



CHRIST THE SAVIOR ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Welcome Visitors

We warmly welcome all those who are visiting us today. It is good to have you all with us!

Sympathy is Expressed

to Darrell Wilson on the repose of his mother, Jerrie Rife. May Jerrie's memory be eternal! May she dwell among the Righteous!



Thank You!

to everyone who stayed last Sunday to help clean out the upstairs storage room! Your help is greatly appreciated! Thank you!

The Parish Council

will meet briefly today to be updated regarding the renovation of the new Parish Center. As always, everyone is welcome to stay for the meeting, which will begin near the end of the coffee hour. This is an important meeting and your presence is requested.

LAST CHANCE: Presanctified Liturgy

The last Presanctified Liturgy will be served this Wednesday, April 4th. If you have not yet attended, please consider making the effort.

The Mysteries of Confession and Communion

should be received by all Orthodox Christians on a regular basis and at the very least during the Great Fast and Pascha. To make a confession, please see Fr. John. Time is running out before Pascha.

The Mystery of Holy Unction

will be served on Great and Holy Wednesday, April 11th, at 7:00pm. The Church's practice of anointing with holy oil for the healing of soul and body dates back to Apostolic times, see James 5:14. Those who wish to receive this Mystery should first have made a recent Confession.



Holy Week & Pascha Sign-Up Sheet

In the back of the church there is a sign-up sheet for helping with the preparations for Pascha.

The Paschal Meal

If you are able to bring food to share, please sign your name on the sheet in the coffee hour room to let us know what you can bring.

Altar Server / Usher Meeting

for Holy Week and Pascha on Sunday, April 8th, after coffee hour.

SUNDAY, APRIL 1ST

Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

8:40a.m. Hours
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
 Coffee Hour

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4TH

7:00p.m. Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
 Potluck Lenten Meal

FRIDAY, APRIL 6TH

7:00p.m. Matins

SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH

Lazarus Saturday

8:40a.m. Hours
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
 6:00p.m. Great Vespers

SUNDAY, APRIL 8TH

Palm Sunday

One of the Twelve Great Feasts

8:40a.m. Hours
 9:00a.m. Divine Liturgy
 Coffee Hour
 7:00p.m. Bridegroom Matins

READER SCHEDULE

Sunday, Apr. 8th

Gabriela Jones

Sunday, Apr. 15th

Kathy Parrish



Prayer List: Fr. Michael Mihalick, Fr. Alexander Atty, Fr. Christian, Mat. Dunia, Kelly Elizabeth & Ana Lucia, Bill Parrish, Hayley, Tyler Pelesh, Jerrie Rife (newly departed), Wallace & Michelle, Ryan & Kayla, Maleah Morse, Victoria Kokkinos, Karen Nichols, Denise Royal, Simeon, Scott & Maryann, Garrett Cuppels, Jane Koshutko, Nicholas & Linda, Nina Gordon, Mirela & Chris, Troy Duker, Mary Miranda, Bruce, Stella, Lilly Barnett, Amy F., Nedelina, Henrietta Stack, Archimandrite Pachomy, Michelle Patapios.

OPERATING THRU 2/29/12			MARCH OPERATING			RENOVATION TO PARISH CENTER		
Income	Expense	Net	Income	Goal	Difference	Income + Loan	Goal	Expense
9,253	9,931	-678	3,352	4,858	-1,506	42,146 + 30K	80,000	66,304



DAILY OBSERVANCES OF THE FAITHFUL DURING HOLY WEEK

Lazarus Saturday concludes Great Lent. This celebration remembers Christ's raising of Lazarus from the dead and the promise of universal resurrection for all. Lazarus Saturday provides a bridge to Holy Week during which the Church services remember Christ's last week before His crucifixion and resurrection.

In the Orthodox Church the last week of Christ's life is officially called Passion Week. Each day is designated in the service books as "great and holy." There are special services every day of the week which are fulfilled in all churches. Earthly life ceases for the faithful as they "go up with the Lord to Jerusalem".

LAZARUS SATURDAY, THE DAY BEFORE PALM SUNDAY

Services: Friday, 4/6 @ 7:00pm and Saturday, 4/7 @ 9:00am

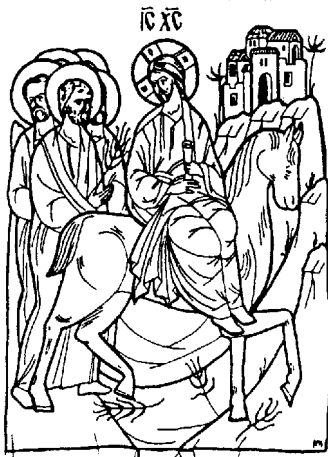
On this day the rising from the dead of St. Lazarus, the righteous friend of Christ, is celebrated. Holy Week begins with the phrase: "Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany", John 12:1. His arrival coincided with the Jewish Passover. It started on the 15th of the month of Nissan in commemoration of the freeing of the Hebrew people under the leadership of Moses, from the slavery of the Egyptians by the miraculous act of God. The Church relates preparation and redemption to the events of this week.

Six days before the Passover a feast was given for Christ in Bethany of Judea where Christ had stopped on His way to Jerusalem. Lazarus, His friend, and his sisters were present. A short time earlier Christ had risen Lazarus from the dead, thereby gaining the respect and faith of the people, but also the hatred of the fanatics. The Church names this day the "Saturday of Lazarus" in remembrance of the resurrection of Lazarus and its promise of universal resurrection for all men. The Church connects this celebration, by anticipation, with the Entrance of Christ into Jerusalem: "We carry the Symbols of victory and cry Hosanna in the highest".

The readings are Hebrews 12:28-13:8 and John 11:1-45.



ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM



PALM SUNDAY

Services: Saturday, 4/7 @ 6:00pm and Sunday, 4/8 @ 9:00am

Palm Sunday celebrates the glorious and brilliant feast of the Entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. Zechariah had prophesied the entrance of the Messiah into Jerusalem, saying: "Rejoice greatly ... O daughter of Jerusalem; behold, the King comes unto Thee; he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass", Zech. 9:9. The contemporary Jews associated this prophecy with the expected Messiah. This action of Christ testifies to His nature as Savior, but with the definite declaration that His Kingdom: was not of this world. The news that Christ was in Bethany provoked a general enthusiasm of acceptance, but also of indignation among the High Priests, who had decided to kill Christ. The main road leading to Jerusalem was covered with palm trees. The multitudes, with palm branches in their hands, spread their cloaks on the road

as a show of respect, crying out: "Hosanna to the Son of David, blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord". All the actions and words of the people and, of Christ had a Messianic meaning readily recognized by the Jews of that time. As usual, Christ went immediately to the Temple, where He prayed and taught. That evening He departed for Bethany.

A custom of distributing branches of palms to the people in the Church prevails to this day, commemorating the victory of Christ against the evil powers.

The Epistle reading is Phil. 4:4-9, and the Gospel reading is John 12:1-18.



FOR CONSIDERATION

By St. Nikolai Velimirovich

Why is it that much is said and written about the sufferings of holy men and holy women? Because the saints, alone, are considered victors. Can anyone be a victor without conflict, pain and suffering? In ordinary earthly combat, no one can be considered victorious nor heroic who has not been in combat, tortured much or suffered greatly. The more so in spiritual combat where the truth is known and

where self-boasting not only does not help at all but, indeed, hinders it. He who does not engage in combat for the sake of Christ, either with the world, with the devil or with one's self, how can he be counted among the soldiers of Christ? How, then, can it be with Christ's co-victors? St. Mary spoke about her savage spiritual combat to the Elder Zosimus: "For the first seventeen years in this wilderness I struggled with my deranged sexual desires as though with fierce beasts. I desired to eat meat and fish which I had in abundance in Egypt. I also desired to drink wine and here, I did not have even water to drink. I desired to hear lustful songs. I cried and beat my breasts. I prayed to the All-Pure Mother of God to banish such thoughts from me. When I had sufficiently cried and beat my breasts, it was then that I saw a light encompassing me on all sides and a certain miraculous peace filled me."

APRIL CONGRATULATIONS!

Anniversaries:

4/17 Philip & Gabriela Jones
4/19 Howard & Alice Peters

Birthdays:

4/7 Kathryn Barbarita
4/13 Diane Evanusa

Namesdays:

4/23 St. Alexandra
Alexandra Boris
Alice Dzwomczyk

If your name is not on this list and it should be, please see Fr. John as soon as possible!

ABOUT THE VICTORY OVER THE LAST ENEMY

From the Prologue of Ochrid / St. Nikolai Velimirovich

"The last enemy to be destroyed is death" (1 Cor 15:26).

Man's first enemy is the devil, the second is sin and the third is death. The Lord Jesus conquered all three of these enemies of the human race. By His humility, He conquered the proud devil. By His death, He conquered sin and by His resurrection, He conquered death. In conquering all of our enemies, He invites us to be partakers in His glorious victory. Not only that we conquer but that we win together with Him. Only His power conquers, only His weapons triumph. Alone we are without power and weapons, and our enemies are fearful. But with Him, we conquer those mightier than ourselves. What is the price that He offers to us for His victory? A meager price, my brethren; for a very paltry price He offers us the most precious victory. To humble ourselves and to submit ourselves to the will of God, that is the price He seeks in order to conquer the devil for us. To die unto ourselves, to die to fleshly desires and passions, that is the price which He seeks in order to conquer for us.

To live for Him and not for ourselves, to receive Him into our hearts, that is the price He seeks in order to conquer death for us. He conquered all enemies openly and completely. This is the price for which He offers His victory to each of us. The Apostle Paul speaks: "But thanks be to God Who gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ" (1 Cor 15:57).

