

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 28, 2024

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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before entering the church. Thank you.***

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Schedule for the Week of April 28, 2024

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. Palm Sunday. Apostles Jason and Sosipater of the Seventy, the Virgin Kerkyra, and those with them (1st c.). Martyrs Dada, Maximus, and Quinctilian, at Dorostolum (286). St. Cyril, Bishop of Túrov (1183).

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

Lenten Covered Dish Coffee Hour

Weekly & Upcoming Calendar

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

Sunday, April 28

Palm Sunday

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

4:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

Great and Holy Week

Monday, April 29

Holy Monday

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday, April 30

Holy Tuesday

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday, May 1

Holy Wednesday

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Holy Unction

Thursday, May 2

Holy Thursday

No Liturgy - Fr. Nikolai at St. Tikhon's to serve at the Liturgy to end the confecting of Holy Chrism
7:00 pm - Matins of Holy Friday with the 12 Passion Gospels

Friday, May 3

Holy Friday

9:00 am - Royal Hours
4:00 pm - Burial Vespers
7:00 pm - Matins Lamentations
All Night Watch

Saturday, May 4

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 blessing of baskets and Agape meal

Sunday, May 5

11:00 am - Agape Vespers

Monday, May 6

Bright Monday

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Saturday, May 11

Sunday, May 12

St. Thomas Sunday

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Church School Easter Egg Hunt after Liturgy

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

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Saturday, May 18

Sunday, May 19

Sunday of the Myrrh-bearing Women

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

Church School Easter Egg Hunt Rain Date

2:00 pm - Blessing of the Graves - Catasauqua

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Saturday, May 25

Sunday, May 26

Sunday of the Paralytic

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

REMINDER

Kitchen Closure for HVAC Work

Due to scheduled HVAC replacement work, **the kitchen will be off-limits, and completely unusable on the following days:**

- Mon. April 29 - Thurs. May 2
- Tues. May 7 - Fri. May 10
- Mon. May 13 - Fri. May 17
- Mon. May 20 - Fri. May 24
- Tues. May 28 - Fri. May 31
- Mon. June 17 - Fri. June 21
- Mon. June 24 - Fri. June 28
- Mon. July 1 - Fri. July 5 (If Needed)

If you anticipate needing to use the kitchen or hall AT ALL for anything other than normal Sunday coffee hour activities between now and July 31st, please contact Jennifer Bzik as far in advance as possible to coordinate. In addition to the days listed above, the HVAC workers are coming by at various times to do preliminary setup. If Jen does not know that you have something planned, you may be interrupted by workers or unable to use the kitchen or other parts of the facility as you had planned. **REMINDER that even when there is not HVAC work scheduled, all activities taking place at the church should be listed on the internal church calendar. Please notify Jennifer Bzik if you have ANY activities planned at the church!**

Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem—Palm Sunday

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 - Sunday, April 28, 2024

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

Happy Anniversary Keri & Jason, Offered by Mom & Dad

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

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

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

Happy Anniversary Keri & Jason Tomsic, Offered by Talia & Jones

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov

Votives in Iconostas

For Health Of Nora Marie Shadid, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan

Crosses

Happy Anniversary Keri & Jason Tomsic, Offered by Talia & Jones

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

Happy Birthday Megan Roberts, Offered by Mom & Dad Roberts

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

In Memory Of Ann Marie Carl, Offered by Michael & Francine Slivka

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Anita Lichtenwalner, Offered by Gordon & Valerie Roberts

Vigils - Icon of St. John the Baptist (2)

In Memory Of Michael, Mary & Joan Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Memory Of Michael, Mary & Joan Stetz, Offered by Pat & Tom

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

For Health Of Family Members, Offered by Dorothy Stafiniak

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

In Memory Of Mary Radick, Offered by Peter & Patricia Metz

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

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

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

In Memory Of Andrew & Anastasia Saulla, Offered by Dorothy Stafiniak

Flowers to Adorn the Icon of The Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem–Palm Sunday

In Memory Of Mother, Anne Antoniak, Offered by Michele Guydan

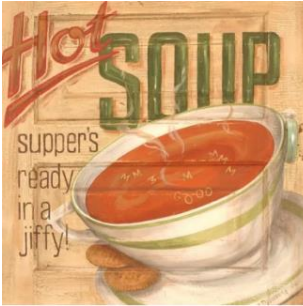
Lenten/Paschal Sign Up Sheets

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 St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church. See Judy or Lori if you have any questions.



THIS WEEK (by popular request):

- Lemon Bean Soup
- Corn Chowder
- Lemon Orzo
- Potato Soup

*****Kindly return quart containers to Judy or Lori to help us reduce costs! Thank you!*****

Bright Monday Hot Dog Luncheon

Please join us for the annual Bright Monday Hot Dog Luncheon after the Divine Liturgy on Monday, May 6, 2024. Please sign up to bring a dish to share on the sign up sheet at the candle desk.

Pierogi Schedule

NO Pierogi Making - April 29 through May 31

Pierogi Making - June 3, 4, 5

Pierogi Making - June 10, 11, 12

****Please note that this schedule is subject to change.****

St. Nicholas Church

Higher Education 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 28, 2024.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nancy Kohudic

Church School Announcements

- On Lazarus Saturday, April 27, 2024, we will have a Church School Breakfast after the Divine Liturgy. Afterwards, we will prepare the pussy willows and palms for Palm Sunday.
- The Pascha Easter egg hunt (open to all children) will be after liturgy on Sunday, May 12, 2024 with rain date of May 19, 2024.
- Last day of Sunday School is May 19, 2024

Please Help Take Care of Our Church

As we approach Holy Week and Paschal Services when many parishioners may be holding lit candles during services, please be reminded to take care not to drip wax on the pews, floor, or carpet, etc. As a general reminder, please leave all parts of the church facility in the condition you found it (or better). Some examples: If young children are snacking during services, make sure not to leave crumbs in and around the pews. If you are hosting coffee hour, make sure to put extra paper products back on the shelves in their labeled spots. If something spills or there are crumbs around your table at the end of coffee hour, please tidy up. Everyone doing their part helps to maintain our beautiful church.

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:

Archbishops: Melchisedek Pleska, Nathaniel Popp

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, George Hasenecz, Emilian Hutnyan

Priests: Nikolai Breckenridge, John Nightingale

Deacons: Geoffrey LoBalbo

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

Servants: Bethany Bruder, Mary Brzuchalski, Theresa Butler, Helen Cotirgasanu, David G. Cudlic, Val Danchenko, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, David Gowarty, Walter Grigoruk, Donna Haney, Monique Haney, Rachel Hardesty, Artemiy Hartman, Kalista Hartman, Nicholas Hazzard, Don Holobeney, Jonathan Hontz, Sherry Hromiak, Krista Irwin, Michael H. Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Alexandra Keysock, William 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, Gordon Roberts, Leah Roberts, Barbara Roman, Victoria Ross, Mary Ruzila, Nancy A. Sabol, Connor Samuels, Robert Schainfeld, Catherine Shea, Janice Shumbata, Francine Slivka, Michael Slivka, Julia Smith, Dorothy Stafiniak, Corinne Stuckey, Maeve Stuckey, Patricia Telepchak, Irene Witanek

Handmaidens of God: Lara Bessman, Yana Kotliar, Tosha Roberts and their newborn children.

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