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THE WEEKLY MESSENGER

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ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. Palm Sunday . Hieromartyr Simeon, Bishop in Persia, and those with him: Martyrs Abdechalas and Ananias—Presbyters, Usthazanes, Fusicus (Pusicus), Ascitrea, Azades the Eunuch, and many others (344). St. Acacius, Bishop of Melitene (ca. 433). Ven. Zosíma, Abbot of Solovétsky Monastery (1478). Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Alexander, Abbot of Svir (1641). Martyr Adrian of Corinth (251). St. Agapitus, Pope of Rome (536). Repose of Ven. Makarios of Corinth (1805).

EPISTLE: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom **GOSPEL:**
Philippians 4:4-9 John 12:1-18

GLORY TO JESUS CHRIST!

GLORY FOREVER!

FLOWERS FOR THIS WEEK

In front of the Icon of Our Lord, In front of the Icon of The Theotokos,
and on the Center Icon Table are donated by St. George Orthodox Church

Altar Vigil Candles are offered by Anthony DelNuovo in Loving Memory
of Thy Departed Servants of his family. May their memory be eternal.

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WELCOME TO ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

We welcome all of you to the Divine Liturgy this morning, especially those who are visiting with us here at St. George Orthodox Church. Everyone is invited to the Parish Fellowship Hall following the Divine Liturgy for Christian Fellowship. It is our prayer that your experience this morning was spiritually uplifting and you will return very soon to pray with our parish family. In the Orthodox Church, we do not practice open Communion. However we do invite everyone to come and participate in the Divine Liturgy. Hence only those Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves through prayer and fasting may receive Holy Communion. May the Lord bless you with many years of good health and happiness.

THE SCHEDULE OF WEEKLY SERVICES and ACTIVITIES

Sunday April 17 THE GREAT FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM
9:00 A.M. Proskomedie Lesson in Church
10:00 A.M. Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
followed by Annual Palm Sunday Procession

Special Palm Sunday Lenten Luncheon in Parish Fellowship Hall following Divine Liturgy
Church School Class via In-Person and Google Classroom following Divine Liturgy

1:30 P.M. Bridegroom Matins Service

HOLY WEEK (April 18 – April 24)

Holy Monday April 18 9:00 A.M. Presanctified Liturgy
6:00 P.M. Bridegroom Matins

Holy Tuesday April 19 9:00 A.M. Presanctified Liturgy
6:00 P.M. Bridegroom Matins

Holy Wednesday April 20 9:00 A.M. Presanctified Liturgy
5:00 P.M. Matins of Holy Thursday
6:30 P.M. Service of Holy Unction

Holy Thursday April 21 9:00 A.M. Confessions
9:30 A.M. Vespers and Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
6:00 P.M. Matins with Reading of 12 Passion Gospels
After Matins, we will set up The Tomb of Our Lord

Good Friday April 22 9:00 A.M. Royal Hours
****We will Decorate The Tomb of Our Lord following Royal Hours****
4:00 P.M. Vespers with Burial Service
*** Strict Lenten Pot-Luck Meal following Vespers in Parish Fellowship Hall***
6:30 P.M. Matins with Lamentations and Procession

Holy Saturday April 23 9:00 A.M. Chrismation of Nathaniel Lent
9:30 A.M. Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
11:30 P.M. Nocturne Service

HOLY PASCHA – THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD – HOLY PASCHA

Sunday April 24 12:00 A.M. FEAST OF HOLY PASCHA –
Procession, Resurrection Matins, Paschal Divine Liturgy

Following The Paschal Divine Liturgy,
the Blessing of Paschal Baskets and Foods and Paschal Reception
will be held in Parish Fellowship Hall

11:00 A.M. Paschal Agape Vespers Service

****PLEASE REFER TO THE WEEKLY EMAILS AND PARISH WEBSITE
FOR CHANGES TO THE CALENDAR!****

*** * * * * PRAYERFUL REMEMBRANCE * * * * ***

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO KEEP IN OUR DAILY PRAYERS
FOR THE HEALTH OF THY SERVANTS:**

HIERARCHS

**Metropolitan HERMAN Archbishop BENJAMIN Archbishop ALEJO
Archbishop PAUL Archbishop NATHANIEL Bishop DANIEL**

CLERGY

**Archpriest Herman, Matushka Cynthia and Family Archpriest Leonid Archpriest David
Archpriest Alexey and his family Archpriest Vladimir and Matushka Jeanne
Archpriest Timothy/Mat. Michelle Presbyter John and Presbytera Nancy
Archpriest Ken and Matushka Natalie Presbyter Andreja, Popadija Anica and Family
Archpriest Timothy Priest Peter and Mat. Mary
Dn. Sean and Mat. Heather Archpriest John (Onofrey)
Priest Mykola and those with him**

MATUSHKI

**Mat. Katia Mat. Paraskeva Mat. Joanna Popadia Vicki Mat. Patricia Mat. Gloria
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Xenia, Justin, Danielle, John Larry Joseph Frank Billy Clyde
Victor Catherine Susan Svetlana Juliana Evelyn
Robert Rebecca Paul Brian Jeanne Angela, Jason, Michelle Linda
Justin Olga John, Helen Ashley Steven Lia/Isaiah
Joseph, John, Margaret, Thomas, Victoria Barbara Susan Mary John
Melody Lee Lee, Bridget Matthew William
Kelly, Robert, Boris, Zaeb, Tirza, Sabas Sada Thisinita, Gemmal, Geesa, and Patric
Olga and Eugene Jeremy Stewart
Susan Justin Louis Yuri/Elena Alex John, Kevin, Sean Anthony Tita
Jaime/Sammy, Juliana Harry James
Lee, Benjamin, Harry Patrick Emma/Alexander Elias, John, Joseph, Nadim, Theresa
Aspasia/Stavros Charles Seraphim Aldona
Vadym Iryna Yuriy Anastasia Rosemary Anthony
Mary, Hal, Autumn, Ariana, and Amber, Judithann Anita, Jeffry, Dominic, Douglas, Rachel, Dennis
Amelia, Emily
Brian John, Roberta, Barbara John, Michael John Ron, Illiana, Jillian, Joel
George Costa Jonathan, Kevin, Lary, Carly, Sherry, Mary Jo, Clara, Karl, Dragica, Mary
Stephen, Larry, Olga, Olga, Sally, Deborah, David
Rdr Nicholas, Judithann, Michael, Mary, Cate, Michael, Gary, Damian, Olga, Alexandra, Barbara**

**Children of God – Harry, Keely, Isla, Talia, Lane, Liam
Corina and Nicole and the children to be born of them**

Diocese of NY&NJ Prayer List

**Archpriest Samuel Mitred Archpriest Joseph Lickwar Mitred Archpriest Daniel and Mat. Myra
Archpriest George Archpriest Paul Mat. Gerry
Archpriest Jonathan Archpriest Paul**

Those Serving in The Armed Forces

**Kenneth, Nadine, Jason, Robert, Andrew, Justin, Shawn, Juanita Martha, Selathiel, Nathaniel
Austin, Chris, John, Daniel, Gjorgie, Thomas**

Catechumens

For All of our Parishioners and their families, the communicants of this holy house, those who pray here, our loved ones and their families and for those who are praying with us today and all of those whom we have in our hearts and minds

For All of our parishioners who are in hospitals, nursing home, and those who are homebound.

For All of the ill-afflicted of our parishes and families especially those affected with the Coronavirus and other ailments and for their continued full recovery and good health

For All of our doctors, nurses, physicians, and medical professionals

For our Nation that The Lord our God will continue to bless us and guide and teach us to love another, pray for one another and forgive one another.

For All of those who are travelling and for their safe journey and return to their homes

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FOR THY DEPARTED SERVANTS OF GOD:

For all of those who tragically lost their lives to the Coronavirus and other ailments of the clergy and parishioners of This Holy House who have departed this life, who now lie asleep in the Lord

Metropolitan THEODOSIUS
Ever-Memorable Archpriest Eugene
Ever-Memorable Priest John
Ever-Memorable Archpriest Rastko
Ever-Memorable Dn. Mark

Ever-Memorable Archpriest Bernard
Ever-Memorable Archpriest George
Ever-Memorable Archpriest George
Matushka Dorothy

Priest Leonid Gregory, Priest Peter, Archpriest Kirill, Dn. Michael, John Robert, Sister Thomas, Frank, Jenny, Charles, Florence, Michael Stevens, William, George, Marion

Ever-Memorable Pdn Gregory

Ever-Memorable Sbdn Gregory

Martha, Akhtar, Barkat, Rehmat

Newly-Departed Servants of God

Mario (40th Day – April 17)

***If anyone would like to have their loved ones added to the prayer list for remembrance during the Divine Liturgy, please see or contact Fr. Jason.**

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH BOOKSTORE

As you are in the Parish Fellowship Hall for coffee hour, don't forget to check out our newly-formed Bookstore. We have some new items that just arrived. These items include: Icon ornaments, jewelry, Icons, prayer books, prayers ropes, and much more. If you need a Gift, come check out the Bookstore...you may find something you like!! We are now also offering Gift Certificates for our Bookstore. Please speak with Dave or Andrea for more details/information!! We thank David and Andrea Chmiel who are managing of our Bookstore for us. If you have any questions or if you would like to order something that you do not see, please see or contact David or Andrea Chmiel and they will be able to assist you. You may also email them at: bookstore@stgeorgebuffalo.com. May GOD continue to bless and guide all of you.

Also in the Parish Fellowship Hall, we have the Giving Tree! If anyone would like to sign up for Coffee Hour Readers Bulletin Collection, Communion Cloth, Home Blessing, please see or contact Fr. Jason!



A SINCERE AND HEARTFELT THANKS AND APPRECIATION FOR THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS TO THE PARISH FROM OUR PARISH GIVING TREE

Please be sure to check out “The Giving Tree” in the Parish Fellowship Hall as well as on our parish website (www.stgeorgebuffalo.com) to see how we may be able to donate towards the needs of our parish through our continued support and stewardship for our beloved parish.

Some of the items on the leaves are as follows:

- Candles
- 7-Day Vigil Candles
- Flowers for Feast Days
- Charcoal
- Altar Wine
- Cups for Zapifka
- Paper Towels
- Toilet Paper

If anyone has any questions, please see or contact Fr. Jason or Barbara. Thank you for your continued prayerful support and stewardship. May God continue to bless and guide all of you, your families and our entire Parish family and keep all of us in His Loving Care!

TROPAR FOR THE FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God, we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection. Now we praise Thee and sing: "Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.*

KONTAKION FOR THE FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Sitting on Thy throne in Heaven, carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God, accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing: // "Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam!"

Prokeimenon Tone 4

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

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

Alleluia Verses

O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous thi

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

The Hymn to the Theotokos

God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!
Celebrate the feast and come with gladness! Let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, singing: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord, our Savior!"

Communion Hymn

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

HYMNS FOR THE DIVINE LITURGY

The First Antiphon

I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Because He inclined His ear to me; therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

I suffered distress and anguish, so I called on the Name of the Lord.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!

The Second Antiphon

I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

O Son of God, seated on the colt of an ass, save us who sing to Thee: "Alleluia!"

What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has given me?

O Son of God, seated on the colt of an ass, save us who sing to Thee: "Alleluia!"

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call on the Name of the Lord.

O Son of God, seated on the colt of an ass, save us who sing to Thee: "Alleluia!"

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

O Son of God, seated on the colt of an ass, save us who sing to Thee: "Alleluia!"

I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

O Son of God, seated on the colt of an ass, save us who sing to Thee: "Alleluia!"

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Only begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary. Who without change didst become man and was crucified, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us!

The Third Antiphon

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!

Troparion: "By raising Lazarus from the dead ...")

Let the house of Israel say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

Troparion: "By raising Lazarus from the dead ...")

Let the house of Aaron say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

Troparion: "By raising Lazarus from the dead ...")

Let those who fear the Lord say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

Troparion: "By raising Lazarus from the dead ...")

The Introit of the Little Entrance

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

TROPAR FOR THE FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God. Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death: "Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

His own image and likeness, is a spiritual-material being, a unity of soul and body. Death is destruction; it is the separation of soul and body. The soul without the body is a ghost, as one Orthodox theologian puts it, and the body without the soul is a decaying corpse. "I weep and I wail, when I think upon death, and behold our beauty, fashioned after the image of God, lying in the tomb dishonored, disfigured, bereft of form." This is a hymn of Saint John of Damascus sung at the Church's burial services. This "mystery" of death is the inevitable fate of man fallen from God and blinded by his own prideful pursuits.

With epic simplicity the Gospel records that, on coming to the scene of the horrible end of His friend, "Jesus wept" (John 11:35). At this moment Lazarus, the friend of Christ, stands for all men, and Bethany is the mystical center of the world. Jesus wept as He saw the "very good" creation and its king, man, "made through Him" (John 1:3) to be filled with joy, life and light, now a burial ground in which man is sealed up in a tomb outside the city, removed from the fullness of life for which he was created, and decomposing in darkness, despair and death. Again as the Gospel says, the people were hesitant to open the tomb, for "by this time there will be an odor, for he has been dead four days" (John 11:39).

When the stone was removed from the tomb, Jesus prayed to His Father and then cried with a loud voice: "Lazarus, come out." The icon of the feast shows the particular moment when Lazarus appears at the entrance to the tomb. He is still wrapped in his grave clothes and his friends, who are holding their noses because of the stench of his decaying body, must unwrap him. In everything stress is laid on the audible, the visible and the tangible. Christ presents the world with this observable fact: on the eve of His own suffering and death He raises a man dead four days! The people were astonished. Many immediately believed on Jesus and a great crowd began to assemble around Him as the news of the raising of Lazarus spread. The regal entry into Jerusalem followed. Lazarus Saturday is a unique day: on a Saturday a Matins and Divine Liturgy bearing the basic marks of festal, resurrectional services, normally proper to Sundays, are celebrated. Even the baptismal hymn is sung at the Liturgy instead of Holy God: "As many as have been baptized into Christ, have put on Christ."

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== = Scriptural Readings for Holy Week = =

Monday	Exodus 1:1-20, Job 1:1-12	Matt. 24:3-35
Tuesday	Exodus 2:5-10, Job 1:13-22	Matt. 24:36-26:2
Wednesday	Exodus 2:11-20, Job 2:1-10	Matt. 26:6-16
Thursday	1 Cor. 11: 23-32	Matt. {composite}
Friday	1 Cor. 1:18-2:2	Matt. {composite}
Saturday	Romans 6:3-11	Matt. 28:1-20
Sunday	Acts 1:1-18 {Holy Pascha}	John 1:1-17

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EPISTLE LESSON FOR TODAY

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 LESSON FOR TODAY

JOHN 12:1-18 (Feast of the Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem)

LET US ATTEND:

Then, 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.

A Little Note About Palm Sunday.....

The Feast of Our Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem ties the Feast of Lazarus Saturday to what we are about to go through: the Final Days of Our Lord's earthly life, preaching, teaching, suffering, and finally RISING from the dead! It is with this Feast that we come to see and come to know The Savior of the world. As we hear in the Vespers Service for Palm Sunday:

Today the Savior comes to Jerusalem, fulfilling the Scriptures. He is greeted with palms and a carpet of clothes. All know it is He: the Lord, Whom the cherubim praise. Hosanna in the highest!// Blessed art Thou, O greatly merciful One! Have mercy on us!

The Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem: Palm Sunday

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 most 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).

Lazarus Saturday

In a carefully detailed narrative the Gospel relates how Christ, six days before His own death, and with particular mindfulness of the people "standing by, that they may believe that thou didst send me" (John 11:42), went to His dead friend Lazarus at Bethany outside of Jerusalem. He was aware of the approaching death of Lazarus but deliberately delayed His coming, saying to His disciples at the news of His friend's death: "For your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe" (John 11:14).

When Jesus arrived at Bethany, Lazarus was already dead four days. This fact is repeatedly emphasized by the Gospel narrative and the liturgical hymns of the feast. The four-day burial underscores the horrible reality of death. Man, created by God in

**Remember our Loved Ones
during Our Daily Prayers**

*‘Assuredly, I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the
least of these My brethren, you did it to Me.’*

{Matt. 25:40}

As we say our daily prayers, let us also take time out to remember our loved ones who are homebound, who are in hospitals and who are in nursing homes. Let us remember them that GOD will continue to watch over them and protect them. Also, during the Year, let us take to either send them a card, give them a call, or visit them to let them know how much we love them, how much we remember them, and how much we pray for them.

Please refer to the of our Parish Shut-Ins below.

If anyone has any questions or would like to add someone to our List of Parish Shut-Ins, please see or contact Fr. Jason. May God continue to bless you and guide you!

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ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH OCMC PARISH AMBASSADORS

To The Glory of God, our parish has been blessed with two parishioners who have answered The Call of Our Lord to be Parish Ambassadors for OCMC guiding us to help bring The Gospel of Our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ of “Making Disciples of All Nations baptizing them in The Name of The Father and of The Son and of The Holy Spirit!”

Anthony Gregory DelNuovo and John Moses Lutz are our Parish Ambassadors for OCMC (The Orthodox Christian Mission Center). To help the good work being done by The OCMC of supporting Missionaries around the world, our parish will be sponsoring and supporting a missionary on a annual basis. The cost is only \$600/year. So far we have collected over \$1000 for this year’s sponsorship. If anyone would like to make a donation, please see or contact Anthony or John. We express our most sincere and heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone who has graciously donated so far. Thank you for kindness and generosity in supporting the good work and mission of The OCMC in fulfilling Our Lord’s Command in The Gospel of Matthew of: “Making Disciples of All Nations!”

For more information about The OCMC, please visit their website:
www.ocmc.org

Another blessing for our parish of continuing the Good Work that has been entrusted to us of bringing The Gospel Message to All!
Lord it is good to be here!

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****PLEASE REFER TO THE PARISH WEBSITE FOR THE
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR GREAT LENT,
HOLY WEEK, FEAST OF HOLY PASCHA THROUGH FEAST
OF SS PETER AND PAUL!****

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****IMPORTANT DATES****

Wednesday May 4 – Chiavetta’s Chicken BBQ Fundraiser

Sunday May 8 – Mother’s Day Luncheon

Saturday May 14 and Sunday May 15– Archpastoral Visit of Archbishop MICHAEL

Sunday May 15 – NYS DDB Dinner (Our Parish is Hosting)

If anyone has any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to see or contact Fr. Jason!

An Invitation to Support the Stewards of the OCA!

The Orthodox Church in America (OCA) set the direction for expanding our apostolic work in North America at the 18th All-American Council. The foundation for this work is Jesus Christ, Whom we encounter in our spiritual lives, stewardship, evangelism and outreach, and relations with others as we engage the world. Being a steward of the OCA goes beyond the financial gifts which support the work of our church. Being a steward is about caring for and knowing the history of the mission of the Orthodox Church here in North America and finding your place in that history. Having received this great gift of our Orthodox Faith, we bear the responsibility to continue the legacy of Saint Herman and Saint Tikhon; Saint Innocent and Saint Alexis and all the other saints known and unknown who have worked to build up and expand Christ's Church here in North America. Please consider being a part of that mission today by giving to the Stewards of the OCA. For more information, please visit The OCA Website: <https://oca.org/become-a-steward>

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An Invitation to Support the Ministry of the DDB!

In order to fund necessary ministries and fulfill the work of the Church in the Diocese of New York and New Jersey, **Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors** generously contribute financial support. To learn more about the DDB, please go to the following link: <http://vimeo.com/71021182> and watch a 60 second video inviting you to join the ever-growing list of Distinguished Diocesan Benefactors of The Diocese of New York and New Jersey who joyfully support the on-going work of our diocese. Their support allows us to provide assistance to new mission parishes, scholarships to seminarians, support the departments of The Diocese, and much-needed encouragement to older struggling parishes. How about you? Our parish is a member of the DDB. If anyone would like to join, please see Fr. Jason as well as take a pamphlet from the table in the back of the church. May God continue to bless and guide you for your continued support. The Diocese of New York and New Jersey has two monthly newsletters: "*First Fruits*" and "*Beyond the Plateau*." The goal, as expressed by Archbishop Michael, is to increase communication and grow the communal spirit of diocesan fellowship in the building-up and strengthening of our parish communities. To learn more about these monthly diocesan publications, please refer to the diocesan website: <http://www.nynjoca.org/newsletters.html>.

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"Lessons in Our Faith" Video presented by His Eminence Archbishop MICHAEL

His Eminence Archbishop Michael presents a series of talks on matters of faith, belief, and the teachings of the Church. These instructional videos are concise and "to the point," offering Orthodox Christians much-needed information, helpful advice for their spiritual journey, and assistance in answering questions that may come from non-Orthodox friends or acquaintances. The goal is that we might better know and better live our faith. These instructional videos can be found at the Diocesan Website: <http://www.nynjoca.org>! For those who do not have internet, please see the handouts from each lesson which are located on the table in the back of the church. **There are 14 videos! Be sure to check them out!**

WEEKLY VIDEO SERMONS GIVEN BY HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL

These sermons offered to us by The Diocese via video can be found on the Diocesan Website: <http://www.nynjoca.org>!

There are videos for each week beginning with The Feast of Feasts – Holy Pascha! Be sure to check them out!

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IMPORTANT PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We will continue with our on-going collections for The Buffalo City Mission, Hearts for Homeless, Mats for Mission, HomeSpace, Resurrection Life Food Pantry, Baker Victory as well as our other outreach ministry projects.
- **WE CONTINUE TO CONTACT ALL OF OUR PARISHIONERS ON A REGULAR BASIS TO ENSURE THAT EVERYONE IS OKAY, SAFE AND HEALTHY.**

****Please be on the lookout for emails this week with the following items:**

- 1) **Reader Outlines for ALL weekend SERVICES**
- 2) **Zoom information for Education Classes and Book Club**
- 3) **Updates on Schedule of Services Events**
- 4) **Pastoral Video for Parish Monthly Update**

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EACH WEEK WE WILL BE RECORDING THE WEEKLY INCOME FOR EACH SUNDAY AS WELL AS POSTING THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORTS AND MINUTES FOR OUR PARISH FOLLOWING THE MONTHLY PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS!

INCOME FOR SUNDAY MARCH 20, 2022 - \$

Commercial Savings Account Deposit \$

DONATION TO THE CAPITOL IMPROVEMENT FUND (Kitchen) – \$750.00

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MAY GOD CONTINUE TO BLESS YOU AND GUIDE YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT AND PRAYERS

Also in the Parish Fellowship Hall, we have the Giving Tree! If anyone would like to sign up for Coffee Hour Readers Bulletin Collection, Communion Cloth, Home Blessing, please see or contact Fr. Jason!

****A REMINDER FOR HOSTING COFFEE HOUR DURING GREAT LENT****

When hosting coffee hour during Great Lent, we must refrain from using meat and dairy products in our foods and beverages.

If anyone has any questions about prayer and fasting or restrictions when hosting coffee hour, please see Fr. Jason and he will help you and guide you! If anyone would like to host coffee hour, please see or contact Mat. Fran (610.698.1666/frances.vansuch@yahoo.com)

May all of us have a Blessed, Peaceful, Holy and Prayerful Great Lenten Journey!

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The poster features a scenic background of a lake with several people kayaking. In the top left corner, there is a green Christmas tree icon with a cross on top. The text 'St. Andrew's Camp Summer 2022' is prominently displayed in green and blue. Below this, 'Save the Dates!' is written in white. At the bottom, a green banner lists five weeks of the camp with their respective dates and themes. The website 'standrewscamp.org' is listed at the very bottom.

Week 1: Sunday, July 3 - Friday, July 8 -- Family Week
Week 2: Sunday, July 10 - Saturday, July 16 -- Horse Week 1
Week 3: Sunday, July 17 - Saturday, July 23 -- Mish Mash Week
Week 4: Sunday, July 24 - Saturday, July 30 -- Horse Week 2
Week 5: Sunday, July 31 - Saturday, August 6 -- Teen Week

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FIND YOUR SPIRITUAL HOME In The Orthodox Christian Church

Saturday Great Vespers 4:00 PM
SUNDAY Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM (Sept-May)
9:30 AM (May-September)
~ All are Welcome ~

Do we have questions about our life, its meaning, purpose, destiny?
Are we desiring to know Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God?
Are we seeking forgiveness, healing, and wholeness?
Do we wonder where to go to find answers?
We can find the answers to these questions and so many other questions in The Holy Orthodox Church through Her Sacred Tradition, Holy Scriptures, Her Teachings and Dogmas.

The Orthodox Church is the original Christian Church, the Church founded by the Lord Jesus Christ and described in the pages of the New Testament. Her history can be traced in unbroken continuity all the way back to Christ and His Twelve Apostles, empowered and sent forth on the day of Holy Pentecost. Incredible as it seems, for over twenty centuries she has continued in her undiminished and unaltered faith and practice. Today her apostolic doctrine, worship, and structure remain intact. The Orthodox Church maintains that the Church is the living Body of Jesus Christ. Many of us are surprised to learn that for the first 1000 years of Christian history there was just one Church.

Where is "**The Church**" to be found and experienced today? Come Taste and See How Good The Lord is every Sunday by joining us for The Divine Liturgy at 10:00 AM.

What is Orthodox Christianity all about? How does it differ from other Christian confessions? This section will attempt to answer these questions and many more.

For a visual introduction to the Orthodox Church, please view the video link below:
http://www.youtube.com/v/Gj4pUphDitA&color1=0xb1b1b1&color2=0xcfcfcf&feature=player_embedded&fs=1

For a brief introduction and in depth study to The Orthodox Faith and to find answers to: 'What we Believe?', 'Who we Are?', and 'How we Live?', please view the PDF link below:

<http://orthodoxdelmarva.org/files/studies/InquirersClassV1final.pdf>

or you may visit the OCA website by clicking the link below:
<http://oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith>

or you can begin a Journey Through Orthodoxy by clicking the link below:
<http://journeytoorthodoxy.com>

To learn more ways that we can teach our children about the Orthodox Faith, The OCA has provided a wonderful website for us to use that provides great resources such as (handouts, texts, articles, stories, and much more)! To see this great website, please view the PDF link below:

<http://dce.oca.org/page/resources/>
If you have any questions or would like to know more about The Orthodox Faith or needs and help or assistance, please contact our parish priest: V Rev. Jason Vansuch (jvansuch@hotmail.com) or 716.875.4222 and he will be able guide you.

ST. ANDREW'S CAMP

** Saint Andrew's Camp has released a new promotional video for prospective campers!

The video can be found here on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/saintandrewsorthodoxcamp/videos/357928144820497/>

**Be sure to check it out...you may recognize the priest:)

For more than sixty years, St. Andrew's Camp has offered the young people of our parishes an incredible summer camping experience. Children and teens have been instructed in prayer and the divine services, the reading of Scripture and the teachings of our Orthodox Church. They have been nourished with the Sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion. They have had fun swimming, horseback riding, playing sports, singing and learning musical instruments, creating in the visual arts, learning to safeguard the planet, and exploring the stars. And they have established friendships that last a lifetime, met their future spouses, and nurtured their vocations to serve the Lord in ministry.

As a token of gratitude for the labors of love extended by the administration and staff, both clergy and laypersons, of St. Andrew's over the past six decades, it is now time for us to help the Camp in an especially needed way.

Please join us in raising funds for the new multi purpose building which will include new kitchen, dining hall and activities center. The cost of this new building is \$300,000. To become a reality, the completion and furnishing of this much-needed center will require great generosity of individuals, organizations and parishes.

You can click on the link below which will take you to the gofundme.com page.

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/st-andrew039s-camp-fundraiser-by-ss-peter-and-paul>

As we continue to fulfill the work of Our Lord by living and fulfilling His Gospel Message, let us open our hearts and minds by providing support and assistance to our Diocese, to our children, by taking a moment to reflect upon what God has given us, and to discern how we might be able to return to God a portion of the blessings we have received.

We extend our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all of you and your families for your continued prayers, support and generosity.

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OUR JOURNEY TO PASCHA! 2022		
Created by Fr. Jonathan Bannon (ACROD)		
SUNDAYS	THEMES / GOSPEL READING	HOW TO PARTICIPATE:
Fast - Free Week FEBRUARY 13th	 Publican and the Pharisee Epistle: 2 Timothy 3: 10-15 Gospel: Luke 18: 10-14	Show compassion on the poor and distressed. Trust in God, not yourself and ask for His help before every task this week.
Normal Fast Week FEBRUARY 20th	 The Prodigal Son Returns! Epistle: 1 Corinthians 6: 12-20 Gospel: Luke 15: 11-32	Schedule a Confession. Every morning say, "Today I will be humble." Use up/freeze meats this week.
Meatfare FEBRUARY 27th FAREWELL TO MEAT TODAY	 The Last Judgement Epistle: 1 Corinthians 8: 8-9:2 Gospel: Matthew 25: 31-46	Pray facing East this week. Christ is returning from the East and we wait for Him! Use up/freeze dairy this week.
Cheesefare MARCH 6th FAREWELL TO CHEESE TODAY	 Adam and Eve are cast from Paradise! FORGIVENESS SUNDAY Epistle: Romans 13: 11-14:4 Gospel: Matthew 6:14-21	Ask each other for forgiveness each evening this week before bed.
1st Sunday of Lent MARCH 13th	 ST GREGORY PALAMAS Epistle: Hebrews 11:24-26, 32-12:2 Gospel: John 1:43-51	Bring an icon to church for a procession.
2nd Sunday of Lent MARCH 20th	 VENERATION OF THE HOLY CROSS HALF WAY TO PASCHA! Epistle: Hebrews 4: 14-5:6 Gospel: Mark 8: 34-9:1	Wear your cross to church and kiss the cross each morning with a bowl
3rd Sunday of Lent MARCH 27th	 ST JOHN of the LADDER Epistle: Hebrews 6:13-20 Gospel: Mark 9: 17-31	Every time you climb stairs this week ask St. John to help you reach Paradise with the sign of the cross!
4th Sunday of Lent APRIL 3rd	 ST MARY of EGYPT Epistle: Hebrews 9: 11-14 Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45	Ask the Theotokos to offer you and the world pure thoughts and ideas this week.
5th Sunday of Lent APRIL 10th	 ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM Epistle: Philippians 4: 4-9 Gospel: John 12: 1-18	Place your palm branches and pussywillows behind an icon at home and in your car!
FLOWERY (PALM) SUNDAY! APRIL 17th GREAT WEEK BEGINS	 GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY JESUS DIES ON THE CROSS CHECK WITH YOUR PARISH FOR ROYAL HOURS AND VESPERS SCHEDULE	Refrain from TV, Internet & Phones to honor Christ's Death.
GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY APRIL 22nd	 HOLY PASCHA! (CHRIST IS RISEN!) Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: Jan 1:1-17	Greet everyone with "CHRIST IS RISEN!" & say it before good morning and goodnight!
FEAST OF FEASTS! APRIL 24th NO FASTING!		

ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH WEEKLY EDUCATION CORNER

THE FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

On the last Sunday of the Great Lent, the Church remembers the triumphant entrance of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. The day before, on Saturday, is the remembrance of the great miracle which had recently been wrought in Bethany - the resurrection of Lazarus, who had been dead and buried four days in his tomb. Many of the people, having witnessed this miracle, believed in Christ and were awaiting His coming into Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. But the teachers of the Law and the Pharisees wanted to have Jesus killed because they envied Him, and so they gave an order to be told when Jesus would come into Jerusalem. The time of Christ's suffering was nearing. Just six days before Passover, when Mary, the sister of the resurrected Lazarus, poured expensive myrrh on Jesus' feet, some of His disciples were displeased at such waste, thinking that the money from the sale of this myrrh could have been used to help the poor. Knowing what lay in store for Him in Jerusalem, Christ told His disciples that with this anointing His body was being prepared for burial. He spoke at great length about the suffering that was drawing near for Him. Finally Jesus gathered His disciples to go to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover. "When they drew nigh unto Jerusalem and had come to Bethpage unto the Mount of Olives, then sent Jesus two disciples, saying unto them, *'Go into the village opposite you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them unto Me. And if any man say aught unto you, ye shall say, "The Lord hath need of them," and straightway he will send them.'* . . . And the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. And they brought the ass and the colt and saddled them with their clothes, and they set Him thereon" (Matt. 21:1-3; 6-7). Coming near Jerusalem, Jesus wept over the city that was doomed to be destroyed for not recognizing the time that God came to save it. Many in Jerusalem found out that Jesus, the one who had resurrected Lazarus-who had been dead four days - was nearing. "And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way, and others cut down branches from the trees and strewed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and followed, cried out, saying, 'Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!' And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, 'Who is this?' And the multitude said, 'This is Jesus, the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee.' And Jesus went into the temple of God, and cast out all those who sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers and seats of those who sold doves, and said unto them, *'It is written, "My house shall be called the house of prayer," but ye have made it into a den for thieves'* And the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple, and He healed them. And when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children

crying out in the temple and saying, 'Hosanna to the Son of David,' they were sore displeased, and said unto Him, 'Hearst thou what these say?' and Jesus said unto them *'Yea, have ye never read, "Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings Thou has perfected praise"?'"* (Matt. 21:8-16). In the next days Jesus Christ taught in the temple. He spent the nights outside the city. The chief priests, the teachers of the Law, and the elders of the people looked for an opportunity to kill Him, but they could not because all the people were around Him listening to His teachings.

The Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem: Palm Sunday

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 most 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).

LET ALL THAT YOU DO BE DONE IN LOVE. 1 Cor.16:14

YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART, AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL, AND WITH ALL YOUR MIND. Matt. 22:37

YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF. Matt. 22:39

LOVE YOUR ENEMIES AND PRAY FOR THOSE WHO PERSECUTE YOU. Matt. 5:44

LOVE IS PATIENT, LOVE IS KIND, LOVE DOES NOT ENVY, LOVE DOES NOT BOAST, LOVE IS NOT PROUD, LOVE IS NOT SELFISH, LOVE IS NOT PROVOKED. 1Cor. 13:4

LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS, LOVE ALWAYS HAS FAITH, LOVE ALWAYS HAS HOPE, LOVE ENDURES ALL THINGS. LOVE NEVER FAILS! 1Cor. 13:7,8



ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

1) **The Schedule of Services for Holy Week, Pascha and Bright Week has been emailed out to all parishioners this past week. Copies are available in the Parish Fellowship Hall.**

2) **Good Friday Light Lenten Meal** (following Vespers at 4:00 PM)

FRIDAY APRIL 22

*Following the Vespers Service on Good Friday, there will be a Light Strict Lenten Pot-Luck Dinner in the Parish Fellowship Hall. If you would like to bring something LENTEN for the Light Lenten Pot-Luck Dinner on Good Friday, please see or contact Fr. Jason or Mat. Katia who are organizing the dinner for us.

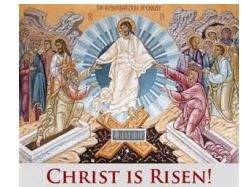
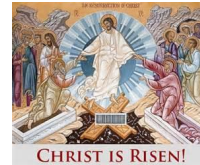
3) **Good Friday-Holy Saturday-Holy Pascha Sign-Up Sheets**

*We will need assistance with the Processions on Good Friday (Vespers and Matins, Holy Saturday Night (Pascha Midnight Service) as well as we will need people to assist with reading the 15 Old Testament Readings at the Vespers and Liturgy on Holy Saturday Morning. Also, we will need parishioners to assist with Grave Watch on Good Friday and Holy Saturday. If you would like to assist with any of the processions, Grave Watch, or breaking down of the Tomb of Our Lord, please see or contact Fr. Jason or if anyone would like to read one of the 15 Old Testament Readings on Holy Saturday Morning, please see or contact Mat. Katia.

4) **Parish Paschal Meal Reception** (Feast of Holy Pascha April 24)

*Following the Paschal Divine Liturgy and the Blessing of the Paschal Baskets on The Feast of Holy Pascha, we will once again be holding our Annual Parish Paschal Reception in the Parish Fellowship Hall. As this has become a great tradition in our parish, we look forward to this year's reception as we come together and celebrate The Resurrection of Our Lord. Let's come together again on the Feast of Feasts and share the Paschal Joy with one another by enjoying Christian Fellowship and delicious foods. If anyone would like to bring something for the Paschal Meal Reception or for more information on how you can help, please see or contact Fr. Jason, Mat. Katia, Mat. Fran who are organizing the dinner for us.

5) **ARCHPASTORAL VISIT OF HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP MICHAEL**



Sunday May 15, 2022

Meeting of Church School Children with His Eminence Archbishop MICHAEL **9:00 AM**
**In The Parish Fellowship Hall*

The reading of The Hours – **9:10 AM**

Blessing of Renovated Kitchen and Restrooms and Beverage Area – **9:45 AM**

The Children and Altar Servers will lead His Eminence in a procession from the Parish Fellowship Hall to the front entrance of The Church where we will greet him with flowers, bread/salt and Cross.

Entrance and Greeting of His Eminence Archbishop MICHAEL followed by Tonsuring of Drew Constantine Burke to The Rank of Reader and Hierarchical Divine Liturgy – **10:00 AM**

**Awarding of The Palitza to Archpriest Jason Vansuch

**Awarding of Gold Cross and Elevation to Archpriest of Priest Andreja Damjanovski

Festive Luncheon in Parish Fellowship Hall following the Divine Liturgy

Following The Luncheon, there will be an informal meeting with members of The Parish Council with His Eminence Archbishop MICHAEL and Archpriest Alexey Karlgut (Dean of NYS Deanery)



ST. THOMAS SUNDAY – SUNDAY MAY 1, 2022 – ST. THOMAS SUNDAY

Immediately following the Festive Parish Luncheon on the Church and Rectory Property!

For all children of our parish and their families!

Let us come together and celebrate the Glorious Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord and St Thomas Sunday by participating in the Divine Services where we will have Archbishop MICHAEL with us and leading us followed by some Christian Fellowship.

SOME NOTES ABOUT PREPARATIONS FOR HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA



RED PASCHA EGGS

In just one week, we will enter into Holy Week and prepare for the Joyous Celebration of Holy Pascha during which we will be looking for everyone's help in order to get everything ready and prepared to celebrate The Glorious Feast of Our Lord's Resurrection. With that in mind, we will be looking forward to those beautiful Red Eggs from our beloved parishioners.

As is our custom here at St. George's we are asking the parishioners to donate the Red Eggs for Holy Pascha. Please bring your Red Eggs to church on Good Friday or Holy

Saturday and place them in the Refrigerator Cooler in the Parish Hall Kitchen so that we can store them until services on Pascha Night, we would very much appreciate it. The Red Eggs will be blessed following The Paschal Divine Liturgy and they will be distributed following the Paschal Divine Liturgy and again on Sunday Morning following the Paschal Agape Vespers.



GRAVE WATCH and PROCESSIONS

As is a pious custom in some Orthodox Parishes, we watch the Grave of Our Lord when the services are not being celebrated; we pray at the Tomb and watch like the soldiers did. With this in mind, if you or your families would like to watch the Grave of Our Lord on either Good Friday or Holy Saturday, please see or contact Fr. Jason.

We will be having one-hour increments for reading the Psalms on Good Friday and reading the Acts of the Apostles on Holy Saturday. Also, we will need assistance for the Processions on Good Friday and Pascha Night. Please see Fr. Jason if you would like to assist with the Processions.



THE BLESSING OF PASCHAL BASKETS

As is our custom as Orthodox Christians, we will be blessing Paschal Baskets this year on the Feast of Holy Pascha. With this in mind, the Blessing of Baskets will take place following the Paschal Divine Liturgy at midnight on April 24. When we come to church for the Resurrection Services on Holy Saturday Night, please bring our baskets with us and place them on the designated tables in the Parish Fellowship Hall. Following the Paschal Divine Liturgy, we will process into the Parish Fellowship Hall to have the Service for the Blessing of Baskets.

If we are unable to be at the Paschal Divine Liturgy and would like to have our Basket blessed, Fr. Jason will also bless baskets following the Paschal Agape Vespers Service on Pascha Morning at 11:00 AM.