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BULLETIN FOR GREAT AND HOLY WEEK 2013

PALM SUNDAY/APRIL 28
ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

9:10a.m. Hours; 9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy
Coffee Hour & Question/Answer Period
6:30p.m. Bridegroom Matins

GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY/APRIL 29

7:00p.m. Bridegroom Matins

GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY/APRIL 30

7:00p.m. Bridegroom Matins

GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY/MAY 01

7:00p.m. Matins of Thursday

GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY/MAY 02

9:30a.m. Vespers of Friday and Liturgy of St. Basil
7:00p.m. Matins of Friday (12 Gospels)

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY/MAY 03

3:00p.m. Vespers of Saturday (Taking Down From Cross)
7:00p.m. Compline with Lamentation Canon of Theotokos

GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY/MAY 04

10:00a.m. Vespers of Sunday and Liturgy of St. Basil
11:30p.m. Nocturnes

PASCHA – SUNDAY/MAY 05

THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

12:01a.m. Matins and Divine Liturgy; blessing of foods; festal meal
12:00p.m. Vespers of Monday

BRIGHT MONDAY/MAY 06

9:30a.m. Divine Liturgy; procession and festal meal
7:00p.m. Vespers



Offerings Week of April 28

Olive Oil – in memory of Michael, Justina, and Rosalia; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; for the health of Kalyn (birthday); for the health of Nicholas and Shirley (birthdays).

Wine - in memory of Joan and Sandy; in memory of Deacon Gregory Lapchuk,

Flowers - for the health of Barbara (birthday); for the health of Elizabeth (birthday).

Parish Synodicon – Memory Eternal!

May 08 40th Day Olga Romanofsky

May 15 40th Day Mildred Mock

Apr. 29, 1949 Joseph Bulat

Apr. 29, 1964 Infant Bodyl

Apr. 29, 2008 Genevieve Tindall

May 01, 1986 Mary Julio

May 02, 1989 Deacon Gregory Lapchuk

May 02, 1998 Rose Lorenick

May 03, 1926 John Petrovich

May 03, 1984 Olga Saffron

May 03, 1985 Helen Kudelko

May 04, 1973 John Holovach

May 05, 1961 John Ivaniec

May 05, 1970 Katherine Nebozinsky

May 05, 2012 William Neudachin

Coffee Hour Hosting

Apr. 28 Sarchisian and Dunaenko

May 05 No Coffee Hour

May 12 Peterson, Bakaletz and Mattei

Ushers Schedule

Apr. 28 E. Sarchisian, L. Khuzaurashvili &
Narcis Popa

May 05 (Pascha)

May 12 T. Gorbaturk and J. Stone

The Calendar

May 5/Sun. – Pascha – “The Feast of Feasts”

May 6/Bright Monday – on this the 2nd day of Pascha, it is a wonderful custom to take off from work and school and celebrate the Divine Liturgy (9:30a.m.) and Festal Meal with the Parish Family.

May 8/Bright Wednesday – NJ Deanery Vespers with Bishop Michael in Paramus 7:00p.m.

May 13/Monday 6:30p.m. Paschal Memorial at Parish Cemetery

May 16/Thursday 7:00p.m. Parish Council Meeting

May 21/Tuesday 7:00p.m. Movie: “Suing the Devil”.

The St. George Gazebo

With the warm weather, the furniture has been again placed in the gazebo. While all are encouraged to use the gazebo for conversations, resting or reading – it is not a place for children to climb about. Likewise the Coffee Hour foods should not be taken into the gazebo. Parents are asked to remind their children of this.

For College Students Returning Home

Because Pascha is “late” this year, there will be some college students only returning home after Pascha. If this be the case, be sure to arrange with Father James to receive Holy Confession and Communion as soon as possible.

Cemetery Care Envelopes

The Annual Cemetery Appeal is now under way. Please consider making a generous free-will offering for the cemetery grounds. The Lord bless!

A Timely Reminder About Approaching for Holy Communion

- If you are visiting another church and wish to receive Holy Communion, it is your responsibility to make sure the priest knows who you are, where you are from and when you last went to Confession.
- This information should be conveyed to the priest before your visit, or at the very least well before the time of the Divine Liturgy.
- It is “not-good order” for Orthodox Christians to approach for Holy Communion, if the priest does not know you.

Namesdays Greetings

St. George/Apr. 23: George Janiashvili

St. Alexandra/Apr. 23: Alexandria Long and Alexandra Erkman; Many Blessed Years!

Podcasts on the First Three Days of Great and Holy Week by Fr. Thomas Hopko

On Ancient Faith Radio: www.ancientfaith.com you will find this six part podcast. While you are driving, cooking, cleaning, relaxing, you can avail yourself of this learning, as to be able to better participate in the wonderful Liturgical Services of the Great and Holy Week.



TIPS FOR HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA

Make participation at the Services a priority. In our homes we should strive to "keep out the world" and enter into the peace, solemnity, and theology of the events of the last days of our Lord.

Be sure to read the last chapters of the Holy Gospels that speak of the Passion, Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Christ.

If you are visiting another parish and wish to receive Communion, make sure that the priest knows who you are and that you are prepared. This should be done in advance by phone, email, or any other way.

Last year's palms and pussywillows should be placed outside in an area to decay where they will not be disturbed. They are holy and should not be simply thrown out with the garbage.

Before venerating Holy Objects, such as the Cross, the Chalice, Icons, or the Winding-Sheet, make sure to wipe off your lipstick or chapstick. Reminder: we do not kiss the face of our Lord, His Mother, or the Saints; instead we kiss the hands or feet.

Try to make amends with those we may be upset with or those who are upset with us, so that on Pascha we can joyfully sing, "Let us call brothers, even those that hate us, and forgive all by the Resurrection!"

Try to stay after the "Midnight Service" on Pascha morning for the blessing of baskets and festive meal. Let us share in the joy of the Lord's Resurrection with fellowship and love.

During Bright Week, sing or read the Paschal Hours (you can pick up a copy in the back of the church) instead of your "normal" morning and evening prayers. Let the joy of praising the Lord's Resurrection accompany you throughout Bright Week, the Paschal season, and your whole life.

Easter Candy Sale

A profit of \$445 was made. Thank you for your support.

Reminder About "The Terrible Foams"

For over 15 years our parish has been "foam free." That is, we use only paper products as foam is very unfriendly to the environment. If you are bringing disposal plates/cups/bowls to the church for usage, please only paper and no foams products.

Open Church Doors Ministry – The Months of May and June

In the months of May and June (for most Sundays), we will again have the "Open Door Ministry." Between the hours of 12:00p.m. and 2:00p.m., we keep (weather permitting) the doors of the church open, so those passing by, people who wish to pray, and those led in by the Lord, may benefit and receive the blessing of our Lord. On these Sundays, we seek 2 people each week simply to be at the church any greet anyone entering. It is also a great opportunity for those greeting to spend time in prayer, reflection and spiritual reading. A sign-up sheet is on the vestibule stand.



THE SHROUD OF CHRIST

Archpastoral Visit of Bishop Michael to our Parish – June 15 and 16

On this, "Father's Day" weekend, our Spiritual Father, Bishop Michael will be with us. Please plan your calendar accordingly. We will also recognize "graduates" on this Sunday and a light festal meal will follow in the parish Center.

When Purchasing Religious Items at the Vestibule Stand

Help us out with our inventory. Place your monies in an envelope mark the dollar amount and mark the envelope "religious resale." Thanks.



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.

