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PALM SUNDAY/APRIL 12th ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

(Fish, wine and oil)

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour; Church School

GREAT & HOLY MONDAY/APRIL 13th

7:00p.m. Matins

GREAT & HOLY TUESDAY/APRIL 14th

7:00p.m. Matins

GREAT & HOLY WEDNESDAY/APRIL 15th

7:00p.m. Matins

GREAT & HOLY THURSDAY/APRIL 16th

9:30a.m. Vespers & Liturgy
7:00p.m. Matins

GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY/APRIL 17th

3:00p.m. Vespers
7:00p.m. Compline

GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY/APRIL 18th

10:00a.m. Vespers & Liturgy
11:30p.m. Nocturnes

PASCHA: THE BRIGHT RESURRECTION OF CHRIST/APRIL 19th

(The Feast of Feasts)

12:01a.m. Matins & Divine Liturgy followed by
blessing of paschal foods
12:00p.m. Vespers

In this Great & Holy Week

Let us strive to participate in as many of the Divine Services that we can.

Let us observe the week fasting as strictly as we can. The Fast is from all meat, dairy, fish and oil. Your parish wall calendar indicates days when wine and oil are permitted.

In our homes we ought to keep an atmosphere of peace, keeping "out the world," and enter into the solemnity and reality of the sacred events of the week.

Take some time to read the last chapters of the Gospels that speak of the Passion, Death, Burial and Resurrection of Christ.

At the Divine Services be sure to be careful that candles are not dripping – especially monitor children. Lipstick should not be worn when venerating Holy Objects as the Cross, the Chalice, and the Winding-Sheet of Christ.

Old Palms and willows should be placed in an area to decay where they will not be disturbed. They are holy objects.

Visitors are asked to make sure the priest knows who they are if they wish to receive Holy Communion. This should be done by phone, email or in person in advance of the service.

Parish Synodicon - Memory Eternal!

April 13, 1961	Frank Yurchuk
April 13, 1964	Igor Mushta
April 14, 1921	Procopius Kostik
April 14, 1941	Maria Huzinec
April 14, 1955	Peter Leich
April 14, 1965	Miron Urichuck
April 14, 2008	William Davidovich
April 15, 1961	Lazar Elik
April 16, 1991	Vassily Seminuk
April 17, 1957	Peter Dutko
April 18, 1936	Martha Dzioba
April 18, 2001	Mary Spotts

OCMC Mission Boxes

You are asked to return your boxes as soon as possible.

Great & Holy Week Booklets

Are on sale at the vestibule stand. Please use an envelope and mark it "re-sale" with the cost of the booklet.

The Bulletin for Pascha, April 19th

Will be available for pick-up on Thursday evening at the 7:00p.m. Matins Service.

Paschal Memorial at Cemetery

On April 27th, Monday at 6:30p.m. at the Parish Cemetery. (The Rain Date will be Tuesday, 6:30p.m. at the cemetery or if necessary, Tuesday, 7:00p.m. in the church).

Orthodox Youth Soccer Tournament

June 6th, Sat., in South River

A day of fellowship and athletic activity with fellow Orthodox young people. Join the team! Speak with Alexander Torrisi (732-545-5642).

Bright Monday – April 20th

On this day, the Second of Pascha, our parish family gathers in worship and fellowship. You are encouraged to take the "day off" from work and school and feast. A sign-up sheet for foods is on the vestibule stand or speak with Lisa Keller or Kathryn Motoviloff.

First Quarter Statements

Have been distributed. Please examine it for accuracy. The Parish Council asks you to be mindful of the Letter that went along with your statement.

The \$180 Assessment for 2009

Is collected thru June 30th. All Parishioners are asked to pay the assessment in full by this date. The OCA Paper (Winter 2009) mentioned that the OCA Assessment was \$102 per adult. The \$180 Assessment is not only for the OCA but covers 1) OCA All-American Council Assessment 2) OCA All-American Council Expenses 3) Assessment of the Diocese of New York and Washington 4) Diocesan Assembly Assessment. Hence, the other \$70.

Outreach Meeting

April 27th, Monday at 7:30p.m.

Offerings for the Week of April 12th

Olive Oil – in memory of Joan, in memory of Michael and Justine; in memory of Loretta; in memory of Archimandrite Damian and Hieromonk Barnabas.

Wine – for the health of Kulick family; in memory of Floarea, Gheorghe, Sasinca, Alexandra, Aurelia, Alexandru and Maria.

Flowers – in memory of Clara; in memory of Emilia and Vaschen.





THE THEOLOGY OF GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

We now enter the most sacred week of the year. It starts with the feast of the Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem, also known as Palm Sunday. The joy of the raising of Lazarus who was four-days-dead, is coupled with the harrowing humiliations which are to follow.

The Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of Great and Holy Week are a preparation for the Passion. They already have a strongly accented character of mourning and repentance. The Thursday, Friday and Saturday of the Great and Holy Week belong to the paschal solemnities - each one of these days reveals to us a special aspect of the mystery of Pascha. One could even say that this mystery has three aspects, each of which corresponds to a day: Thursday, Friday and Saturday. One could also say that each of these three aspects corresponds to a place: the Upper Room, Golgotha, the Holy Sepulcher. Great and Holy Thursday commemorates the mystery of the Upper Room, Great and Holy Friday the mystery of Golgotha, and Great and Holy Saturday the mystery of the tomb of Christ.

On the Thursday, in the Upper Room, Jesus, through a sacramental action, both announces and represents, consecrates and offers what is to take place in the following days. On Friday, at Golgotha, Jesus, by His death on the Cross, accomplishes our redemption. On the Saturday, Jesus rests in the tomb; but the church already looking ahead to the feast of Resurrection Sunday, speaks to us of the victory over death that our Savior has won. This anticipation of the Resurrection on Great and Holy Saturday allows us to say that the mystery of Christ's Resurrection, triumphantly celebrated on Pascha, already belongs, although incompletely, to the Great and Holy Week. And so, this week constitutes a summary of the whole economy of salvation.



It would be a great mistake to want to concentrate on one of the aspects of the paschal mystery by separating it from the others. The word "Passover," in the traditional language of the church, does not only designate the Sunday of the Resurrection, it also covers the mystery of the Eucharist (Thursday), the mystery of the Cross (Friday) and the mystery of the Tomb (Saturday). The Sunday of Pascha, completes the one and unique paschal mystery. This whole unity is the Christian

transposition of what the Jews called "the Passover," that is to say, the passage. The elements of the Jewish mystery correspond to those of our paschal mystery. For them, there was the feast in which the lamb was eaten. There was the blood of the lamb - the sign of salvation for those houses whose doors were painted with it and whom the angel of death would spare. There is the crossing of the Red Sea - the departure from the land of Egypt and slavery - the miraculously divided waters and the passage across on dry ground and, at last, the arrival on the other side, the side of freedom and hope. The Great and Holy Week will only have its true meaning for us when we see it as a "passover," a passage from death to life.





THE PASCHAL GREETING

CHRIST IS RISEN! AND THE RESPONSE INDEED HE IS RISEN! IS EXCHANGED MANY TIMES DURING THE PASCHAL 40 DAY PERIOD. THIS GREETING IS NOT JUST A LITURGICAL FORMULA. IT IS A GREETING TO BE EXCHANGED BETWEEN ALL BELIEVING CHRISTIANS AS A PROCLAMATION OF OUR FAITH IN THE RISEN LORD. THE GREETING EXPRESSED IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES, EXPRESSES THE CATHOLICITY OF THE CHURCH AND UNITES US IN ACCORD AND SYMPHONY WITH OUR ORTHODOX FAITHFUL THROUGHOUT THE WORLD.

CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!
-ENGLISH-

CHRISTOS ANESTI! ALITHOS ANESTI!
-GREEK-

KRISTE AHZDKHAH! CHEZDMARIDET!
-GEORGIAN-

HRISTOS A INVIAT! ADEVERAT A INVIAT!
-ROMANIAN-

KHRISTOS VOSKRESE! VOISTINU VOSKRESE!
-RUSSIAN-

CHRISTO A RESUCITADO! EN VERDAD A RESUCITADO!
-SPANISH-

EL MESSIESH KAHM! HAKKEN KAHM!
-ARABIC-

KRISTO AZUKKIDE! AMAZIMA AZUKKIDE!
-UGANDIAN-

GRISDO GGESUH! BOO-HOL HA-SHON-NAE!
-KOREAN-