

WORDS SPOKEN & UNSPOKEN



Holy Week, also referred to as Passion Week, is full of twists and turns. Jesus goes from His triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to being crucified on a Cross amongst common criminals. As our Lord's Passion unfolds, there are many people who are involved. While some characters SILENTLY play out their roles, others make bold VERBAL statements.



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WELCOME TO ST. ANTHONY'S

Where people from around the world come together to serve God and our community.
We are glad you are worshipping with us today! This Church is one community of many in the One, Holy, Catholic, and Apostolic Church. The Church of Antioch belongs to two thousand years of evangelization, teaching, history, and tradition which expresses the continued commitment of its members to the Orthodox Christian faith in the Lord Jesus Christ!

St. Anthony Church is a Pan-Orthodox community, under the omophorion of Metropolitan JOSEPH within the Self-ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

If you are a first time visitor, please fill out the guest form located on the literature table.
We want you to feel at home in prayer and worship. Please submit your names to the ushers and introduce yourself to Fr. Elia at the end of the service so he may welcome you personally.

Following services, please join us for sharing of fellowship, coffee, and food.

DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES FOR FEAST OF PALM SUNDAY: ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM

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

NOTE TO CLERGY: Remember to include this special petition in the Great Litany before the one for the head of state, as directed by the Antiochian Archdiocese.

Deacon: For Metropolitan Paul, Archbishop John, and for their quick release from captivity and safe return, let us pray to the Lord.

Choir: Lord, have mercy.

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

I am filled with joy, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication. The anguish of death encompassed me; the perils of hell beset me.

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

I found tribulation and anguish, and I called upon the Name of the Lord. I will walk acceptably before the Lord in the land of the living. (**Refrain**)

Glory... Both now... (**Refrain**)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

I believed, and therefore have I spoken: but I was deeply humiliated. What shall I render unto the Lord, for all His benefits unto me?

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of an ass, who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

I will take the cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. (**Refrain**)

I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all His people. (**Refrain**)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

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. 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.

~ *During the Little Entrance, after the verses of the Third Antiphon, chant the Apolytikion of **Lazarus Saturday**. Then, the following:*

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PALM SUNDAY

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord: God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us. Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of an ass; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

~ *After the Little Entrance (Eisodos), sing these Apolytikia in the following order.*

APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY IN TONE ONE

In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

APOLYTIKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE FOUR

As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God, so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

~ *Do NOT sing the apolytikion of the patron saint or feast of the temple.*

KONTAKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE SIX

Being borne upon a throne in Heaven, and upon a colt on the earth, O Christ God, Thou didst accept the praise of the angels and the laudation of the children as they cried to Thee: Blessed art Thou Who comest to recall Adam.

THE EPISTLE

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (4:4-9)

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice! Let your forbearance be known to all people. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think about these things. The things which you both learned and received, and heard and saw in me, these things do; and the God of peace will be with you.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. 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 cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!” And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass’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.

MEGALYNARION FOR PALM SUNDAY IN TONE FOUR

God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us; ordain a feast, and rejoicing, come let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, crying out with hymns: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, our Savior.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR PALM SUNDAY IN TONE EIGHT

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

~ *During the Communion of the laity, the choir can sing “**Rejoice, O Bethany.**”*

~ *Post-Communion Hymn: Instead of “We have seen the true light”, sing the Apolytikion of **Lazarus Saturday.***

~ *During the customary procession around the exterior of the church which follows “Blessed be the Name of the Lord”, the choir can sing the Apolytikia of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday, “Rejoice, O Bethany” and the Trisagion Hymn.*

ABOUT THE DIVINE LITURGY

The Divine Liturgy expresses the entire Christian faith in a continuous song of praise and prayer addressed to God. It is focused on God, not on us. There is nothing just for amusement or entertainment.

Since much of the service is the same every week, worshippers know it and can participate personally, either by singing along or just by prayerful attention. Worshippers are surrounded by icons (pictures of Christ and the saints), which remind us that we are participating, while on earth, in the worship of all the angels and saints in heaven. The entire service (except for the sermon) is sung. The words are all from Scripture or ancient Christian texts. Please follow the service in the books available in the pews. Weekly changes will appear below and marked with a corresponding letter in the service book.

COME BACK

We hope to see you next week. Each Sunday we celebrate the Resurrection of Christ with our morning Matins service at 8:45am followed by the main Sunday service, Divine Liturgy at 10am. Sunday School for the Children follows Communion. Fr. Elia would love to speak with you and answer any questions you may have. Please fill out our Guest Form (CONNECTION CARD). There’s also a place where you can let us know any specific needs or concerns and we will lift them up in prayer. We welcome everyone who would like to learn more about the Orthodox Christian Faith. Please contact Fr. Elia either by E-Mail (elia_shalhoub@yahoo.com) or on his cell phone (305) 812-4940



Please pray for the healing of Deborah Thieme, Ann Shark, Jennifer Glass, Beverly Delida, Lisa Zolton, Tatiana Jones, Gabriella Baika, Ted Theodoropoulos, Lou Abraham, Fr. Basil, Susan Perers, Alix Hall, Shirley Young, Nina and Diogo Penas, Beth Manzini, John Archambeau, Holly Blank, Alex & Soula.

Announcements



April 17th
April 22nd
April 23rd
April 30th

EPISTLE READINGS

Epistle Readers

Subdeacon Michael (Palm Sunday) St. Paul to the Philippians. (4:4-9)
Issac Vaughn (Good Friday)
Tristan Riter (Pascha)
Charles Munoz

**APRIL IS AMEN (ANTIOCHIAN MEN) MONTH IN OUR DIOCESE.
WE ASK THE MEMBERS OF AMEN TO READ THE EPISTLE EVERY SUNDAY
AND DO SOME EXTRA ACTIVITIES DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL.**

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE

**Boxes for donations to this wonderful ministry to the poor are
located in the Narthex of the Church on the back table.**

We ask that each family take one and be as generous as possible.



SUNDAY SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Join us after the Liturgy for Fish Luncheon,
prepared by Children and their parents.

\$10– Adults, \$5 - Children

NO Sunday School today as children will be participating
in flower procession and preparing Lunch.

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY—APRIL 22 All Night Vigil at the Tomb of Christ.

All Parishioners are welcome to join in this all night vigil in the Church.

***Vigil begins around 8:30pm and continues throughout the night
until Saturday morning at 9am.***

**Please see insert at the end of this bulletin for the Holy Week's Schedule.
Also, you will find a FORM for Easter Flowers to decorate our Church.**



Donation of Eggs for Pascha. Each Pascha, we ask our parishioners to donate one (1) dozen of boiled and dyed eggs to be distributed following the Pascha and Agape Vespers Service. Please bring the eggs on Pascha Night and place them in the large basket that will be placed in the empty tomb of Christ. If you want fresh eggs, ask Michealle. We offer them for a small donation to our Piggy Bank. “Feed the Pig” :)

Blessing of Pascha Baskets. At the conclusion of the Pascha Services, Fr. Elia will bless the Pascha Baskets in the Church.

Please place all baskets around the empty Tomb of Christ.

See insert for Easter Basket contents.



GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA MEAL/EASTER BREAKFAST
will take place on Saturday, April 23rd.

We invite you to share in this wonderful celebration
of the Resurrection of Our Lord!

**The feast is sponsored by Alex Skaff and Family,
prepared by Michealle and Kevin.**



APRIL 17TH PALM SUNDAY

Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!!!
May the following from our dear Late Metropolitan Philip can guide us and encourage us in the many hours that we will be spending in church in the next few days. May it be a blessed time of inner renewal for all of us.

"In the Orthodox Liturgy, one can see God, man and nature in their proper perspective. Our Eucharist answers the central questions: Who are we? Where are we going? What is the meaning of life? Who is God? The emphasis in the Orthodox Liturgy is first on being, then on doing. If our personality is disintegrated and if the image of God in us is distorted, then our actions will undoubtedly reflect this disintegration and that distortion." - Metropolitan Philip

Beloved in Christ:

As we are starting our Holy Week today let each and every one of us make a special effort to preserve it to the best we can, participate in all the services, keep your fasting and prayer, come to confession, take away from you the yoke of sin, accompany our Lord on His way to the Cross so we can be worthy to see the light shining from the Empty Tomb and coming to enlighten our lives.

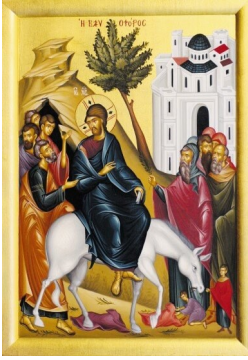
In Christ,

Fr. Elia Shalhoub

Very Rev. Fr. Elia Shalhoub, Pastor

The 2022 Pledge Form is available.

Please fill one Today before you leave the church if you have not done so.



TODAY'S FEAST SUNDAY, APRIL 17TH 2022

PALM SUNDAY

On Sunday, five days before the Passover of the Law, the Lord came from Bethany to Jerusalem. Sending two of His disciples to bring Him a foal of an ass, He sat thereon and entered into the city. When the multitude there heard that Jesus was coming, they straightway took up the branches of palm trees in their hands, and went forth to meet Him. Others spread their garments on the ground, and yet others cut branches from the trees and strewed them in the way that Jesus was to pass; and all of them together, especially the children, went before and after Him, crying out: "Hosanna: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel" (John 12:13). This is the radiant and glorious festival of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem that we celebrate today.

The branches of the palm trees symbolize Christ's victory over the devil and death. The word Hosanna means "Save, I pray," or "Save, now." The foal of an ass, and Jesus' sitting thereon, and the fact that this animal was untamed and considered unclean according to the Law, signified the former uncleanness and wildness of the nations, and their subjection thereafter to the holy Law of the Gospel.

SYMEON THE HOLY MARTYR, BISHOP OF PERSEPOLIS, AND THOSE WITH HIM

This Martyr was Bishop of the royal cities Seleucia and Ctesiphon in Persia. As the number of Christians increased in Persia, building churches and appointing clergy, the Magi, guardians of the Persian religion, and the Jews, who also envied them, accused Symeon to Sapor II, King of Persia, saying that Symeon was a friend of the Roman Emperor and his spy. Then began Sapor's persecution of the Christians of Persia, about the year 343. The Magi together with the Jews destroyed the churches. Saint Symeon was brought before Sapor, and, refusing to worship the sun, was imprisoned. On Holy and Great Friday of that year, Saint Symeon was brought out of prison with a hundred others, bishops, priests, and deacons. As each was taken to be slain, Saint Symeon exhorted him to be of good courage; he was slain last of all. It is said that 1,150 Martyrs were slain; an innumerable multitude of Christians were slain throughout Persia during this persecution, among them Saints Acepshimas, Joseph, and Aethalas (see Nov. 3).

MAKARIOS, BISHOP OF CORINTH

Macarius of Corinth (birth name: Macarius Notaras, Greek: Μακάριος Νοταρᾶς) was born in Corinth in 1731 and died in Chios in April 1805. Macarius as Metropolitan bishop of Corinth, was a mystic and spiritual writer who worked to revive and mostly sustain the Eastern Orthodox Church under Turkish rule.



2022 PLEDGE DRIVE

Thank you to the following Parishioners who already signed their pledge card.

Very Rev. Fr. Elia & Kh. Odette Shalhoub

Patricia Smith

Debbie Thieme

Dr. & Mrs. Alex Skaff

Subdeacon Jean Najjar

Alix Hall

John and Joanne Karas

Lou Abraham

Gabriella Baika

Mark and Lori Sorenson

Susan Perers

Ionica Dragu

Michael and Janet Gorczynski

Peri Kiros

Adrian and Carrie Matos

Deborah Abdo Dambrosio

Michealle Carey

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Jackson

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dodge

Yuliya Gabbasova

Subdeacon Michael And Alyssa Liberman

Jeffrey Bellinger

Carlos and Olga Munoz

Isaac Vaughn

Ann Shark

Kevin Michael Brown

Stephanie Enstice

Jeff & Holly Dick

Tristan & Jennifer Riter

(Our Goal for 2022 is \$75,000.00)

**THE ARCHDIOCESE ANNUAL ASSESSMENT (\$50.00) PER BAPTISED SOUL
EVERY PARISHIONER IS RESPONSIBLE TO PAY THIS ASSESSMENT ONCE A
YEAR BESIDE YOUR PLEDGE TO THE CHURCH.**

**IF YOU HAVEN'T SUBMITTED THE ASSESSMENT MONEY YET,
PLEASE DO SO AS SOON AS YOU CAN. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!**

Food For Hungry People 2022

48th Anniversary

10 "Hey Big Spender" drop a coin in the slot - give unto others what they haven't got! Put in a coin or bill of your choice.	11 How many heads of lettuce are in your refrigerator? Pay .30 for each. "Lettuce" show the hungry that we care.	12 Count the cans in your cupboard. Pay .05 for each. Don't let their cupboards be like "Old Mother Hubbard's!"	13 How many friends do you have on Facebook? Pay .05 for each friend. Let's be-"friend" those in need.	14 How many sweaters do you have? Pay .10 for each. Sweaters keep you warm. This is one time they won't mind if we "pull the wool over their eyes."	15 How many chairs are in your home? Pay .15 per chair. We can't just "sit" around when so many people are hungry.	16 How many cookbooks do you own? Pay .20 for each. We will be able to "cook up" a better recipe for the hungry to live by.
17 How many eggs are you going to color for Pascha? Pay .05 for each. Let's help "color" their world with love!	18 "Brother can you spare a dime?" or maybe two? The FFHP program really depends on you. Put your dimes in the box.	19 How many songs are on your playlist? Pay .05 for each song. Let's make this a "record- breaking" year for FFHP!!!	20 How many songs have you listened to today? Pay .15 for each. Let's stay "in tune" with the hungry.	21 How many crosses do you have? Pay .15 each. Crosses remind us of Christ's suffering, let's not make the hungry suffer anymore.	22 "A dream is a wish your heart makes," and our dream is for hunger to stop. For the wish that we are wishing, is for FFHP program to go over the top!	23 We pray you have been generous in your almsgiving. "For inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these my brethren, you have done it unto ME!"

PREPARATION FOR GREAT LENT

ALMSGIVING

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE

In the Last two years we have been challenged in every aspect of our lives—staying at home, working from home, wearing masks, and helping our children with their schoolwork. Our social life has diminished because we have not been able to visit family and friends. Our spiritual life has shifted largely to “virtual community,” away from our beloved parishes. For the most part everyone has done their best to combat this invisible adversary. Some have been able to respond with courage and resilience, adapting to the “new normal,” but others have not been so fortunate, suffering in silence and struggling not to lose hope.

Thanks be to God with the hope of the Resurrection we see ourselves getting back to our normal life and being able to worship in our church regularly.

During the pandemic, the Archdiocese, through its Food for Hungry People and Charitable Outreach program, has made every effort to be of assistance by reaching out to those in need in our parishes and in our local communities. For almost five decades we have committed ourselves to helping the hungry, the homeless, the afflicted, and the oppressed. There is no better time than now for us to renew our commitment to extending kindness and compassion to others. We thank you for helping us rise to the challenge in this “time like no other.”

LENTEN SERVICES

Great Lent is the time of preparation for the feast of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is a time of renewed devotion: of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Quite often, we over-emphasize fasting and we forget about the need to pray and remembering the poor. For without prayer and almsgiving, fasting is merely a diet. During this coming Lenten season, make time for prayer - **“for prayer is making room for God in our lives.” (Metropolitan Antony Bloom)** The following are the opportunities to come together during the weekdays and pray at Saint Anthony during our Lenten journey.

The Compline Service is a worship service before we retire for the evening. We turn to God and ask Him for his protection to "shelter us under the shadow of His wings." It is a series of psalms, hymns and prayers that help us ask forgiveness from God for the sins of the day and protection from evil for the night that comes. Great Compline Service will be prayed each **Monday at 5:30 PM.**

On Wednesday evenings during Lent, the Church offers **the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.** The basic structure of this unique Liturgy is that it contains daily vespers, special prayers and Communion. There are also several OT Bible readings from the Psalms, the Book of Genesis and Proverbs. Since we do not celebrate weekday liturgies during Lent (besides the the Feast of the Annunciation on March 25th), the Church gives us the Presanctified Liturgy to offer us another opportunity to receive Holy Communion outside of Sundays.

The Presanctified Liturgy will be prayed each Wednesday at 5:30 PM.

On the five Fridays of Great Lent, a service called the **“Salutations to the Virgin Mary”** is held in the Orthodox Church. The origin of this service comes from 626 AD, when Constantinople was besieged by the Avars and sought to take over the great City. Patriarch Sergios led a procession around the city wall with an icon of the Theotokos. The people prayed all night “without sitting” (Akathistos in Greek). That night, a strong wind, which many believe was sent by God, after hearing the intercessions of the Virgin Mary, caused a storm which destroyed the enemy fleet, which withdrew from the city, sparing her. This event occurred on August 8, 626. The poem of the Salutations was composed by Saint Romanos the Melodist.

Salutations to the Theotokos (also known as the Akathist Hymn or Madayah) Service on the first five Fridays of Lent at 5:30 PM.

UPCOMING SUNDAY CALENDAR

Below lists the upcoming Sundays from January 30th until Holy Pascha, which falls on April 24th this year. We invite you to join us each week for Sunday Liturgy to celebrate this special commemoration of Jesus' life, death, and Resurrection.

Please mark these special dates on your calendar.

April 17	Palm Sunday
April 24	HOLY PASCHA
May 1	THOMAS SUNDAY



2022 GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER FLOWERS

IF YOU LIKE TO DONATE TOWARD THE GOOD FRIDAY & EASTER FLOWERS FOR THE GOOD HEALTH OF YOUR FAMILY OR IN MEMORY OF YOUR BELOVED ONES SO WE CAN DECORATE THE CHURCH FROM GOOD FRIDAY UNTIL EASTER, PLEASE FILL THE FORM BELOW AND MAKE YOUR DONATION TO ST. Anthony EARMARKED "FLOWERS FOR PASCHA"

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NAMES TO BE COMMEMORATED ON PASCHA EVE LITURGY

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OR MAIL IT TO P. O. BOX 267, MELBOURNE, FL 32902**

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

Palm Sunday 2022

To be read from the pulpit and printed in the bulletin.

Brother Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, and Beloved Faithful in Christ:

Joyous festal greetings to you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ! Today we celebrate the triumphal entry of Him who came “in the name of the Lord” to redeem us (Matthew 21:9). We enter the commemoration of His sufferings with shouts of victory, for we know that the forces of evil are no match for Him. Yet let us be careful to cling to our Faith and remain faithful to our King, not imitating the treachery of those who shout “Hosanna” today and then “Crucify Him” on Friday. Instead, let us continue to shout in praise of Him even as He leads us down the road to Golgotha, and let us be willing to suffer there with Him so that we might also be raised with Him.

As has been our custom for many years, today we remember our Father in Christ, Patriarch JOHN X, and all our brothers and sisters of the Patriarchate of Antioch, especially those in its historic homeland of the Middle East. Christians there know the path of suffering better than most of us, as they have endured decades of wars, leading to countless deaths, crippling destruction, and economic collapse. Yet they do not give up, but through the humanitarian work of our patriarchate, they continue to minister compassionately to the needs of those around them, caring for Christ by caring for “the least of these” (Matthew 25:40).

Once again, I ask you to donate generously in support of our patriarchate and its humanitarian work. Through our gifts we show our solidarity with those who are keeping the Christian Faith alive in these apostolic and historic places by practicing the love that defines followers of our Lord Jesus (John 13:35). By helping them, we share in this beautiful work and show that Christ’s love still burns within our own hearts.

Wishing you all a deeply meaningful Holy Week and a glorious Pascha, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

+JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

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THE EVENTS OF HOLY WEEK, 2022

Lazarus Saturday, April 16th:

9:00 AM - Orthros
10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy
(Children's Communion Breakfast, St. Lazarus Retreat)
5:00 PM - Great Vespers followed by hearing of Confessions.



Palm Sunday, April 17th:

Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem.

8:45 AM - Orthros
10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy followed
by **PALM SUNDAY FISH
LUNCHEON**
6:00 PM - 1st Bridegroom Service

Great and Holy Monday, April 18th:

6:00 PM - 2nd Bridegroom Service.

Great and Holy Tuesday, April 19th:

6:00 PM - 3rd Bridegroom Service.

Great and Holy Wednesday, April 20th:

10:00AM Presanctified Liturgy
6:00 PM - Sacrament of Holy Unction (Confessions)

Great and Holy Thursday, April 21st:

9:00 AM - Orthros

**COMMEMORATION OF THE
MYSTICAL SUPPER**

10:00 AM - Vespertal Liturgy - On Holy Thursday morning
we celebrate the Institution of the sacrament of Holy
Communion by our Lord. All of the children of the
Parish should be brought to Church for Communion on
this day.

**OFFICE OF THE REDEEMING
PASSION OF OUR LORD**

6:00 PM - Matins with the reading of the 12 Passion
Gospels, and the setting up of the Holy Cross in church.

Great and Holy Friday, April 22nd:

9:00 AM - Holy Royal Hours
2:00 PM - Vespers with the bringing out of the shroud.
Taking down of the Cross and setting up of the
Tomb of Our Lord (by the people).

**LAUDATIONS AT THE
TOMB OF OUR LORD**

6:00 PM - Matins for Holy Saturday with the singing of the
laudations (Lamentations) at the Tomb of Our Lord,
and the procession outdoors with the Bier.

All Night Vigil

Great and Holy Saturday, April 23rd:

10:00 AM - Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil with the Old
Testament readings, during which is the hearing of
Confessions.

Please Note: Last Chance for Confession!

Those wishing to receive communion on Saturday
night and who still need confession, should go to
confession during the Vespers with the Old
Testament readings.

8:00 PM - Rush Service of the Resurrection

9:00 PM - Resurrection Divine Liturgy
Followed by the Easter Breakfast.

GREAT & HOLY PASCHA - Sunday, April 24th:

10:00 AM - Bright Paschal Vespers with the
Reading of the Gospel in various languages.

The Bright

Resurrection of Christ!

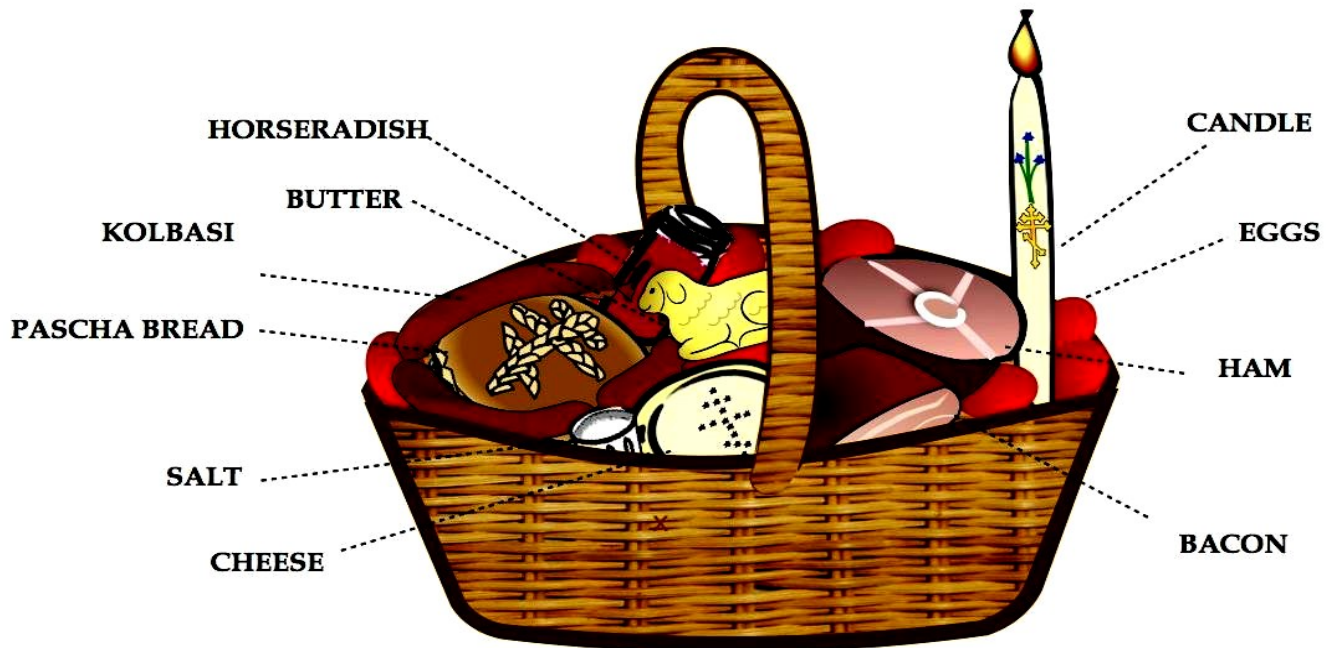
Christ is Risen!

Truly, He is Risen!



HOW TO PUT TOGETHER A TRADITIONAL EASTER BASKET

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PASCHA - The Easter Bread (Pron. Pa-ska.) A sweet yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a cross (+) of dough is placed on top encircled by a plait given it a crowned effect or Greek

CHEESE - (Rusyn: Hrudka or Sirec) A custard type cheese shaped into a ball having a rather bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things. Also creamed cheese is placed in a small dish and both are decorated with symbols (see Pascha) out of cloves or pepper balls.



HAM - (Rusyn: Šunka - pron. shoon-ka.) The Flesh meat popular with the Slavs as the main dish because of its richness and symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter. Some may prefer Lamb or Veal. This is usually well roasted or cooked as well as other meats so the festivity of the day will not be burdened with preparation and all may enjoy the Feast.

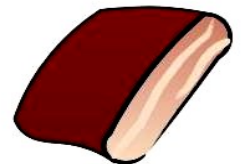


BUTTER - (Rusyn: Maslo pron. ma-slo.) This favorite dairy product is often shaped into a figure of a Lamb or small cross and decorated as the cheese. This reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

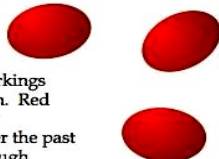


SAUSAGE (Rusyn: Kolbasi-pron. kol-bus-i.) A spicy, garlic sausage of pork products indicative of God's flavor and generosity.

BACON - (Rusyn: Slanina pron. sla-ni-na) A piece of uncooked bacon cured with spices. Symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy to us.



EGGS (Rusyn: Pisanki pron. pi-sun-ki) Hardboiled eggs brightly decorated with symbols and markings made with beeswax, indicative of new life and resurrection. Red eggs are also traditional date back to a story with St. Mary Magdalene. Having been dyed with onion skins saved over the past year, red shows the color of life and victory that came through Christ's blood.



SALT - (Rusyn: Sol' pron. sol') A condiment necessary for flavor reminding the Christian of his duty to others.



HORSERADISH (Rusyn: Chrin pron. kh rin) Horseradish mixed with grated red beets (optional) symbolizes the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection. A bitter-sweet red colored mixture reminds us of the sufferings of Christ.

These articles are placed in a wicker basket. A decorated candle is placed inside and is lit at the time of the blessing. A linen cover usually embroidered with a picture of the Risen Christ or symbol with the words "Christ is Risen" is placed over the food when brought to the Church.

In some places a large Easter Bread (Pascha) is made and brought separately in a large linen cloth. If the origin of the people was from a wine growing area, a sweet wine may be brought



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Traditional Paschal Basket

Many Slavic cultures have the tradition of bringing a basket of food to Church on Pascha (Easter) to be blessed after the Divine Liturgy. It normally contains many of the foods that were not eaten during the long Lenten fast.

Pascha is a rich yeast bread made with eggs and butter. It's often richly decorated with braids, crosses or the initials indicating "Christ is Risen"

Eggs are hard boiled and often colorfully decorated, sometimes with intricate designs

Chocolates and other sweets are sometimes included in the basket, especially for those who have abstained from confections during the fast

Horseradish sometimes mixed with beets is a traditional accompaniment to the various meats traditionally consumed

Cheese Pascha is a rich desert made of cheese and sugar. It's often molded into a pyramid shape and decorated with candied fruits



Cheese, usually freshly made from egg curds and sweetened with sugar, is a common dish in some Slavic cultures

Meats such as ham and kolbassi, usually smoked, are a common element in Paschal baskets. Some cultures may include lamb

Butter is traditionally included since dairy products were not eaten during the Lenten period. The butter is sometimes formed in the shape of lamb

Alcoholic beverages are often included in the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection. The Lenten weekday fast prescribes abstinence from alcohol

Kulich is a sweet cake, usually baked in a cylindrical shape and covered in frosting. It's often eaten with cheese pascha




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BE OPEN WITH SOME RESTRICTIONS,
**WE NEED TO KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCING AND THE MASK WILL BE
RECOMENDED**
BECAUSE OF THE COVID VARIANT SITUATION.**

Let us begin with those whose ACTIONS speak so loudly that words are not needed:

- * The unnamed woman who anointed Jesus with precious perfume.
- * Barabbas, the prisoner released at the expense of Christ.
- * Simon of Cyrene, who without complaining, endured the painful carrying of the Cross.
- * Women like Mary Magdalene and Salome, who silently observed where their dead Master was laid.

Then there are those who made SIGNIFICANT STATEMENTS, highlighting this drama:

- * Peter, who boastfully said "Even if all are made to stumble, yet I will not be."
- * Judas, whose betrayal is summed up in one word: "Rabbi!"
- * Pontius Pilate, who mockingly asked "Are you the King of the Jews?"
- * The Crowd, who turned on Jesus and screams "Crucify Him!"

Mixed in are the MEMORABLE REMARKS of Jesus:

- * "One of you who eats with Me will betray Me."
- * "Take, eat; This is My Body. This is My Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for many."
- * "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

So many important things occur during this Holy Week. As we observe the Lord's sorrowful suffering, let us carefully listen to the saving words of our Saviour. Let us realize the magnitude of pain our Saviour endured to save us from sin.

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ABOUT COMMUNION

We are happy that you have joined us today. Indeed, we pray for the "unity of the Faith" for the day when all of Christianity are united as ONE and can share a common Chalice. However, this is not the case as yet. Please note that Holy Communion, the actual Body & Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, is only for Members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, and confession, & arrived before the Gospel reading. However, everyone is welcome to partake of the blessed bread and receive a blessing from the pastor at the dismissal. If you are interested, you may inquire with the pastor how you can become a member.

If you are a guest or otherwise not a regular communicant, please give your baptismal name when receiving.