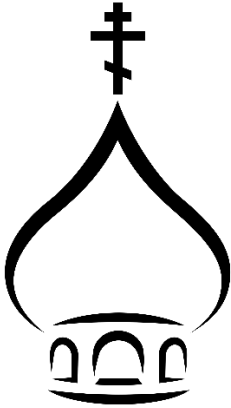


Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 13, 2025

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 13, 2025

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. Palm Sunday. Hieromartyr Artemon of Laodikeia in Syria (303). Martyr Crescens, of Myra in Lycia. Martyr Thomaïs, of Alexandria (5th c.).

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 13

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 14

Holy Monday

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday, April 15

Holy Tuesday

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday, April 16

Holy Wednesday

9:00 am - Presanctified Liturgy

7:00 pm - Holy Unction

Thursday, April 17

Holy Thursday

8:50 am - Reading of the Hours

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

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

Friday, April 18

Holy Friday

9:00 am - Royal Hours

4:00 pm - Burial Vespers

7:00 pm - Matins with Lamentations

All Night Watch

Saturday, April 19

Holy Saturday

9:00 am - Vespereal Divine Liturgy of Holy Saturday

GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA

11:30 pm - Paschal Vigil and Paschal Divine Liturgy

Followed by the blessing of baskets and Agape meal

Sunday, April 20

11:00 am - Agape Vespers

Monday, April 21

Bright Monday

8:50 am - Paschal Hours

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy

5:00 pm - Great Vespers

Saturday, April 26

Sunday, April 27

St. Thomas Sunday

9:10 am - Reading of the Hours

9:30 am - Divine Liturgy

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

Last Day to Sponsor Flowers - Tuesday, April 15th

In order to give Jen enough time to prepare the Pascha bulletin flower listing, please add all flower sponsor information no later than Holy Tuesday, April 15, 2025. Thank you!

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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

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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 13, 2025

Vigils in Altar - Windowsill (2)

In Memory Of Rosemary Ziegenfuss
Offered by Sisters, Diana Buskirk & Laurel Riley

Vigils in Altar - Table of Oblation (2)

Happy Birthday Gordon Roberts, Offered by Val

Vigils in Altar - Side Table (2)

For Health Of Greg, Offered by Rosalie

Votives in Altar

In Memory Of Philip Stefanov, Offered by Family

Votives in Iconostas

In Honor Of Newly Illumined Andrew, Offered by The Lezinsky Family

Vigil in Side Candle Holders (2)

In Memory Of Parents, Paraskeva Aranjó & John Aranjó
Offered by Laurel Riley & Diana Buskirk

Crosses

Happy Birthday PaPa, Offered by Emily, Evie, Hannah, Lili, Leah & Nathan

Vigils on the Tetrapod (2)

In Memory Of Rosemary Ziegenfuss
Offered by Sisters, Diana Buskirk & Laurel Riley

Vigils on Icon Table (2)

In Honor Of Nora Shadid, Offered by Fr. Michael & Mat. Susan Kon

Vigils - Icon of the Virgin Mary (2)

Happy Birthday Gordon Roberts
Offered by Matt, Jess, Alex, Megan, Nick & Tosha

Votives - Icon of the Virgin Mary

In Memory Of Rosemary Ziegenfuss
Offered by Sisters, Diana Buskirk & Laurel Riley

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

In Memory Of Mom, Dad & Joan

Votives - Icon of St. John the Baptist

In Memory Of Mom, Dad & Joan

Vigils on South Wall Window Sill (3)

For Health Of Elizabeth Hasenecz on her birthday
Offered by Barb, Kyra & Gregory

Vigils of St. Gregory (1)

For Health Greg, Offered by Rosalie

Vigils of St. Paul (1)

In Honor Of Newly Illumined Andrew, Offered by The Lezinsky Family

Vigils on North Wall Window Sill (3)

Happy Birthday Margie Kavchok, Offered by 3 Joe's, Larissa & Aurora

Vigil of St. Michael (1)

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

Vigil of St. Andrew (1)

In Memory Of William & Mary Keysock, Offered by Bill & Sandi Keysock

Flowers to Adorn the Icon of The Entrance into Jerusalem

In Memory Of Mother, Anne K. Antoniak, Offered by Michele D. Guydan

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.

Pierogi Making Schedule

NO Pierogi April 14, 15, 16 (Holy Week)
NO Pierogi April 21, 22, 23 (Bright Week)
NO Pierogi April 28, 29, 30

A Note of Thanks

Thank you for your generosity towards the St. Tikhon's Summer Camp kitchen/food fundraising coffee hour. We raised \$1,650 including \$500 from the Pierogi Workers. We will be using these funds to help in our efforts to make meatballs, breakfast bakes, homemade cookies and uncrustables.



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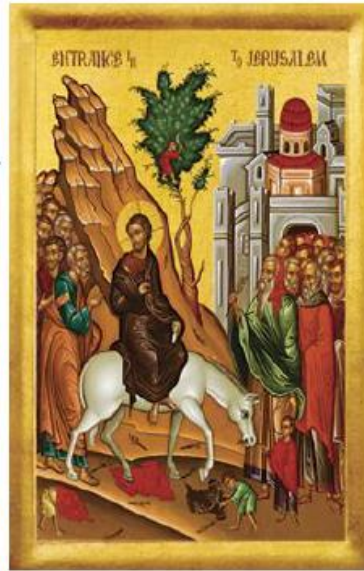
The Most Rev. Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia • Orthodox Church in America

April 13, 2025

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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March 26, 2025

INVESTING IN OUR YOUTH

*Train up a child in the way he should go,
And when he is old he will not depart from it. (Proverbs 22:6)*

Dear to God,

Christ is in our midst! This year we will be ministering to approximately 150 children at the St. Tikhon's Camp Program. Through the program, our youth not only learn about their faith, and have fellowship with other Orthodox youth, but have the opportunity to develop lifelong relationships. These relationships and their experience help solidify their relationship to Christ and the Church.

Our Diocesan Council wants to ensure that all children of the Diocese are able to attend. The past two years the Diocese, together with our parishes and camp tuition from outside the Diocese covered the cost for all children of the Diocese. The previous cost of \$375 for the first child and \$350 for any siblings, made it quite difficult for families with more than one child. Parents previously decided that if they could not send all of their children who were age appropriate, they would not send any of them. Thanks be to God, we had numerous children there for the first time! Last year Diocesan Campers outnumbered those coming from outside the Diocese for the first time. This year, 110 of the 150 are from our own Diocese.

As a Church, we should never want any child unable to attend because of the cost. Secondly, we do not want to embarrass or humiliate parents by having to ask for assistance from their parish or the Diocese, whether it is for one child or more. We as Orthodox Christians need to invest in our youth by supporting all youth ministry fully. In some Orthodox jurisdictions parishes or organizations within the parish make sure every child can go to camp and even cover airfare.

Statistically, 70% of our youth once going away to college or entering the workforce fall away from the Church and 2/3 of those never return. We as a Church must do a better job of caring for our youth and providing opportunities for learning, fellowship and growth in their faith. Our Camp program is an important part of addressing the problem and has also contributed to young men and women making decisions to serve the Church in various ways. They want to give back.

In order to make our camp available and accessible to all our youth within the Diocese we are asking our faithful to consider sponsoring a camper with a contribution of \$375. We also ask our parishes to consider covering the cost of their own campers. If the parish has none, to consider helping to underwrite the cost of caring for our youth with a contribution of \$500. If we can get a commitment of \$42,000 a year through various contributions, we can offer the camp free of charge for all our children. We are also setting up a donation button on our website. You may send contributions to the Diocese of Philadelphia and Eastern Pennsylvania, 325 N Walnut St., Bath, PA 18014 and earmark it for St Tikhon's Camp. Thank you for your generosity and concern for our youth.

While we make this appeal to our parishes and faithful, please be aware the Diocese also covers the cost of the fall and Winter Retreats for our youth at a cost of approximately \$30,000. Likewise, we cover all clergy, clergy wives, men's and women's retreats.

Your unworthy father in Christ,

+ Mark

+ MARK (Maymon), 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

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: Nikolai Breckenridge, Thomas Edwards, John Perich, James Mason, Claude Vinyard, Dimitri Oselinsky, David Shewczyk, Ian Shipley, James Weremedic, John Onofrey, George Hasenecz, Emilian Hutnyan

Priest: 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, Theresa Butler, Helen Cotirgasanu, David G. Cudlic, Val Danchenko, Maryann Dudash, Christopher Felix, Olga Frimenko, David Gowarty, Tom Grammes, Rachel Hardesty, Artemiy Hartman, Kalista Hartman, Nicholas Hazzard, Don Holobeny, Jonathan Hontz, Sherry Hromiak, Krista Irwin, Michael H. Isbansky, Shirley Isbansky, Sarah Jubinski, Alexandra Keysock, William Keysock, Mary K. Koretski, Stephanie Koretski, Bernard Kusior, Jean Kusior, David Lezinsky, Judy Lezinsky, Radu Lungu, Mircea Lupo, Victoria Lustig, Olga Maksimova, Amber Metz, Michael Metz, Lanelle Mikolaitis, Nicolae & Doina Marian, Kylie Pinho, Kiera Pheiffer, William Potter, Laurel Riley, Gordon 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, Maeve Stuckey, Patricia Telepchak, Irene Witaneck, Sandra Wyslutsky

Catechumen: Chris Kiris

Handmaiden: Christina Heitzenrater, Kerry Kurtz, Christina Mazur, Amanda Riley, Corinne Stuckey, and their unborn children;

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