



HOLY GHOST ORTHODOX CHURCH

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APRIL 28 – ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM – PALM SUNDAY

<u>Scripture Readings</u>	<u>Services</u>
MONDAY, APRIL 29 Matthew 21:18-43 Matthew 21:3-35 TUESDAY, APRIL 30 Matthew 22:15-23:39 Matthew 24:36-26:2 WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 John 12:17-50 Matthew 26:6-16 THURSDAY, MAY 2 John 13:1-11 John 13:12-17 FRIDAY, MAY 3 Matthew 27:1-38; Luke 23:39-43; Matthew 27:39-54; John 19:31-37; Matthew 27:55-61 SATURDAY, MAY 4 Romans 6:3-11 Matthew 28:1-20	WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24 Presanctified Liturgy.....5:30 p.m. Pot-Luck Fasting Friendly Meal.....7:00 p.m. SATURDAY, APRIL 27 (LAZARUS SATURDAY) Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. Great Vespers.....4:00 p.m. Blessing of palms & pussy willows (<i>following Vespers</i>) SUNDAY, APRIL 28, ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM – Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. Bridegroom Matins.....4:00 p.m. All Saints Orthodox Church, 205 Scarborough St., Hartford GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY, APRIL 29 Bridegroom Matins.....5:30 p.m. GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY, MAY 1 Presanctified Liturgy.....5:30 p.m. GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY, MAY 2 Vespersal Divine Liturgy.....9:00 a.m. Matins of Holy Friday.....6:00 p.m. GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY, MAY 3 Vespers with Entombment.....3:00 p.m. Matins of Holy Saturday.....6:00 p.m. GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY, MAY 4 Vespersal Divine Liturgy.....10:00 a.m. Nocturne.....11:30 p.m. SUNDAY, MAY 5 – PASCHA Pascha Procession, Matins, Divine Liturgy.....12:00 a.m. Pascha Vespers & Easter Egg Hunt.....12:00 p.m.

All services will also be streamed online via Facebook Live as follows:

<https://www.facebook.com/Holy-Ghost-Russian-Orthodox-Greek-Catholic-Church-681248091936330/>

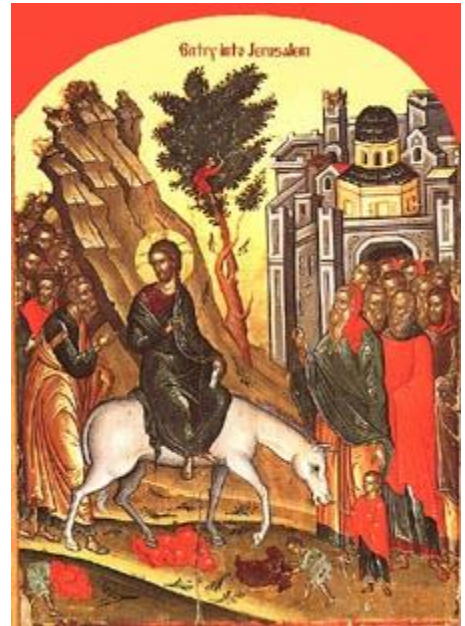
Reminder: The schedule of service can be found on the front page of our website, [holyyghostbpt.org](http://www.holyghostbpt.org). The schedule is recorded on the Google Calendar of the church's acct. You can add it to your own Google Calendar by clicking the + sign on the bottom right corner of the calendar window.

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM (Palm Sunday)

Commemorated on April 28

Palm Sunday is the celebration of the triumphant entrance of Christ into the royal city of Jerusalem. He rode on a colt for which He Himself had sent, and He permitted the people to hail Him publicly as a king. A large crowd met Him in a manner befitting royalty, waving palm branches and placing their garments in His path. They greeted Him with these words: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel! (John 12:13).

This day together with the raising of Lazarus are signs pointing beyond themselves to the mighty deeds and events which consummate Christ’s earthly ministry. The time of fulfillment was at hand. Christ’s raising of Lazarus points to the destruction of death and the joy of resurrection which will be accessible to all through His own death and resurrection. His entrance into Jerusalem is a fulfillment of the messianic prophecies about the king who will enter his holy city to establish a final kingdom. “Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass” (Zech 9:9).



Finally, the events of these triumphant two days are but the passage to Holy Week: the “hour” of suffering and death for which Christ came. Thus, the triumph in an earthly sense is extremely short-lived. Jesus enters openly into the midst of His enemies, publicly saying and doing those things which mostly enrage them. The people themselves will soon reject Him. They misread His brief earthly triumph as a sign of something else: His emergence as a political messiah who will lead them to the glories of an earthly kingdom.

Our Pledge

The liturgy of the Church is more than meditation or praise concerning past events. It communicates to us the eternal presence and power of the events being celebrated and makes us participants in those events. Thus, the services of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday bring us to our own moment of life and death and entrance into the Kingdom of God: A Kingdom not of this world, a Kingdom accessible in the Church through repentance and baptism.

On Palm Sunday palm and willow branches are blessed in the Church. We take them in order to raise them up and greet the King and Ruler of our life: Jesus Christ. We take them in order to reaffirm our baptismal pledges. As the One who raised Lazarus and entered Jerusalem to go to His voluntary Passion stands in our midst, we are faced with the same question addressed to us at baptism: “Do you accept Christ?” We give our answer by daring to take the branch and raise it up: “I accept Him as King and God!”

Thus, on the eve of Christ’s Passion, in the celebration of the joyful cycle of the triumphant days of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday, we reunite ourselves to Christ, affirm His Lordship over the totality of our life, and express our readiness to follow Him to His Kingdom:

... that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that, if possible, I may attain the resurrection from the dead (Philippians 3:10-11).

Very Rev. Paul Lazor

Philippians 4:4-9*(Epistle)*

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Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I will say, rejoice!

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Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

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Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

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and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

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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.

9

The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

John 12:1-18*(Gospel)*

1

Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead.

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There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him.

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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.

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But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said,

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Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?

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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.

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But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial.

8

For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always."

9

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.

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But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also,

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because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

12

The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

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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!"

John 12:1-18*(Gospel, Cont'd.)*

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Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written:

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“Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt.”

16

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.

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Therefore, the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness.

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For this reason, the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

CANDLE DESK DUTY

April 28 – Daria Ploski-Slavin

May 5 – George Kasper

If you are unable to make your scheduled day, please switch with another member.

CANDLES / DONATIONS / FLOWERS

Donations to Altar Boy Robes:

Pat Novajosky, \$50

Susan Maugeri, \$500

Lampatki over Royal Doors in loving memory of Mary Wasylowich Savisky from her family.

Table of Oblation in loving memory of grandmother, Mary Bychkowski Horelick, from Barbara Dulin.

EASTER PLANTS

<i>Name(s)</i>	<i>For the Health & Happiness</i>	<i>In Loving Memory</i>
Bob Denhup (2)	Chris, Rick, Kristi	Mom, Dad, Baba Dick & Elaine
Barb & George Dulin (2)	Alex & Dave	Alexander Zujewski, Sr. Jeanne & Gus Zaffis Ed & Evelyn Dulin
Elaine Gwara Ruggiero & Mary Gwara (2)		Nathalie Gwara Robert Gwara, Jr.
Carole & Frank Kaputa (2)		Nicholas Edward Kotrady
Robert Pavlick (2)		John Pavlick, Jr. Doris Marion Pavlick
Natalie Pronechen & Family (3)		Michael & Ethel Jankura Matthew Pronechen Michael Jankura, Jr.
Tim & Jody Savisky (4)	Shannon, Dan, Jason, & Francia	Nancy & William M. Savisky, Sr. Joseph Slosar Mary & Michael Kasper Mary & Michael Savisky
Stephanie Smith (2)	The Tabak Family	Steven Tyler Smith

MAY SUNDAY SCHOOL MONITORS ...

Teachers	<u>Debbie Rapaport</u>	<u>Steve Pronechen</u>	<u>Mat Claire</u>
5/12	Melania Moyher	Bill Savisky	Jerry Kopko
5/19	Mike Nettle	Dave Lepesko	Rich Jankura
5/26	Joe Curran	Rich Kendall	Javier Trinidad

If there are any schedule conflicts, please see Carole Kaputa.

LENTEN SOUP FUNDRAISER ... Pick up your soup today!

Week	Name 1	Soup	Name 2	Soup
April 28 Palm Sunday	Barb & George Dulin	Lentil Orzo Soup w/ Spinach (& veggies)		

CHURCH DEEP-CLEAN DAY, Saturday, April 20. Thanks go out to Subdeacon Mark and LoveAnn Curran who worked and coordinated the work crew to beautify our church for Pascha! From the shiny candle stands to the shiny stage, and everything in between, we are most grateful! Awesome job everyone!

FINANCIAL SECRETARY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH (Sue Maugeri)

		<u>March</u>	<u>Total/Actual</u>
Total Income		\$18,437.93	\$126,813.19
Total Expenditures		<u>16,313.94</u>	<u>116,757.16</u>
Net Operating Income		<u>\$ 2,123.99</u>	<u>\$ 10,056.03</u>

We had a gain for the month of \$2,123.99 and for the year of \$10,056.03.

PLANTING FLOWERS ... Perhaps you have noticed that our flower and shrubbery beds around the church and properties have been ‘cleaned up’ by our choir house guests from Recovery Community Development. Parishioners are invited to plant flowers in bare areas where there are no flowers or shrubs. We want to adorn our temple for the neighborhood and God's glory! Thank you!!

SUNDAY SCHOOL FOOD DRIVE ... Please bring non-perishable food donations to church **thru May 5th** and place in the boxes provided on the stage in the church basement. The children will be delivering the collected food items to a local shelter. Please see the attached flyer.

DONATIONS ARE NEEDED FOR ALTAR BOY ROBES, specifically purple and white for Lent and Pascha. Donations will be accepted at the Candle Desk. Thank you very much!

SAVE THE DATE FOR THE 2024 YOUTH RALLY... August 5th thru 10th -- flyer is attached (more to follow).

PARISH METRICS (APRIL 28 THRU MAY 4)

BIRTHDAYS

Subdeacon Mark Curran, April 30th; Patricia Novajosky, April 30th; Joseph Dias (“JoJo”) (3 years); May 1st; Alexander Zujewski, Jr., May 2nd; Barbara Dulin, May 4th; Matushka Elena Pismenny, May 4th

ANNIVERSARIES

Marcia & Matt Pierce, May 2nd, (16 years); Fr Vadim & Matushka Pismenny, May 3rd

DEPARTED FROM THE PARISH METRICS

APRIL 28– Pauline Yaskevich, 1934 (42); Mary Lavsky, 1946; John Oleshkevich, 1975; Olga Vanagel Scherback, 1976 (55)

APRIL 29 – Michael Banich, 1915 (74); Anastasia Chueka; Walter Horelick, 1971 (59); John Shurminsky, 1996

APRIL 30 – Helen Pistey Michaels, 1956 (65); Emelian Ratushnuk, 1966 (70); Mary Wasylowich Savisky, 1973 (64); Mary Rozum Koteas, 1978 (70); Thaddeus Gelazin, 1987 (70); Theodore (Frank) Popaduk, 1992 (97)

MAY 1 – Anna Gruby, 1900 (33); Michael Kushel, 1935 (48); Myron Forsom, 1937; Warchomy (Bartholemew) Sinchuk, 1952 (57); Joseph Gribko, 1961 (79); Justin Scherbach, 1969 (80); Nicholas Tihonchik, 1974 (57); Nicholas Pisaretz, Jr., 1989 (74); Nicholas A. Yanosy, 2003 (76)

MAY 2 – Andrew Banash, 1919 (4); Sophia Moisevich, 1931 (36); Mary Bychkowski Horelick, 1961 (67); Mary Melnik, 1978; John Kisliak, 2004; William M. Samonek, 2006 (46)

MAY 3 – Gregory Kozich, 1923 (58); Joseph Pundy, 1948 (58); Joseph Hopko, 1961; Michael (Bratkowski) Brant, 1975 (54); Peter Jovanovich, 1985 (78); William V. Jankowski, 2001 (92); Joseph Curran, Sr., 2010 (85); Eugenia “Jean” Scherbach Clark, 2018 (93)

MAY 4 – Josephine Pribula Pistey, 1965 (90); Frank Zahar, 1988

Memory Eternal!

Вечная память!

