



ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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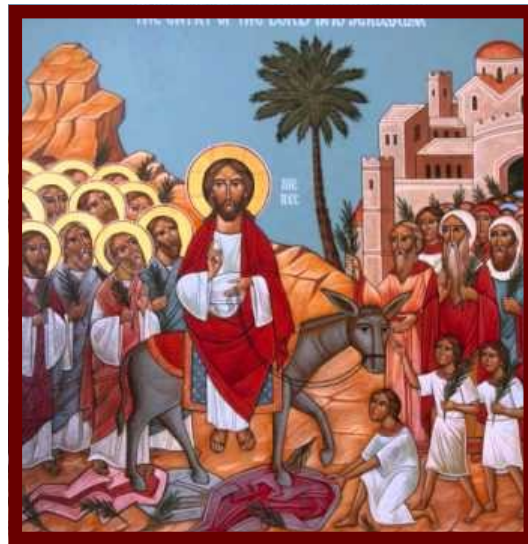
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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, April 25, 2021

FEAST OF PALM SUNDAY:

ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM



We welcome children of all ages in our worship.

“Let the little children come unto Me for of such is
the Kingdom of Heaven.” Luke 18:16

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 25—PALM SUNDAY

9:00 a.m. Matins
 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
 6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

HOLY WEEK

Monday, April 26—NO MORNING SERVICE

6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday, April 27

7:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
 6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday, April 28

7:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
 6:00 p.m. Sacrament of Holy Unction

Thursday, April 29

7:00 a.m. Institution Liturgy
 10:00 a.m. Shower of Blessings Ministry
 6:00 p.m. Matins with 12 Passion Gospels

Friday, April 30

9:00 a.m. Royal Hours (complete)
 3:00 p.m. Burial Vespers of Great & Holy Friday
 7:00 p.m. Matins with Procession and Lamentations at the Tomb of Christ
 9 p.m.-6 a.m. All-night Vigil

Saturday, May 1

8:30 a.m. Vespers-Liturgy commemorating Christ's descent into Hades; Baptisms: **James Arnold, Peter Van Dolah, Cyrus & Lincoln Brunner**

 10:30 a.m. Lenten reception for the newly illumined

Sunday, May 2—PASCHA

5:00 a.m. Procession/Paschal Matins
 Paschal Divine Liturgy
 7:45 a.m. Blessing of Baskets
 Break-fast on the patio
 9:00 a.m. Agape Vespers — Gospel proclaimed in many languages

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

April 24 Kern (Lazarus Saturday)
 April 25 Morrison
 May 2 Jacobs (Pascha)
 May 9 D. Washburn
 May 16 Sieck

READERS

April 24 D. Washburn (Lazarus Sat. Lit.)
 April 24 D. Alexander (Great Vespers)
 April 25 M. Braun
 April 27 D. Meyer (Presanctified)
 April 28 Rdr. M. Kern (Presanctified)
 April 28 D. Alexander (Unction)
 April 29 M. Braun (Institution Liturgy)
 April 30 All readers who are available
 ROYAL HOURS
 April 30 D. Meyer (Vespers)
 April 30 Rdr. H. Lange (Lamentations)
 May 1 Kern, Gish, Butler, Lange (Liturgy)
 May 2 Rdr. J. Butler (PASCHA)
 May 9 M. Braun
 May 16 Rdr. J. Butler

USHERS

April 25 C. Berari, D. Meyer
 May 2 P. King, J. King
 May 9 C. & S. Speier
 May 16 D. Washburn, M. Loulias

**At the conclusion of Matins, we sing the Great Doxology
followed by the Matins Dismissal Troparion**

**THE DIVINE LITURGY
OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Troparion for Palm Sunday

O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism, 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.

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]

[The children will line up in the back of the church for the procession.]

SECOND ANTIPHON verses & refrain (Psalm 115/116)

Vs. I believed, therefore have I spoken: But I have been humbled exceedingly.

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

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

Vs. My vows will I pay unto the Lord, in the presence of His people. [Refrain]

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 wast 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:

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.

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 walk in procession with the children, we sing the following festal hymns:

Troparion of Lazarus

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.

Kontakion 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:

Troparion of Palm Sunday

O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism,
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.

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.

LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL

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 comes in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and hath revealed Himself to us.

Instead of "We have seen the true light . . ." we sing the Troparion for Lazarus

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.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Birthdays

4/29 Kristi King, Willow Hope Palmer
4/30 John Butler
5/2 Kristin King

Patronal Feast Days

4/25 St. Mark the Evangelist Mark Kern
4/30 St. James, Son of Zebedee Ethan Keller
5/2 Holy Pascha Velislava Nikolov (“Velislava” means Resurrection)

SAOC SUMMER SCHOOL IS BACK!

FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE JUST COMPLETED GRADES K-6

Monday, June 14-Friday, June 25 (weekdays only)

8:45-11:30 a.m. — Class time

11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. — Lunch

12:30-2:00 p.m. — Special Activity

MEMO TO PARENTS & REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE
IN THE LOBBY OF THE CHURCH
& ON THE WEBSITE AT:

<https://www.stathanasius.org/ministries/youth-education/summer-school/>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

HELP NEEDED – SHOWERS OF BLESSING

The Showers of Blessing needs 3 volunteers to help with laundry. Each volunteer would help once a month. The volunteer would be asked to launder 2 baskets of towels and cleaning cloths and return them any time during the week to any of the sites where showers are offered. The pick up time would be one Tuesday a month at 12:45 p.m. Please contact Sally Hamilton at sallyshamilton2gmail.com if you are able to help.

THE SHOWERS OF BLESSING can use used or gently worn MEN'S CASUAL CLOTHING. (No women's clothing, please. They have plenty right now.) Here's what they need: Men's jeans, t-shirts, men's jackets, sweatshirts, and **CASUAL** button down shirts. **No formal/office wear, please.** If you have clothing to donate, please leave it **IN A BAG** in the hallway near the parish office with a note clearly marking it for SHOWERS OF BLESSING. Thanks!

JOIN US FOR COFFEE ON THE PATIO!

We are serving beverages after the Liturgy on Sundays. Join us for some fellowship time out in the fresh air!

What is man, that Thou art mindful of Him? A series for teens and adults, Saturdays at 4:30 p.m.

There are many competing beliefs about what it means to be a flourishing human being taught by the world. In this lecture series Fr. Symeon will address the big questions we face today about human life, and how we as Christians may understand and respond to the ever-changing social fabric as *little Christs*. We will ask the question of God and of ourselves, *What is man, that Thou art mindful of Him?* The lectures will be appropriate for teenagers and up and will run for 7 weeks from May 15th to June 26th every Saturday beginning at 4:30 pm at the parish.

May 15	<i>Creation - The Creation of Human Beings & Life in Paradise</i>
May 22	<i>The Fall and the Composition of Humanity</i>
May 29	<i>Our Re-creation through & in Christ</i>
June 5	<i>Does God care about sex(uality)?</i>
June 12	<i>The Nations - Israel and Gentiles or What do we have to do with Race?</i>
June 19	<i>Are Humans Fluid or Solid? or What is Human Nature?</i>
June 26	<i>Cultivating the Soul and Growth in Christ: Our Recomposition & Life Toward Paradise!</i>

PASCHA CELEBRATION

Sunday, May 2, 2021

- 5:00 a.m. Paschal Procession & Rush (Matins) Service
- 6:15 a.m. Paschal Liturgy and Blessing of Meat, Cheese and our Baskets
- 7:45 a.m. Break-fast on the patio — Bring your own basket.
Coffee, juice, Pascha cheese, bread, strawberries provided by the church.
Sorry...no buffet table this year for sharing food items.
- 8:15 a.m. Egg Hunt for the kids in the field behind the church
- 9:00 a.m. Agape Vespers with the Gospel read in many languages

NO PICNIC AT THE PARK THIS YEAR.

PARENTS: *For the egg hunt* please bring **one dozen FILLED PLASTIC EGGS** for each child (preschool through Grade 6) who will be participating. Bags will be provided for the kids to use when collecting eggs. Filled eggs need to be brought to the church **no later than 6:00 a.m. on Pascha morning**. There will be a cart in the hallway near the church office where you can drop off eggs throughout Holy Week. Questions? Contact Christie Robinson:
christie.d.robinson@gmail.com



BE SURE TO LABEL THE EGGS YOU DROP OFF WITH YOUR NAME!

For some helpful information and recipes for your Pascha basket:

<http://saintspeterandpaulnh.org/cgi-bin/EasterBasket.cgi>

<http://orthodoxeducation.blogspot.com/2014/04/pascha-basket.html>

<http://www.theologic.com/oflweb/lentpask/basket.htm>

<http://whatimcookingnow.blogspot.com/2010/04/all-about-pascha-baskets.html>

SERVICES OF HOLY WEEK 2021

(Finish times are approximate.)

Palm Sunday, 4/25	Bridegroom Matins	6:00—7:15 p.m.
Monday, 4/26	Bridegroom Matins	6:00 –7:15 p.m.
Tuesday, 4/27	Presanctified Liturgy Bridegroom Matins	7:00—8:15 a.m. 6:00-7:20 p.m.
Wednesday, 4/28	Presanctified Liturgy Holy Unction	7:00—8:15 a.m. 6:00-7:40 p.m.
Thursday, 4/29	Institution Liturgy Matins with 12 Passion Gospels	7:00-8:20 a.m. 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Friday, 4/30	Royal Hours Burial Vespers Lamentation Matins All-night Vigil	9:00-11:00 a.m. 3:00-4:00 p.m. 7:00-8:50 p.m. 10:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m.
Saturday, 5/1	Vespereal Liturgy celebrating Christ's Victory over Hades	8:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.

BAPTISMS OF: James Arnold, Peter Van Dolah, Cyrus & Lincoln Brunner

Sunday, 5/2	Paschal Procession, Matins Liturgy, Blessing of baskets Break-fast, Egg Hunt Agape Vespers	5:00—8:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:30-10:15 a.m.
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SAFETY PROTOCOLS—March 2021

Metropolitan Joseph asks that we continue to adhere to the following:

- During services, please maintain at least 6 ft. of distance on all sides, including in the Communion line, and wear a mask that covers both YOUR MOUTH AND NOSE. (Families may sit together but should have six feet of space in front and behind them.)

The Sunday Divine Liturgy is being broadcast in the hallway and on the patio for overflow crowd and for those who are not comfortable sitting inside the nave.

Please do not linger inside the building after the services unless you are buying something from the Bookstore.

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:

Metropolitan JOSEPH
Mother Victoria
Met. Paul & Abp. John
Fr. Markos
Fr. Jon B.
Dn. Richard E.
Kh. Diane C.
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family in Albania
Joseph Wm. B. in Kenya
Duane F.
Richard and Susan B.
Monsignor J. Yanek
Bob N.
Kh. Melissa H.
Cole K. (military)
Jeremiah H. (Airforce Academy)
Lauren & Fernando J. (military)

Chase K. (military)
Nick & Kristine J. (military)
Steve T,
Nina
Dasha
Bev R.
Phyllis M.
Lee Family
Audrey
Scott L.
Samantha and Chris N.
Dan A.
John S.
Earle L.
Barbara W. and Doreen
Jim M.
Phoebe L.
Abp. Benjamin

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church
The Church & people in Lebanon
All those suffering and
in danger in Ukraine,
Africa, and the Middle East

Please pray for the raising up and
support of long-term missionaries from
our parish.

For repose of the souls of: Fr. Vladimir L., Jim R., Betty

ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH BOOKSTORE

The church bookstore is located in the foyer of the fellowship hall - two enclosed cabinets containing items that are FOR SALE. One cabinet holds icons, crosses, incense, prayer ropes, etc. The bookshelf has books for sale, arranged alphabetically by book title. Children's books are on the bottom shelf. See Terri Speier if you are looking for jewelry such as a cross or chain. Payment should be made at time of purchase and placed in brown lockbox on wall next to Fr. Nicholas' office. Make checks payable to **S.A.O.C. Bookstore**. (The pamphlets in the rack are FREE, as are the 12-month liturgical calendars.)

All proceeds go to the parish Building Fund.

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF ORTHODOX HOLY WEEK

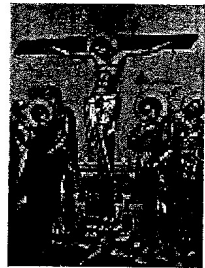
Every Sunday of the Ecclesiastical Year, being a "little Pascha", commemorates the glorious Resurrection of Christ, but each day of Holy Week has its own special character.



On **HOLY MONDAY** we remember Joseph, the son of Jacob, who was betrayed by his brothers and sold into slavery. After much suffering, there came triumph for him in Egypt. He is, thus, a prototype of Christ. To commemorate this, we celebrate the Bridegroom Service on Palm Sunday evening. The Gospel for the day tells about the barren fig tree, speaking of the world's failure to bear fruit in Christ.

HOLY TUESDAY presents the parable of the wise and foolish virgins. Preparing for the coming of Christ requires proper preparation and wakefulness, which are the foundations of vivid faith. We also hear the condemnation of the hypocritical Scribes and Pharisees.

HOLY WEDNESDAY presents the story of the woman who poured precious ointment on Jesus. Her action of love is in contrast to that of Judas who betrayed the Master. In the evening the Holy Mystery (Sacrament) of Holy Unction is celebrated.



HOLY THURSDAY depicts the Mystical (Last) Supper of Christ with His Apostles, including the washing of the feet of the Apostles, the betrayal of Judas, and the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane.

HOLY FRIDAY is the day of the Passion, Crucifixion and death of Christ (celebrated Holy Thursday evening). The morning service of the Royal Hours observes the hours of Christ on the Cross. In the afternoon, we view the removal of Christ from the Cross, and His burial.



HOLY SATURDAY speaks of the entombment of Christ and His descent into Hell, the realm of the dead (celebrated Holy Friday evening). It begins in mourning and lamentation, but ends with the glory that is to burst forth on the Great Day of the Resurrection.