

# Divine Liturgy

April 9, 2023

Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem—Palm Sunday



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### **Note to our Guests and Friends Visiting St. Nicholas:**

We offer a most sincere and heart-felt welcome to St. Nicholas Church! Please be advised that according to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves to receive the Holy Sacrament.

*(Please note - Information to be included in next Sunday's bulletin must be submitted by noon on Thursday. Thank you! ~ Jennifer N. Bzik)*

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# Schedule for the Week of April 9, 2023

**ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. Palm Sunday .** Martyr Euppsychius of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (362). Martyrs Desan–Bishop, Mariabus–Presbyter, Abdiesus, and 270 others in Persia (363-364). Monastic Martyr Bademus (Vadim) of Persia (376).

## Fr. Nikolai's Office Hours

Fr. Nikolai will not have formal office hours this week due to the busy Holy Week Schedule of Services. Please feel free to contact Fr. Nikolai directly if you need to speak with him.

## Coffee Hour Today

There will be a light coffee hour after the Divine Liturgy today.

## Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

*\*\*\*Live Stream will also be available for all services.\*\*\**

### Sunday, April 9

#### **Palm Sunday**

9:10 am – Reading of the Hours

9:30 am – Divine Liturgy

4:00 pm – Bridegroom Matins

### Monday, April 10

#### **Holy Monday**

9:00 am – Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm – Bridegroom Matins

### Tuesday, April 11

#### **Holy Tuesday**

9:00 am – Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm – Bridegroom Matins

### Wednesday, April 12

#### **Holy Wednesday**

9:00 am – Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm – Holy Unction

**Thursday, April 13**

**Holy Thursday**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

7:00 pm - Matins of Holy Friday with the 12 Passion Gospels

**Friday, April 14**

**Holy Friday**

9:00 am - Royal Hours

4:00 pm - Burial Vespers

7:00 pm - Matins Lamentations

All Night Watch

**Saturday, April 15**

**Holy Saturday**

9:00 am - Vespers Divine Liturgy of Holy Saturday

**GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA**

11:30 pm - Paschal Vigil and Paschal Divine Liturgy

Followed by the blessing of baskets & Agape meal

11:00 am - Agape Vespers

**Sunday, April 16**

**Monday, April 17**

**Bright Monday**

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Saturday, April 22**

**Sunday, April 23**

**St. Thomas Sunday**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

2:00 pm - Blessing of the Graves - Union Cemetery

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

**Saturday, April 29**

**Sunday, April 30**

**Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women**

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

2:00 pm - Blessing of the Graves - Catasauqua

# Divine Liturgy

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### The First Antiphon

I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication. *(Ps. 114:1)*

*Refrain:* Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.  
*(Ps. 114:2) (Refrain)*

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me. *(Ps. 114:3) (Refrain)*

I suffered distress and anguish, then I called on the Name of the Lord. *(Ps. 114:4a) (Refrain)*

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. *(Ps. 114:9) (Refrain)*

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever,  
and unto ages of ages. Amen. *(Refrain)*

### The Second Antiphon

I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted." *(Ps. 115:1)*

*Refrain:* O Son of God, seated on the colt of an ass, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has given me? *(Ps. 115:3) (Refrain)*

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. *(Ps. 115:4) (Refrain)*

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people. (Ps. 115:5)  
(Refrain)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

*("Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God... ")*

### **The Third Antiphon**

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever. (Ps. 117:1)

#### **Tone 1      Troparion**

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God. Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord."

Let the house of Israel say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever.  
(Ps. 117:2)

*Troparion of the Feast*

Let the house of Aaron say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever.  
(Ps. 117:3)

*Troparion of the Feast*

Let those who fear the Lord say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever.  
(Ps. 117:4)

*Troparion of the Feast*

## **Entrance Verse**

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. God is the Lord and He has revealed Himself to us. *(Ps. 117:25b-26)*

### **Tone 1      Troparion**

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God. Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord."

### **Tone 4      Troparion**

When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God, we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection. Now we praise Thee and sing: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

### **Tone 6      Kontakion**

Sitting on Thy throne in Heaven, carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God, accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing: "Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam!"

*(The Trisagion is sung.)*

### **Tone 4      Prokeimenon**

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. *(Ps. 117:26b, 27b)*

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever. *(Ps. 117:1)*

## **Epistle**

Read by Tricia Metz

**(Philippians 4:4-9)** Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy - meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

## **Tone 1**

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things! (Ps. 97:1)*

*All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. (Ps. 97:5)*

## **Gospel**

**(John 12:1-18)** Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor? This he said, not that he



cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always." Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt." His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

*(Instead of "It is truly meet...", we sing:)*

God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!  
Celebrate the feast and come with gladness!  
Let us magnify Christ with palms and branches,  
singing: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord, our Savior!"

### **Communion Hymn**

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. (*Ps. 117:26b, 27b*)  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

# **Candle Offerings for Sunday, April 9, 2023**

## **Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)**

In Memory Of Cudlic & Fedora Families, Offered by Cudlic & Eck Families

## **Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)**

Safe Travels Guliana Holobeny & Parents, Offered by Guliana Holobeny

## **Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)**

In Memory Of Nancy Cudlic, Offered by Cudlic & Eck Families

## **Votives in Altar**

In Memory Of Victoria's Mother, Offered by Victoria Dimonie

## **Votives in Iconostas**

In Memory Of Brusko Family

## **Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)**

In Memory Of Michael Stafiniak, Offered by The Stafiniak Family

## **Crosses**

Happy Birthday Becky Kriebel, Offered by Gordon & Val Roberts

## **Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)**

In Memory Of Pauline Radchuk, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

**Vigils on Icon Table (2)**

In Memory of Betty Fedora, Offered by Cudlic & Eck Families

**Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)**

In Memory Of Victoria's Mother, Offered by Victoria Dimonie

**Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary**

In Memory Of Victoria's Mother, Offered by Victoria Dimonie

**Vigils of St. Gregory (1)**

For Health Of The Brusko Family

**Vigils of St. Paul (1)**

For Health Of The Brusko Family

**Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)**

For Health Of The Brusko Family

**Vigil of St. Michael (1)**

For Health Of The Brusko Family

**Vigil of St. Andrew (1)**

For Health Of The Brusko Family

**Flowers to Adorn the Icon of The Entrance into Jerusalem**

In Memory Of John & Nancy Junda, Offered by Anastasia Junda



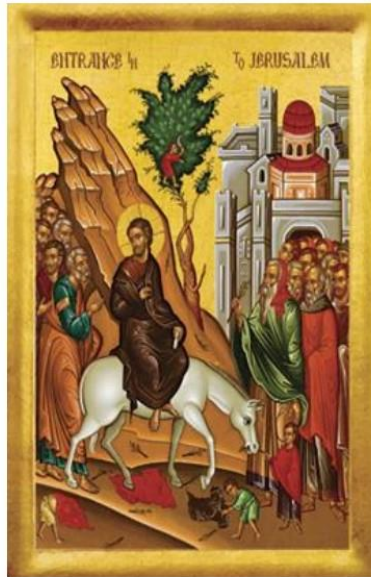
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DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA  
The Most Rev. Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia

March 29, 2023

## Palm Sunday

Dear to God,

Blessed Feast! Peace and blessings as we celebrate the glorious Feast of Palm Sunday. May the Lord bless and strengthen you day by day as we follow our Lord to His voluntary suffering, the Cross, the Grave and the Empty Tomb. As we gather for these blessed Services, we stand together before the Lord. I am reminded of the words of St Paul, that Christ endured the shame of the Cross for the joy that was set before Him. May we each look beyond the cross we have taken up and rejoice in Christ's Life Giving Passion and Holy Resurrection.



Yours in Christ,

+ Mark

+MARK, Archbishop of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania  
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"Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in Thee." Augustine

# **A Note about BrightHope**

To the charitable parishioners of St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church,

Thanks be to God for your bountiful response to the diaper collection on behalf of the local OCL (Orthodox Christians for Life) chapter at St. Paul's Antiochian Orthodox parish in Emmaus. Your abundant donations were dropped off at the BrightHope Pregnancy Support Center in Easton this week where I was given a comprehensive tour of their welcoming residential home offering warm support and counseling for expectant mother, confidential ultrasound services, a prayer room for spiritual support and counseling (donated and served by a local parish and their pastor) for the mothers-to-be and their families, a Baby Boutique where they provide essential items of clothing, baby care, and of course lots and lots of diapers! All of BrightHope's services and supportive care for pregnant women and their babies are free, a blessing from donations and volunteers. They are deeply thankful for our generosity.

BrightHope's next fundraising endeavor is The Lehigh Valley Walk for Life on Saturday, April 29 at the Bethlehem Township Community Center. Fr. Michael and I will be participating as sponsors and seek your generous support as you are inclined and inspired. The sponsor form is on the former diaper table in the narthex and we hope you will join us, as kindred donors and walkers.

With Love in Christ,  
Mat. Susan Kon

## **St. Nicholas Church Scholarship Notice**

Members of the church who are entering their second, third, or fourth year of full time studies at an accredited two year, four year college/university or Orthodox Seminary are invited and urged to apply for the several scholarships available. For further information and applications, please contact Nancy Kohudic at 610-391-1257 or ndk175@ptd.net no later than May 22, 2023.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nancy Kohudic  
Administrator

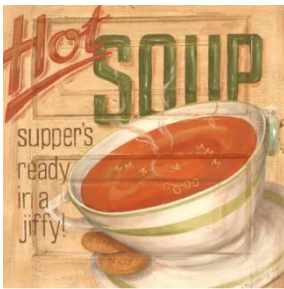
# Lenten/Paschal Sign Up Sheets

As we approach the end of our Lenten journey to Pascha, there are many opportunities to become involved. Please visit the candle desk to review the following sign up sheets.

- Flowers to adorn the grave of Our Lord
- Burial Vespers Procession
- Grave Watch
- Pascha Procession
- Red Eggs
- Bright Monday Procession
- Bright Monday Hot Dog Luncheon

If you have any questions, please ask a Church Council Member or stop by the candle desk.

## FINAL WEEK: Lenten Soup Sale



Every coffee hour during lent we will be hosting a take home quart soup sale. Each week will be different strict Lenten soups. \$10 a quart. While supplies last. All proceeds will go to the HVAC fund. See Judy or Lori if you have any questions.



### THIS WEEK'S SOUPS:

- Black Bean Soup
- Vegan Creamy Tomato Soup
- Vegan Orzo Lemon Soup

PS - If possible, please return your empty quart containers so that we may reuse them.

## A Note of Thanks

Dear Fr. Breckenridge,

We thank you and The Orthodox Christians for Life for the generous donations of diapers - always needed, always appreciated by our mothers!

BrightHope

## **Media Opt-Out Information**

As many of you know, from time to time we (St. Nicholas Church) record, photograph or videotape various events and activities that reflect an active parish. These pieces of communication may be published on our website, in our bulletin, on our social media page, on the OCA website, or used on other printed material. Some people may choose not to have their photos used and if you are among them, we ask that you fill-out the Media Opt-Out Form that can be found at the information table outside the church hall. Please return it to the church administrative assistant so that we may have a copy on file. If you are okay with the use of media, you do not have to do anything. Thank you.

## **A Note Of Thanks**

Many thanks to ALL who participated and contributed in so many ways to the luncheon(s) organized to collect the funds needed for Julia Smolenski's funeral. Through your generosity we met the goal of collecting the \$5000 approved by the Parish Council at the time of Julia's passing. May God bless everyone who took part in this good deed!

## **All Grocery Gift Cards Available**

Grocery gift cards are the ideal gift that everyone can use. When you purchase a gift card from our parish, you are helping our parish earn 5% income every time on each card.

We have cards available from all participating stores: Redner's, Giant , Weis Markets and Valley Farm Market. Cards are available in a variety of denominations. Cards do not expire, so please consider purchasing a Grocery Gift Card the next time you need to buy a gift for someone. Better yet, why not get yourself a grocery gift card to use for your weekly shopping purchases and help earn some money for our parish!

Please see Judy Lezinsky for Grocery Gift Cards, or call for any special orders. 610-868-9468 (Cash or checks please.)

Heavenly Father...

Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent Your only-begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit and heal us, Your Servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments, through the grace of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your Word to pray for each other that we may be healed. For You are the source of healing, and to You we give glory; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **Prayers for the Health of the Servants of God:**

**Archbishop Melchisedek Pleska**

**Igumen: Patric Carpenter, David Lewis**

**Archpriests:** Thomas Edwards, John Perich, James Mason, Claude Vinyard, Dimitri Oselinsky, David Shewczyk, Ian Shipley, Dennis Swenki, James Weremedic, John Onofrey

**Priests:** Nikolai Breckenridge, John Nightingale

**Deacons:** Geoffrey LoBalbo

**Subdeacons:** Michael (Frank) Guydan

**Matushki:** Liudmyla Breckenridge, Marie Mason, Johanna Bohush, Evelyn Edwards, Paraskeva Vansuch, Myra Kovalak, Gloria Martin, Priscilla Shipley, Katia Vansuch, Lisa Weremedic, Stephanie Onofrey, Julia Romanchak

**Servants:** Bethany Bruder, Mary Brzuchalski, Helen Cotirgasanu, David G. Cudlic, Roberta Cusick, Val Danchenko, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, Patricia G. Fu, Walter Grigoruk, Rachel Hardesty, Nicholas Hazzard, Don Holobeny, Jonathan Hontz, Sherry Hromiak, Michael H. Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Alexandra Keysock, Mary K. Koretski, Stephanie Koretski, Bernard Kusior, Jean Kusior, David Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Victoria Lustig, Olga Maksimova, Amber Metz, Michael Metz, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Catherine Miller, Nicolae & Doina Marian, Kylie Pinho, Kiera Pheiffer, Laurel Riley, Victoria Ross, Mary Ruzila, Nancy A. Sabol, Connor Samuels, Robert Schainfeld, Catherine Shea, Francine Slivka, Michael Slivka, Julia Smith, Dorothy Stafiniak, Joan Stetz, Mary Strohecker, Ola Tatusko, Patricia Telepchak, Irene Witaneck

**Handmaidens of God:** Lydia Hashinger, Amanda Riley, Kaylee Riley, and their unborn children, Alyssa Weaver and her newborn son.

**Please remember them and all our homebound and nursing home parishioners in your daily intercessory prayers.**