

**Our Vision: *To know and love Christ, sharing His love with others***

April 5th, 2015

Tomorrow we begin **Holy Week** where we re-live, and participate in the events of the last days of Christ's life on earth. These include his betrayal, his surrender to the Father's will in the Garden of Gethsemane, the Last Supper, his passion, crucifixion, and burial. We will read many passages of scripture that deal with these events in the life of Christ. And the hymns and prayers will often present an in-depth meditation on what these events mean. Our Lord Jesus underwent all of this voluntarily for us and for our salvation. It is **because of these events** that we have the hope of salvation and eternal life. Remember that Christ died for our sins. And he did it all out of his boundless love for people and God's desire that we be with him in Paradise forever and ever! What grace! What mercy! What love!

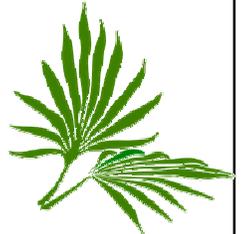
Some of the benefits of truly entering into Holy Week by attending as many church services as is reasonably possible – is that it is hoped that you will grow in your understanding of all that God has done for you in Christ, and grow in your love for Christ, and also grow in your understanding of God's love for you. This is not merely mental. It represents a spiritual growth. A deep entering into spiritual communion with our Savior, and a deep entering into the spiritual reality of all those things he did for us, which also includes an entering into all the benefits which he won for us. Holy Week represents a unique opportunity to truly grow in Christ, and to truly grow in our salvation.



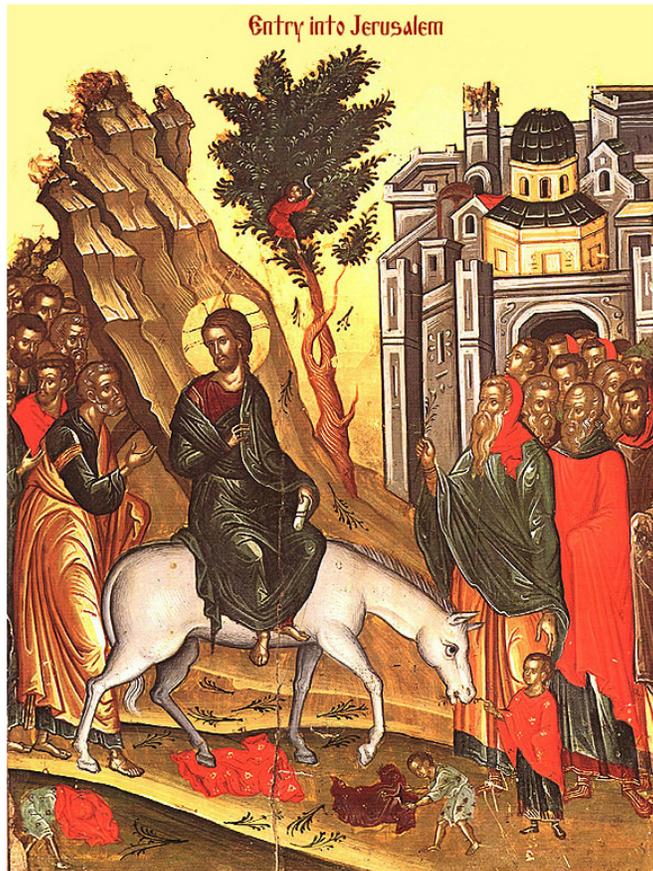
The colors in the church will be



**Today's commemorated feasts and saints**  
**ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. PALM SUNDAY.** Martyrs Agathopodes the Deacon, Theodulus the Reader, and those with them, at Thessalonica (ca. 303). Ven. Publius of Egypt (4th c.). Ss. Theonas, Simeon and Phorbinus, of Egypt (4th c.). Ven. Mark the Anchorite, of Athens (400). St. Plato the Confessor, of Studion (814). Ven. Theodora of Thessalonica (892). Translation of the Relics of St. Job, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (1652).



black for Holy Week, the week of Christ's passion. Black is the color of mourning. This will present a stark contrast with the glorious white of Pascha – the resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ. In fact, it is **in the contrast**, that the utter gloriousness of Pascha shines forth. Pascha (Easter) is not just another day! It is life from the grave! It is the most glorious day of them all – the day of the victory of our God, the victory of Jesus Christ – and our victory in him!



It is my hope for you all to have a truly blessed Holy Week. That we may all truly grow together in our Lord Jesus. When you cannot make it to church, please take a few moments to lift up your hearts to God and pray, and to meditate on the events of that day. Finally, it is my hope that we all celebrate a joyous Pascha together next week, and that we all truly participate in the eternal life that shone forth from the grave! That we truly participate in, and be united to the risen Christ, our only Savior and Lord! Glory be to Jesus Christ! His glory be forever!

Fr Stacey



# Announcements

Thanks to all the recyclers out there! We have collected and recycled enough aluminum over the past few months to raise \$71. This money goes directly into our Support an Orphan collection and is enough to make our pledge to them complete for a month and a half as we have pledged \$50 per month to the Hogar Raphael Ayau Orphanage in Guatemala. Cans and aluminum can be deposited into the green box by the back door.

# Happy Birthday

## April

Vera Rippert  
Andrew Archer  
Bailey Comfort  
Julie Gall  
Katherine Tillman

# May God Grant You Many Years

### UPDATED GREAT LENT AND HOLY WEEK 2015 SCHEDULE

\*Vespers and Divine Liturgy on Saturday and Sunday are not included on the schedule below.

#### HOLY WEEK

Monday April 6 –Holy Monday–Bridegroom Matins 6:30 pm  
Tuesday April 7–Holy Tuesday–Bridegroom Matins 6:30pm  
Wednesday April 8 – Holy Wednesday – Bridegroom Matins 6:30 pm  
Thursday April 9 – Holy Thursday – Vespers and Liturgy of St Basil 9:30 am  
Reading of the 12 Gospels 6:30 pm  
Friday April 10 Holy Friday – Royal Hours 9:00 am & Decorating of Tomb  
Vespers 12:00 noon  
Lamentations 6:30 pm  
Saturday April 11 – Holy Saturday – Vespers and Liturgy of St Basil 11:00 am  
Sunday April 12 – **PASCHA** – Vigil begins at 11:30 pm Saturday night!  
Paschal Vespers 12 noon

## WELCOME VISITORS!

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed in your time with us! Regarding participation in the Lord's Supper, Holy Communion is treated with the utmost respect and reverence in the Orthodox Church, and it is the rule that only practicing Orthodox Christians may receive it. Our non-Orthodox guests are welcome, however, to participate with us in any other way they may desire, and are welcome to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy.

### Please Join us for Coffee Hour after Divine Liturgy in the Social Hall!



If this is your first visit to our parish, we welcome you and invite you to return as often as you are able. For those interested in learning more about Orthodox Christianity please ask any of our church community – or feel free to contact Fr Stacey. Our parish library is available for your reading interests. Children are welcome to join church school classes after liturgy.

### CONFESSIONS

Fr Stacey can usually hear confessions after any weekday service or after Saturday Vespers. He is also available by appointment, or during his regular office hours.

#### Mission Statement:

Bringing the love of Christ to our community through prayer, worship, fellowship, discipleship, service, and outreach within the tradition of historic Orthodox Christianity.

#### This Week:

Today  
**Hours** 9:10 AM  
**Divine Liturgy** 9:30 AM  
**Coffee Hour** 11:30 AM  
**Church School** 11:45 AM

#### Holy Monday

**Bridegroom Matins** 6:30 PM

#### Holy Tuesday

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#### Holy Wednesday

**Bridegroom Matins** 6:30 PM

#### Holy Thursday

**Vespers and Liturgy** 9:30 AM

**Reading of 12 Gospels** 6:30 PM

#### Friday

**Royal Hours** 9:00 AM

**Vespers** Noon

**Lamentations** 6:30 PM

#### Saturday

**Vespers and Liturgy** 11:00 AM

**Paschal Vigil** 11:30 PM

#### Next Sunday

### PASCHA!

**Matins & Hours** 12:00 AM

**Divine Liturgy** 1:00 AM

**FEAST** 2:30 AM

**Paschal Vespers** 12:00 AM

**Easter Egg Hunt** 1:30 PM

Going to miss a service? Listen online to our Divine Liturgy and other Orthodox Christian Teachings INBN.net

#### Coffee Hour Schedule

**APRIL 5** HUBA, WAGSTER, KOSITA, ARCHER

**APRIL 12** PASCHA

**APRIL 19** VORKAPICH, HOFFMAN, MANOS, MANOS

**APRIL 26** KRAJCI, MILLER, MATHEWSON, RICHTER

**MAY 3** CROSTON, FEDORKO, BRANDON, POWELL

**MAY 10** WESCOTT, ROMANO (MOTHER'S DAY)

**MAY 17** KKW, KISHA, MONAHAN, KOSITA

