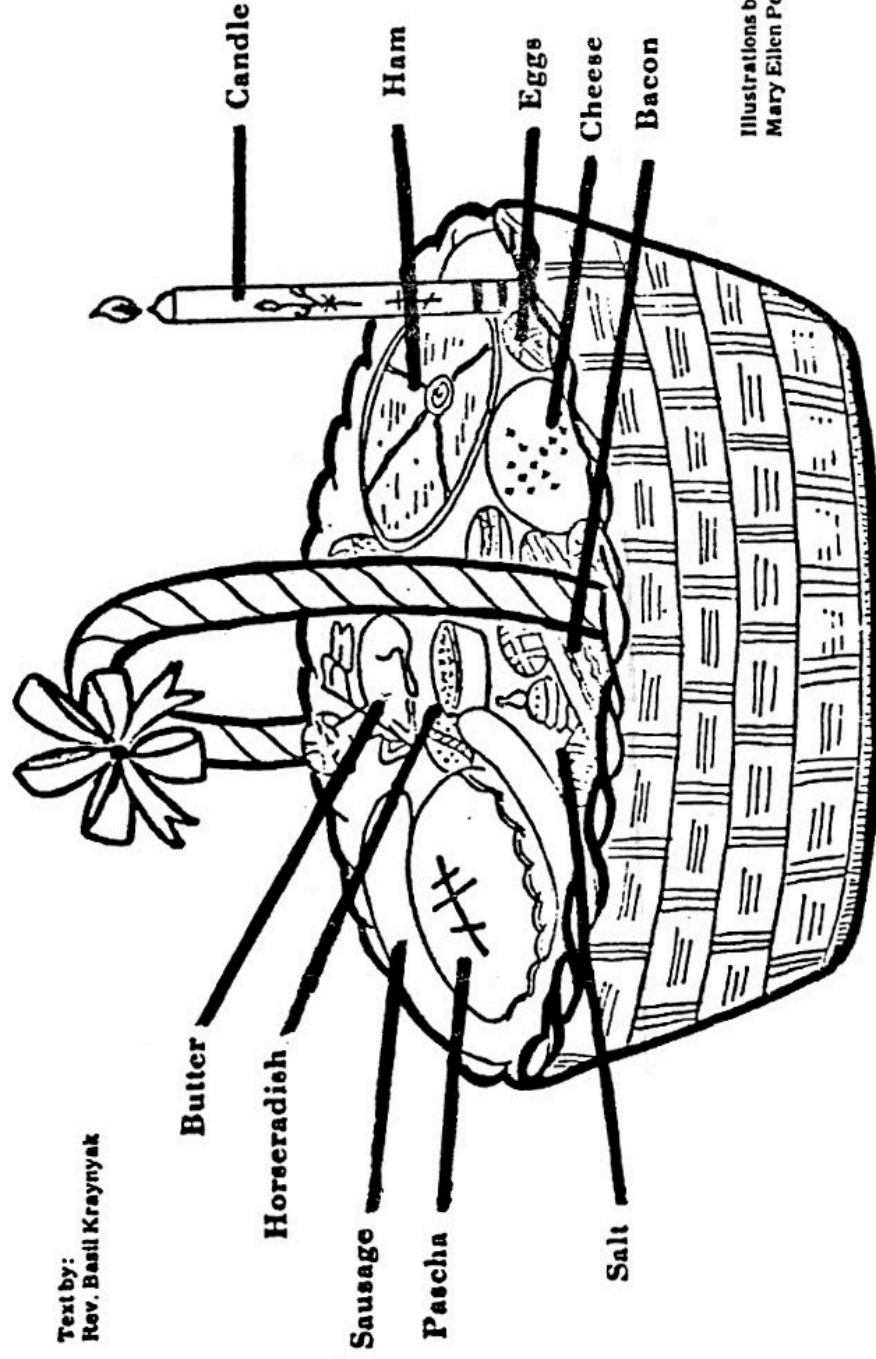


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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>The Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem: Flowery or Palm Sunday; Our Venerable Mother Mary of Egypt (527-65)</i> 10 AM GRANDE PRAIRIE: First Solemn Communion and Confession 4 PM MANNING	2 <i>Great and Holy Monday</i> <i>Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts: 7 PM</i> GRANDE PRAIRIE	3 <i>Great and Holy Tuesday</i>	4 <i>Great and Holy Wednesday</i> <i>Healing Service of Holy Anointing</i> <i>“Soborovannya” & Confessions: 7 PM</i> GRANDE PRAIRIE	5 <i>Great and Holy Thursday</i> <i>Vesperal Liturgy of St Basil: Institution of the Mystical Supper: 7 PM</i> GRANDE PRAIRIE	6 <i>Great and Holy Friday (Strict Fast Day)</i> <i>Great Vespers with the veneration of the Shroud & Confessions: 2 PM</i> GRANDE PRAIRIE 7 PM HINES CREEK	7 <i>Great and Holy Saturday</i> <i>Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great and Adult Baptism: 10 AM</i> GRANDE PRAIRIE <i>Removal of Shroud, Paschal Procession, Matins-Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Baskets: 5 PM</i> HINES CREEK
8 PASCHA (EASTER) <i>Removal of Shroud, Paschal Procession, Matins-Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Baskets: 7 AM</i> GRANDE PRAIRIE 3 PM HIGH PRAIRIE	9 <i>Bright Monday: NO FASTING WHOLE WEEK</i> 10 AM GRANDE PRAIRIE: <i>Divine Liturgy</i>	10 <i>Bright Tuesday</i>	11 <i>Bright Wednesday</i>	12 <i>Bright Thursday</i>	13 <i>Bright Friday</i> OLD CALENDAR: Great and Holy Friday <i>Great Vespers with the veneration of the Shroud; Confessions to Follow: 3 PM</i> MANNING	14 <i>Bright Saturday</i> 7 PM GRANDE PRAIRIE: GREAT VESPERS and Confessions
15 <i>Second Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of Thomas; The Holy Apostles Aristarchus Pudens and Trophimus (54-68)</i> 9:00 AM MANNING – OLD CALENDAR EASTER: Removal of Shroud, Paschal Procession, Matins-Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Baskets 10 AM GRANDE PRAIRIE	16	17	18	19	20	21 7 PM GRANDE PRAIRIE: GREAT VESPERS and Confession
22 <i>Third Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Myrrhbearing Women Tone 2; Our Venerable Father Theodore of Syceum (613)</i> 10 AM GRANDE PRAIRIE 4 PM HINES CREEK	23 <i>Great and Holy Marty George</i> 7 PM GRANDE PRAIRIE: <i>Divine Liturgy</i>	24	25	26	27	28 7 PM GRANDE PRAIRIE: GREAT VESPERS and Confession
29 <i>Fourth Sunday of Pascha: Sunday of the Paralytic Tone 3; The Nine Holy Martyrs of Cyzicus (313-24)</i> 10 AM GRANDE PRAIRIE Paschal Agape Meal and Children’s Catechism after Divine Liturgy.	30 <i>Clergy Study Days: Fr. Roman away until May 5</i>	I greet you with the joy of the Risen Christ! May Our Lord bless you and your families as we celebrate His glorious Resurrection from the dead. May this new life and hope fill us with peace and enable us to joyfully proclaim the Good News to all those we encounter: Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen! Христос воскрес! Воистину воскрес! Khristós Anésti! Alithós Anésti! (Greek) al-Masilh qām! Haqqan qām! (Arabic) Christos tensiou! Bahake tensiou! (Ethiopian) Хрістóсь воскрéсе! Воистину воскресе! (Church Slovonik) Christ est ressuscité! Il est vraiment ressuscité! (French) Christus resurrexit! Resurrexit vere! (Latin) Fr. Roman: (780) 513-1175 (<i>Home</i>) or (780) 933-4468 (<i>Cell</i>) Please Note: Confession is scheduled after all vesper services and also by appointment before or after any liturgical service.				

How to Put Together a Traditional Easter Basket

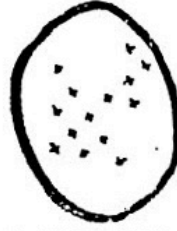
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PASCHA - The Easter Bread (pron. pà-aka.) A sweet, yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually a round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a cross (—) of dough is placed on top encircled by a plait giving it a crowned effect or Greek abbreviations for the name of Christ. The letters XB indicate the Slavonic for Christ is Risen.



CHEESE (Slav. Hrudka or Sirets pron. hrood'-ka or si-rets) 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 (Slav Šunka - pron. shoon-ka.) The lesh 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 that the festivity of the day will not be burdened with preparation and all may enjoy the Feast.



SAUSAGE (SLAV. Kolbasi - pron. kol-bu-1) A spicy, garlicky sausage of pork products, indicative of God's favor and generosity.



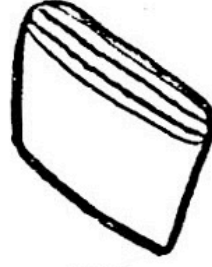
EGGS (Slav. Pisanki pron. pi-sún-ki) Hard-boiled eggs brightly decorated with symbols and markings made with beeswax. Indicative of new life and resurrection.



HORSERADISH (Slav. Chirn pron. khrin) Horseradish mixed with grated red beets. Symbolic of 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.



BACON (Slav. Stanina pron. sta-ni-na) A piece of uncooked bacon cured with spices. Symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy to us.

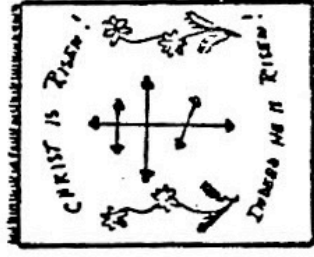


SALT (Slav. Sol' pron. sol') A condiment necessary for flavor reminding the Christian of his duty to others.



These articles are placed in a wicker basket and a ribbon or bow is tied to the handle. A decorated candle is placed in the basket and is lit at the time of 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.



BUTTER (Slav. Maslo pron. má-slo) This favorite dairy product is 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.