
St. Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church

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Sunday April 12, 2020 ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. Palm Sunday . St. Basil the Confessor, Bishop of Parium (8th c.). Hieromartyr Zeno, Bishop of Verona (ca. 260). Ven. Isaac the Syrian, Abbot of Spoleto (550). Monastic Martyrs Menas, David, and John, of Palestine (7th c.). Venerable Anthusa of Constantinople (801). Ven. Athanasia, Abbess, of Aegina (860). Ven. Acacius the Younger, of Kavso-kalyvia (Mt. Athos – 1730).

This Week's Online Schedule

Today 4/12 Family Feast Day Fun 11:00 a.m. / Sunday School (ages 5 to 6) 11:30 a.m. & Sunday School (ages 7 to 10) 1:00 p.m.

Holy Monday 4/13 Bridegroom Matins 6:30 p.m.

Holy Tuesday 4/14 Bridegroom Matins 6:30 p.m.

Holy Wednesday 4/15 *Study Group 10:00 a.m.*

Little Angels 5:30 p.m.

Bridegroom Matins 6:30 p.m.

Parish Council Meeting 8:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday 4/16 Matins w/ Reading of Passion Gospels 6:30 p.m.

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Holy Saturday 4/18 Vespers w/ Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Nocturnes & Paschal Matins 9:00 p.m.

Great and Holy Pascha Sunday 4/19

Paschal Divine Liturgy 9:00 a.m.

Please Note all Services and Groups will meet Online

Hymns and Prayers

Antiphon 1 (Ps 114/115)

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

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us! (sung after each of the following verses)

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

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

I suffered distress and anguish, so I called upon the Name of the Lord. *R*

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

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

Antiphon 2 (Ps 115/116)

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

Refrain: O Son of God, seated on the colt of an ass, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia! (sung after each of the following verses)

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

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. *R*

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

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. *No refrain.*

(*"Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God ... "*)

Antiphon 3 (Ps 117/118)

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

Tone 1 Troparion

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.”

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 ...”

(After the Entrance)

Tone 1 Troparion

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.”

Tone 4 Troparion

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!”

Tone 6 Kontakion

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!”

(The Trisagion is sung)

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

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!*

Epistle Philippians 4:4-9

*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.*

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

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

Gospel John 12:1-18

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.

This Week's Announcements

Update on St. Michael's Liturgical Life The Holy Synod of Bishops has decided to extend the suspension of liturgical services until April 30th, 2020. For the time being we will continue with online services as much as possible. All Holy Week and Pascha services will be streamed online. Please look to your email or our parish web site for ongoing updates.

Holy Week is Here! We will be serving an online only schedule at St. Michael's for Holy Week and Pascha. During Holy Week the Church commemorates our Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem, His Betrayal, Trial, Crucifixion, and Resurrection. Tomorrow evening we begin the Holy Week schedule with Bridegroom Matins at 6:30 p.m. We will offer ***Online Schedule***

Bridegroom Matins Mon.4/13, Tue. 4/14, and Wed. 4/15 at 6:30 p.m.

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Bright Week we will go back to Saturday Vespers at 5:00 p.m. and Sunday the Typika service & Molieben at 9:00 a.m. These services can be found on our Facebook page and through the Zoom app. Please give the online services a try! (*Note schedule change, there will be no Liturgy Holy Thurs. morning*)

Blessing of Baskets Postponed After discussion with the parish council and the diocesan clergy, we have decided to postpone basket blessing until we can all celebrate together. Therefore, there will be no basket blessing Pascha afternoon. We look forward to the basket blessing and the Agape Meal as one, in person, soon! We will offer the blessings online on Pascha morning. Thank you for your understanding.

Stewardship at St. Michael's The Parish Council requests that everyone please continue their financial stewardship to the Church if you are able. Be mindful that our facilities' bills and mortgage continue to be required. For the time being your weekly contribution can be sent directly to the church through the US mail. The Church mailing address is 2231 East Huntington Dr. Wilmington, 19808. Thank you!

Parish Council Meeting The parish council will meet again this Wednesday evening April 15th at 8:30 p.m. via video conference. Please check your emails for any changes.

Phone Confessions Phone confession will be offered for those who feel they need it. Confessions will be by appointment and limited to 15 mins per call. Regular confession will be available as soon as the liturgical suspension is lifted. During the pandemic the faithful are not bound to confess but may wait until a time when in-person Confessions will be possible again. Please email Fr. Barnabas for an appointment.

Study Group to Meet *Wednesday* Our Study Group will meet this Wednesday April 15th at 10:00 a.m. on Zoom. We will continue our study of the Genesis account of creation. Handouts will be emailed for any to follow.

Family Feast Day Fellowship Today at 11:30am our Family Feast Day Fellowship will offer a special Holy Week activity for children of all ages via Zoom. See your email for details.

Church Cleaning As per the government restrictions and the direction of the synod of bishops, no one should be coming to St. Michael's without a blessing from Fr. Barnabas. Until further notice due to the pandemic we will not need our regular church cleaners. Please stay home and stay healthy.

Little Angels & Church School Our Little Angels & Church School Groups will also meet online during this time. Please check your emails for Meeting times.

Congratulation and Many Year! Congratulations to Kristin and Michael Mackenzie on the birth of their son Jack. Many Years to all!

Wisdom from the Holy Fathers

“Where is your humility, when you feel and say that everyone wrongs you and that only you are good? Humility is, when the other person is at fault, for us to do a metanoia [prostration] to him and say, ‘Forgive me, my brother, I am sorry!’ before he has time to seek forgiveness. This

should not seem difficult and burdensome to you. It is nothing in comparison to what Christ the Master did for us. Before the angels, He stooped down and did a metanoia from heaven to earth: 'He bowed the heavens and came down' () — God to men! Whereas you turn the world upside-down, so that you don't say one 'Sorry!' So then, where is your humility? When you humble yourself, everyone will seem saintly to you; when you are proud, everyone will seem bothersome and bad."*

St. Joseph the Hesychast, a monk and elder on Mount Athos, AD 1897-AD 1959() -Psalm 17 (18):9*

Prayers for the Departed: *Fr. Jozef Petranin, Barbara Hicks, Peter Melnik, Michael Sinovich, David Rex*

Prayers for the Sick and Those in Need: *Fr. John Zabinko, Fr. Joseph Chupeck, Fr. Daniel Kovalak, Fr. John Nightingale, Mat. Ellen Chupeck, Lemlem Resat, Olga Riley, James Hicks, Anna Herko, Luke & Anna Wales, Nona Carey, Maria & Doug Dozier, Mona Elia, Mary Anne Farrell, John Griffith, Cynthia Griffith, , Stephanie Hojnicky, Laura Cristina Najemy, Harry Kutch, Dimitrios Jim Petrides, Albert Shock, Elizabeth Melnik, Alexandra Grishin, Sam Sylvest, Jamie Clause, Paula Flynn, Michael Telep*

Prayers for Catechmens *Kristin Mackenzie, Edward Jones. Cole McElmurry, Sean & Jennifer Vojaicek*

Upcoming Dates to Keep in Mind

Pascha Sunday April 19th

Ascension Thursday May 28th

Pentecost Sunday June 7th