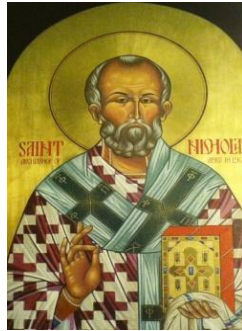


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SUNDAY APRIL 1, 2018 - PALM SUNDAY

PARISH CALENDAR

Sunday April 1 – Palm Sunday (with the blessing and distribution of willows and palms)

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

Hymns (Blue Pew Book) – pp. 188-191

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel: John 12:1-18

TODAY (April 1st, 2018) –
collection to benefit Saint
John the Compassionate
Mission as part of the 2018
Youth Lenten Project

Holy Monday, April 2

5:00 PM – 5:45 PM --- Confessions

6:00 PM – Bridegroom Matins

Holy Tuesday, April 3

5:00 PM – 5:45 PM --- Confessions

6:00 PM – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Holy Wednesday, April 4

5:00 PM – 5:45 PM --- Confessions

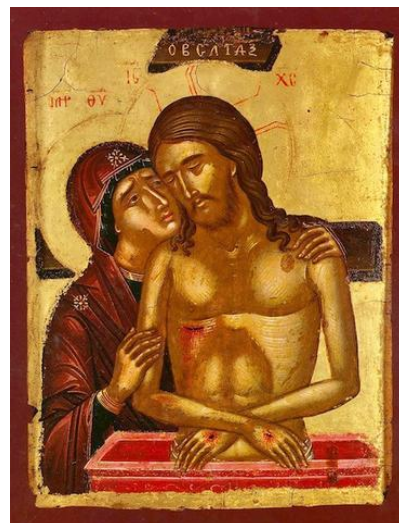
6:00 PM – Unction Service

Holy Thursday, April 5

9:00 AM – Vespertal Liturgy of Saint Basil

5:00 PM – 5:45 PM --- Confessions

6:00 PM – The Twelve Gospels



Friday April 6 – Great and Holy Friday

5:00 PM – 5:45 PM --- *Confessions*

6:00 PM – *Vespers* (The Burial Service; including a procession with the Burial Shroud around the church)

Saturday, April 7 – Holy Saturday (also this year The Feast of the Annunciation)

9:00 AM – *Vespertine Liturgy of Saint Basil*

11:00 AM – 12:00 Noon --- *Confessions*

8:00 PM – *Resurrection Matins* (with a procession around the church at the beginning as well as the blessing of Easter baskets after the service has concluded – NOTE: no baskets will be blessed on Sunday. Thank you for your understanding!)

Sunday, April 8 – PASCHA (PLEASE NOTE: NO Confessions will be heard on Pascha. Thank you!)

9:30 AM – Paschal Divine Liturgy (followed by a procession around the church)

Blue Pew Book – hymns pp. 193-196

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8 Gospel: John 1:1-17

Please Keep in Your Prayers

Living : Fr. Lawrence Barriger. Fr. Michael Polanichka. Fr. John Gido. Fr. George Hutnyan. Fr. James Gleason. Fr. Tom Kadlec. Fr. George Dursa. Fr. Jonathan Tobias. Fr. Michael Rustick. Fr. John Baranik. Fr. Nicholas Wyborski. Fr. John Zboyovski. Fr. Robert E. Lucas. Deacon James Phifer. Pani Donna Smoley. Pani Linda Barriger. Pani Constance Miloro. Pani Amy George. Pani Peggy Teklinski. Reese: Eric, Tamsen, James, Gineva, Benjamin, and Thomas. Stephen Barnett. Ann Richardson. Joseph Kacaba. Lorraine Kacaba. Lovie Swingle. Stephanie Bonk. Bill Wassel. Owen Bonn. Gloria Bracey. Susan Danchak. Michael Danchak. Jada Eiden. Madelyn Hodanich. Margaret Skotlewski. John Hrywnak. Johnny Huniyack. Anna Mae Kuklis. Maryann Ludwig. Rose Markiewicz. Mary Phillips. Karen Rolka. JoyAnn Scarnato. Amy Shimo. Russell Spilka. Rita Sher. Jeff Thomas. Janet Pugh. Elizabeth Dutko. AnnMarie Tigue. Gary Wassel. Michael Coviello. Mary Kay Wroblewski.

At home : Michael Andreosky. Ann Richardson. Anna Senich.

Assisted Living : Marion Sosnowski. Delores Naglak. Susan Danchak.

Eternal light : In memory of Denise Sovitch given by Laurence Czibik.

Parish Life

FILL UP THE BREADBASKETS OF NEPA!

Please remember those families who rely upon food donations to help make ends meet! We have a food donation container in the Church Hall, and ***we need your help*** to fill this container with non-perishable food items: cans, dry goods, etc.

“Then the King will say to those on His right hand, ‘Come, you blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: **for I was hungry and you gave Me food...**”

YOUR GIFTS TO GOD AND OUR CHURCH:

March 25, 2018

\$347.00	General Collection
\$71.00	7 Day Light
\$117.00	IOCC
\$7.00	Eternal Light
\$40.00	Flowers
\$520.00	Paint Class
\$1,102.00	Total Collection

PARISH NEWS

- The **Men's Club meeting** has been rescheduled to **Sunday April 22** immediately following Liturgy.
- The **Altar Society meeting** has been rescheduled to **Sunday April 29** immediately following Liturgy.
- **Church School** will be held on **Sunday April 15** and **Sunday April 29** immediately following Liturgy.
- The **Parish Board** will meet on **Sunday April 15** immediately following Liturgy.
- **We have arrived at HOLY WEEK, and are about to walk with Christ to His life-saving passion and sacrificial death on the cross!** Do your best to make the services this week! Furthermore, the Church calls us to increase our fasting during Holy Week (remember that **Good Friday is a day of strict fast**). Also, in order to remain members of the Orthodox Church and therefore of this parish **in good standing, WE MUST COME TO CONFESSION AND COMMUNION AT LEAST ONCE during the Lenten Season.** PLEASE DON'T WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE!

Thank You!

I would like to personally thank and extend my sincerest gratitude to:

All those who helped with and contributed to our Deanery Lenten Mission last Sunday afternoon!

All those who made our Pirohi-making season such a great success! We really rely on this fundraiser to support the church, and so I am truly grateful for all those who help keep it going.

All the members of the Men's Club who helped make our Kolachi Sale such a success! {There are still a few left for sale.}

All the participants and donors who made our Paint Night Fundraiser a success! We made a profit of \$340.00.

May the good Lord bless you always!

- "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few" (Luke 10:2)

NEWS AROUND THE DIOCESE / DEANERY

- **Diocesan Senior Citizens Retreat** at Camp Nazareth! Our Diocese is pleased to offer its first annual Senior Citizens' Retreat this year from April 23-25 at Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA, for all Seniors age 65 and older. Join His Grace Bishop Gregory for 3 days of fellowship, prayer, and rejuvenation. For more information, visit www.acrod.org or see Father Daniel.
- **Young Adult Spring Retreat** – Friday May 4, 2018 to Sunday May 6, 2018 at Camp Nazareth in Mercer, PA. Topic: GOD'S PLAN... YOUR PLAN... WILL IT EVER MAKE SENSE? Keynote speakers: His Grace, Bishop Gregory of Nyssa, and Stephen Christoforou. Register online at: pittsburgh.goarch.org/ya. For questions or more info please visit youngadultsretreats@gmail.com or phone (724) 662-4840 or (412) 621-8543.
- JOHNSTOWN, PA -- [Diocesan Chancery] - Plans are now in place for the **FIFTH Annual Diocesan Young Women's Encounter** which will take place from Sunday, July 1st to Wednesday, July 4th, 2018 at Saints Peter and Paul Church in Windber, PA. We encourage our young women, ages 12 to 18 to attend. This engaging experience will highlight how young women can live our Orthodox Faith and serve the Church with their own unique gifts. This year we will particularly be focusing on prayer, with the Mother of God as a model for all Orthodox Christians, and the verse Romans 12:12, "... rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation and continuing steadfastly in prayer..."

Registration will be primarily online like last year and will be open soon. A link will be placed on the home page at www.acrod.org when registration opens. Space will be limited to the first thirty respondents, so participants are urged to register in a timely manner. Registration Deadline is Friday, June 8, 2018. All parishes of the Diocese are urged to underwrite the \$100.00 participation fee for their young women in recognition of all the ways that these young women serve their parishes. Kindly have registration fees paid by the registration deadline. Checks can be sent to:

Young Women's Encounter
66 Beach Street
Rockaway, NJ 07866

Questions about the event may be directed to Pani Eleni Stagon at acrodywe@gmail.com or by calling (973) 627-1462.

NEWS AROUND THE SCRANTON COMMUNITY

Father Myron Myronyuk and his Parish Family of Scranton's Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will conduct their annual Easter Dinner "Sviachene" celebration on Sunday, April 15, 2018, beginning at 12:15pm in the Parish Center at 428 North Seventh Avenue. Dinner will consist of Ukrainian borshch, ham, kolbasa, red horseradish, holubchy, potato salad, rye bread, rolls, dessert and beverages. Takeouts available by advance order - must be picked up promptly between 11:30am and 12 noon. A theme basket and 50/50 raffle will be available. Admission: \$13.00 adults; \$8.00 students; age 5 and under free. Advance reservations only - no tickets at the door. For reservations contact Maria Black at [570 503-1514](tel:5705031514). Deadline is Monday, April 9.

CHRIST'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

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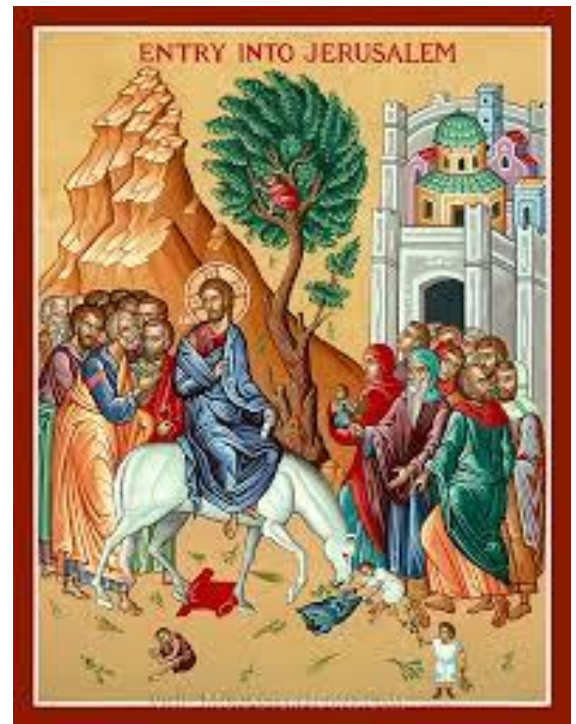
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Tropar - Tone 4

We have been buried with You through baptism, O Christ our God, * and we have become worthy of immortal life by Your Resurrection. * So we cry out to You: * "Hosanna in the highest! * Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord."

Kondak - Tone 6

In heaven You are carried upon a throne; * on earth You rode upon a colt, O Christ our God. * You received the praise of angels and the hymns of children crying out to You: * "Blessed is He Who came to restore Adam."



“ 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 a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey” (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. ”