



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

APRIL 25TH, 2021

PALM SUNDAY: ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, 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 anything praiseworthy - meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel: John 12:1-18

At that time six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, Why was this fragrant oil 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 had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always." Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on 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 these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

APR Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3rd - Zoe Osburn
- 5th - Anastajia Rozdilski
- 7th - Ryleigh Tunink
- 8th - April Schulte
- 8th - Matt Dawson
- 16th - Johnny Tart
- 18th - Jack Pyatt
- 18th - Makiya Schulte
- 22nd - Millie Manyik
- 22nd - Jennifer Billmire
- 22nd - Myree Hickman
- 23rd - Sarah Dumler
- 23rd - Logan Jackson
- 25th - Stone Stevens
- 26th - Kale Molner
- 29th - Mason Hendrix
- 29th - Malachi Hendrix

SERVICES

See Back for Holy Week Schedule

WISDOM

"All troubles come from a mental outlook that is too broad. It is better to humbly cast your eyes down toward your feet, and to figure out which step to take where. This is the truest path"

- St. Theophan the Recluse

Confessions Every Saturday After Vespers or By Appointment

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Holy Week & Pascha 2021

We've once again come to Holy Week, and a profound and new appreciation for God's blessings and the Church Services. We should never take our liturgical life for granted—we should never take a moment of our life for granted either, for both are gifts from God. I invite you to consider coming to Church Services during Holy Week as much as you can. Each day the worshipper follows Christ, as He goes to the Passion of His own will. Day by day we enter more deeply into the reality, power and relevance for our world of the Lord's saving work. Please keep watch with us during these awesome, holy and great days. Kalo Pascha! With much love, Fr. Stephen, Mat. Lindsey, & Zoe

Special Collection for Rest of March and April

Fr. Joseph Sharman has been diagnosed with Large B-Cell Lymphoma. We have done a great job collecting over the last 2 months but our special collection for this is coming at an end. Today is the last day to donate for this initial collection. Please be generous, above and beyond your normal tithing. Fr. Stephen will be delivering a check this week.

Pascha Baskets:

Baskets will be blessed, as is our custom, in the Parish Hall after the Paschal Divine Liturgy and on Sunday after Agape Vespers.

Holy Friday Dinner:

Next Friday, between the services of Holy Friday Vespers and the Matins of Holy Saturday we will be having a light potluck dinner in the hall of soup and bread. If you can bring something to share, please do.

Grave Watch Vigil:

At the conclusion of the Friday night services and as we enter into the final hours of Holy Week, we will begin our grave watch. This is a peaceful tradition and everyone is encouraged to spend an hour or so standing watching at the Tomb of Christ (like the Myrrhbearers), reading from the Book of Psalms. A grave watch signup sheet is posted in the Narthax with hour time slots blocked out. (You can read in groups.)

Holy Saturday Readings:

Fr. Stephen has given out all the readings to the kids for Holy Saturday Liturgy (morning of May 1st) and wanted to reiterate a few things: Every kid who is reading does not have to chant their reading. Its encouraged, not required. Parents can and should help them on the day along with at home at least 15 minutes a night. They should be at church early on Saturday (Service begins at 9:30 AM) as the readings happen early in the service. They should stand where the Epistle is normally read. Parents can read with them. Lastly, have fun with it. It is a blessing to read and show God how much you love Him. Do your best. No one is a bad reader. No one. It will be truly wonderful and a great way to welcome in the Resurrection of Christ!

Kielbasa for Pascha:

Mike Hlatki is picking up Kielbasa for anyone who is looking for some for their Paschal baskets. If you would like some (and you should, they are excellent), please see Debby or Mike ASAP to place your order.

Confession During Holy Week:

It is important to go to Confession before Pascha. If you have not yet gone, Fr. Stephen will be at every service 45 minutes beforehand for anyone who would like to go. If you would prefer to schedule Confession, please let him know. He is happy to oblige.

Holy Week Schedule:

Apr. 25th - Divine Liturgy - Palm Sunday (9:30 AM)
Apr. 26th - Bridegroom Matins (6:00 PM)
Apr. 27th - Bridegroom Matins (6:00 PM)
Apr. 28th - Holy Unction (6:00 PM)
Apr. 29th - Vespers Divine Liturgy (8:00 AM)
Apr. 29th - Matins w/ Passion Gospels (6:00 PM)

Apr. 30th - Vespers of Holy Friday (4:00 PM)
Apr. 30th - Matins of Holy Saturday (6:00 PM)
May 1st - Holy Saturday Liturgy (9:30 AM)
May 1st - Paschal Matins, Nocturne, Liturgy (10:30 PM)
May 2nd - Agape Vespers (11:30 AM)
May 3rd - Bright Monday Divine Liturgy (8:00 AM)