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April 5, 2015

PALM SUNDAY—THE ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Martyrs Agathopodes the Deacon, Theodulus the Reader and those with them at Thessalonica; Ven. Publius of Egypt; SS. Theonas, Simeon and Phorbinus of Egypt; Ven. Mark the Anchorite of Athens; St. Plato the Confessor of Studion; Ven. Theodora of Thessalonica; The Translation of the Relics of St. Job, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel: John 12:1-18

WORSHIP & STUDY—HOLY WEEK

TODAY 4:00 p.m. **Bridegroom Matins** (FOCA Lenten Mission) at our parish

Mon, Apr 6 7:00 p.m. **GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY**
Bridegroom Matins

Tues, Apr 7 7:00 p.m. **GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY**
Bridegroom Matins with His Eminence, Archbishop MICHAEL

Wed, Apr 8 6:00 p.m. **GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY**
Confessions
7:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins followed by Confessions

Thurs, Apr 9 9:00 a.m. **GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY**
Martyr Euphychius of Caesarea
Vespers Liturgy Epistle: 1 Cor 11:23-32 Gospels: Matt 26:2-20; John 13:3-17; Matt 26:21-39; Luke 22:43-45; Matt 26:40-27:2
(Confessions before the Divine Liturgy will begin at 8 a.m. Please do not arrive later than 8:30 a.m.)
7:00 p.m. Matins of Great & Holy Friday – Service of the 12 Passion Gospels

Fri, Apr 10 2:00 p.m. **GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY**
Vespers of the Entombment – Placing of the Holy Plaschanitsa on the Tomb
7:00 p.m. Matins of Great & Holy Saturday – Lamentations & Procession followed by Confessions
(Following Vespers, the church will remain open for prayer/meditation straight through until the midnight Resurrection services.)

Sat, Apr 11 9:00 a.m. **GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY**
Hieromartyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamum
Vespers Liturgy Epistle: Rom 6:3-11 Gospel: Matt 28:1-20
(Confessions before Liturgy will begin at 8 a.m. Please do not arrive later than 8:30 a.m.)

12 noon Blessing of Paschal (Easter Food) in the church hall
4:00 p.m. Blessing of Paschal (Easter Food) in the church hall
9:00 p.m. Reading of the Acts of the Apostles
11:30 p.m. Nocturne & Procession

Sun, Apr 12
12 midnight
Matins/Liturgy

HOLY PASCHA—THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST
[Beginning of the Pentecostarion]; Ven. John of the Ancient Caves in Palestine
Reading: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17

After Service
12 noon

Blessing of Paschal (Easter) Food followed by a *Paschal Agape* in the church hall
Paschal Vespers with Procession

Mon, Apr 13
9:00 a.m.
Paschal Liturgy

BRIGHT MONDAY
Hieromartyr Artemon
Reading: Acts 1:12-17, 21-26 Gospel: John 1:18-28
(A procession around the church will take place at the end of the Liturgy; everyone, especially the youth, is encouraged to take part. An Easter Egg Hunt and Potluck Luncheon will follow.)

WITHIN THE PARISH

Church School Classes will meet **TODAY** following the Liturgy Dismissal. There will be **NO** sessions on Pascha or St. Thomas Sunday; classes will resume on **Sunday, April 26**.

The **Annual Lenten Mission** of the **Fellowship of Orthodox Christians in America (FOCA)** will be hosted by **our parish TODAY**, beginning at 4 p.m. A *Lenten Agape (Meal)* will be held in the hall afterwards. Try to attend; it is a very moving and inspiring way to begin Holy Week.

A **Paschal Agape Meal** will be held in our hall after Matins and Liturgy on Pascha night. This fellowship gathering on the "Holy Day of Holy Days" can be traced back to the early days of the Church and, as you can imagine, some serious eating goes on, after fasting for seven weeks! **NO** donation is required, as there'll be plenty to eat and drink. If, however, you would like to offer something—main course, side dish, dessert, beverage—there's a sign-up sheet posted in the church vestibule. Any questions? See/contact Philip or Natasha Rogozenski (732-613-0856). **ALL** are invited to stay for the feast!

The **Annual Saint Anne's Guild Easter Egg Hunt** will be held on the church lawn on **Bright Monday, April 13**, following Liturgy. In the event of rain, the hunt will be located in the hall. **All children** are invited to participate. Afterwards, there will be a **Paschal Potluck Luncheon** to which **EVERYONE** is welcomed. We are sure this parish organization has planned a fun-filled event for all! (**NOTE:** A sign-up sheet for those who'd like to bring something for the meal is posted on the church bulletin board.)

The **Men's Club** will meet in the church hall on **Bright Thursday, April 16**, at 7 p.m.

The **Installation of the 2015 Parish Council** will take place on **St. Thomas Sunday, April 19**, with a brief prayer service following Liturgy. The first meeting of the new Council will be held in the hall on **Monday, April 20**, at 7 p.m.

The **Annual Blessing of Graves (Provodnoye)** will take place, weather permitting, on **St. Thomas Sunday, April 19**, beginning at 1 p.m.

The **Men's Club** is sponsoring a **Bus Trip** to *Caesar's Atlantic City Casino* on **Thursday, April 30**. The bus will depart at 9 a.m. from the parking lot on Whitehead Avenue. The tickets cost \$30, with \$20 returned for slot play. If games of chance aren't "your thing," you can shop the outlet stores or enjoy a walk on the beach without making the long drive. The seats are limited; to reserve one or for more info, call one of the Boshko brothers: Edward (732-254-1200) or Paul (732-254-6991).

BITS & PIECES

ATTENDANCE & STEWARDSHIP Attendance at Liturgy last Sunday was **135**.

SUNDAY SERVICE TEAMS The Epistle will be read next week by **Michael Steffaro**. The church will be cleaned by **Team Adams**. Coffee Hour on St. Thomas Sunday will be hosted by the **Men's Club**.

HOLY CONFESSION A reminder to those who have not had the opportunity to confess: there are still scheduled days for you to take part in this sacrament during Holy Week. These appointed times will allow you and Fr. David a relaxing, thoughtful encounter free of constraints. Please **DO NOT** wait until the last minute!

WITH DEEPEST SYMPATHY Our condolences go out to **Diane & Lauren Horvath** on the falling asleep of sister-in-law and aunt, **Marie Horvath**, on Tuesday, March 31. In their time of loss and sadness, may the Lord's love and compassion wipe their tears, comfort their hearts and breathe peace into their souls.

MEMORY ETERNAL Our brother in Jesus Christ, **Sergio Dubowski**, fell asleep in the Lord on Monday, March 30. We extend our sympathy to his wife, **Lidia**, as well as to all his extended family and friends. May the hope found in God's promise of everlasting life with Him comfort and strengthen them and bring them peace—Vechnaya Pamyat!

SCHEMICK-TOLLS SCHOLARSHIP All high school seniors and full-time, undergraduate students may obtain scholarship info and applications from Carol Deerson (732-254-4979). The deadline date for submission is **Friday, May 1**. This scholarship serves as a living memorial to John Tolls, his deceased wife Leatrice, their daughters Lea and Lynley, and that of honorees Anna, John & John Jr. Schemick of blessed memory, whose intention it was to assist the youth of this parish as they pursue their studies at an accredited college, university or trade school.

GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER To help support **St. Andrew's Camp** in upstate NY, gift cards from retail/online stores, restaurants, movie theaters and other vendors are on sale in the hall **TODAY** during Coffee Hour, with guaranteed delivery **this Thursday**. For every card purchased, *Saint Andrew's* will receive a percentage of the proceeds. So, if you're stuck for gift ideas, this is a great remedy for your dilemma; give them as birthday or holiday presents or stock up on them to use as *Thank You* gifts. Buy them for yourselves or give them away as tokens of appreciation. To place an order, see Natasha Rogozenski or Sandy Romanofsky. Thank you for your continued support.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the following brothers and sisters:

Departed

James Koy	Mari Favire
Priest Matthew Baker	Carol Wagg
John (Jack) Rhoades	Pauline Dziemian
Helena Bujdzicz	Robert Mesinar
Karen Tarallo	Sergio Dubowski
Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko	Marie Horvath

Servicemen

Ivan Shidlovsky
Priest Sean Levine
Elizabeth Brent

Sick

Aunika Browne	Darren Flynn	Beth Williscroft
Thomas Verdon	Beth Giordano	Nancy Filak
Patricia Lowry	Mary Carol Burchill	Michael Dargento
Edward Walton	Carol Luongo	Sandra Webster
Kaitlyn Fox	Ruth Curtis	Amelia Rugala
Iwan Jakimtschuk	Mary Louise Viquez	Ellen Dargento
Natalie Matz	Kathleen Kushwara	Olga Miller
Dorothy Sopchak	Josefa Calero	Allen Mioduszewski
Gloria Basara	Theodore Christie	Sophie Hyland
Ginny Wilmer	Walentyna Posluszny	Kathleen Keimer
Sheri Long	John Cameron	Tamara Diaczenko
Edward Romanofsky	Pearl Blower	Elaine Ashton
Dawn Zirch	Gloria Soto	Michael Pelleriti
Joseph Basara Jr.	Eileen Swenticky	Gina Krusius
Martha Drobnak	Donna Kara	Wendy Packard
Michaela Fox	Sergei Andreyev	Gregory Sitze
Bruce Longo	Vladimir Batenko	Charles Csenica
Dean Prestino	Lauren Pulley & Child	Kenneth Crowley
Gaynelle Crowley	Kendall McNamara	Gabrielle Huba
Myrna Woznica	Pamela Inman	James D'Amore Jr.
Aspasia Alfaro	Dorothy Vernak	Jonathan Clayton
Beth Van Orden	Victor Rugala Jr.	Aidan Brown
Rina D'Amico	Simon Koslov Jr.	William Boyke
Deborah Krusius	Jane D'Amore	John Kotkovich
Joseph Posluszny	Archpriest Paul Lazor	Robert Ingram
Lisa Woodward	Matushka Juliana Schmemann	Elaine O'Neill

If you would like a prayer request included in the bulletin, see/contact Fr. David or Starosta.

THE FLOWERS ON THE CENTER TETRAPOD are in loving memory of **Nell Radionoff** who fell asleep in the Lord one year ago this past Wednesday. They were offered by the **Radionoff Family**; we are most grateful.

NO CELL PHONES Please remember that ringers on cell phones should be **OFF** during church services.

THE ANNUAL EASTER BAKE SALE of *Annunciation Church* in Brick ends **TODAY**. Six varieties of homemade dessert rolls are available for \$12 apiece: **apricot, apricot nut, chocolate chip nut, poppy, prune and walnut**. Place your order with James Kornafel during the Coffee Hour or call him at (732) 462-3388. Delivery will be before Pascha—guaranteed! Let our sister parish bake so you don't have to!

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS go out this week to **Paul Rogozenski** and **Meredith Garretson**. Belated best wishes are also extended to **Philip Rogozenski** who celebrated this past Thursday. May God continue to bless them with good health and long life for many years—*Mnogaya Lyeta!*

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS Want something announced in next week's bulletin? Submit requests to Father David or our Bulletin Editor, James Kornafel, by **Tuesday evening** [*NOTE DAY CHANGE*]. You can contact Father at the rectory or get in touch with Jim by E-mail (jimmyk@optonline.net), phone (732-462-3388) or fax (732-845-3515).

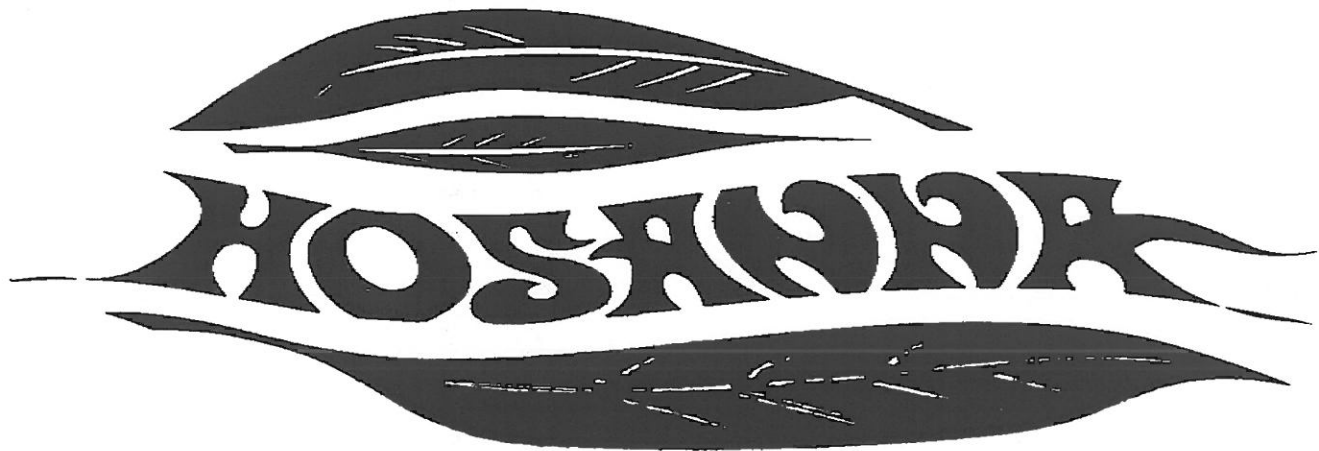
CHURCH ORDER FOR HOLY WEEK

- Please be attentive when holding candles during all the Holy Week and Paschal services, so as to avoid setting hair, clothes or prayer books on fire or dripping wax on the pews, floor or carpet.
- A vigil at the Tomb of Our Lord will be kept from Holy Friday afternoon until we gather for the start of Nocturne on Holy Saturday night. Volunteers are needed for two-hour shifts. Participation in this "watch" is a very unique spiritual experience. Michael Steffaro (732-698-1952) is coordinating this effort. A sign-up sheet is posted at the Candle Desk. Help keep the vigil!
- Volunteers for Holy Week and Paschal processions are needed. It is an honor to participate in these rites. If you are approached to take part, willingly agree to do so; better yet, sign up beforehand on the sheet posted on the bulletin board in the church vestibule or contact Assistant Starosta Hank Dziemian (732-690-7461). Thank you. [*NOTE: Assistance with moving the tomb and putting the tetrapod back in the center of the church on Pascha night would also be appreciated; see Hank or Anastasia Essl for direction.*]
- Be considerate and respectful by **NOT** bringing food/drink into church, especially on Holy Saturday. If you plan to venerate the Holy Paschanitsa before or after the basket blessings, your Easter food, blessed or unblessed, should remain **outside** or **in the church hall**. Your consideration of this matter will be greatly appreciated.
- Those desiring to read the *Acts of the Apostles* before the Paschanitsa on **Holy Saturday, April 11**, should get in touch with Father David before the end of the week; the start time is **9 p.m.**

THE BLESSING OF PASCHAL (EASTER) FOOD

The old and very important custom of "blessing the Easter basket" is one of our most beloved religious and cultural traditions. As the Fast ends, we show our joy and gratitude to the Lord by blessing many of the foods from which we have abstained the past seven weeks. On Holy Pascha—the feast of new spiritual life—we bless food that sustains physical life.

Paschal (Easter) food is classically and properly blessed following the Resurrection services on Pascha night. For your convenience, however, baskets will be blessed on **Holy Saturday, April 11**, at **noon** and **4 p.m.**, in the church hall. Please remember that as tempting as it may be, **none** of this food is to be sampled or enjoyed until Sunday; only **Lenten** foods are in order on Saturday.



GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!