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GREAT & HOLY WEEK: APRIL 13-19, 2014

PALM SUNDAY / APRIL 13

Entrance of Our Lord Into Jerusalem

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

Church School & Teen Class

6:00p.m. Bridegroom Matins

·ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM·

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GREAT & HOLY MONDAY / APRIL 14

7:00p.m. Bridegroom Matins

GREAT & HOLY TUESDAY / APRIL 15

7:00p.m. Bridegroom Matins

GREAT & HOLY WEDNESDAY / APRIL 16

7:00p.m. Bridegroom Matins

GREAT & HOLY THURSDAY / APRIL 17

9:30a.m. Vespers and Divine Liturgy

7:00p.m. Matins with 12 Gospels

GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY / APRIL 18

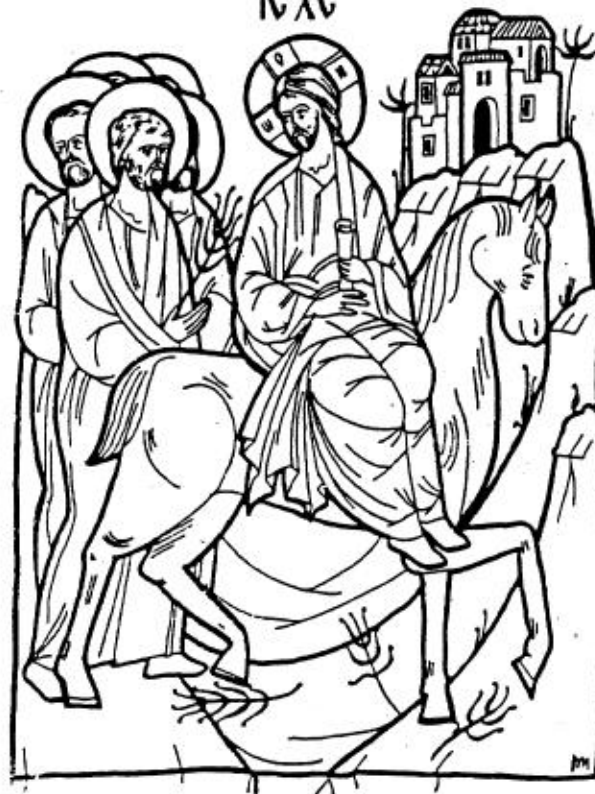
3:00p.m. Vespers

7:00p.m. Compline with Procession

GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY / APRIL 19

10:00a.m. Vespers and Divine Liturgy

11:30p.m. Nocturnes



PASCHA – THE RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

THE FEAST OF FEASTS / APRIL 20

1200a.m. Matins and Divine Liturgy; Blessing of Foods

12:00p.m. Vespers

Offerings Week of April 13

Olive Oil: in memory of Michael, Justina, Rosalia, and Anastasia; in memory of Vaschen and Emilia; in memory of Floarea, Gheorghe, Gabriela, Elena, Elena, and Mary; in memory of Loretta.

Wine: for the health of Lucian and his birthday; for the salvation and blessings for Mariana, Stefan, Simona, Gabriel and Kurt; for the health and salvation of Nicholas (birthday).

Flowers: in memory of Clara & Alex; for the health of Antoniou, Sarah, Shirley and Thomas; for the health and salvation of Daniel & Amaria (wedding anniversary).

Litva Breads: for the health of Katherine.

Parish Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

Apr. 13, 1961 Frank Yurchuk
Apr. 13, 1964 Igor Mushta
Apr. 14, 1921 Procopius Kostik
Apr. 14, 1941 Maria Huzinec
Apr. 14, 1955 Peter Leich
Apr. 14, 1965 Miron Urichuck
Apr. 14, 2008 William Davidovich
Apr. 15, 1961 Lazar Elik
Apr. 15, 2012 Helen Gregovitch
Apr. 16, 1991 Vassily Seminuk
Apr. 17, 1957 Peter Dutko
Apr. 18, 1936 Martha Dzioba
Apr. 18, 2001 Mary Spotts

Coffee Hour Hosts

Apr. 13 Peterson, Baklatez and Mattei
Apr. 20 (No Coffee Hour)
Apr. 27 Kita, Nevitt and Keller

Usher Schedule

Apr. 13 T. Gorbatuk and J. Stone
Apr. 20 (Pascha)
Apr. 27 E. Sarchisian, A. Moldoveanu & Kakha

Great & Holy Week Task Sheet: Apr. 13-19

There are a number of tasks to be done in this week. Please examine the sheet and sign-up for what you can do.

Vigil Watch at the Tomb: Great and Holy Friday and Saturday: Apr. 18-19

There are time slots for keeping watch at the Tomb of the Lord. Sign-up in the vestibule.

The Mysteries of Confession & Communion

Confession is available for College Students during Great & Holy Week (April 13-19). Call Fr. James.

April 20, Holy Pascha

11:30p.m. Nocturnes; 12:01a.m. Matins and Liturgy, followed by blessing of Paschal Foods (after your basket is blessed, stay awhile and share good fellowship) 12:00p.m. Paschal Vespers

April 21, Bright Monday

The Parish Family celebrates this day with the Divine Liturgy and Festal Meal. Take time off from work and school.

April 23, Bright Wednesday

The NJ Deanery clergy with Bishop Michael will celebrate Vespers at 7:00p.m. at Christ the Saviour Church in Paramus, followed by a festal meal. You are invited!

April 28, Monday 6:30p.m.

“Day of Joy – Radonitsa” Paschal Memorial at the Parish Cemetery. (Rain date: Tuesday 6:30p.m.; if rain Tuesday, service in church at 7:00p.m.)

April 30-May 21, Wednesdays 7-8:30p.m.

Four Evenings of Adult Study Classes.

Spring Clean-Ups & Yard Work Projects

Javier (part-time cemetery worker) is available for work you may have. Contact Fr. James to make any arrangements.

Visitors at Another Orthodox Church

Any Orthodox Christian who approaches the Chalice for Communion must be aware that the priest must know who you are, where you are from and when you last went to Confession. This information ought to be known to the priest before the Divine Liturgy. This is normal good order.

Great & Holy Week Fasting

The Fast ends after the Divine Liturgy on Pascha, April 20th. In Great & Holy Week we fast from meat, dairy, fish, wine and oil on all days except:
Sun, April 13th- fish, wine & oil
Thurs, April 17th, wine & oil
Sat, April 19th, wine



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 SHROUD OF CHRIST

Adapted from Wikipedia.org

The Shroud (Greek: Επιτάφιος, epitaphios; Slavonic: Плащаница, plashchanitsa; Arabic: شرايع, naash) is an icon, today most often found as a large cloth, embroidered and often richly adorned, which is used during the services of Great Friday and Holy Saturday. It also exists in painted form, on walls or panels.

The icon depicts Christ after He has been removed from the cross, lying supine, as His body is being prepared for burial. The scene is taken from the Gospel of St. John 19:38-42. Shown around Him, and mourning His death, may be His mother, John the beloved disciple, Joseph of Arimathea, and Mary Magdalene, as well as angels. Nicodemus and others may also be depicted. Sometimes, the body of Christ appears alone, except for angels, as if lying in state.

Usually, the following hymn is embroidered around the edges of the icon:

The Noble Joseph, taking Thy most pure body down from the Tree and having wrapped it in pure linen and spices, laid it in a new tomb.

The Shroud is used on Holy Friday and Holy Saturday, as part of the ceremonies marking the death and resurrection of Christ.

At the Vespers served on Holy Friday (usually around 3pm), following the reading of the last Passion Gospel, the Shroud is brought to the center of the church for veneration by the faithful.

In the Paschal Midnight service, the clergy dramatically raise the Shroud (which represents the dead body of Christ) from the bier and carry it into the sanctuary, laying it upon the Holy Table.

During Bright Week (Easter Week), the Royal Doors of the sanctuary remain open as a symbol of the empty tomb of Christ. The Shroud is clearly visible through the open doors, and thus symbolizes the winding sheet left in the tomb after the resurrection (Jn 20:5).

At the end of Bright Week, the Holy Doors are closed, but the Shroud remains on the Holy Table for 40 days, as a reminder of Jesus' physical appearances to His disciples before His Ascension into heaven.



10 TIPS FOR HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA

1. Make participation at the Services a priority.
2. 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.
3. Be sure to read the last chapters of the Holy Gospels that speak of the Passion, Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Christ.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. If you haven't yet made your Confession during Great Lent, try to make it during the beginning of Holy Week. Speak with Fr.
8. 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!"
9. 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.
10. 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.