

Saints Cyril and Methodius Orthodox Christian Church

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Sunday, April 1, 2018

Palm Sunday:

The Entrance of Our Lord
into Jerusalem

HYMNS FROM THE VIGIL OF PALM SUNDAY PRAISING OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST AS OUR KING

The King of glory has come.

The Lord of the ages has entered.

The hour of His majesty is upon us.

His beauty in Zion [Jerusalem] is beyond compare.
Come, O faithful, let us fall down before Him, crying:
Glory, O Lord, to Your power!

The innocent children sang a hymn worthy for You,
King of Israel and King of angels.

Blessed are You, Most praised Lord,
The God of our fathers!

Bearing palms and branches,
The crowd hailed You, Son of David, crying out:

Blessed is the King of the new age to come!

Blessed are You, most praised Lord,
The God of our fathers!

Christ your King is here, O Zion [Jerusalem].

He has come to destroy the senselessness of idolatry,
And to restrain the untamed willfulness of the gentiles,

Teaching them to sing:

Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord!

Schedule of Services

- 4/1 Sunday—Palm Sunday**
The Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
4:00 PM – Bridegroom Matins, hosted by
All Saints Orthodox Church, Hartford, CT
- 4/2 Great and Holy Monday**
7:00 PM – Bridegroom Matins
- 4/3 Great and Holy Tuesday**
7:00 PM – Bridegroom Matins
- 4/4 Great and Holy Wednesday**
7:00 PM – Matins of Holy Thursday
- 4/5 Great and Holy Thursday**
10:00 AM – Vespers with Divine Liturgy,
Commemoration of the Last Supper
7:00 PM – Matins with Reading of the Twelve
Passion Gospels
- 4/6 Great and Holy Friday**
3:00 PM – Vespers with Rite of Entombment
7:00 PM – Matins with Lamentations and
Procession
- 4/7 Great and Holy Saturday**
10:00 AM – Vespers and Liturgy with the 15 Old
Testament Readings, Changing of the Colors,
and the reading of the Resurrection Gospel
11:30 PM – Nocturns followed by the Matins
and Divine Liturgy of Pascha
- 4/8 The Feast of Feasts, Holy Pascha**
12:00 NOON – The Vespers of Pascha
- 4/9 Bright Monday**
9:15 AM – Paschal Divine Liturgy
- 4/14 Bright Saturday**
6:00 PM – Vigil
- 4/15 Thomas Sunday**
9:15 AM – Divine Liturgy
12:15 PM – Annual Blessing of Graves in
the Parish Cemetery
- 4/18 Wednesday**
8:00 AM – Matins (Morning Prayers)

PARISH PRAYER LIST

NOTE: *This week in the Parish Prayer List, we are listing all the anniversaries of repose, birth and marriage that will take place during the two weeks from Palm Sunday, through to and including Bright Saturday (the Saturday after Pascha), as by custom we do not pray for specific individuals during Holy Week, Pascha, and Bright Week, but rather pray for the whole world during that holy time.*

Please pray for all victims of disaster, difficulty and senseless violence throughout the world.

+ THOSE WHO HAVE DEPARTED THIS LIFE: *Memory Eternal!*

Newly Departed

Melanie (Zapotocky) Loose—Fr. John's great-aunt d. 3/22/18
Julia Speraw—parishioner in the Waterbury Parish d. 3/7/18

Anniversaries of Repose – Memory Eternal!

Helen Morozuk	4/2/1968
Pelagia Mozalak	4/2/1969
John Witick	4/2/1974
Maria Yatsenick	4/3/1931
Peter Klachany	4/3/1951
Etylie Papach	4/3/1964
Philip Gabor	4/3/1974
Dimitry Pisaretz	4/5/1931
Theodore Kowal	4/5/1968
Archpriest Vladimir Sovyrda	4/5/1987
Michael Toropilo	4/7/1944
Alexander Grezuk	4/8/1952
Steven Wazoroko	4/8/1958
Symeon Prokomen	4/9/1932
Fadei Sarochinsky	4/9/1957
Nestor Kott-Helson	4/11/1952
Theofan Pavelchak	4/12/1931
Anthony Ostapchuk	4/12/1946
Nicholas Shafstruck	4/13/1957
Metro Kowalesky	4/13/1964
Maria Sholtis	4/14/1941
Archpriest John Semanitsky	4/14/1963
Nikita Panasuk	4/14/1966
Mildred Shafstruck	4/14/1969

THOSE IN NEED OF GOD'S MERCY AND HELP

Persons captive and suffering for the Faith

Metropolitan Paul and Archbishop John—hostages in Syria

Those who are sick and suffering

Fyodor (Frank) Guba—increasing sufferings from Multiple Sclerosis (MS)
Dolores Twombly—permanent colon malfunction following colon cancer treatment
Karen—Mary Fomenko's niece; unwell and in need of prayers

child Drew—grandson of friends of the Nimcheks; ongoing treatment for eye cancer
child Matthew—son of friends of M. Osuch; genetic disorder with medical complications
child Ava—young daughter of friends of Melanie Osuch; suffering seizures
Alexander—acquaintance of M. Osuch; suffering and in need of God's mercy and help
Michele—very close friend of M. Osuch; troubled and in need of God's mercy and help
Anna Osuch—suffering in ill health
Jadwiga ["Yahd-vee-gah"]—mother of an acquaintance of E. Watras; cancer
Steven Belonick—Cynthia Belonick's father; unwell
Archpriest Steven Belonick—Cynthia Belonick's brother; chronic illness
Phyllis George—Donna Kriniske's cousin; battling breast cancer
Alex—John Dubnansky's brother, suffering permanent effects of stroke
Darylne—facing health challenges; daughter of Bob and Vera Martin
Gregory Shesko—long-time laborer in the Diocese of New England; lung cancer
child Asa—great-grandson of friend of E. Watras; child with developmental challenges
Barbara—Arlene Osuch's sister; epilepsy with complications
William "Bill" Markovich—recently unwell
Samantha—extremely ill child for whom we have been asked to pray
Eugene—Tania Bouteneff's uncle; battling cancer
Donna—Ann Sovyrda's niece; kidney disease
Dayrl—Ann Sovyrda's niece; kidney disease
JoAnn—acquaintance of Jeanne Moore; ovarian cancer
MaryEllen—Louine King's daughter-in-law; declining due to Huntington's Disease
Virginia ("Gina")—Elena Watras' sister; unwell and in need of prayers
Dawn—friend of Joan Markovich; Stage Four lung cancer
Vera Bouteneff—Tania Bouteneff's mother; presently unwell
Galina—Svetlana Shorey's sister-in-law; suffering with cancer
Joan Spencer—has asked for our prayers
Bachloan—friend of Jeanne Moore; recent open heart surgery
Jerry Grasso—Jayne Grasso's husband; unwell and in need of prayers
Michael—nephew of Joan Markovich; in need of prayerful support
Steve Panasuk—our fellow parishioner; recently very unwell—hospitalized

Shut-ins and those resident in long-term Care Facilities

Eva Kopcha—at Sheriden Woods in Bristol
Sonya Petroff—at Sheriden Woods in Bristol
Irene Kiehart—Jayne Grasso's mother; now resident in Connecticut
Mary Fomenko

Expectant Mothers and the Children to be born of them

Abigail and the twins she is carrying—M. and K. Orelup's daughter and grandchildren
Matushka Brenda (Barbara) and the child to be born of her

Those from among us serving in the Armed Forces

Joel Orelup—U.S. Navy, hospital corpsman ("medic") serving with the Marines
Joseph Bellmay—a Terryville neighbor; U.S. Marine Corps

Travelers, those soon to be traveling, and those away from us

Douglas Henrick—O. Petroff's great-grandson; in China until April 3, 2018
(Douglas is coming to the end of his two-year sojourn in China)
Peter and Chezelle Serev
John "Jack" Kriniske

Birthdays

Nicholas Kowaleski—Joel and Julie's son	4/1
Joel Orelup—Mark and Karry's son	4/3
Beverly Kuzmich	4/4

Prayer to Bless the Palms and Branches on the Feast of Palm Sunday

O Lord, our God, Who rests upon the cherubim, You have reaffirmed Your power and sent Your Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to save the world through His Cross, Burial, and Resurrection. When our Lord Jesus drew near to Jerusalem for His voluntary Passion, the People that sat in darkness and the shadow of death took, as tokens of victory, boughs of trees and branches of palms, thus foretelling His Resurrection. Do You Yourself, O Master, keep and preserve us also, who, following their example, on this eve of the Feast carry in our hands palms and branches, and who like the crowds and the children cry to You, "Hosanna!". With hymns and spiritual songs may we attain the life-giving Resurrection on the third day: through Jesus Christ our Lord, with Whom You are blessed, together with Your most holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

News and Notes

Youth Gathering, Bright Friday, April 13, All Saints Church, Hartford, CT: Our next Connecticut Deanery Youth Gathering for young people between the ages of 11 and 17 will take place on Bright Friday, April 13, at All Saints Orthodox Church, Hartford, CT, beginning with the celebration of Paschal Vespers at 6:00 PM. After that we will have a festive Paschal supper, featuring various meats and other festive foods, since Friday, April 13, is the post-Pascha, fast-free Friday. Dinner for our young people is free-of-charge, but if parents would like to stay for dinner, they will be asked to make a \$10.00 contribution. RSVP by Sunday, April 8, is requested. Eligible members of our parish are asked to let Father John know whether or not they will be attending this event. Thank you!

April Meeting of the Parish Council: The April Meeting of the Parish Council will take place on Monday evening, April 16, beginning at 7:00 PM.

LOOKING AHEAD: Youth Rally, August 13-18, 2018: The Year 2018 Annual Diocesan Youth Rally will take place August 13-18, 2018. Youth Rally is open to all Diocesan Youth who have finished 5th grade and who have not yet celebrated their 18th birthday. Volunteer Adult Staff Members are required to make this event possible. Staff Members will arrive a day early, on Sunday evening, August 12, and stay the entire week. For further information, please contact Fr. John, who will once again this summer serve as Youth Rally Director and Rector.

Needs of the Food Pantry—May we all remember the needs of others at Holy Pascha! On an almost constant basis, for the purpose of distribution to its clients, the Plymouth Community Food Pantry needs personal care items such as shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant, toothbrushes, hair brushes, etc. Also, the Food Pantry just about always requires donations of condiments and spices, such as ketchup, mustard, vinegar, cooking oil, BBQ sauce, pickle relish, table salt, black pepper, onion and garlic powder, dried herbs, etc. You can drop off your donations in the basket in the Narthex of our Church, or in the big green bin located by the exit staircase in the Church Basement Social Hall. Every time any of us goes grocery shopping, it would be appropriate and worthy of a blessing for us to purchase some items for donation to the Food Pantry.

LOOKING AHEAD: Graduates: If you or a member of your family is graduating this spring, please let us know, so that we might share the news with our Parish Family, and offer our congratulations and prayerful best wishes.

Pertaining to Pascha

- **Volunteers Required:** We need a volunteer (or volunteers) to come to the Church early in Holy Week (Monday or Tuesday) to iron all the black and white covers for use in the Church later in the week for Holy Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Holy Pascha.
- **Paschal Appeals:** Please give generously to our Parish's General Paschal Appeal and to the Easter (Paschal) Flower Offering. We always have lovely flowers in the Church for Pascha and our contributions help cover the cost of these beautiful additions to our Paschal worship. Your support of these two appeals is deeply appreciated.
- **Blessing of Paschal Baskets:** The Blessing of Paschal Baskets will take place at the conclusion of the Paschal Midnight Services in the Church Basement Social Hall, after which time the Parish Paschal "Agape" Meal will take place in the same location.
- **Paschal Agape Meal:** The Parish Paschal "Agape" Meal, which will happen after the Paschal Midnight Divine Liturgy, will take place in the Church Basement Social Hall, immediately following the Blessing of the Paschal Baskets. We will not have a general food table, but will be eating from and sharing the contents of our family Paschal Baskets, while enjoying each other's company. If you are planning to stay for this meal, please bring everything you need with you—your own plates, cups and cutlery, your own beverages and condiments, etc. (P.S. The word "agape," pronounced "ah-GAH-pay," means "love" in the Greek language and is the traditional word used to describe this Paschal meal.)
- **Thomas Sunday Blessing of Graves:** On Sunday, April 15, weather and ground conditions permitting, we will celebrate the Sunday after Pascha, Thomas Sunday. As is the parish's custom for Thomas Sunday, we will bless the graves in the parish cemetery that day beginning at 12:15 PM.

Readings from Holy Scripture

Scripture Readings for Palm Sunday

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Philippians (Phil. 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, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

The Reading from the Gospel according to Saint John (John 12:1-18)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus 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, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment 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 as he had the money box 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 he 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 comes in the name of the Lord, even 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 him 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.

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Holy Week Services in our Parish

April 2 Great and Holy Monday	April 3 Great and Holy Tuesday	April 4 Great and Holy Wednesday	April 5 Great and Holy Thursday	April 6 Great and Holy Friday	April 7 Great and Holy Saturday	April 8 Holy Pascha, The Feast of Feasts
			<i>10:00 AM Vespers and Divine Liturgy, Commemoration of the Last Supper</i>	<i>3:00 PM Vespers with Rite of Entombment</i>	<i>10:00 AM Vespers and Divine Liturgy</i>	<i>12:00 NOON The Vespers of Pascha</i>
<i>7:00 PM Bridegroom Matins</i>	<i>7:00 PM Bridegroom Matins</i>	<i>7:00 PM Matins of Holy Thursday</i>	<i>7:00 PM Matins with 12 Gospels</i>	<i>7:00 PM Matins with Procession</i>	<i>11:30 PM Nocturns followed by the Matins and Divine Liturgy of Pascha</i>	