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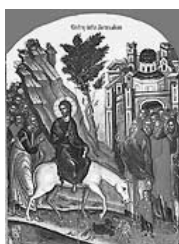
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Holy Week and Pascha 2007



April 1st: Entry of Our Lord Into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) Commemorating Venerable Mary of Egypt, Venerable Evfimii of Suzdal, Martyr Abraham of Bulgaria, Venerable Gerontius of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves), Venerable Macarius, and Martyrs Gerontius and Basilides. Righteous Achaza.

Readings:

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel: John 12:1-18

8:00 a.m.—Orthodox Radio on AM 720 WW II

9:00 a.m.—Church School Classes for Students & Adults; Prayers of Repentance; Confessions

9:30 a.m.—Prayers of Repentance; Confessions

10:00 a.m.—Distribution of palms, pussy willow branches and daffodils; Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, Sermon, Student and Senior A cappella Choirs

11:45 a.m.—Fellowship

7:00 p.m.—Bridegroom Matins

April 8th: Holy Pascha, The Resurrection of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (Beginning of the Pentecostarion).



Commemorating the Holy Apostles of the Seventy: Herodion, Agabus, Asyncritus, Rufus, Phiegon, Hermes and those with them; St. Niphon, Bishop of Novgorod, Venerable Rufus the Obedient of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves); Martyr Pausilippus of Heraclea and Saint Celestine, Pope of Rome. The Spanish Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos.

Readings:

Epistle: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-8

Gospel: Saint John 1:1-17

FAST FREE WEEK

1:00 a.m.—Divine Liturgy

3:00 a.m.—Blessing of food baskets and agape feast

8:00 a.m.—Orthodox Radio on AM 720 WW II,

1:00 p.m.—Paschal Vespers

5:00 p.m.—Orthodox Radio on AM 720 WW II

Calendar:

Apr 2, Mon: *Passion Week begins*—Bridegroom Matins—7 p.m.

Apr 3, Tue: *Great & Holy Tuesday* Holy Unction—7 p.m.

Apr 4, Wed: *Great & Holy Wednesday* Confessions—7 a.m.; Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy—7:30 a.m.; Holy Unction Service in Coaldale—7 p.m.

Apr 5, Thu: *Great & Holy Thursday* Confessions—9 a.m.; Divine Liturgy—9:30 a.m.; Matins with Twelve Gospel Readings—7 p.m.

Apr 6, Fri: *Great & Holy Friday—Strict Fast;* Royal Hours—9 a.m.; Vespers—3:30 p.m.; Matins, Procession, Confessions, Grave Watching—7:30 p.m.

Apr 7, Sat: *Great & Holy Saturday—Strict Fast;* Two Adult Baptisms—9 a.m.; Divine Liturgy—10:30 a.m.; Nocturns, Procession, Paschal Matins, Divine Liturgy, and Agape Meal—11:30 p.m.

Apr 8, Sun: *Paschal Sunday*—720 AM Radio—8 a.m.; Paschal Vespers—1:00 p.m.; 720 AM Radio—5 p.m.

Apr 9, Mon: *Bright Week*—Paschal Divine Liturgy—9:30 a.m.; Men's Club Meeting—7:30 p.m.

Apr 10, Tue: *Bright Tuesday*—Paschal Divine Liturgy—9:30 a.m. at St. Tikhon's Monastery

Apr 12, Thu: *Bright Thursday*—"O" Club Meeting—7 p.m.

Apr 14, Sat: *Bright Saturday*—Paschal Vespers—7 p.m.

Apr 15, Sun: *St. Thomas Sunday*—720 AM Radio—8:00 a.m.; Church School—9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy—10:00 a.m.; Fellowship—11:45 a.m.; Blessing of the Graves at Churchville Cemetery in Oberlin—1:30 p.m.

Apr 19, Thu: Pan-Orthodox Bible Study at Holy Trinity Cathedral

Apr 20, Fri: Parish Council Meeting—7 p.m.; F.O.C.A. National Basketball Tournament in Pittsburgh begins

Apr 21, Sat: Vespers—7 p.m.

Apr 22, Sun: Myrrhbearing Women—720 AM Radio—8:00 a.m.; Church School—9:00 a.m.; Divine Liturgy—10:00 a.m.; Fellowship—11:45 a.m.

Today's Prayers: *Please remember those mentioned here in your daily prayers in the morning and in the evening, at home and in church. The detailed prayer list is published once a month in the parish mailing. However, the names will be mentioned during the Liturgy of Preparation every Sunday. Parishioners are urged to update or delete their prayer listings.*



Those Ailing: Archpriest Igor Soroka, Donora, PA; Daria Kostylev; John Pusey; Tony Macinanti friend of Lydia Mantle; Steve Fecho; Joseph Parson; Stanley Seitzinger; Fr. John Onofrey; Mary Guise, hospitalized, friend of John R. Barns; Ruth Rogoff, neighbor and friend of Katharine Macut; Anastasia Volk, niece of Evelyn Krempasky and her newborn child William Nicholas; Helen Osuch; Lucy Koloski; Barbara Toporcer, aunt of Dorothy Sysak; Margaret Olaf; Margaret Yawkey—Hershey Medical Center; Robert Michael Snyder, brother of Evelyn & George Krempasky; Nancy Sheaffer and William Sheaffer; Mary Hoffman; John Fatich; Roberta Cona; John Caba; Carol Boyer; Alex Kuzupas; Mary Essock; Nina Shvartsakh; Joe Krajsa; Eva Kondratick; Tanner Carmen; Alexander Galvin; Gregory Burch;

Health and well-being of: SSG Kevin Leonhard in Iraq, friend of the Hancher's; Andrea Atkins, Brianna Atkins, Anna Thompson; Michael Egan, Anna Doray's son-in-law, who is being deployed to Iraq; Nicholas Serio, in Iraq; Katherine Pilc; Russ Sass;

Newly Departed from This Life:

Peter King, brother-in-law of Carl Polansky; Eugene Telep; John Oleska—Mar 14th, Camp Hill; Helen Sass, 92, Wiconisco—Mar 1st, Reid Danfora, 16, Columbia, son of Donna (Essis) Danfora;

Anniversaries of Those Departed from This Life:

George Spaseff celebrated his birthday on **March 18th**.
Mary Hubiak Sysak, mother of Harry Sysak, April 1st is the 33rd anniversary;
Paraskevia Latanishen, grandmother of Bill Kuchta, April 1st is the 64th anniversary
Richard Kalenak, nephew of Anna Doray, April 2nd is the 2nd anniversary;
Samuel Sumple, father of Basil Sumple, April 5th is the 23rd anniversary;
Neoma Dorosh, April 5th is the 22nd anniversary;
Christine McKeown, April 6th is the 1st anniversary;

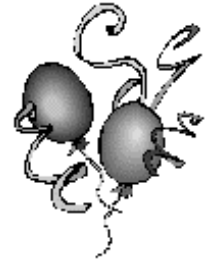
John Mester, uncle and godfather of Judy Webb, April 7th is the 4th anniversary;
Alexander Prisley, brother of Matushka Theodora, April 7th is the 2nd anniversary;
Betty Rudd, Aunt of Barbara Norato, April 8th is the 1st anniversary;
Protodeacon Basil Hubiak, brother of Matushka Olga Kovach, April 9th is the 5th anniversary;
Nasra S. Shunnara, April 10th is the 33rd anniversary;
Julianna S. Farrow, April 12th is the 2nd anniversary;

Candle Offerings: (We do not use decorated candles during Lent and Holy Week)

Seven Day Eternal Lamp Votive Candles is offered for **Elena Manura**, mother of Helen Yannone.

Many Years (Names for the singing of "MANY YEARS" after the Sunday Divine Liturgy will be accepted for publication in the weekly bulletin. Please email ctsocahbg@aol.com with the information.)

Katharine Macut will celebrate her birthday on **April 1st**.
Alexandra Hebda will celebrate her birthday on **April 4th**.
Hannah Zerat will celebrate her birthday on **April 7th**.
Patti Bromley will celebrate her birthday on **April 8th**.
Dan and Kristen Seitz will celebrate their 19th wedding anniversary on **April 8th**.
Andrea Zart will celebrate her birthday on **April 10th**.
Shirley Hathaway will celebrate her birthday on **April 11th**.
Olivia Grace Drozd will celebrate her birthday on **April 13th**.
Dr. Petru Sandu will celebrate his birthday on **April 14th**.



TODAYS NEWS

ON SUNDAY, MARCH 18th, a film was shown to the youth and parents following fellowship hour. Greisha Resselar set up the showing of the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. Fr. Seraphim explained the symbols that the characters represented. A photo was taken with Fr. Seraphim and the children following the film. Refreshments included popcorn, pretzels, and a Turkish delight. Thanks to all who participated. The film discussion continued for the adults on Sat. Mar 24th, following Divine Liturgy, with Fr. Seraphim. The film and story was referred to as a parable depicting our life and destiny as Christians, struggling with powerful forces. The great Lion, Aslan, returns to Narnia, the land where it was always winter, but never Christmas and the power of the evil white witch is overcome as the Lion Aslan is resurrected from death and spring and new life returns to Narnia.

RESERVE your Decorated Candles now for Pascha; April 8th. The donation is \$10 each. Please see the sign up sheet in the church office.

PIROGI'S are available today (April 1st)! The cost is \$5 for 1 dozen! Please see John Dotsey or Ron Hancher today during the Fellowship Hour.

DEAR FRIENDS: Thank you for the blessing of your recent gift. Are you aware of the meaning of the word blessing? It basically means praise or approval. It is given by God. We can trust Him to always care about us, no matter what. That is

one reason Our Lord came here. The word we use in English, 'blessing', has its roots in the Old English word, 'bloedsian'- 'sprinkling something with blood,' thus setting it apart. This was a Pagan ritual. With the dawn of Christianity, it was used to translate the Latin 'Benedicere', to say well [bene=good dicere=to say], thus we use the word 'blessing', [Greek: Evlogein, Slavonic: 'Blagoslovo' meaning to say a good word; and it is the same in most languages. We are in need of blessings. Often, we only hear (and often tell ourselves too) negative things about ourselves and our surroundings. God loves us and we are His creatures. God also sees charity and rewards it with His presence. We bless God and humanly bless you in Him! Isn't it nice to be blessed? My family and I bless you as well. We found ourselves in a desperate financial situation due to our many needs, medical and other. As soon as I made my need known, you responded. Many of you do not even know me/us, and yet as 'Good Samaritans', when you heard my plea for help, you came to our aid. We are not able to help ourselves (financially) and when I asked God for help, he helped us through you! You are His 'hands' in this drafty world.

Sincerely, Fr. Michael and M. Janet Mihalick, 323 Nees Avenue, Johnstown, PA 15904 — Mjm121@atlanticbb.net

P.S. If you did not do so already, please send me your email as I must 'peck' as I can't write. I am right-handed, but lost use of that hand and peck with my left!

PARISH NEWS

CHILDRENS' POSTERS IN PARISH HALL: Come look at the posters done by our children of the "2nd, 3rd and 4th grade" Sunday School class. *Selected Feast Days through the Church Year.*

PASCHA TRANSFORMS WOLFMAN TOM books are available at the candle desk. Take one—Read it and Return!

THE SLEEPING BEAUTY BALLET, with performances at the Whitaker Center on April 1st at 2:00pm. **Marisa Montany** and **Rachael Gaither** are performing in this ballet

SALES DESK: The Sales Desk is open every week after Liturgy during fellowship hour. The following items are always

available: Christ the Saviour Church Icon Books, Icon cards, 35th Anniversary commemorative ornaments, and our parish cookbook. An assortment of icons and crosses are available in many price ranges, as well as auto shrines, prayer books, greeting cards, CDs and cassettes, and assorted gift items. Copies of the book "Do Something Beautiful for God" by Fr. Conaris being used by the Adult Church School class are also available.

THE NATIONAL F.O.C.A. BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT will be held in Pittsburgh, April 20-22. Joshua Di Florio and Nicholas Schilling are the coaches this year. Practices will be held weather permitting during the fellowship hour.

FUTURE EVENTS

APRIL 9th, Mon: Men's Club meeting at **7:30 p.m.**

APRIL 19th, Thur: Holy Annunciation Orthodox Church, 1228 Second Ave., Berwick, PA, is hosting Choir of Valans from Island Valaam, Russia. Admission is free but a free will offering will be taken. Light refreshments will be served in the church hall following the concert.

MAY 1st, Tue: St. Mary's Altar Guild Pirogi making at 8:30 a.m.

MAY 3rd, Thu: St. Mary's Altar Guild meeting, Thurs. May 3, at 6:30 p.m.

MAY 15th, Tue: St. Mary's Altar Guild Pirogi making at 8:30 a.m.

MAY 30th, Wed: St. Mary's Altar Guild Nut roll and kiefli baking at 8:30 a.m.

JUNE 1st, Fri: Food Festival Preparation at 8:30 a.m.

JUNE 2nd, Sat: Food Festival Preparation at 8:00 a.m.

JUNE 3rd, Sun: Mark your calendar for the Annual Ethic Food Festival!



A YARD SALE: There will be a Yard Sale at our parish hall on **Saturday, July 14**. Donations are being sought - please NO clothing *except* children's clothing or adult jeans. All donations can be dropped off at the Parish Hall a week or two prior to the event and please mark items "Yard Sale". (Please bring all items by **Sunday July 9th**.) We will also need baked goods on the day of the yard sale to be sold. Thank you in advance for your support.

Entry 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.

Holy Pascha—The Resurrection of Our Lord

Enjoy ye all the feast of faith; receive ye all the riches of loving-kindness. (Sermon of St John Chrysostom, read at Paschal Matins)

The resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead is the center of the Christian faith. St Paul says that if Christ is not raised from the dead, then our preaching and faith are in vain (I Cor. 15:14). Indeed, without the resurrection there would be no Christian preaching or faith. The disciples of Christ would have remained the broken and hopeless band which the Gospel of John describes as being in hiding behind locked doors for fear of the Jews. They went nowhere and preached nothing until they met the risen Christ, the doors being shut (John 20: 19). Then they touched the wounds of the nails and the spear; they ate and drank with Him. The resurrection became the basis of everything they said and did (Acts 2-4): ". . . for a spirit has not flesh and bones as you see that I have" (Luke 24:39).

The resurrection reveals Jesus of Nazareth as not only the expected Messiah of Israel, but as the King and Lord of a new Jerusalem: a new heaven and a new earth.

Then I was a new heaven and a new earth. . . the holy city, new Jerusalem. And I heard a great voice from the throne saying "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people. . . He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away (Rev. 21:1-4).

In His death and resurrection, Christ defeats the last enemy, death, and thereby fulfills the mandate of His Father to subject all things under His feet (I Cor. 15:24-26).

Unhappy Anniversary — Fifty Years since Roth v. United States

The National Tragedy of the Supreme Court's Misjudgment on Obscenity by Daniel Mark Cohen

When the Founding Fathers ratified the First Amendment, they chose to express the free speech provision in figurative terms: "*Congress shall make no law...abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press.*"

The same rule of law rendered literally is: "*Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of [the spoken word], or the [printed word].*" Certainly, in adopting the First Amendment, the Founding Fathers did not mean: "*Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom to distribute photographs and motion pictures of women engaged in various acts of prostitution.*" And yet, in effect, the latter proposition is precisely the rule of law established and upheld by the United States Supreme Court over the past five decades.

The First Amendment was conceived, composed, and ratified to protect *words*, the exclusive medium by which human beings translate political and social ideas into communicable language. That is to say, the word "speech" as used in the First Amendment is properly defined almost exclusively in terms of *words*. In *contrast*, pictures do not constitute a form of speech, although to degree such images serve to advance political and social ideas, and so, appeal to a man's Reason, they are properly classified as a variant form of speech. The political cartoon, a unique hybrid of word and image, is the clearest example. But pornography, that is, photographic representations of women engaged in acts of prostitution, created to appeal, not to a man's Reason, but rather to excite and advance his sexual desire, is not a form of speech, and so, is not properly entitled to protection by the First Amendment. ~published in the National Review

Let us be satisfied simply with what sustains our present life, not with what pampers it. Let us pray to God for this, as we have been taught, so that we may keep our souls unenslaved and absolutely free from domination by any of the visible things loved for the sake of the body. Let us show that we eat for the sake of living, and not be guilty of living for the sake of eating. The first is a sign of intelligence; the second, proof of its absence. ~St. Maximus the Confessor