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*Holy Resurrection
Orthodox Church*

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**April 28, 2024
Palm Sunday**

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

Services	Wed., May 1 st	Holy Wednesday Bridegroom Matins	7 pm
	Thurs., May 2 nd	Holy Thursday Vespersal Divine Liturgy (<i>Last Supper</i>) Matins/Passion Gospels	9 am 7 pm
	Fri., May 3 rd	Holy Friday Royal Hours Vespers of Entombment Matins/Procession	9 am 1 pm 7 pm
	Sat., May 4 th	Holy Saturday Vespersal Divine Liturgy	9 am
	Sun., May 5 th	PASCHA Nocturne/Procession Paschal Matins Paschal Divine Liturgy Blessing of Baskets / Paschal Basket Distribution for our Sunday Schoolers	6 am

PASCHAL FEAST IN SOCIAL HALL

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.

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.

*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind
for Sunday Liturgy.

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-17

<p>Tone 1 Troparion (Palm Sunday)</p> <p>By <u>raising</u> Lazarus from the dead before Thy <u>Passion</u>, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O <u>Christ</u> God.</p> <p>Like the <u>children</u> with the palms of <u>victory</u>, we cry out to Thee, O <u>Vanquisher</u> of Death:</p> <p>“<u>Hosanna</u> in the <u>highest</u>!</p> <p>Blessed is He that comes in the <u>Name</u> of the Lord.”</p> <p>Tone 4 Troparion</p> <p>When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O <u>Christ</u> God, we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy <u>Resurrection</u>.</p> <p>Now we <u>praise</u> Thee and sing:</p> <p>“<u>Hosanna</u> in the <u>highest</u>!</p> <p>Blessed is He that comes in the <u>Name</u> of the Lord!”</p>	<p>Tone 6 Kontakion (Palm Sunday)</p> <p>Sitting on Thy throne in <u>Heaven</u>, carried on a foal on earth, O <u>Christ</u> God, accept the praise of angels and the songs of <u>children</u>, who sing://</p> <p>“Blessed is He Who comes to recall <u>Adam</u>!”</p>	<p>Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Palm Sunday)</p> <p>Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. (Ps. 117:26b, 27b)</p> <p><i>V. O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever. (Ps. 117:1)</i></p>
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Note Paschal Schedule UPDATES:

- There will be **NO** Liturgy on Saturday, May 11th.
- The Jeremy Dudzinski Golf outing is scheduled for Saturday, May 18th. Vespers are **CANCELED** that day.

Announcements:

Very Important Note from Fr. Stephan: One of the neighbors recently contacted me in regards to driving on Allen Ave, Mary Street, as well as around the parking lot. There are a lot of children in the neighborhood as well as in the Church. *Please take caution when driving to and around the Church.*

Don't Wait Until the Last Minute! Fr. Stephan will hear confessions after **ALL** scheduled services throughout Lent. If one cannot make it due to health or other noble reasons, Fr. Stephan will be glad to hear your confessions at your house.

A special thanks for all of the efforts that were made in preparation for the Mission/Uncion service. Uncion is a unique service that is done jointly once a year in the Deanery. The music is unique and rather difficult. The choir did an outstanding job and the service was truly beautiful. And the Lenten repast following was delicious!

Parking - The past few Sundays have been well attended and I was informed that every parking slot was filled. This is a good problem! I have moved my personal vehicles to provide some additional space. For Pascha, the rectory yard will be available for overflow parking.

There are pussy willow plant starters available to anyone who wants. They are available at the entrance to the Church.

The Baptism of *Alice Joy Simkovich* is scheduled for Sunday, May 19th.

This year's Paschal service/feast/celebration! ~~

ALL are invited to attend the Feast at Holy Resurrection immediately following the Paschal Divine Liturgy and blessing of the baskets. Father Stephan will be bringing a huge pot of stuffed cabbage and opening his basket for all who want to partake after the blessing of the baskets. **ALL** are invited to attend the Feast, bring a friend!

PASCHAL ALTAR CANDLES: The following Altar Candles were presented by the following:

In Loving Memory of:

Simon & Izza Joseph

John & Libby Rosak

by Toni

In Loving Memory of Parents & Grandparents:

John & Sophie Onufer

Anthony & Antoinette Niro

by Joe, Karen & Families

Don't forget, we need to remember and visit our Home-Bound Parishioners especially over the Paschal season! We have quite a few parishioners who are not able to get out and about as well as they use to. See today's bulletin insert for a listing of our Home-Bound Parishioners. All of these folks are very appreciative that their parish has not forgotten them and enthusiastically send their love to all here at HROC. *If you know of a person who needs to be added to it, please let Father Stephan know.*

Father Stephan will be asking for help for the Vespertal Divine Liturgy scheduled for May 4th. There are multiple Old Testament readings and this is also the service when the colors are changed from dark to light. Any able help is welcome.

Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church's Mission Statement:

The mission of Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church is to provide an uncompromising witness to Christianity as established by Jesus Christ and the Apostles. Our goal is to bring all who enter this church closer to God and His heavenly kingdom.

Paschal Altar Candles: Gifts are now being accepted for the Paschal Altar Candles. If you would like to make a gift in memory of loved ones or in honor of loved ones – place your offering in an envelope marking it “Paschal Candles” and leave it at the Candle Stand.

Note from Council: There is an open position on Parish Council. If anyone is interested, please contact one of the Parish officers: Tim Laciak, Joe Niro or Michelle Meisner.