

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sunday Night Lenten Vespers:**

In addition to the Sunday of Orthodoxy Vespers tonight, the future schedule for the Sunday Night Lenten Vespers is the following:

April 1 – Palm Sunday – New Skete Monastery (OCA)

- **The Weekend of the Sixth Week of Lent and Holy Week:**

March 30th, at 6:00pm – **Small Compline with the Canon to the Raising of Lazarus the Righteous**

March 31st, at 9:00am – **Orthros**, at 10:00am – **Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday**, at 5:00pm – **Great Vespers**

April 1st, at 9:00am – **Orthros**, at 10:00am – **Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy**, at 6:00pm – **Bridegroom Orthros**

April 2nd, at 8:00am – **Presanctified Liturgy**, at 6:00pm – **Bridegroom Orthros**

April 3rd, at 8:00am – **Presanctified Liturgy**, at 6:00pm – **Bridegroom Orthros**

April 4th, at 8:00am – **Presanctified Liturgy**, at 6:00pm – **Holy Unction**

April 5th, at 8:00am – **Bridegroom Orthros**, at 9:00am – **Liturgy for the Commemoration of the Mystical Supper**, 6:00pm – **Orthros with the Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels**

April 6th, at 9:00am – **1st, 3rd, and 6th Royal Hours**, at 3:00pm – **9th Royal Hour, Typika, and Great Vespers with the Taking Down of Christ from the Cross**, at 6:00pm – **Orthros with Lamentations**

April 7th, 10:00am – **Vespertine Liturgy of St. Basil the First Liturgy of Pascha**, at 10:00pm – **Paschal Vigil**

- **Annual St. George Greek Festival:**

Everyone, mark your calendars! This year the festival will be held July 12th – 14th. This event is all-hands on deck, so please set aside this time to help in this important fundraiser.

OUR SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

- 1) FOR A COMPLETE LIST OF UPCOMING SERVICES, PLEASE SEE THE HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE POSTED ABOVE.
- 2) Sunday, April 8TH, at 10:00 a.m. – VESPERAL LITURGY OF ST BASIL, THE FIRST LITURGY OF PASCHA. at 10:00 p.m. – PASCHAL VIGIL with Rush Procession.

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+ The Most Reverend Metropolitan JOSEPH, Archbishop of New York and All North America.
+ The Right Reverend ALEXANDER, Bishop of Ottawa, Eastern Canada and Upstate New York.

Our Clergy:

The Reverend Fr. Andrew Honore, Interim Pastor.

- **Holy Communion:** Communion is **only** for Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer and fasting. However, all are welcome to the blessed bread after the Liturgy.
- **Confession:** Confessions can be heard by appointment or before and after Great Vespers.
- **In Case of Emergency:** Fr. Andrew can be contacted on his cell phone: 714-913-8051.

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST, 2018:

- 1) **The Troparion for the Lazarus Saturday in Tone One:**

O Christ God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead, before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we, like children, carry the insignia of triumph and victory, and cry to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

- 2) **The Troparion of Palm Sunday in Tone Four:**

O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism, we became deserving of Thy Resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise Thee, crying: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

- 3) **The Kontakion of Palm Sunday in Tone Six:**

Upborne upon the heavenly throne, and seated upon the earthly foal, O Christ our God, receive the praises of angels and the hymns of men, exclaiming before Thee: Blessed is He that cometh to restore Adam.

The Epistle:

(For the Feast of Palm Sunday)

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

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

The Reading is from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians (4:4-9)

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will 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 your 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, these do; and the God of peace will be with you.

The Gospel:

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (12:1-18).

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 on account 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 is He Who cometh 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 Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

The Synaxarion:

On this day in the Holy Orthodox Church, the Sunday of Palms, we celebrate the radiant and glorious festival of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.

Verses

*He Who stretcheth out the firmament and sat on the foal,
Seeketh to release mortals from un-reason.*

Jesus came to Bethany on the Sunday falling before the six days of the Mosaic Passover. On the following day He sent two of His Disciples, who brought Him a donkey on which He sat to enter the city. And when the great multitude heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they immediately took palm branches in their hands and went out to meet Him. All cried, "Hosanna! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, King of Israel!" The branches of palm trees were a symbol of Christ's victory over Satan and Death. And the meaning of "Hosanna" is, "We pray Thee, save." The donkey's colt, which was still an untamed animal, and impure according to the law, as well as Christ's sitting thereon, symbolize the former savagery and impurity of the Gentiles; and their subsequent taming and obedience to the holy law of the Gospel. By Thine ineffable compassion, O Christ our God, make us victors over the irrational passions, and make us worthy to see Thy tangible victory over death, Thy radiant and life-bearing Resurrection, and have mercy on us. Amen.

PRAYER LIST, BIRTHDAYS AND MEMORIALS

† **Please Pray for:** Van Stathis, Barbara Crotty, William Delaware, Michael Fitzgerald, Diane Alkes, Theresa Rozakis, Trenna Berry, Heather Palmer, Sally Chardie, Protospresbyter Nicholas and for the abducted bishops: Metropolitan Boulos and Archbishop Youhanna.

***Please Note:** If you or a member of your family is ill and in need of a pastoral visit, please inform Fr. Andrew by calling and leaving a message on his cell phone. If you would like to add a name to the prayer list, please inform Fr. Andrew. Thank you.*

† **Remember those who have passed away during the month of April:**

If you would like names included for the months of April and May, please email Fr. Andrew at ahonore@svots.edu

† **March Birthdays:**

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