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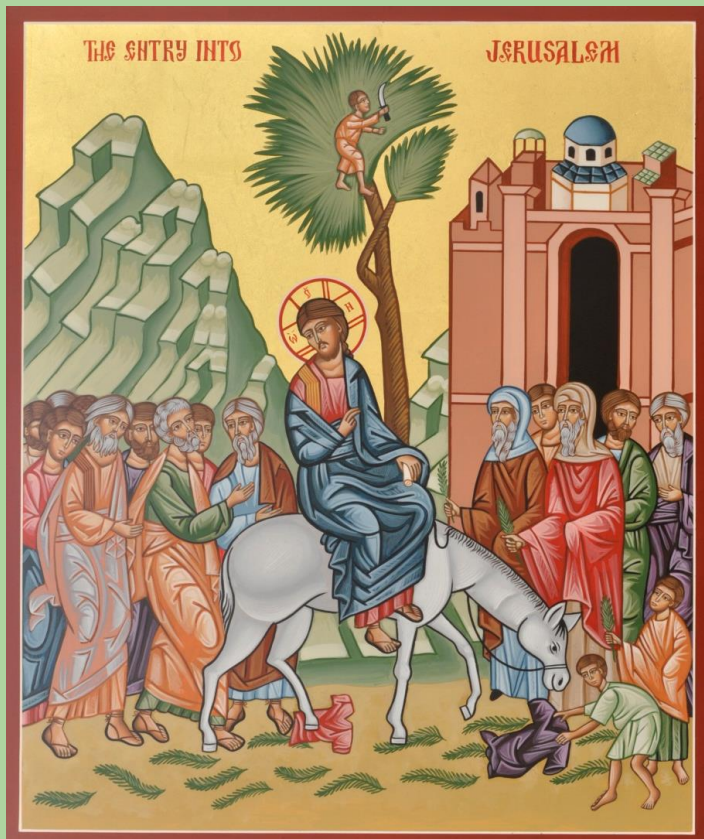
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PALM SUNDAY: GREAT FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD, JESUS CHRIST, INTO JERUSALEM

***HIERARCHICAL DIVINE
LITURGY: HIS GRACE, BISHOP
ANTHONY, PRESIDING***



Today the Church celebrates one of its most joyous feasts of the year. Palm Sunday is the commemoration of the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem following the glorious sign He worked in raising Lazarus from the dead.

Having anticipated His arrival and having heard of the miracle, the people went out to meet the Lord and welcomed Him with displays of honor and shouts of praise. On this day, we receive and worship Christ in this same manner, acknowledging Him as our King and Lord.

LITURGY VARIATIONS

1ST ANTIPHON (PSALM 114.1, 3-4, 9 LXX)

I am filled with love, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, Savior, save us!

The anguish of death encompassed me, the perils of hell beset me. *Refrain*

I found tribulations and anguish and I call on the name of the Lord. *Refrain*

I will walk acceptably before the Lord in the land of the living. *Refrain*

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

Schedule of Regular Weekly Services

Sundays: Matins, 8:50 AM
Divine Liturgy, 10 AM

Wednesdays: Vespers, 6:30 PM

Saturdays: Great Vespers, 5 PM

Confession: After Saturday Vespers
During Sunday Matins
Or by Appointment



*Remember to turn
cell phones off!*

See Calendar for Feast Days and Other Weekday Services Scheduled

Order for Holy Communion

Members of the Orthodox Church age seven and above must prepare for Holy Communion with a recent confession, prayer, fasting from all food and drink from midnight (unless medical condition preclude it), being in church *before* the Epistle and Gospel readings, and being at peace with everyone.

As there are **NO CHURCH SCHOOL** classes today, children should sit with their parents and come to Communion with them. An usher will dismiss your row from the center aisle. Then return to your place by a side aisle for the prayers of thanksgiving and the final blessing and dismissal. Please let choir members pass when they come down for Communion.

A Warm Welcome to Our Guests

We are glad you are worshipping with us. Please note that participation in **Holy Communion is limited to members of the Orthodox Church** in good standing, who have prepared with prayer, fasting and confession.

For all others: though we cannot share Communion with you—since it is an expression of membership and full unity in faith—you are welcome to come forward after the dismissal, receive a blessing and partake of the blessed bread (from the large bowls). Please also sign our guest book, and introduce yourself to Fr. Nabil during the coffee hour. You may inquire with him how you can become a member.

2ND ANTIPHON (PSALM 115.1, 3-4, 9 LXX)

I believed, and therefore have I spoken; but I have been deeply humiliated.

Refrain: O Son of God, *Who didst sit upon the foal of an ass*, save us who sing unto Thee:
Alleluia.

What shall I render to the Lord, for all His benefits unto me? *Refrain*

I will take the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord. *Refrain*

I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all His people. *Refrain*

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

O only-begotten Son....

3RD ANTIPHON: TROPARION OF LAZARUS AND PALM SUNDAY (TONE 1; PSALM 117.1-4 LXX)

O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

Refrain: O Christ, our God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead, before thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the resurrection of the universe. Wherefore, we, like children, carry the banner of triumph and victory, and we cry to Thee, O Conqueror of death: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Let the house of Israel now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. *Refrain*

Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. *Refrain*

Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. *Refrain*

ENTRANCE HYMN (TONE 2)

Clergy: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. The Lord is God and hath appeared unto us. O Son of God, *Who didst sit upon the foal of an ass*,

People: save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

APOLYTIKIA AFTER THE ENTRANCE

Troparion of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday (Tone 1)

O Christ, our God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus....

Another Troparion of Palm Sunday (Tone 4)

Buried with Thee through baptism, O Christ our God, we have been granted immortal life by Thy Resurrection, and we sing Thy

praises, saying: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord!"

Kontakion of Palm Sunday (Tone 6)

O Christ our God, Who in Heaven dost rest upon Thy throne and on earth upon a foal, receive the praise of angels and the hymns

of the multitude, who cry unto Thee: "Blessed art Thou, Lord, Who didst come to call back Adam from the dead!"

THE HIERARCHICAL TRISAGION

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

The bishop traces the cross over the gospel book with the dikirion, as he and the clergy sing:

Clergy: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

Bishop: Holy God, the Father, Who is without beginning. Holy Mighty, the Son Coëternal. Holy Immortal, the Spirit and Comforter Who proceeds from the Father and rests in the Son, O Holy Trinity, Glory to Thee.

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

The bishop traces the St. Andrew cross over the gospel book with the trikirion, as he and the clergy sing:

Clergy: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

Bishop: In the Jordan was the Holy Trinity made manifest; for the most Divine Person of the Father proclaimed: He that is baptized is my beloved Son, and the Spirit was present with his Coëqual, for which cause the people bless and elevate Him throughout the ages.

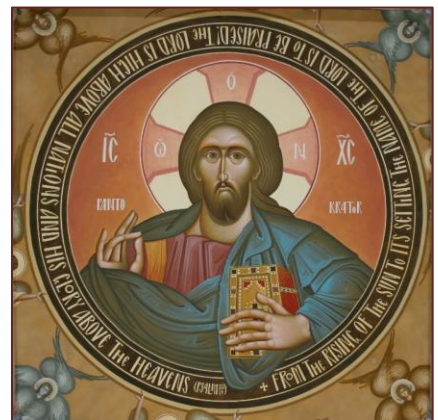
People: Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

Then the two deacons exit the sanctuary through the holy doors and stand on the solea, before the holy doors, facing east, as the choir and/or chanters chant the following:

People: Holy God.

Standing in the holy doors facing west and holding the trikirion and dikirion, the bishop says:



Bishop: O Lord, O Lord: Look down from heaven and behold, and visit this vine, and perfect that which thy right hand hath planted.

As the bishop blesses with trikirion and dikirion, the choir chants:

People: Eis polla etē despota. [Many years, Master!]
Holy Mighty.

Facing south and holding the trikirion and dikirion, the bishop says:

Bishop: Grant speedy and steadfast consolation unto Thy servants, O Jesus, when our spirit is cast down within us. Depart not from our souls in affliction; be not far from our thoughts in time of trouble; but always defend us.

Bishop: O Lord, O Lord....

Choir: Eis polla etē despota.
Holy Immortal.

Facing north and holding the trikirion and dikirion, the bishop says:

Bishop: Draw near unto us, draw near unto us, thou who art omnipresent! As thou art ever with thine Apostles, so also, O Bountiful One, unite thyself unto those who long for thee; that with one accord we may sing praises unto thee, and laud thy most Holy Spirit.

Bishop: O Lord, O Lord....

People: Eis polla etē despota.
Have mercy on us.

The bishop and deacons return to the holy table. The bishop gives the trikirion and dikirion to the deacons, and the first deacon stands in the holy doors, facing west, and stands in the holy doors and says:

Deacon: *Dynamis!* [With power!]

The deacon returns to his place at the holy table as the choir concludes the thrice-holy hymn:

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal: have mercy on us.

The first deacon, standing in the holy doors, facing west, says:

Deacon: O Lord, save the faithful.

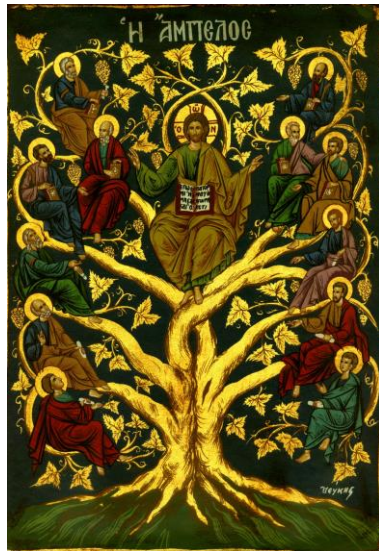
The first deacon returns to his place at the holy table while the clergy chant:

Clergy: O Lord, save the faithful.

The second deacon, standing in the holy doors, facing west, says:

Deacon: O Lord, save the faithful.

The second deacon returns to his place at the holy table while the choir chants:



People: O Lord, save the faithful.

Again standing in the holy doors facing west, the first deacon says:

Deacon: O Lord, save those of true worship.

The first deacon returns to his place at the holy table while the choir chants:

People: O Lord, save those of true worship.

Again standing in the holy doors facing west, the second deacon says:

Deacon: And hear us.

The second deacon returns to his place at the holy table while the clergy chant:

Clergy: And hear us.

The bishop and deacons then proceed to the high place.

THE SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Prokeimenon (Psalm 117.25, 1 LXX; Tone 4)

Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His mercy endures forever.

Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians (4.4-9; Palm Sunday)

BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Holy Gospel according to St. John (12.1-18; Palm Sunday)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of

pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of his disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for

three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone; let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there, they came, not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to

Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed be He Who comes in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!"

His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign.

HOLY OBLATIONS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

- By David and Cynthia Egly and family, for the health of all those preparing for entry into the Church at Pascha.

A sign-up sheet for baking and offering the prosphora (altar bread) is posted on the bulletin board, next to the elevator. You can also contact Thelma Hoover at (317) 782-1633.

MEGALYNARION FOR PALM SUNDAY (TONE 4)

God is the Lord and hath appeared to us.
Prepare ye a feast, and rejoice; let us praise
and magnify Christ, bringing palms and

branches! Let us cry aloud our praises:
"Blessed is our Savior, Who cometh in the
Name of the Lord!"

REFRAIN OF THE COMMUNION HYMN (PSALM 118.26; TONE 8)

Blessed is He, blessed is He, Who cometh in the Name, in the Name of the Lord.

INSTEAD OF "WE HAVE SEEN THE TRUE LIGHT..." (TROPARION; TONE 1)

O Christ God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus....

Rejoice, O Bethany!

A Koinonikon for Lazarus Saturday and a Processional for Palm Sunday

Rejoice, rejoice, O Bethany
On this day God came to thee, God came to
thee
And in Him the dead are made alive,
As is right for He is the Life!
He is the Life! He is the Life!
And in Him the dead are made alive
As is right for He is the Life!

When Martha went to receive Him,
Grieving loudly with bitter tears, bitter tears,
She poured out the sorrow of her heart to
Him,
With great sadness, wailing her lament.
Wailing her lament, wailing her lament.
She poured out the sorrow of her heart to
Him,
With great sadness, wailing her lament.

She at once cried out unto Him,
"My most compassionate Lord, My Lord!
At the great loss of my brother Lazarus
My heart is broken. Help me!
Help me! Help me!
At the great loss of my brother Lazarus
My heart is broken. Help me!"

Jesus said to her, "Cease your weeping,
Cease thy grieving and sad lament, sad la-
ment;
For thy brother, My most beloved friend Laza-
rus,
Very soon will live again!
He will live again! He will live again!
For thy brother, My most beloved friend Laza-
rus,
Very soon will live again!"

Then He, the faithful Redeemer,
Made His way unto the tomb, unto the tomb,
Where He cried unto Him who was buried four
days,
Calling him forth, saying, "Lazarus, arise!
Lazarus, arise! Lazarus, arise!"
Where He cried unto Him who was buried four
days,
Calling him forth, saying "Lazarus, arise!"

Come with haste, ye two sisters,
And behold a wondrous thing, wondrous thing
For your brother from the tomb has returned
to life.
To the beloved Redeemer now give thanks!
Now give thanks! Now give thanks!
For your brother from the tomb has returned
to life.
To the beloved redeemer now give thanks!

To Thee, O Lord of creation,
We kneel down in reverence profound; rever-
ence profound
For all we who are dead in sin
In Thee, O Jesus, are made alive!
We are made alive! We are made alive!
For all we who are dead in sin
In Thee, O Jesus, are made alive!

Rejoice, rejoice, O Bethany!
On this day God came to thee, God came to
thee;
And in Him the dead are made alive,
As is right for He is the Life!
He is the Life! He is the Life!
And in Him the dead are made alive,
As is right for He is the Life!



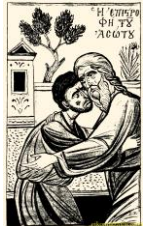
PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

Following “Blessed be the Name of the Lord,” the customary procession takes place around the church, while we sing the Apolytikia of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday and the hymn “Rejoice, O Bethany.”

Please remember that the palms are blessed; they should be treated with reverence and NOT thrown in the trash. You can put them with your icons and burn prior years’ palms. If you don’t have a place to burn your palms, please bring them to church, and we’ll burn them.

LIKE THE PRODIGAL SON, WE RETURN TO OUR FATHER IN HUMILITY

Everyone should make a confession at least once during Lent. Fr. Nabil will be available after services tonight and Monday and Tuesday nights.



FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE

Please bring back your boxes *filled*. If you did not use the alms boxes, you can still support the Food for Hungry People program. Please make your donation to St. George Church, and earmark it “FFHP.”

“THINE OWN OF THINE OWN, WE OFFER UNTO THEE:” SO WE CAN ALL SHARE IN THE SACRIFICE AND THE JOY ON PASCHA

You will find at the candle stand special Holy Week cards on which to write names of the living and departed you want remembered. We will remember the names of all those who have given, those for whose health they are given, and those in whose memory they are offered at the *proskomide* for the Resurrection Liturgy, 11 p.m. on April 27.

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Special Holy Week Offering

I/we want to participate in the Holy Oblation for Pascha, so it is with joy and thanksgiving that I/we offer a donation toward the following items:


☐ Palms ☐ Flowers for Bar ☐ Easter Lilies ☐ Bread ☐ Wine ☐ Incense ☐ Candles ☐ Oil

We will remember all those whom you list here at the proskomide of the Resurrection Liturgy. You need not enjoy "sancti" on the "Gloria in excelsis" line to the "For the health of" line; we will remember you automatically.

Given by _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____
Fax _____

For the health of _____
In memory of _____

Use the back of this card if you need additional space.



So that we can print all the names in the bulletin for that service, ***please return your offering by Wednesday, April 24.*** You may also enter your Holy Week offering online on our website, www.stgindy.org

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." Is 40:8

Palm Sunday 2019

To Be Read from the Pulpit and Printed in the Bulletin

Beloved in Christ:

Blessings and greetings to you and your families on the day of this Great Feast!

Having completed the forty-day Fast, we take time before entering into Holy Week to celebrate the raising of Lazarus and our Lord's triumphant entry into the holy city of Jerusalem before His salvific passion and resurrection. Christ's raising of Lazarus is a prototype of our bodily resurrection, and His entry into Jerusalem confirms his kingship of humility and love, not egoism and the sword.

The historical settings of these two decisive events bring us back to the Middle East and our Mother Church. While we are hopeful that the terrible war that has plagued Syria for the past several years is coming to an end, its effects on the people both of Syria and Lebanon will be felt for generations. As they turn from this time of war and suffering to one of hope and rebuilding, we must continue to stand with our Father in Christ, Patriarch JOHN X, and the daunting task he faces. Let us help him to ensure that our Church will remain both a beacon of hope to the suffering and displaced and a leader in the efforts to rebuild and restore the brokenness of the people.

Today, as we celebrate this glorious feast, let us remember our beloved Mother Church as She undertakes this holy work. In addition to offering up prayers, let us also offer up donations so that we might put our faith into action. While most of us will never visit Syria, we can still do our part to help alleviate the pain and suffering and instill a ray of hope into the hearts and souls of the people.

Wishing you a solemn Holy Week and a most joyous Pascha, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is stylized with a large, sweeping initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

+JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

Please offer your generous tithes to St. George Church, and we will send a \$500 "offering of love" from our parish to Patriarch John X and the Church of Antioch.

HOLY WEEK & PASCHA 2019

St. George Orthodox Church • Indianapolis/Fishers



LAZARUS SATURDAY • APRIL 20

Matins 9 AM • Divine Liturgy, 10 AM

Great Vespers, 5 PM • Confessions Follow

Jesus' raising Lazarus from the dead shows He can raise all mankind. *Please also join us after Liturgy for a Falafel and spaghetti brunch, and help us prepare for the Feast by preparing and decorating the Lord's house.*

PALM SUNDAY • APRIL 21

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

Bishop Anthony will preside over our celebration of 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 21

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 who, like Christ, suffered unjustly with patience and was exalted.

GREAT MONDAY • APRIL 22

Presanctified Liturgy, 10 AM

Bridegroom Matins, 7 PM • Confessions Follow

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

GREAT TUESDAY • APRIL 23

Presanctified Liturgy, 10 AM

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. The Hymn of Kassiane expresses these contrasts with profound poetry and majesty.

GREAT WEDNESDAY • APRIL 24

Presanctified Liturgy, 10 AM

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 point.



GREAT THURSDAY MORNING • APRIL 25

Liturgy of St. Basil, 10 AM

On this day, when Jesus first said to his disciples, “Take, eat; this is my Body,” Orthodox Christians make it a point to participate in Holy Communion. *Children may be excused from school. Breakfast will follow.*

GREAT THURSDAY EVENING • APRIL 25

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 26

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.” At 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 retreat, including a chat with Father before the afternoon service.*

GREAT FRIDAY EVENING • APRIL 26

Resurrectional Matins of Christ’s Funeral, 7 PM

We join Joseph of Arimathea, Nicodemus and the Myrrh-bearing Women to sing in Praise of the buried Christ, and we process with the Bier and passing under it as if joining Christ in the tomb.

GREAT SATURDAY MORNING • APRIL 27

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.*

THE RESURRECTION • SATURDAY, APRIL 27 / SUNDAY, APRIL 28

RUSH/MATINS/LITURGY, 11 PM

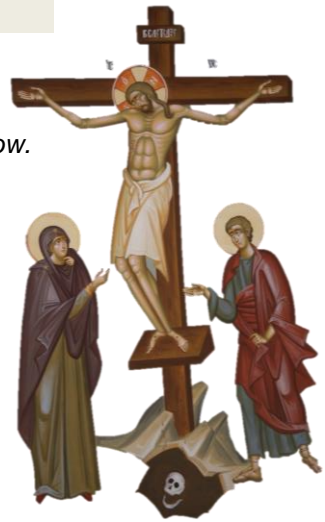
We receive the new Light and the Good News that “Christ is Risen.” **Please bring dyed-red eggs.** *You may also bring Easter Baskets to be blessed for enjoyment and sharing after Liturgy. Our parish council will also serve additional food to break the Fast.*

AGAPE VESPERS • SUNDAY, APRIL 28

Love Vespers, 3 PM • Egg Hunt • Pitch-in Feast

The Good News (Gospel) of the Resurrection will be proclaimed in as many languages as possible. A sign-up list will be posted during Holy Week for you to read any language you know (we might have the text available, if you don’t).

Bring your family and something to share, and let’s all enjoy food, music and dancing together! We will also have the Egg Hunt for the children.



DON'T GO TO WORK OR SCHOOL!

Surely you would miss school or work for the funeral of a loved one. Let us, then, stay by the side of our loving Lord on Holy Thursday and Holy Friday.

To excuse children from school these two days, please find excuse request letters at the candle stand.

Church School Retreat is on Holy Friday, April 26, from noon to 3 pm (between the morning and afternoon services).

The **Holy Saturday** morning service will be especially conducive for children's participation, as they get to help throw the leaves of victory!

The **Agape Vespers service at 3 pm next Sunday** is another opportunity for children's involvement. It is very short, includes a festive procession, and the kids will have the **Easter Egg Hunt** right after. *Then we have our party with food, music and games!*

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

We need all organization reports turned into the church office by April 29, so we can compile and have a reports packet available to you to review before the parish meeting.

- **Sunday, May 5: Reports will be available** for pickup and review.
- **Sunday, May 12: We will have our accountants on hand** to answer questions about the financial statement.
- **Sunday, May 19: Brief Formal meeting** – Pastor's message, Council Chairman's message, approval of reports.

If you interested in serving on the parish council or would like to nominate someone, please contact either Susanne Baranyk (317-508-3759, swbaranyk@yahoo.com) or Jeffrey Beck (765-307-0789, beckj@wabash.edu) by May 12. Nominees must be Orthodox Christians in exemplary spiritual and temporal standing, at least 18 years of age, and members of this parish for at least one year. (If they have not been previously qualified through a parish council training, they can still do so at the workshop scheduled here for June 8.)

Please Join Us for Fellowship after the Liturgy

Following the dismissal and verbal announcements, come forward for a blessing, then exit via the north (left side) doors, and join us in the fellowship hall for refreshments. The ushers will hand you the announcements bulletin as you exit.

ON PALM SUNDAY FROM FR. THOMAS HOPKO, *THE ORTHODOX FAITH*

Because of the resurrection of Lazarus from the dead, Christ was hailed by the masses as the long-expected Messiah-King of Israel. Thus, in fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament, He entered Jerusalem, the City of the King, riding on the colt of an ass (Zech 9.9; Jn 12.12). The crowds greeted Him with branches in their hands and called out to Him with shouts of praise: Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! The Son of David! The King of Israel! Because of this glorification by the people, the priests and scribes were finally driven “to destroy Him, to put Him to death” (Lk 19.47; Jn 11.53, 12.10).

The feast of Christ’s triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, Palm Sunday, is one of the twelve major feasts of the Church. The services of this Sunday follow directly from those of Lazarus Saturday. The church building continues to be vested in resurrectional splendor, filled with hymns which continually repeat the Hosanna offered to Christ as the Messiah-King who comes in the name of God the Father for the salvation of the world.

The main troparion of Palm Sunday is the same one sung on Lazarus Saturday. It is sung at all of the services, and is used at the Divine Liturgy as the third antiphon which follows the other special psalm verses which are sung as the liturgical antiphons in the place of those normally used. The second troparion of the feast, as well as the kontakion and the other verses and hymns, all continue to glorify Christ’s triumphal manifestation “six days before the Passover” when he will give himself at the Supper and on the Cross for the life of the world.

Today the grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us together. Let us all take up Thy cross and say: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! (First Verse of Vespers).

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! (Second Troparion).

Sitting on Thy throne in heaven, and 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! (Kontakion).

At the vigil of the feast of Palm Sunday the prophecies of the Old Testament about the Messiah-King are read together with the Gospel accounts of the entry of Christ into Jerusalem. At Matins branches are blessed which the people carry throughout the celebration as the sign of their own glorification of Jesus as Saviour and King. These branches are usually palms, or, in the Slavic churches, pussy willows which came to be customary because of their availability and their early blossoming in the springtime.

As the people carry their branches and sing their songs to the Lord on Palm Sunday, they are judged together with the Jerusalem crowd. For it was the very same voices which cried Hosanna to Christ, which, a few days later, cried Crucify Him! Thus in the liturgy of the Church the lives of men continue to be judged as they hail Christ with the “branches of victory” and enter together with Him into the days of His “voluntary passion.”



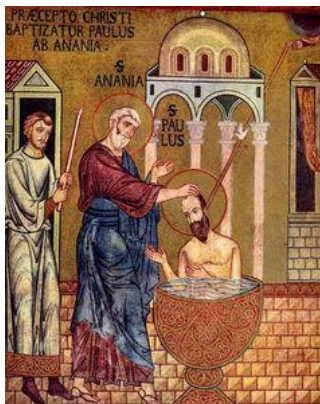
MEMORY ETERNAL + HANNE "JANET" SAAB FARAH +

May the Lord remember His servant Hanne "Janet" in His Kingdom always, now and ever, and unto ages of ages!

Janet departed this life this morning, April 18, 2019, surrounded by her daughter Jackie Razzouk and family.

- Janet will be waked with **visitation from 3:00 pm to 6:30 Monday, April 22, at Indiana Funeral Care/Harry Moore Chapel** (8151 Allisonville Road, Indianapolis). **Trisagion service will be held at 6:15 pm** at the funeral home (*prior to the Bridegroom Matins service that begins at 7 pm at the church*).
- **The Funeral service will be on Tuesday, April 23, at 11 am, at St. George Church** (*immediately following the Presanctified Liturgy that begins at 10 am*).
- Interment will follow in the Orthodox section, the Garden of Anastasis, at nearby Oaklawn Cemetery. Then the Meal of Mercy will be back at St. George Church. All are invited.
- **The family asks that you do NOT send any flowers** to their home or the funeral home or the church. In lieu of flowers, it is requested that [Eternal Flowers \(memorial donations\)](#) in Janet's name be made to St. George Church. In turn, the church will give a large white flower cross in the name of all who participate in offering these gifts.

As a father pities his children, so the LORD pities those who fear Him. For He knows our frame; He remembers that we are dust. As for man, his days are like grass; he flourishes like a flower of the field; for the wind passes over it, and it is gone, and its place knows it no more. But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting upon those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to those who keep His covenant and remember to do His commandments. (Psalm 103:13-18)



BAPTISMS AND CHRISMATIONS

We are pleased to welcome ten catechumens into the Faith this Pascha, who will be received through baptism or chrismation (as appropriate to each).

For logistical reasons, we will receive them in two groups:

1st Group: Starting at 9 am on Saturday, April 27, before the Holy Saturday morning Liturgy.

2nd Group: Starting at 9:30 pm on Saturday, April 27, before the Paschal midnight liturgy.

PARISH PRAYER LIST

Please include in your daily prayers the following — those struggling with acute illness and those newly departed this life—from our parishioners and those for whom they have requested our prayers. (Names are kept for 40 days, the date indicated after the name, and may be renewed upon request.)

LIVING

Metropolitan Paul and **Archbishop John**

Hana and **Fouad** Musleh, Copper Trace Rehab., 5/25

Elias AlTawil, Carmel Care Rehab., 5/24

Newborn **Jacob** Dooley, St. Vincent Women's Hosp., 5/4

Domnikya Butenko, 5/3

Daniel Grotzinger, Sarah Phillips' father, 5/31

John Pappas Jr., friend of Tony Nasser, 5/28

John Meyer, Fr. Nabil and Elaine Hanna's brother-in-law, 5/25

Samia, Sohir McKary's sister, 5/24

Alice Capshaw, Chris' mother, 5/21

Karen Christoff, friend of Kathleen Everhart, 5/20

Joseph Corey, David's father, 5/17

Paul Mokhiber, cousin of Doug Fadel, 5/15

Theodore Habib and **Roger** Mokhiber, cousins of Doug Fadel, 4/23

Chris Russell, cousin of Jeff Beck, 4/23

Vasily Chilat, Ludmila Woodward's father, 4/22

All those suffering from illness, violence or want throughout the world

DEPARTED

Janet Farah, Jackie Razzouk's mother, St. Vincent Hosp., 5/28

Debara Melvin, aunt of Brian Phillips, 5/26

Hilwah, **Naseef**, **Hannah** and **Mary**, relatives of Riyad Bannourah and family, 5/24

Fouad Khamis, father of Sameeh, Emil and Sameh, 5/22

Ron Agypt, former parishioner, 5/20

Catherine Sahulzik, aunt of Janet Wahl 4/24

The victims of violence throughout the world

ST. GEORGE PARISH CALENDAR

April 2019

Sun. 21

Palm Sunday

Matins, 8:50 am

Choir practice, 9 am

Hierarchical Divine Liturgy, 10 am

- **Procession**
- **Traditional Fish Dinner**

Bridegroom Matins, 7 pm

This Holy Week:

Services Every Morning at 10 am

And Every Evening at 7 pm

Additional services on Holy Friday

Paschal Service Begins at 11 pm Saturday

SEE THE INSERTED HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sun. 28

PASCHA – the Resurrection of Christ

No Morning Service

Agape Vespers, 3pm

- **Pascha Party** - Children's Egg Hunt, Food, Dancing

Mon. 29

Bright Monday

Feast of St. George

Divine Liturgy, 10 am

Tue. 30

Church School staff dinner/meeting, 6:30 pm

May 2019

Wed. 1

Paschal Vespers, 6:30 pm

- **Young Adult** dinner/outing to Top Golf

Thu. 2

Men's Fellowship breakfast, 7 am at Sunrise Café

Sat. 4

Great Vespers, 5 pm

- **Confessions** heard

See the full calendar and the latest additions and updates at www.stgindy.org/calendar