

APRIL 25, 2021 – PALM SUNDAY

On which we celebrate the glorious entrance into Jerusalem of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The Holy and Glorious Apostle and Evangelist Mark

SPECIAL HYMNS OF THE DAY:

The consumption of fish is permitted today.

The first hymn chanted at the Small Entrance is the Festal Apolytikion for Lazarus Saturday/Palm Sunday:

Τὴν κοινὴν Ἀνάστασιν πρὸ τοῦ σοῦ Πάθους πιστούμενος, ἐκ νεκρῶν ἡγειρας τὸν Λάζαρον, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός· ὄθεν καὶ ἡμεῖς ὡς οἱ Παῖδες, τὰ τῆς νίκης σύμβολα φέροντες, σοὶ τῷ Νικητῇ τοῦ θανάτου βοῶμεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

O Christ our God, before Your Passion, You raised Lazarus from the dead to confirm the common Resurrection for all. Therefore, we carry the symbols of victory as did the youths, and we cry out to You, the victor over death, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

At the procession with the Gospel, the special Eisodikon (Entrance Hymn) for Palm Sunday is chanted:

Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου· Θεὸς Κύριος καὶ ἐπέφανεν ἡμῖν, Σῶσον ἡμᾶς, Υἱέ Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐπὶ πώλῳ ὄνου καθεσθεῖς, ψάλλοντάς σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα. Blessed in He who comes in the name of the Lord; God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. Save us, O Son of God, who sat on the foal of a donkey, we sing to You, Alleluia.

Then, we hear the festal hymn once again, followed by a second one, which turns our focus the Resurrection:

Συνταφέντες σοὶ διὰ τοῦ Βαπτίσματος, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, τῆς ἀθανάτου ζωῆς ἠξιώθημεν τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου, καὶ ἀνυμνοῦντες κρᾶζομεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου. As by baptism we were buried with You, O Christ our God, so by Your Resurrection were we deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising You, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Then, the Festal Kontakion is heard:

Τῷ θρόνῳ ἐν οὐρανῷ, τῷ πώλῳ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἐποχοῦμενος Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, τῶν Ἀγγέλων τὴν αἴνεσιν, καὶ τῶν Παίδων ἀνύμνησιν προσεδέξω βοῶντων σοι· Εὐλογημένος εἶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος, τὸν Ἀδὰμ ἀνακαλέσασθαι. In Heaven, He is seated upon a Throne and on earth He rides upon a foal. O Christ our God, accept the praise of the Angels and the hymn of the Children who cry out to You, "Blessed are You who comes to recall Adam."

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. [RSV]

Gospel: John 12: 1-18. Jn. 12:1-18 Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus 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, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box 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 he 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, even 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 him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign. [RSV]

EASTER & LENTEN SPONSORED ITEMS

Thank you to everybody who has already donated towards the cost of the flowers for Holy Week and Pascha. This is a big help to the Church, and we appreciate your generosity. There are still a number of items awaiting sponsorship, for those interested.

Please be informed, however, that, despite his best efforts, the florist was unable to locate Easter lily plants, for the simple reason that our Pascha falls so much later than western Easter this year (a full month), and they are now out of season. Alternate white flowers in pots will be substituted for them, which will, I am sure, also add a beautiful touch to our icon screen decorations for Pascha. We respectfully ask everyone who donated for the lilies for your understanding, given the unusual circumstances. The cost for the substitute flowers is similar to that for the usual ones.

Καλή Ανάσταση! A blessed Pascha to all!
In Christ, Fr. Christopher



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DAYS (Thur, Fri, & Sat)

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(Just ask a member of Parish Council)



If you have already submitted your 2021 Stewardship Commitment, **THANK YOU!** If not, please take the time to make your financial Stewardship Commitment today and complete the talent portion of the card to enable **OUR Community** to grow and carry on the mission of our faith.

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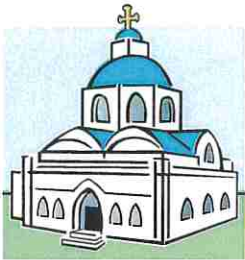
"And now these three remain: **Faith, Hope and Love.** But the greatest of these is **LOVE.**" Corinthians 13:13

<u>2021</u>	<u>STEWARDSHIP</u>
Total Stewards	226 (GOAL 300)
Total Pledged	\$119,872.00 (GOAL \$185,000.00)
Avg. Pledge	\$530.41

FROM THE CHURCH SCHOOL DESK:

(The rooms are cleaned, and the teachers & children will social distance and wear masks!)

Upcoming dates to remember:



Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, May 2, 2021

(Following the Agape Service)

Church School Graduation

Sunday, May 23, 2021

I appreciate the support from all of you and thanks for sharing your children with us every Sunday!

Yours in Christ,
Miss Michelle

GOYA

PASTICHIO: Break the Lenten fast with a Greek crowd pleaser, pastichio! It is "a must" on every Pascha (Easter) table! The frozen pastichio pans are 9"X12" in size. Each pan is \$30. Check or cash is accepted. For further information, text **Alea Melacrinos Mavrogeorgis.@ 412 726-5940.** Please state who you are in the text. Pans are still available for Pascha, while supplies last. You can buy pans on Sunday or call the church office to purchase Monday-Friday.

Thank you for supporting our fundraiser!

PHILOPTOCHOS UPDATES

Updated Parish Directory – Please make sure to pick up your updated parish directory from the church office! We also appreciate if those who are able to come to church can take and deliver copies for friends/family who you may visit. If you are a newer member of the parish and have never received the binder that the printed directory goes into, we have extras and would be happy to provide one.

Food Bank – The Food Bank continues to need your support! You can donate by making a check payable to the “St. Nicholas Philoptochos Food Bank” or through United Way by designating the St. Nicholas Food Bank (#3288) through your employers United Way contribution. Questions: contact Elaine Andrianos (412-731-4334) or Denise Daugherty (412-508-1326).

Neighborhood Resilience Project Food Drive – We are collecting non-perishable items for Neighborhood Resilience Project (formerly known as FOCUS Pittsburgh). Please place non-perishable food donations in the bin outside the church office, and we will deliver them to Neighborhood Resilience Project. They appreciate your support.

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Join us in our Fight Against Hunger!

Help us raise money for the regional Food Banks throughout the Metropolis to provide meals for those individuals and families in need.

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Sincerely,

Joyce Spanakis
Daffodil Fundraiser Chairperson

Despina Sarantopoulou
Metropolis of Pittsburgh Philoptochos President



Please join us for our annual

Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Sunday, May 2, 2021

Following the Agape Service

**If you wish to help,
please bring one dozen pre-filled plastic eggs on Sunday
and drop them off in the Narthex before Church.**

Questions: Call Michelle Kotsagrellos (412) 680-1416





ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE 2021

Lazarus Saturday, April 24 – Σάββατο του Λαζάρου, 24 Απριλίου
Orthros, 8:45 a.m., Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.
Όρθρος, 8:45 π.μ., Θεία Λειτουργία, 10:00 π.μ.

PALM SUNDAY, April 25 – ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΒΑΙΩΝ, 25 Απριλίου:
Orthros, 8:30 a.m., Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.
Όρθρος, 8:30 π.μ., Θεία Λειτουργία, 10:00 π.μ.

1st Bridegroom Service, 7:00 p.m. – 1^η Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου, 7:00 μ.μ.

Holy Monday, April 26 – Μεγάλη Δευτέρα, 26 Απριλίου:

2nd Bridegroom Service, 7:00 p.m. – 2^η Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου, 7:00 μ.μ.

Holy Tuesday, April 27 – Μεγάλη Τρίτη, 27 Απριλίου:

3rd Bridegroom Service, 7:00 p.m. – 3^η Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου (Τροπάριον της Κασσιανής), 7:00 μ.μ.

Holy Wednesday, April 28 – Μεγάλη Τετάρτη, 28 Απριλίου:

Holy Unction and Anointing, 5:00 p.m. – Το Ευχέλαιον, 5:00 μ.μ.

Holy Thursday, April 29 – Μεγάλη Πέμπτη, 29 Απριλίου:

Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil, 9:30 a.m.

Εσπερινή Θεία Λειτουργία του Μεγάλου Βασιλείου, 9:30 π.μ.

Service of the Holy Passion of our Lord, 6:30 p.m.

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY, APRIL 30 – ΜΕΓΑΛΗ ΠΑΡΑΣΚΕΥΗ, 30 Απριλίου:

Royal Hours, 9:00 a.m. – Ακολουθία των Βασιλικών Ωρών, 9:00 π.μ.

Great Vespers (Descent from the Cross), 2:30 p.m. – Εσπερινός της Αποκαθήλωσης, 2:30 μ.μ.

The Lamentations Service, 7:00 p.m. – Ο Επιτάφιος Θρήνος, 7:00 μ.μ.

GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY, MAY 1 – ΜΕΓΑ ΣΑΒΒΑΤΟΝ, 1 Μαΐου

Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, 9:30 a.m.

Εσπερινός και Θεία Λειτουργία του Μεγάλου Βασιλείου, 9:30 π.μ.

Vigil Service, 10:45 p.m. – Παννύχτις, 10:45 μ.μ.

RESURRECTION SERVICE AND DIVINE LITURGY, 11:45 p.m.

ΑΚΟΛΟΥΘΙΑ ΤΗΣ ΑΝΑΣΤΑΣΕΩΣ ΚΑΙ ΘΕΙΑ ΛΕΙΤΟΥΡΓΙΑ, 11:45 μ.μ.

GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA, SUNDAY, MAY 2 – ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΠΑΣΧΑ, 2 ΜΑΙΟΥ

Vespers of Agape, 1:00 p.m. – Εσπερινός της Αγάπης, 1:00 μ.μ. (Volunteers are kindly invited to read the Gospel in various languages – please see Fr. Christopher)

CHRIST IS RISEN! ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΑΝΕΣΤΗ! ΧΡΙΣΤΟΣ ΒΟΚΡΕΚ! HRISTOS A ÎNVIAT!

Foundation Blessing Service May 15, 2021

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FR. STEPHEN DE YOUNG

Tues, 18 May 7:00–8:30 pm • via Zoom

Advanced registration: tinyurl.com/LoveOfScripture

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When wanting to know more about the Scriptures from an Orthodox perspective, many people turn to Fr. Stephen De Young. He holds a PhD in Biblical Studies from Amridge University and he studied at Balamand Univeristy where he received a Masters Degree. On Ancient Faith Radio, he is the host of the “Whole Counsel of God” podcast and co-hosts a live call-in show/podcast, “The Lord of Spirits” and is the author of the Whole Counsel Blog.

For eight years, he served in Charleston, WV as the priest of St George Orthodox Cathedral before heading to Archangel Gabriel Orthodox Church in Lafayette, LA where he has been since 2017.

APRIL / MAY 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Palm Sunday Orthros 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. Sunday Soupa 11:30 a.m. Bridegroom Service 7:00 p.m.	26 Holy Monday Bridegroom Service 7:00 p.m.	27 Holy Tuesday Bridegroom Service 7:00 p.m.	28 Holy Wednesday Holy Unction & Anointing 5:00 p.m.	29 Holy Thursday Vesperal Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. Mystical (Last) Supper 12 Gospels (Crucifixion) Service 6:30 p.m.	30 Great and Holy Friday Royal Hours 9:00 a.m. Apokathelosis Vespers 2:30 p.m. Lamentations 7:00 p.m.	1 Great and Holy Saturday Vesperal Divine Liturgy 9:30 am Vigil Service 10:45 pm Resurrection Service & Paschal Liturgy 11:45 pm
2 GREAT & HOLY PASCHA Vespers of Agape 1 pm Easter Egg Hunt follows	3 St. George the Great-Martyr Orthros, 9:00 am Divine Liturgy 10 am	4	5	6 GREEK2GO DAYS	7 GREEK2GO DAYS	8 GREEK2GO DAYS
9 Thomas Sunday Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am MOTHER'S DAY	10	11 Philoptochos General Meeting 7 pm (Zoom) Elections	12 Orthodoxy Now! 7:30 pm	13	14	15
16 Myrrh-bearers Sunday Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am	17 Parish Council Meeting 7 pm	18	19 Orthodoxy Now! 7:30 pm	20	21 Ss. Constantine & Helen Orthros, 9 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am	22
23 Sunday of the Paralytic Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am Church School Graduation/ Exercises	24	25	26 Orthodoxy Now! 7:30 pm	27	28	29
30 Sunday of the Samaritan Woman Orthros 8:45 am Divine Liturgy, 10 am	31 Memorial Day Divine Liturgy/ Trisagion at Homewood Cemetery, 9:30 am Trisagion at Wilkinsburg Cemetery, 12 noon Church Office Closed					