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9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Divine Services

Eve Sundays & Feast Days

5:00 PM Confessions

6:00 PM Great Vespers

Sundays and Feast Days

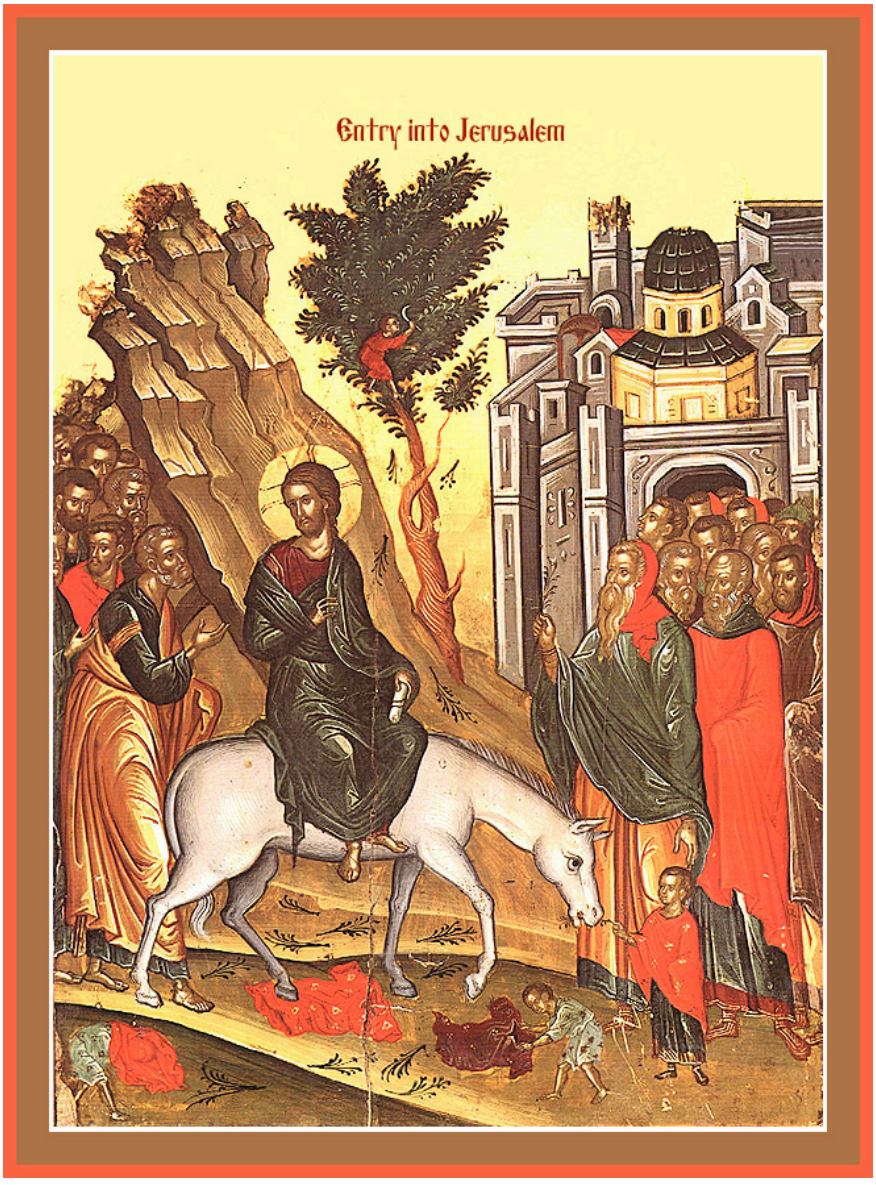
8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour

9:00 AM Divine Liturgy

*** AMBO: Articles for publication should be submitted to: sttheocemetery@yahoo.com by Wednesday of each week before noon.**

*** CALENDAR: Event dates must be submitted by the 15th of each month.**

APRIL 5, 2015
ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM
(PALM SUNDAY)



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 a earthly sense is extremely short-lived. Jesus enters openly into the midst of His enemies, publicly saying and doing those things which mostly 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.

Our Pledge

The liturgy of the Church is more than meditation or praise concerning past events. It communicates to us the eternal presence and power of the events being celebrated and makes us participants in those events. Thus the services of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday bring us to our own moment of life and death and entrance into the Kingdom of God: a Kingdom not of this world, a Kingdom accessible in the Church through repentance and baptism.

On Palm Sunday palm and willow branches are blessed in the Church. We take them in order to raise them up and greet the King and Ruler of our life: Jesus Christ. We take them in order to reaffirm our baptismal pledges. As the One who raised Lazarus and entered Jerusalem to go to His voluntary Passion stands in our midst, we are faced with the same question addressed to us at baptism: “Do you accept Christ?” We give our answer by daring to take the branch and raise it up: “I accept Him as King and God!”

Thus, on the eve of Christ’s Passion, in the celebration of the joyful cycle of the triumphant days of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday, we reunite ourselves to Christ, affirm His Lordship lover the totality of our life and express our :readiness to follow Him to His Kingdom:

... that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead (Philippians 3:10-11).

BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 5

Apr. 5 Phil. 4:4-9
John 12:1-18

Apr. 6 Exodus 1:1-20
Job 1:1-12

Apr. 7 Exodus 2:5-10
Job 1:13-22

Apr. 8 Exodus 2:11-22
Job 2:1-10

Apr. 9 1 Cor. 11:23-32
Matt. (Composite)

Apr. 10 1 Cor. 1:18-2:2
Matt. (Composite)

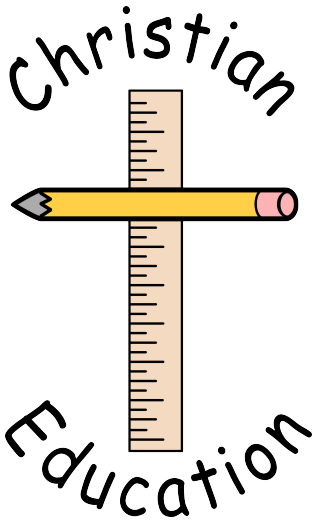
Apr. 11 Rom. 6:3-11
Matt. 28:1-20

Ridge Manor Fish Fry Fridays

Every Friday night

4:00 PM- 9:00 PM

February 20th - April 24th, 2015



Upcoming Church School Dates

Saturday, May 2nd at 4:45 PM

Evening of Wednesday May 20th
after Vespers of Ascension (which begins at 6:00 PM)
Fr. John will teach on the Feasts of
Ascension & Pentecost -
This will be the LAST session of this Church School year.

Departed:

Fr. Matthew Baker
03-01-15

Karen Ohlin *(Tatiana Boyczewski's daughter-in-law's mother)*
03-04-15

Protopresbyter Thomas Hopko
03-18-15

Tamara Citron
03-19-15

Michael McNeilly (*Dan McNeilly's brother*)
03-29-15

Archpriest Michael Herrick
03-29-15

Ill Afflicted & Special Intentions:

Protopresbyter Vasilije Sokolovic
Mat. May Ozone
Mat. Catherine Jula
Mother Anna
Sr. Anastasia
Michael
Betty Balasz
Judy Baughman
Carol Bohurjak
Thomas Bohurjak, Jr.
Marie Borland
Frank Byndas
Navada Coneley
Elsie Conrad
John Conrad
Anne Crichton *(Joseph Crichton's sister-in-law)*
Christine Crichton

PRAYER REQUESTS

Thomas Crichton *(Joseph Crichton's brother)*
Arlene Czajkowski (Neale)
Laina Dachtyl
Metodije Damljanovic (*Child)*
Horia Dascalescu (*Lavinia Morris's brother*)
Cindy Durkalski
Debra Ellis (*Katie & Nadine Ellis's mother)*
Peter Fickinger (*friend of Joseph Crichton)*
Vladimir Fowler
Frank Fox *(Carol Machaskee's son)*
Julia Grabowski
Roger Haupt *(Lisa Theodore's cousin)*
Sandee Holod
Matthew Hungley *(Phyllis Gindlesperger's brother-in-law)*
Donna Jacak
Victor Jacak
Joy Jahans *(friend of Paul Pangrace)*
Stephen Jahans *(friend of Paul Pangrace)*
Diane Kearsey
(Janice Tkacz's sister)
John Kovalski *(friend of Paul Pangrace)*
Dorothy Laskovich
Paul Laskovich
Elise Manella
Anna Mysiw *(friend and neighbor of Helen Antonik)*
Maude Palumbo *(Michelle Rajisch's mother)*
Debra Parhamovich *(Karen Felon's sister)*
Grace Parhamovich (*Karen Felon's mother)*
Donna Pelton
Liz Peterson (*Joseph Crichton's friend*)
John A. Petkac (Gartman)
Peter and **Gina** Petkac *(Judy Gartman's brother & sister-in-law)*
Anastasia Pogorily
Cindy Powkowski
Marshall Prock
Valerie Rolls (*Fr. John's cousin*)
Joseph Rusynyk
Julia Sankovic *(Child)*
Emily Scott *(friend of Paul Pangrace)*
Elaine Sudnick *(Joy Pfeiffer's mother)*
Katrina Toone
Frank Tkacz
Janice Tkacz
Donald Tipka
Elisabeth Wright (*friend of Paul Pangrace*)
John Yavornitzki
Erin Zawolowycz
Elizabeth Zdinak

Fr. Andrew & Presbytera Lori Lentz & Unborn Child

Alex & Jerilyn Oppenheim & Unborn Child

Steve & Laura Zvara & Unborn Child

Jason & Rachel Wojnicz & Unborn Child

Please contact the Parish Office at 216-741-1310 when names need to be removed from the prayer list. Thank you.

Welcome Visitors

Our parish welcomes you and thanks you for joining us at today's Divine Liturgy.
While only Orthodox Christians may approach the chalice for Holy Communion,
everyone is welcome to partake of the Holy Bread after Liturgy.
You are also invited to join us for fellowship in the Parish Hall following Liturgy.

COFEE HOUR & GREETERS SCHEDULES

	Coffee Hour:	Greeters:
4/5/15	Joseph Crichton & Steve Rusnak	Linda Smotzer & Sonia Vorell
4/12/15	No Coffee Hour	Debby Pinta & Michael Tabeling (Midnight)
4/19/15	Joy & David Pfeiffer	Tammy Ponomarenko & Michael Tabeling
4/26/15	Mat. Cindy Zdinak & Mat. Jenn Boerio	Nina & Elizabeth Antonik
5/3/15	Dan & Lavinia Morris	Linda Smotzer & Sonia Vorell
5/10/15	Nick & Kate Zolikoff	Michael Tabeling
5/17/15	Lauren Miklos Chandra Czaruk	Karen Felon & Virginia Medvec

GOD'S GIFTS TO US - OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Weekly expenses:	$ 6,538.00
Last week's collection	$ 4,043.00
Over/**Under**	< $ 2,495.00 >

FOOD PANTRY

Our Food Pantry ministry continues through Merrick House. They currently use the bags in their Moms First program. We can always use your help by "sponsoring a bag". Envelopes are in the foyer, $10 fills a bag. Thank you and God bless you for helping those in need. - Dan Morris

Dome Lighters

Donations to offset the cost of lighting the domes can be made for *The Health Of* or *In Memory Of* your loved ones. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

For the entire 2015 year:

In loving memory of Olga Fritskey

from John & Ruth Fritskey

23RD ANNUAL IOCC BENEFIT

Monday May 11, 2015 ~ 6PM

St. Sava Cathedral | 6306 Broadview Road | Parma, OH

Contact: Connie Zimmerman
(216) 347-3123

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(216) 524-6832

Deadline for reservations is **May 4, 2015**

International Orthodox Christian Charities ® IOCC

Cost: **$30 per ticket**

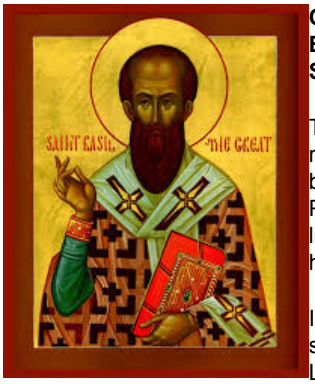
Guest Speaker:
Mark Gruin,
Director of Strategic Initiatives

****For more information, please contact Frank Tkacz at 216-351-1838 or 216-789-3267****

The Prayers of Saint Basil

Department of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION ORTHODOX CHURCH in AMERICA

This weekly bulletin insert complements the curriculum published by the Department of Christian Education of the Orthodox Church in America. This and many other Christian Education resources are available at http://dce.oca.org.



On Holy Saturday, April 11th this year, we celebrate the Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil, as we have on all the Sundays of Great Lent. We return to the Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom on Holy Pascha.

The prayers of Saint Basil's Liturgy are rich in meaning. For example, they are filled with reminders of the incredible things God has done for us. The First Prayer of the Faithful begins, "Thou, Lord, hast revealed to us this great mystery of salvation." The Offertory Prayer addresses God, "O Lord, our God, who hast created us and brought us into this life, who has shown us the ways to salvation, and bestowed on us the revelation of heavenly mysteries..."

In the Prayer of Commemoration, Saint Basil names some ways God did these things: by speaking to us through the prophets, enabling saints to do mighty works, giving us the Law as a help, and appointing angels as our guardians. Then, in the fullness of time, He gave the greatest gift of all, sending His Son who was God before the ages but was "likened to the body of our lowliness, that He might liken us to the image of His glory."

Saint Basil asks God to show His mercy to human beings in all kinds of situations, with complete trust that He will do so. For catechumens Basil asks, "Grant them a light yoke." With human frailty in mind he calls on God to remember the people who might not be remembered in prayer by those serving at the altar "through ignorance, forgetfulness, or the multitude of names..." As part of the long First Prayer of Intercession he asks God to "defend the widows, protect the orphans, free the captives, heal the sick" and remember those in courts, mines, exile, harsh labor, affliction, necessity or distress.

In a series of questions, Basil expresses his own wonder at God's magnificence: "Who can utter Thy mighty acts? Or make all Thy praises known? Or tell of all Thy miracles at all times?"

In the Prayer of Preparation, Saint Basil acknowledges the responsibility we assume by receiving the Body and Blood of Christ. He asks that God "let none of us be guilty of these, Thy heavenly Mysteries, nor be infirm in soul and body by partaking of them unworthily." Instead, may our receiving them worthily be "a support on the road to eternal life and an acceptable defense at the dread judgment seat of Thy Christ."

These prayers reflect many things we know of Saint Basil as a person. He gave comfort and care to those in all kinds of need, and lovingly interacted with lepers centuries before the famous Father Damian of Molokai did so. He enjoyed and was humbly amazed by the beauty of God's creation and miracles. He saw it as every Christian's duty to realize the great privilege of Eucharistic participation.

Troparion - Tone 1

Your proclamation has gone out into all the earth
Which was divinely taught by hearing your voice
Expounding the nature of creatures,
Ennobling the manners of men.
O holy father of a royal priesthood,
Entreat Christ God that our souls may be saved.

Saint Basil's many writings also express these things. But by worshipping at the Liturgy bearing his name, we share them with him, as part of the Church he described as stretching "from end to end of the universe."

HOLY WEEK
2015

Sunday, Apr. 5
PALM SUNDAY
ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM
9:00 AM Divine Liturgy & Procession
6:00 PM Bridegroom Matins

Monday, Apr. 6
GREAT & HOLY MONDAY
4:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy
6:00 PM Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday, Apr. 7
GREAT & HOLY TUESDAY
4:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy
6:00 PM Bridegroom Matins

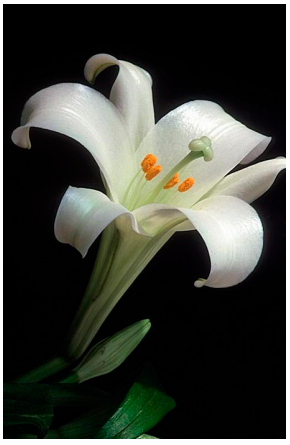
Wednesday, Apr. 8
GREAT & HOLY WEDNESDAY
4:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy
6:00 PM Bridegroom Matins

Thursday, Apr. 9
GREAT & HOLY THURSDAY
No Faith Enrichment
4:00 PM Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil
6:00 PM Matins of Great & Holy Friday (12 Gospel Readings)
8:00 PM Decorate Tomb

REMINDER:

Please be sure that cell phones are turned off before entering the temple.

APRIL
Special Collection
Youth Work



Friday, Apr. 10
GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY
4:00 Great Vespers of Holy Friday
7:00 PM Matins of Great & Holy Saturday (Procession with Holy Shroud)

Saturday, Apr. 11
GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY
1:00 PM Vesperal Liturgy followed by Blessing of Loaves, Wine and Dried Fruit
3:00 PM Blessing of Baskets
11:00 PM Nocturns

Sunday, Apr. 12
HOLY PASCHA
RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST
12:00 Midnight Paschal Vigil (Matins & Divine Liturgy)
Followed by Agape Meal

Monday, Apr. 13
BRIGHT MONDAY
9:00 Divine Liturgy

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