

13 APRIL 2025

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY 4/13/25

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✦ Martin M. Pushchak (req. by Sipple & Pushchak Families)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✦ Fr. John Onesko (req. by Victor & Sandra Wheeler)
11:00 AM (E) For the Parish Family

HOLY WEDNESDAY 4/16/25

Wednesday: 6:30 PM (E) Presanctified Liturgy

HOLY THURSDAY 4/17/25

Thursday: 7:00 PM (G) Vespers with Divine Liturgy

GOOD FRIDAY 4/18/25

Friday: 4:00 PM (G) Vespers & Procession
8:00 PM (E) Vespers & Procession

HOLY SATURDAY 4/19/25

Saturday: 4:00 PM (G) Matins & Basket Blessing

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD, PASCHA

Saturday: 8:00 PM (E) Matins, Divine Liturgy & Basket Blessing

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) Divine Liturgy & Basket Blessing
11:00 AM (E) Divine Liturgy & Basket Blessing

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:

04/06/25 **\$1789.00**

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD APRIL COLLECTION – Boxed macaroni & cheese

Proverbs 14:31 – “Anyone who oppresses the poor is insulting God who made them. To help the poor is to honor God.”

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JESUS PRAYER – Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner

PALM SUNDAY

Among the Hebrews and ancient Romans, the palm branch was the symbol of victory. For this reason, it was held in the hand during a triumphal or victory procession. In addition, at the public games the victors were presented with the palm branch as a sign of victory. In the New Testament the palm branch was a sign of victory. In the New Testament, the palm branch became the symbol of martyrdom. In the catacombs, palm branches were laid on the tomb of a martyr as the symbol of the victory of the martyr. The olive branch is the symbol of peace. The pussy willow branch is a symbol of the Resurrection because it comes back to life in early spring.

The Israelites wanted to see their Messiah in power and glory. Accordingly, Jesus Christ, by raising Lazarus from the dead and by His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, gave them clear proof of His power and glory. He demonstrated, publicly, that He is not only the Lord of living and dead humanity, but also Lord of the hearts of men. Such a triumphal procession Jerusalem had not witnessed for a long time.

THE CROSS: NO OTHER WAY

In order to pass from the slavery of Egypt to the Promised Land, one has to go through the desert. Likewise, one has to pass through the desert of the dry moments of life, what has been called “the dark night of the soul.” This is the cross. There is no other way to heaven (the promised land) than the cross.

*“It is good for us at times to have troubles and adversities;
For often they make a man enter into himself,
So that he may know that he is in exile, and may not place
His hopes in anything of this world.” -Thomas a Kempis*

Mission Accomplished

There are two kinds of death – spiritual and physical. When Jesus hung on the cross in our place, He experienced both for us. Having taken our sins upon Himself, he knew the reality of spiritual death – separation from God. It was this sense of abandonment and dejection that caused Him to cry out in agony, “My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?”

However, Jesus also died physically. At 3:00 that afternoon, He cried out, “It is finished!” He then allowed His spirit to leave His body and he died.

Yet this was not a moment of weakness in Jesus. On the contrary, it was His moment of greatest triumph. Taking upon Himself all the dark powers of this present evil age, assuming them so completely that He felt the abandonment of God, He defeated every one of them by the light of his Presence, redeeming us from sin and death. It was indeed His moment of greatest triumph.