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BULLETIN OF APRIL 1, 2018 – GREAT & HOLY WEEK



PALM SUNDAY/APRIL 1

Entrance of our Lord Into Jerusalem

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

6:30p.m. Bridegroom Matins

GREAT & HOLY MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY/APRIL 2,3 & 4

7:00p.m. Bridegroom Matins

GREAT & HOLY THURSDAY/APRIL 5

9:30a.m. Vespers & Divine Liturgy

7:00p.m. Matins of 12 Gospels

GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY/APRIL 6

9:00a.m. Preparation of Tomb with Flowers

3:00p.m. Vespers

4:00p.m. Friday to 1:30p.m. Saturday – Vigil Watch

7:00p.m. Compline with Procession of Winding Sheet

GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY/APRIL 7

10:00a.m. Vespers & Divine Liturgy; Arranging of church for Midnight Service

10:30p.m. Church Doors Open and Reading of the Acts of the Apostles

11:30p.m. Nocturne Service

HOLY PASCHA – FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION: SUNDAY/APRIL 8

12:01a.m. Matins and Divine Liturgy; Blessing of Paschal Foods; Festal Gathering

11:00a.m. Church Doors Open; 12:00p.m. Vespers

Offerings Week of April 1

Relics Candle: in memory of Infant Ivanna; for the parishioners of the parish;

Olive Oil: in memory of Sarchisian and Bocai families; in memory of Michael, Justina, Anastasia, Rosalie & Ivanna; for the health of Nicholas (birthday).

Wine: for the health of Joseph (birthday).

Flowers: for Feast of Palm Sunday

Litya Breads: for the health of Katherine.

Synodicon: Memory Eternal!

April 01, 1966 John Huzinec

April 01, 1974 Thomas Wytovich

April 02, 1917 Ignatius Shevchuk

April 02, 1928 Elias Zhak

April 02, 1972 Eugenia Kiryluk

April 02, 1987 Michael Mahalick

April 02, 2003 Stephanida Kozura

April 04, 1957 Joseph Yarik

April 04, 1959 Helen Hnatuk

April 04, 2013 Mildred Mock

April 05, 2011 Helen Macinko

April 06, 1974 Gregory Tscherwinski

April 06, 1977 Eva Marchuk

April 06, 1992 Stephen Mock

April 06, 1995 Anne Burd

Coffee Hour Schedule

Coffee Hour Hosts prepare foods that are simple so you are not absent from the Divine Liturgy. It is only after Communion, that we should leave the church and attend to food preparations.

Apr. 01 *Fish Permitted*

Apr. 01 Chirnoaga, Moldoveanu, Vajda & Sue

Apr. 15 Peterson, Bakaletz, Mattei, Erkman & Stone

Counters Schedule

Apr. 01 Rebecca O. & Ekaterina M.

Apr. 15 Irina S. & Lisa K.

Ushers Schedule

Apr. 01 Timothy S. & Peter B.

Apr. 08 Jerome S. & Adrian M.

Apr. 15 Dennis F. & Robert E.

Readers Schedule

Apr. 01 John Z./ Apr. 08 Austin K.

The Mysteries of Confession & Communion

All the faithful should receive these two Mysteries in this Pre-lent/Lent Period (February-March months). This includes children of Confession age. Reminder that Confessions are not scheduled during Great & Holy Week (April 1-7) but is possible for College Students returning home. To receive Holy Communion on Palm Sunday (April 1st) and thereafter, you must have gone to Confession in either February or March.

New Church Flooring Donations Received

The Total Cost of the Project is \$30,000

Total As of March 31st is \$15,290

(8 offerings on 3/11) \$500, \$1,000, \$300, \$700, \$1,000, \$3,000, \$500 and \$50.

(11 Offerings on 3/18) \$50, \$25, \$1,500, \$100, \$100, \$200, \$2,000, \$100, \$1,000, \$300 and \$500.

(12 Offerings on 3/25) \$100, \$100, \$50, \$50, \$200, \$25, \$15, \$100, \$200, \$25, \$1,000 and \$500. The Lord bless your offerings!

Summer Camps Registrations Underway

St. Andrew's Camp and St. Tikhon's Camp. Now is the time to register. A great opportunity for our children to bond with other Orthodox children.

Great & Holy Friday – April 6

The State of NJ recognizes Orthodox Good Friday as an official day for religious observance. Parents simply need to write a note to the teacher, claiming religious observance for an excused absence.

Bright Monday Festal Meal – April 9

Please be in touch with Lisa Keller in regards to foods you will bring. This is also an excused day for religious observance in State of NJ for school children. Just write a note. For everyone, take the day off and celebrate Pascha as a Parish Family.

2018 Great & Holy Week Task Sheet

Help out when and where you can. Sign-up.

Great & Holy Friday & Saturday Vigil

There are 12 "Vigil Watches" in these two days. A sign-up sheet is on the vestibule stand.



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: شيعن, 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.



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.