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MYSTERY OF HOLY CONFESSION: Before & after Saturday evening Vespers. Other Sacraments by appointment.

GOING TO THE HOSPITAL? Please notify Father when you are admitted if you want him to visit. Kindly notify Father also when you are discharged.

PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019 DIVINE LITURGY 10:00 AM

**HAVING ENDURED THE PASSION FOR US,
O JESUS CHRIST, SON OF GOD, HAVE MERCY ON US!**

THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM (PALM SUNDAY): Special Antiphons and all Propers can be found on pp. 188-192. The *Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom* is served on this day. There will be *Mirovanije* (festive anointing) and the *distribution of the blessed palm and willow branches* at the end of the Divine Liturgy.

EPISTLE: Philippians 4:4-9. GOSPEL: John 12:1-18.

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

For the week of April 21:

PLEASE REFER to the insert in today's bulletin for the schedule of Divine Services for Great & Holy Week. You will also find the fasting regulations for Holy Week, as well as the times for Confessions, in this insert. *Last day for Confessions is Tuesday.*

YOUR LENTEN REPORT CARD. The season of Great Lent officially ended yesterday, with the coming of Lazarus Saturday. Now an even more intense period of time begins. It is now Great & Holy Week. Looking back on Great Lent, what grade would you get, if you were to receive a report card for Great Lent? Be honest. Unless you were sick or infirm, or worked

24-7, you would receive a "C" if you came to church for **one** weekday Lenten Service per week and went to Confession. That's the average. Anything less than that would not be acceptable, or passing. Please consider the following statements to further evaluate your grade. Some people have made an honest effort and have really tried to have a good Lent, by attending as many Missions and Lenten Services as possible. A number have fasted, prayed and shared of their time and resources with others. Others made a good start, but then allowed the weeds and thorns of everyday life to choke-out the observance of Lent. **Still others, sadly, didn't even seem to bother with Lent. Nothing changed in their lives. The Lenten services were ignored. They didn't come to a single one.** Such a one would get an "F." God will ultimately judge our intentions and excuses for not embarking on the Lenten Journey as we should have. Ready or not, now the most sacred week of the entire year is upon us. There are services **every day** this week, not just on Holy Wednesday and Good Friday. We can still make a good start. Please **post your Holy Week schedule in a prominent place** in your home, and **come to church for all of these moving and inspiring services.** Many of us need to do much better this week than we have done during the season of Great Lent when it comes to church attendance. **We can't celebrate Christ's Holy Resurrection worthily if we have not experienced the Mystical Supper, the Saving Passion, Crucifixion and Death of Our Savior, His Three-Day Burial and His Descent into Hades.** We can still get on track with our spiritual life. Don't let all of your earthly busy-ness and distractions keep you from being with your Savior this week! Your place is in church this week, with Our Blessed Lord! **No excuses!** All the other "stuff" is secondary and can wait! These worldly "things" won't matter one bit when we are called before the dread judgment seat of Christ. Let's get our priorities straight. Ultimately, it's not about getting a grade, but about getting to heaven!

THE ETERNAL LAMP burns with prayers and best wishes for a **Happy Birthday** to **Bill Bella**. Requested by the *Neuharts*.

THE LEFT SIDE ALTAR LAMPS (Prothesis) burn with prayers and best wishes for a **Happy Birthday** to daughter **Joyce**. With love from *Mama*.

THE RIGHT SIDE ALTAR LAMPS (Diakonikon) burn with prayers for **Laney & Anna Ross**. Requested by *Laney & Cindi Ross*.

THE TETRAPOD LAMPS burn with prayers for **Special Intentions**. Requested by *Theresa Reese*.

TODAY'S SUNDAY BULLETIN is sponsored with prayers and best wishes for a **Happy Birthday** to **Daddy**. (April 16) With love from *Owen & Max*.

TODAY is the **LAST DAY** to offer for Easter flowers. Please use the special offering envelopes if you wish to donate an Easter Flower (or Flowers) in memory of a departed loved one and/or with prayers for the health & salvation of the living. **Donation: \$15.00.**

OUR PARISH YOUTH are invited to take part in the **Good Friday Burial Procession** by carrying the **"Instruments of the Passion."** Come to the Vespers on Good Friday! Anyone who would like to **sleep-over** in the church on this night is welcome to do so.

CANDLELIGHT PROCESSIONS will be held during the **Vespers of Good Friday** and the **Resurrection Matins of Holy Saturday**. We will go **outside** if the weather permits. Please be very careful with the lighted tapers. Do not drip wax on the pews or the floor, as this is very difficult to remove. Please be reverent and prayerful during the Processions. This is not a time for frivolity and carrying on a conversation with your neighbor! **PRAY for sunny, warm weather!** It's just not the same if we have to stay inside.

GRAVE WATCH. Please sign-up for at least a **one-hour shift** so that we have continuous coverage at the Tomb of Our Lord from Good Friday evening through Resurrection Matins on Saturday evening. **There are still plenty of Saturday time slots available.** Please sign-up **TODAY** before you leave church.

OUR ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT for the parish youngsters will be held on the church grounds on **Saturday, April 27 at 11:00 AM.**

2019 DIOCESAN YOUNG WOMEN'S ENCOUNTER. Registration is now open for the 6'th Annual Diocesan Young Women's Encounter, which will take place from **Sunday, June 30'th** to **Wednesday, July 3rd, 2019** at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Windber, PA. We encourage our young women, ages 12 to 18 to attend.

The young women will explore how they can live their Orthodox Faith and serve the Church with their own unique gifts. The YWE provides an opportunity for them to spend time in fellowship with each other, have fun and pray together. This year they will spend some time at the Orthodox Monastery of the Holy Transfiguration in Ellwood City, PA.

Registration will be primarily online and is open now! A link to register is at **www.acrod.org**. Space will be limited to the first 30 respondents. Please see **Pan'i** for more info.

OUR PATRIARCHAL PENCE COLLECTION brought in a total of **\$800.00!** Thank you for your generosity. May God bless you!

BLESSED PALM & WILLOW BRANCHES. Today we receive newly-blessed palm and willow branches. These should be taken home, and placed behind your icons on the wall to adorn them. Old palm and willow branches should never be thrown in the trash. They should be buried or burned, and the ashes scattered in a place where people won't walk on them. If you do not have the means to dispose of your old palm and willow branches properly, please bring them to church, and we will take care of them for you.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! We plan to have our annual Saint Thomas Sunday Dinner on the **Sunday of Saint Thomas, May 5** here at the church after the Sunday Divine Liturgy.

CHURCH ATTENDANCE
Saturday Vespers (4/13) — 12
Sunday Divine Liturgy (4/14) — 66
Presanctified Liturgy (4/17) — 20
Saint Nectarios Moleben (4/19) — 25
Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday (4/20) — 13

UPCOMING EVENTS IN 2019
Please mark your calendars now!

Sunday, April 28 — PASCHA.

Sunday, May 5 — SAINT THOMAS SUNDAY. Festive Dinner in the church hall.

Sunday, May 12 — Mother's Day.

Monday, May 13 thru Thursday, May 16 — Senior Citizens' Retreat at Camp Nazareth.

GREAT & HOLY WEEK 2019

Sun., April 21: (6:00 PM) First Bridegroom Service.

Mon., April 22: (6:30 PM) Second Bridegroom Service.

Tues., April 23: (6:30 PM) Third Bridegroom Service.

Wed., April 24: (6:30 PM) Mystery (Sacrament) of Holy Unction.

Thurs., April 25: (9:00 AM) Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great commemorating the *Mystical Supper.*

Thurs., April 25: (6:30 PM) Service of the Twelve Passion Gospels.

Fri., April 26: (9:00 AM) Royal Hours for Great and Holy Friday.

Fri., April 26: (7:00 PM) Vespers for Good Friday & the Burial Service of Our Lord. Procession with the Plašcanitsa (Burial Shroud of Christ) to the Grave.

Sat., April 27: (9:00 AM) Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great commemorating the *Descent of Christ into Hades.*

Sat., April 27: (9:00 PM) Resurrection Matins.

HOLY PĀSGHĀ (Easter Sunday), April 28:

10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for the Great Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ (*HOLY PASCHA*). The Artos will be blessed at the conclusion of the Paschal Service. There will be Mirovanije (festive anointing) and distribution of Red Eggs at the end of the Divine Liturgy. BLESSING of Paschal Food Baskets on the church lawn (*weather permitting*).

6:00 PM: Agape Vespers.

HOLY WEEK CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 21: NO Confessions *after* the Palm Sunday Liturgy.
NO Confessions *before* the First Bridegroom Service.
YES Confessions *after* the First Bridegroom Service.

Monday, April 22: *5:30 - 6:15 PM*; & again *after* the Second Bridegroom Service.

Tuesday, April 23: *5:30 - 6:15 PM*; & again *after* the Third Bridegroom Service.

These are your *last chances* to go to Confession before Pascha! All Confessions each year should be completed *before* the Unction Service on Holy Wednesday (April 24). Please take heed and plan accordingly! *If you have not come to Confession during Lent, you should not receive Holy Communion on Pascha.* Of course, this does not apply to little children who have not made their First Holy Confession yet.

FASTING REGULATIONS FOR HOLY WEEK

1. **Meat and meat products** may not be eaten during the *entirety* of Great & Holy Week, namely April 22 through April 27.
2. Great & Holy Friday (April 26) AND Great & Holy Saturday (April 27) are days of *Strict Abstinence*. **NO meat or dairy products** are permitted on these days.
3. The infirm and sick are not bound by the fast at any time. Those who must receive medications may do so, as directed, and still receive Holy Communion.

HAVE A *TRULY* GREAT AND HOLY WEEK!
Be with your Lord in His Passion, Death and Resurrection!