

# HOLY WEEK & PASCHA 2009

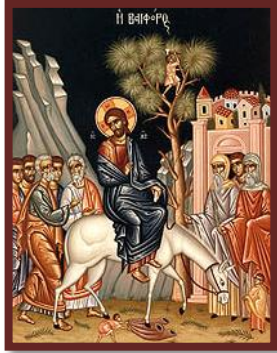
St. George Orthodox Church • Indianapolis

## LAZARUS SATURDAY • APRIL 11

Matins 9 AM • Divine Liturgy, 10 AM

Great Vespers, 5 PM • Confessions Follow

The raising of Lazarus from the dead is the pledge of the resurrection of all mankind. Also, join us after Liturgy for a Falafel brunch (hosted by Fr. Nabil and Kh. Elaine), and help us polish and decorate for Holy Week and the Feast.



## PALM SUNDAY • APRIL 12

Matins and Confession, 9 AM • Divine Liturgy, 10 AM

In the triumphant entry of our Lord into Jerusalem to face his voluntary death, "We like the children carry the palms of victory," in Procession. Adults and children may also bring decorated candles. A Fish Dinner follows Liturgy.

## PALM SUNDAY EVENING • APRIL 12

Bridegroom Matins, 7 PM • Confessions Follow

The Procession with the icon of Christ, the Bridegroom of the Church, takes place, and we remember the righteousness of Joseph (of the Old Testament) as a type for Christ.

## GREAT MONDAY EVENING • APRIL 13

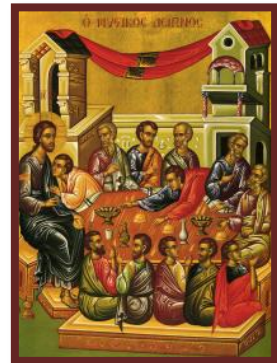
Bridegroom Matins, 7 PM • Confessions Follow

We remember the example of the ten virgins waiting for the Bridegroom.

## GREAT TUESDAY EVENING • APRIL 14

Bridegroom Matins, 7 PM • Confessions Follow

We remember the woman who anointed the head and feet of our Lord, wiping them with her hair, in contrast with Judas and his betrayal of Christ.



## GREAT WEDNESDAY EVENING • APRIL 15

Sacrament of Holy Unction, 7 PM

We are anointed for healing of soul and body as Christ was anointed in anticipation of his burial. All should have made their confession *before* this day.

## GREAT THURSDAY MORNING • APRIL 16

Liturgy of St. Basil, 9 AM

On this day, when Jesus ate the Passover with his disciples, Orthodox Christians make it a special point to participate in Holy Communion. Children may be excused from school for the morning and will participate in the "Footwashing" rite. Breakfast will follow.



## GREAT THURSDAY EVENING • APRIL 16

Matins with the Twelve Passion Gospels, 7 PM

We walk with our Lord through the Passion. A procession with the Cross commemorates Christ's voluntary Crucifixion.

## GREAT FRIDAY • APRIL 17

Royal Hours, 10 AM • Church School Retreat, Noon

Un-nailing Vespers, 3 PM

We try to spend this day in Church, heeding our Lord's words to "watch and pray." During Vespers, Christ is taken down from the Cross and placed in the



decorated tomb. Children may be excused from school for the day for services and for a retreat that will include making and learning the significance of Easter Baskets.



## GREAT FRIDAY EVENING • APRIL 17

Resurrectional Matins of Christ's Funeral, 7 PM

We join Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus and the Myrrh-bearing Women to sing hymns in Praise of the buried Christ, and we process with the Bier. You can then take a shift in keeping Vigil at the tomb.

## GREAT SATURDAY MORNING • APRIL 18

Liturgy of St. Basil, 10 AM

As we keep vigil, the Victory of Christ over death and his Resurrection 'explode' with throwing of the leaves of victory. *Please bring your children to this service.* Breakfast will follow.

## RESURRECTION OF CHRIST • SATURDAY, APRIL 18 / SUNDAY, APRIL 19

RUSH/MATINS/LITURGY, 11 PM

The faithful receive the new Light and carry it in procession. The church is re-consecrated, and we enter to celebrate the Divine Liturgy. **Please bring dyed-red eggs**, which we will bless and distribute. You may also bring Easter Baskets to be blessed for enjoyment and sharing after the Liturgy. Our parish council will also serve an Agape (Love) Breakfast after the service.



## LOVE (AGAPE) VESPERS • SUNDAY, APRIL 19

Paschal Vespers, 1 PM

The Good News (Gospel) of the Resurrection will be proclaimed in as many languages as possible. Please sign up in advance to read a particular language (we might have the text for you, if you can just read it).

## FEAST OF ST. GEORGE • WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 6 PM • Egg Hunt • Roast Lamb Dinner

Bishop Mark and the clergy and laity of our neighboring parishes will join us for the Feast Day of our church. The Easter Egg Hunt and agape dinner will follow.

