

# Orthodox Easter rites planned

By MARGARET MILLER

A new tomb, given to St. Michael Orthodox Church in memory of a couple who were long time members, is the focal point in the Redford Township parish sanctuary as preparatory services for the Orthodox Good Friday and Easter.

St. Michael is a parish originally located in the Livernois-Midletan area of Detroit, and its members met all over the metropolitan area. It moved to its present location, 28555 West Chgo. in 1958 after fire destroyed the Detroit church.

Like other Orthodox congregations, St. Michael celebrates Good Friday this year on April 23 and Easter on April 25. Because of a different means of reckoning, the Orthodox dates for Easter can vary from the Roman by as much as five weeks.

THIS YEAR'S services will be the first at St. Michael, not only for the ceremonial tomb, donated by the sons and daughters of the late John and Anna Maura to honor their parents, but also for the Rt. Rev. Michael E. Barna, pastor of the parish since last September.

The new tomb, purchased from a monastery in Jerusalem, is white, harmonizing with the interior of the eight-year-old church, and is covered by a richly-colored holy shroud, also called a winding cloth or Paschanta.

Around the edge of the cloth is written:

in church Slavonic letters, an inscription that translates: "Noble Joseph, when he had taken thy precious body from the tree did wrap it in fine linen and spices and so wrapping did place it in a new sepulchre."

DURING THE Good Friday vespers and procession, beginning at 7:30 p.m., Fr. Barna said the tomb will be in a central spot before the altar and will be surrounded by Easter flowers.

"At the evening services," he said, "there will be a procession which is a re-enactment of the burial of Christ. The winding cloth will be carried around the church and finally put into a replica of the grave, just as the body of Jesus was carried from the cross and put into the grave of Joseph in the garden."

The Orthodox Paschal services will commence at 11:30 p.m. Saturday, when the congregation will gather for nocturne rites, and then at midnight will begin the main canon of St. John of Damascus.

Fr. Barna said the drama will continue to unfold with "a procession which re-minds us of the journey made by the women who came to anoint the body of Christ and found the tomb empty."

The procession, he added, takes the congregation outside the church during the midnight service, and when the people return, the interior is moved to the side of the altar, the flowers are dispersed and the winding cloth goes onto the altar.

"At the conclusion of the canon of St. John," the priest went on, "Easter foods

will be blessed on the church lawn. Divine liturgy on Easter Sunday, April 25, will begin at 10 a.m."

FR. BARNIA explained that the Orthodox Easter often is celebrated on a different Sunday from the Roman because of rules laid down by the first ecumenical council in the year 325 at Nicea.

These rules hold that Easter must follow the Jewish Passover; he said, adding that this is the point that makes the difference between the two branches of the Catholic church.

"There are two reasons for this rule," he said. "First, to keep a proper historical and chronological sequence. The Old Testament Passover came first and was a preview of the coming Christian one. The Christian Passover is the fulfillment of the old one."

"Secondly, to make a distinction between the celebration of the two Passovers—Jewish and Christian—because in the early church this distinction was necessary in mixed congregations."

Fr. Barna pointed out another difference—the use of pussy willows in Orthodox churches instead of palms on the Sunday before Easter commemorating Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

"There are no palms in Russia," he explained, "and in this spring season the pussy willows change suddenly from something brown and dead to something alive."

THE ST. MICHAEL priest came to the area after long service in the Eastern section of the nation, and marked his 25th jubilee Nov. 9.

He grew up in an Illinois town where his father was a priest, graduated from high school in Reading, Pa., and saw active service in the U.S. Navy before beginning study at St. Nicholas Cathedral in New York. He served as assistant to his father in Reading and later in St. Michael Orthodox Church in Philadelphia.

In 1976 he was elevated to the privilege of wearing the mitre, a headpiece by Metropolitan Nikodim of Levanograd and Novgorod.



The Rt. Rev. Michael E. Barna places the ceremonial winding cloth on the new tomb that will be central to the Good Friday and Easter services this weekend in St. Michael Orthodox Catholic Church. (Staff photo by Bob Woodring)

## Canon Green to visit area

The Rev. Canon F. yan Green, one of the Anglican Communion's foremost preachers and evangelists, will conduct a mission in the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan from April 23 through May 8, appearing in Saint James' Episcopal Church in Birmingham at 8 p.m. on May 5 and 6.

Canon Green will preach on "Faith for Today" at St. James and five other locations in the diocese. He also will address

the Diocesan Episcopal Churchwomen's annual meeting, will visit several campuses and individual parishes, and will speak at clergy meetings in Detroit and Bay City.

Canon Green is visiting the diocese at the invitation of the bishop, the Right Rev. H. Coleman McGehee Jr., and the faith and worship committee of the executive council. He first conducted a diocesan mission in Michigan in the mid-1960s.

## Christ is Risen!

**ST. MICHAEL'S ORTHODOX CHURCH**  
26355 W. CHICAGO Redford Twp  
Rt. Rev. Michael E. Barna, pastor

### PASCHAL (Easter) SERVICES

Friday, April 23  
7:30 Vespers & Procession  
Saturday, April 24  
11:30 p.m. to Noon  
12:00 Midnight Matins Canons of St. John of Damascus Blessing of Paschal food to follow  
Sunday, April 25, Easter Sunday  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

Indeed He Is Risen!

## Your Invitation to Worship

**First Baptist Church**  
Bates and Willis, Birmingham, Mich.  
Robert G. Middleton, Minister  
David W. Smith  
Glen H. Aquarth, Jr.  
Homer J. Armstrong, Emeritus

9:45 Church School  
11:00 Worship Service

**St. Martin's EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
The Rev. Robert J. Miller, Rector  
24699 Grand River Avenue  
46 Seven Mile Road Detroit  
Services: Sundays 8 and 10 a.m.  
Nursery at 10:00 a.m.  
Call office for further information: 531-3600

**Salem United Church of Christ**  
Oakland at Od River, Farmington  
Sundays 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.  
Worship Service 10:15 A.M.  
Parsonage 478-6487  
Church Phone GR 14800  
Care of: Rt. Rev. J. H. Williams, Minister

**NATIVITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**  
THE JOYFUL CHURCH  
21220 W. 11 Mile Rd.  
1 1/2 MILE EAST OF LAHSER

SUNDAY WORSHIP:  
8:00 A.M. & 10:30 A.M.  
Sitter and Church School at 10:30

RECTOR: JOHN C. FREDENBURGH

**CLARENCEVILLE UNITED METHODIST**  
22325 Middlebelt Livernois  
Pastor Gerald Fisher  
474-3444

9:00 a.m. Morning Service  
10:00 a.m. Church School  
11:00 a.m. Sunday School  
12:00 p.m. Lunch  
1:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Evening Service  
8:00 p.m. All Congregations

**St. John American Lutheran Church**  
23225 Oak Road Farmington  
Pastor Charles Fox 474-0048 or 474-4495

Worship 8:30 & 11:00 A.M.  
Sunday School 9:40 A.M.  
Nursery Provided

**FIRST APOSTOLIC LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
26225 Halsted Road Farmington Hills  
474-9700  
Raymond H. Tulkin, Minister 474-6554  
Sundays 9:30 AM  
Worship 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM  
Bible Study, Tuesday 7:45 PM  
Song Service Third Saturday of each month

**UNIVERSITY HILLS CHURCH**  
Christian Reformed  
Worship with Us at  
11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.  
26111 Farmington Rd. at I-696  
477-1350 Dr. J. H. Elkins 474-0514

**ST. PAUL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
165 E. Square Lake Road  
Bloomfield Hills  
12 1/2 miles east of Woodward 238-8223  
Minister: Dr. Roger Inman 943-1418  
Church School 11:00 A.M.  
Pastor Care 10 A.M. See Tentative

**FIRST CHURCH OF GOD**  
Farmington Hills  
21717 Powers Road  
W. 11 Mile Rd. at Livernois  
Parsonage 474-5619  
Church School 9:45  
Morning Worship 11:00  
Evening Service 7:00  
Wednesday Prayer 7:30

**Franklin Community Church**  
United Methodist  
on Franklin's Village Green  
Sundays at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m.  
Nursery care at both services  
Sunday School at 10:15 a.m.  
2nd & 4th Grades  
M.A. Education at 10:15 a.m.  
Senior Minister, Frank B. Cowick  
Associate Minister, Wayne C. Ferrigan

**PEACE AMERICAN LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
1416 Maple Road, between Southfield & Greenfield  
642-7867  
Pastor: Raymond E. Brown  
SUNDAY WORSHIP 9:30 and 11:00  
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ALL AGES 9:30  
Senior Services with Refreshments, 4th Level, 9  
LUTHERAN THEME THE CROSS BEARER

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**  
33300 Eight Mile Road  
Farmington Hills  
Eino M. Tuomi, Pastor 474-2579  
WORSHIP and SUNDAY SCHOOL  
10:30 A.M.

**Community Congregational Church**  
27800 Southfield Road  
1 1/2 Mile Lastrap Village

Jackson E. Turner, Minister  
10:00 A.M. Service

**Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church**  
A.L.C.  
5631 North Adams Road  
1/2 Mile North of E. Long Lake Rd  
SUNDAY  
9:15 A.M. Matins  
9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
11:00 A.M. Morning Worship Service

Fred W. MacLean, Pastor  
Dwayne P. Schaefer, Pastor  
MI-6-9411 MI-6-5124

**MEET GOD HERE!**  
first assembly of God  
12 mile just west of  
telegraph, southfield  
sunday: 11am. 353-9222

**St. Andrew Lutheran Church**  
LCA  
6255 Telegraph Road  
Birmingham North of Maple

WORSHIP SERVICE  
Sunday Church School  
10:30 A.M.  
Thursday Church School  
4:45 P.M.  
Charles William Riebert 646-5297

**NORTHBROOK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
14 Mile and Lahser Roads

Morning Worship and Church School  
9:30 a.m. (end 11:00 a.m.)  
R. W. Brightman  
Phone: 642-8200

**The Congregational Church of Birmingham, U.C.C.**  
Woodward at Cranbrook  
Bloomfield Hills MI 6-4511  
Worship and Church School  
9:30 and 11:00 a.m.  
Minister: Rev. Charles O. Erickson  
Minister of Education: Rev. Verne E. Arns, Jr.

**Birk in the Hills**  
130 W. Long Lake Rd

MINISTERS  
James P. Anderson  
Frank J. Irvine  
Ross H. Geesh

Worship Services and Church School  
Sundays at 9:30 and 11:30 A.M.

**Beverly Hills United Methodist Church**  
2000 W. 13 Mile at Evergreen 646-9777

Worship at 10:00 a.m.  
Church School 10:15 a.m.  
Bible Study through 11:45 a.m.  
Minister: W. Dale Lambert

**FARMINGTON HILLS BAPTIST**  
On Middlebelt Road Between 12 & 13 Mile Rds.  
Worship 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.  
Bible School 9:45 a.m.  
Family Night—Wed. 7:30 p.m.  
Rev. Fred G. Ferris—Pastor K81-6310  
A CONSERVATIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

**Christ Church Cranbrook**  
Cranbrook  
7:45 a.m. Holy Communion  
9 and 11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon Holy Communion and Sermon on 1st Sunday of the month  
Church School and Nursery  
8:15 and 11 a.m.  
Holy Communion Tuesday 10 a.m.  
Wednesday 7 a.m.  
Phone: 641-5218

**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN**  
1669 WEST MAPLE at CHESTERFIELD (611-2010) BIRMINGHAM

The Reverend F. Morgan Roberts, Pastor  
Associates: Charles A. Sommers,  
Edward E. Craton, Gerald S. Crawford

Worship and Church School  
9:30 and 11:15 A.M.

**Christian Science Churches**  
**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST BIRMINGHAM**  
191 Chester at Willis

SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 A.M.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M.  
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 8:15 P.M.  
CHILD CARE ROOM Sunday 10:15 A.M. - 1:45 P.M.  
READING ROOM 395 East Maple 644-7935  
Open Mon. & Tues. 9:30-10:30 & 7-9 Wed. & Sat. 9:30-5:30  
Thurs. & Fri. 9:30-9:00  
except Sunday and holidays

**FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST FRANKLIN-MEADOWLAKE**  
Maple at Inkster

SUNDAY SERVICES 10:30 A.M.  
SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:30 A.M.  
WEDNESDAY TESTIMONY MEETING 8:15 P.M.  
CHILD CARE ROOM Sunday 10:15 A.M. - 1:45 P.M.  
READING ROOM 414 Pine Lake Mall 851-7740  
Orchard Lake Rd. at Lone Pine Rd.  
Open Mon., Tues, Wed, Sat. 10:00-5:30, Thurs. & Fri. 10:00-9:00  
All are welcome at our Church Services and the Reading Rooms

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
1889 West Maple at Pleasant  
Ministers: James W. Wright, G. Bryn Evans  
John H. Bunce, Thomas H. Beaven

Worship Services 8:30, 9:30 & 11 a.m.  
Church School 9:30 and 11 a.m.  
Nursery Care provided

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF FARMINGTON**  
Richard Duncan, Pastor - Phone 474-0350

33400 BIRMIWASSEE  
FARMINGTON ROAD  
GRAND RIVER

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:45 a.m.  
MORNING WORSHIP 11:00 a.m.  
EVENING SERVICE 6:00 p.m.  
WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:30 p.m.

**Covenant Baptist**

April 25, 11:30 a.m. Ground breaking for new facility at our 10-acre site on W. Maple, between Orchard Lake & Farmington Rds. The new \$2 million facility will house a full program designed to enrich family life and contribute spiritual strength to a wide community. You are cordially invited to attend. You are also welcome at our regular services.

Dr. Wm. F. Lecher - Rev. Edward A. Lilly - Rev. Dana J. Gibson  
Call UN 4-7878