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LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, April 28, 2013

Entrance of Our Lord Jesus Christ

into Jerusalem



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We are glad you are with us this morning. If you are not Orthodox, we invite you to partake of the blessed bread during communion.

Please join us at Coffee Hour ~ we'd love to meet you!

Calendar for this Week

Calenaar for this week		Sunday, May 5—HOLY PASCHA			
		Sunday, May 5	NO RELIGIOUS ED.		
Sunday, April	28—PALM SUNDAY	5. 00 a m			
8:45 a.m.	Rel. Education ages 3-18	5:00 a.m.	Procession & Paschal Matins,		
9:00 a.m.	Matins	0.00	Paschal Divine Liturgy		
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy	8:00 a.m.	Pascha Breakfast		
11:45 a.m.	Potluck Luncheon	9:30 a.m.	Agape Vespers with reading of the		
5:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal	2.00	Gospel in many languages		
6:00 p.m.	Bridegroom Matins	3:00 p.m.	Picnic at Tucker's Grove		
Monday April 29					
10:30 a.m.	Religious Ed. Level I	Sunday Morning Ministries			
5:00 p.m.	St. Brigid outreach dinner at St.		Schedule		
	Michael's University Church in				
	Isla Vista	Eucharist Br	ead		
6:00 p.m.	Bridegroom Matins	April 28	Gish and Meyer		
		May 5	Kern		
Tuesday, Api		May 12	Dillon		
7:00 a.m.	Presanctified Liturgy	▼			
6:00 p.m.	Bridegroom Matins	May 19	Thomas		
Wednesday May 1		Coffee Hour			
7:00 a.m.	Presanctified Liturgy	April 28	PALM SUNDAY POTLUCK		
6:00 p.m.	Holy Unction	May 4	Yova—Holy Saturday morning		
		May 5	PASCHA BREAKFAST		
Thursday Ma		May 12	Dn. Scott & Karen Jacobs		
7:00 a.m.	Institution Liturgy	May 19	NEED SOMEONE TO HOST		
6:00 p.m.	Passion Gospels	J			
Friday May 3		Greeters			
7:00 a.m.	Royal Hours	April 28	D. Washburn/D. Lewis		
12:15 p.m.	Royal Hours	May 5	K. & L. Jacobs		
3:00 p.m.	Burial Vespers	May 12	S. & C. Shackelford		
7:00 p.m.	Lamentations	May 19	D. & D. Alexander		
9:00 p.m.	All-night Vigil	•			
•		<u>Ushers</u>			
Saturday May 4		April 28	D. Meyer, R. Barre, D. Lewis		
8:00 a.m.	Vesperal-Liturgy celebrating Christ's	May 5	C. & G. Speier, Rita Schneider		
	Victory over Hades,	May 12	J. King, G. Braun Jr., P. King		
	Baptism of Galan Wiley	May 19	S. & L. Speier, P. Brunner		
9:30 a.m.	Coffee Hour	1 v1 ay 17	o. & L. opciei, i. biuilliei		

AT THE END OF THE MATINS SERVICE, WE SING THE GREAT DOXOLOGY. ("Glory to You, Who have shown us the light..."

After the Doxology we sing:

Troparion for Palm Sunday (Music on page 10 of this insert.)

O Christ God, when we with Thee in baptism were buried, we became deserving of Thy Resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise Thee crying, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

First Antiphon verses with refrain: (Psalm 114/115)

Vs. I am well content: for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

- Vs. Tribulations and sorrow have I found; and I called on the name of the Lord. [Refrain]
- Vs. Glory...now & ever... [Refrain]

Second Antiphon verses & refrain (Psalm 115/116)

Vs. What shall I render to the Lord for all He has rendered to me?

Refrain: O Son of God, Who sat on a colt, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

- Vs. My vows will I pay unto the Lord, in the presence of His people. [Refrain]
- Vs. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;

Now and ever, and unto ages of ages, Amen.

Only begotten Son and immortal Word of God, who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the Holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, who without change didst become man and was crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us.

Third Antiphon with Troparion Refrain – Psalm 117/118

Verse:

O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

Refrain: (MUSIC IS ON PAGE 11 OF THIS INSERT.)

By raising <u>Lazarus</u> from the dead before Thy <u>passion</u>,
Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O <u>Christ God</u>.
Like the <u>children</u> with the palms of <u>victory</u>,
we cry out to Thee, O <u>Vanquisher</u> of death:
Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Verse:

Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

Refrain: By raising Lazarus...

As the clergy process with the children, we sing the following festal hymns:

Troparion of Lazarus

By raising <u>Lazarus</u> from the dead before Thy <u>passion</u>,
Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O <u>Christ God</u>.
Like the <u>children</u> with the palms of <u>victory</u>,
we cry out to Thee, O <u>Vanquisher of death</u>:
Hos<u>anna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the <u>name of the Lord</u>.</u>

Kontakian of Palm Sunday

Sitting on Thy throne in heaven; carried on a colt on earth, O Christ God, accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing: Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam.

As the children line up in two rows in the center aisle, we sing:

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The children place their palms on the floor.

Priest: For holy art Thou...

Deacon: and unto ages of ages.

People: Amen.

The clergy enter the altar.

TRISAGION HYMN

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (3 times)

+Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,

now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal have mercy on us.

Deacon: With strength!

People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Prokeimenon before the Epistle

Tone 4

Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. Vs. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

THE EPISTLE READING

Philippians 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.

Alleluia before the Gospel

Tone 1

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Verse: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

Verse: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

THE GOSPEL READING John 12:1-18

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died 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, Simon's son, one of His disciples [he who was to betray Jesus], said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox 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 Jesus 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, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey'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 Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

Hymn to the Mother of God (Meglynarion)

God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Celebrate the Feast and come with gladness! Let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, singing: Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Communion Hymn

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and hath revealed Himself to us.

Instead of "We have seen the true light ...

Troparion for Lazarus (Music is on page 11 of this insert.)

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God. Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

HOLY COMMUNION

In the Orthodox Church, the sacrament of Communion is offered only to Christians who are baptized in the name of the Trinity and chrismated into the Orthodox Faith. Non-Orthodox believers may approach the chalice for a blessing and the blessed bread instead of the Eucharist. So that the priest is aware of this, please just say, "Father, bless" when you get to the chalice.

Thanksgiving Prayers after Communion

At the end of the Divine Liturgy, we offer the prayers of thanksgiving for having received the Body and Blood of Christ. These beautiful prayers help us to reflect on the mystery in which we have just partaken, and prepare us for our transition back into the "world." We invite you to listen to these beautiful prayers during and after the veneration of the cross at the end of the service, and ask that you show courtesy to those who are remaining to hear the prayers in their entirety by waiting until Coffee Hour to socialize.

Our Baptismal Pledge

The liturgy of the Church is more than meditation or praise concerning past events. It communicates to us the eternal presence and power of the events being celebrated and makes us participants in those events. Thus the services of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday bring us to our own moment of life and death and entrance into the Kingdom of God: a Kingdom not of this world, a Kingdom accessible in the Church through repentance and baptism.

On Palm Sunday palm and willow branches are blessed in the Church. We take them in order to raise them up and greet the King and Ruler of our life: Jesus Christ. We take them in order to reaffirm our baptismal pledges. As the One who raised Lazarus and entered Jerusalem to go to His voluntary Passion stands in our midst, we are faced with the same question addressed to us at baptism: "Do you accept Christ?" We give our answer by daring to take the branch and raise it up: "I accept Him as King and God!"

Thus, on the eve of Christ's Passion, in the celebration of the joyful cycle of the triumphant days of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday, we reunite ourselves to Christ, affirm His Lordship over the totality of our life and express our readiness to follow Him to His Kingdom: "... that I may know Him and the power of His Resurrection, and may share His sufferings, becoming like Him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. (Philippians 3:10-11).

—Fr. Paul Lazor, (www.oca.org)

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS

You can access a complete calendar of services and other parish activities on our website: **www.stathanasius.org.**

EXPANDED BOOKSTORE

From this Sunday through Good Friday, we will have an expanded bookstore set up in the fellowship hall.

Today Jane Meyer will be available to sign her newly released children's book, **"The Hidden Garden."** This children's picture book has been in the works for over three years and Jane is so excited to share this story with you and the children in your lives! http://www.janegmeyer.com/page/books/6

HOLY FRIDAY VIGIL AT THE TOMB—SIGN-UP

We will stand vigil at the tomb of Christ from Good Friday evening at 9:00 p.m. until 6:00 a.m. on Holy Saturday morning. Please consider bringing your family to read at the tomb during the night. The sign-up list is in the narthex.

PARKING ON PASCHA MORNING

For the 5:00 a.m. service on Pascha, May 5th, please park next door at the Elk's Lodge. Our parking lot will be set up for the Pascha breakfast. There will be limited parking for the elderly and handicapped in our church lot. Parking on the street is also fine, of course. Thanks for your cooperation.

BLESSING OF THE GRAVES—SUNDAY, MAY 12th

We will bless the graves of our loved ones at Goleta Cemetery, singing the joyous hymn of "Christ is Risen," on Sunday, May 12th after Coffee Hour.

BOOK STUDY TO BEGIN AFTER PASCHA

Fr. Nicholas will conduct a book study from Saturday, May 18th through Saturday, June 29th. The study group will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays and will discuss the book, "The Truth of our Faith" by Elder Cleopa Ilie.

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS NEEDED

We still do not have hosts for the following Coffee Hours between now and the end of this liturgical year:

May 19 May 26 July 7 July 28 August 11

We ask that every family or household in the parish host or co-host Coffee Hour at least once per year. A reimbursement is available to those who need it to help cover the costs. Hosts are asked to purchase juice, creamer and 12-14 dozen "servings" of refreshments, to set out the

food after Communion, and to clean up after coffee hour is over. Please contact the church office if you have not hosted since September and are able to help out on one of the dates listed above. 685-5400 or office@stathanasius.org.

CELEBRATTONS for THIS WEEK

Birthdays

4/29 Kristi King

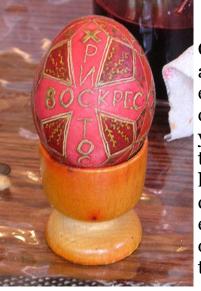
4/30 John Butler

5/02 Kristin King, David McConnell

5/05 Joan Simonsen

Patronal Feast Days

4/30	St. James, Son of Zebedee	Ethan Keller
5/4	St. Monica	Monica Finley
5/5	St. Irene	Karen Jacobs
5/5	The Resurrection of Christ	Velislava Nikolov



PASCHA EGG HUNT

On Pascha, we will be doing an egg hunt for the kids at the afternoon picnic, as usual. For each child participating, a parent will need to provide 12 filled eggs. (It doesn't have to be candy. Stickers or cheap toys are great options). Hopefully you all thought ahead and got the plastic eggs you need before they left the stores. If you did not get eggs and can't find any left in town, please call me, or see me or June Easbey after church today. We have extras but they will probably go fast. If enough people don't have eggs, I can order them in bulk online but I need to hear from people as soon as possible so that I can order them right away. (805-453-5324)

Thanks!

Katie AbuGhazaleh

O CHRIST GOD

(Palm Sunday Troparion)

Tone 4 J.E.B. adapted by J.D.F. Thee Christ God, when we with in bap - ti-sm of Thy bur ied. be- came de - serv - ing Re- sur tion im- mor- tal life. tο Where fore, we praise Thee cry ing, the Но - san - na i n high - est! Bles - sed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord.







PASCHA CELEBRATION 2013

It's that time of year again!

Immediately following the Divine Liturgy on Pascha we will celebrate together with our traditional BREAK-fast **OUT IN THE PARKING LOT of the church. (Please park next door at the Elk's Lodge or on the street.)**

Due to the relatively smaller, limited kitchen facilities we will again be "downsizing" our morning festivities a bit. Please plan **now** to put together a family Easter basket. Add to it your own family favorites and include some meats, eggs, cheeses, etc.

Back by popular demand, Stan will barbeque sausages. We will provide the Pascha Cheese, sliced ham, deviled eggs and beverages. Agape Vespers (with the Gospel

read in many languages) will follow the breakfast. Please see the food sign-up list in the fellowship hall. We need volunteers to bring:

Deviled eggs (please respond with how many)
Large fancy assorted cheese platters
Large assorted fruit platters
Homemade sweet rolls, yeast breads, sweet loaves

PASCHA PICNIC

The main focus of our celebration this year will be the afternoon PICNIC at Kiwanis Meadows/ Tuckers Grove at 3pm. The deacons will barbeque tri-tip for all. Bread will be provided. Please bring a large salad (green, potato, pasta, fruit) to share and your own place settings and beverages. There will of course be games, activities for our children, plus music and lots of wonderful fellowship. Plan to attend this special day for our church family. It is a great opportunity to bring your non-Orthodox friends and family members, as well!

The day's festivities cost the church over \$4,000 and we typically collect only around \$2,000 from those who participate. Please help us to break even on the costs for the day. We are asking for a donation for each adult and child participating in order to help cover the cost of the day's festivities. You can pay in advance at the table set up during Coffee Hour next Sunday and on Palm Sunday, or you can pay in the food line on Pascha. Pricing is as follows:

Adults: \$10 for breakfast only

\$15 for breakfast and picnic

Children: \$7 flat fee

Maximum charge per family: \$60

Of course we could use some help with preparation and clean up and with the children's activities. Please email June @ june1211@msn.com or call 805.705.3668 to volunteer.

SERVICES OF HOLY WEEK (Please note that the Tues-Friday morning services are at 7:00 a.m.)

Palm Sunday, 4/28	Bridegroom Matins	6:00 p.m.
Monday, 4/29	Bridgegroom Matins	6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, 4/30	Presanctified Liturgy	7:00 a.m.
	Bridgegroom Matins	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, 5/1	Presanctified Liturgy	7:00 a.m.
	Holy Unction	6:00 p.m.
Thursday, 5/2	Institution Liturgy	7:00 a.m.
	Matins with 12 Passion Gospels	6:00 p.m.
Friday, 5/3	Royal Hours	7:00 a.m.
	Royal Hours	12:15 p.m.
	Burial Vespers	3:00 p.m.
	Lamentation Matins	7:00 p.m.
	Vigil at the Tomb of Christ	9:00 p.m6:00 a.m.
Saturday, 5/4	Vesperal Liturgy celebrating	8:00 a.m.
	Christ's Victory over Hades	
	with baptism of Galen Wiley	
Sunday, 5/5	Paschal Procession, Matins, Liturgy	5:00 a.m.
	Break-fast	8:00 a.m.
	Agape Vespers	9:30 a.m.
	Picnic at Tucker's Grove	3:00 p.m.

TEEN SCENE

RITE -13 plus (Grades 7-9)

Friday, May 10—7-9:00 p.m.—Bonfire on Hendry's beach Saturday, May 25—Animal shelter service project, time TBD

Saturday, June 1—End-of-the-year Six Flags trip

YAC (Young Adults in Church- Grades 10-12)

Friday May 3rd Holy Friday All-night Vigil YAC and Rite 13+ group will read from the Tomb of Christ and fill in the gaps throughout the night. You will sleep at the church so bring your sleeping bag and pillow.

Saturday May 11—8 a.m.-4 p.m.—Work party at St. Barbara's Monastery

Sunday May 19th — 5:00 p.m.— Fire on Father

Date TBA — Celebrate the Grads BBQ

Date TBA—End of year celebration/trip to Magic Mountain

Dear St. Ath,

Thank you so much for allowing us to come and help out with your meal sharing! We were so blessed by that is Thank you for all you do in the community, and may God bless you in all of your endeavors. You'll be in our thoughts to prayers!

Westmont College Spring Break in the City

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests received through the parish office will be printed in the bulletin and will be prayed for during the litanies at the daily services. Prayer requests received in the box at the church will be prayed for quietly at the altar at all services. Prayer requests remain for 40 days unless requested otherwise.

Send prayer requests for the bulletin to: office@stathanasius.org. Please pray for the health of:

Carla H. Fr. Alexander Atty Leona G.

Mother Victoria Presbytera Katherine H. Tom & Darbi J.

Fr. Jim K. Alissa T. Mick K. & Family Fr. Gordon & Mary Sue W. Sari W. Marna D.

Met. Paul & Abp. John Greg & Margaret Y. Mary & Susan

Duane F. Gail S. who have been

Olga G. Dave L. kidnapped by terrorists Kent F.

in Turkey.

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For repose of the souls of: Jackie, Bodhi, Charles T.,

******************************** ST. ATHANASIUS BOOK CENTER ***

The church bookstore is located in the fellowship hall. The two enclosed cabinets hold icons, books, jewelry and other items that are FOR SALE. Payment should be made at time of purchase and placed in the brown lock box. Make checks payable to "St. Athanasius Book Center."

All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund.



-For the children to color during the homily or at home -