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Reflections on Holy Week & Pascha

MAKING of PALM CROSSES

Saturday, April 16 starting promptly at 2:00pm. Please join us to help or just to learn how to make them.

CLEANING CHURCH INTERIOR for our LORD'S GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

Saturday, April 9 starting at 10:00am. Wear old clothes, bring rags, a bucket, maybe some cleaning solutions, dusting mops.

WE WELCOME VISITORS & GUESTS

We hope you enjoy praying with us at Liturgy. Please feel free to speak with Fr. John after the service and introduce yourself. Want to learn about the Orthodox Faith? – Let Father John know!

HOME BLESSINGS

If you wish your home to be blessed, contact Father John.

Palm Sunday

The hymn of Palm Sunday proclaims the children holding the emblems of victory singing, "Hosanna blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." We experience Christ's triumphal entrance into Jerusalem and we hold palms and pussy willows as symbols of Christ's ability to overcome death by raising Lazarus. We will receive our palms and pussy willows at the Divine Liturgy to remember this great triumph throughout our sacred worship.

Holy Sunday, Monday & Tuesday — Bridegroom Matins

The Bridegroom Matins instruct us in our faith, as does all the preparation for Holy Week. Even more they help us make Holy Week more than simply a ritual that tells a story. The Bridegroom Matins help us enter into the story, the life of Jesus Christ, and live it.

Tuesday's Bridegroom Matins with the procession and singing the hymn of Saint Cassiani describes the life and conversion of the sinful woman who anointed Christ. The Scriptures tell us that the whole room was filled with the scent of myrrh. Once again it is important to understand that this is simply not a play being reenacted, but we are attempting to enter the Life of Christ.



Holy Wednesday — Holy Unction Service

We prepare for this service by prayer and fasting. The Church is called the Body of Christ. We are members of the Body through our Baptism, Chrismation, Confession, and Holy Communion. As the

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**FASTING for LITURGY
of PRESANCTIFIED
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When attending the weekly Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, please fast from 3pm on to receive Holy Communion. Those with stronger will – fast after your noon meal on.

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**VISITING the
ELDERLY**
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Hopefully I can return to visiting our elderly and those in nursing facilities once a month. But also, if ANYONE needs a visit from me and/or would like to receive Holy Communion if unable to attend Liturgy, PLEASE CALL ME TO LET ME KNOW. I will gladly make time to meet with you. – *Father John*

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BLESSING of GRAVES
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May 7, Saturday–Riverdale Cemetery, Lewiston NY, 12pm

May 8, Sunday–St. Matthew's Cemetery/Elsewhere, 2pm

Please see Father John if you would like a family grave blessed.

(*Holy Wednesday continued*) sinful woman anointed Christ, we are also anointed with the oil of healing, so we can go with Christ to the Cross, suffer, die, and be resurrected with Him. At the conclusion of the service, the faithful are anointed with the Sacrament of Holy Unction.

Holy Thursday Evening — Passion Gospel Service

This is one of the most important and solemn Holy Week services. It is a remembrance and an entrance into the suffering and death of Christ. The priest, standing in the center of the Church surrounded by 12 candles, reads the words of the Apostles who witnessed the events. As each gospel is read, one candle is lit. During the fifth reading the priest processes with the cross carried on his shoulder as he chants, “He who hung the earth upon the waters is now being hung on the Cross.” As Simon carried the Cross for Christ during His walk to the Crucifixion, the priest now carries the Cross. In doing so, he represents the entire congregation.

Holy Friday Evening — The Lamentations

The Lamentations is a mournful service lamenting the death of Christ. The beautiful lamentations and refrains are sung by the congregation, “Oh life, how can You die?” During the singing of the Ninth Ode of the Canon the priest blesses the congregation with rose water. During the service, the shroud is removed from the tomb and along with the priest, the congregation makes a procession around the entire interior or exterior of the church. The service ends with the veneration of the shroud.

Holy Saturday Morning

This beautiful Vesperal Liturgy of Saint Basil celebrates Christ's descent into hell to free Adam and Eve, and all who lived and died in anticipation of the coming of Christ. The glorious hymn from the Liturgy of Saint James is sung, “Let all mortal flesh be silent.” The priest walks throughout the church tossing bay leaves or rose petals and joyfully chants that Jesus is in Hades free and all the righteous people (those waiting to be set free).

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**GENERAL
CONFESSION SERVICE**
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Our General Confession Service is held every 1st Sunday of the month at 9:25am.

Confessions are also heard before Vespers on Saturday evenings, and also before the Divine Liturgy on Sundays. During Great Lent, confessions also can be heard at 5:30pm before the Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts.

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EASTER EGG HUNT
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Sunday, April 24th during our fellowship luncheon.

Holy Saturday Evening — Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy

As a community of faith, we have experienced great spiritual renewal in our journey through Lent and Holy Week. All the preparations have been for this night. The church is ready, the faithful have spent the day in strict fast. There is a sense of anticipation in the air. The church is darkened and music selections are somber as during all of Lent. All lights in the church are extinguished and there is total darkness. At midnight, the flame from a single candle appears at the altar. The priest comes forth singing, "Come Receive the Light" — holding the Light of Christ that he gives to the rest of the faithful. The entire tone of the church changes. The priest then reads the Gospel of the Resurrection in the middle of the congregation or at the Royal Doors. After the gospel we sing loudly with great excitement, "Christ is risen from the dead, by death trampling down upon death, and to those in the tombs, bestowing life!" The church is full of bright candlelight! The priest's white vestments seem to glow! The Cross and the Tomb of Jesus are to the side as reminders of what happened to Jesus this week. The church seems bigger and brighter. This is the happiest service of the year and we are glad to be part of it! Then we begin the Paschal Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom, and receive the Light of Christ in Holy Communion.

PARKING LOT / HANDICAP RAMP FUNDRAISER

Did you know we are in the process of fundraising for our new parking lot and handicap ramp to the front of the church? These are both long overdue and we need your financial support to bring this project to realization. Please think of our elderly who want to come to church but cannot do the steps. Please think of our families—making it easier for them to park right next to the church instead of walking down the street. **GIVE TODAY!**

GENERAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

Saturday: 6:00pm Vespers

Sunday: 9:30am 3rd & 6th Hours 10:00am Divine Liturgy

1st Sunday of Month: 9:25am General Confession Service

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The Most Blessed Tikhon (Mollard)

Archbishop of Washington,
Metropolitan of All America and Canada

The Most Reverend Michael (Dahulich)

Archbishop of New York, and New York and New Jersey

The Mission of the Orthodox Church in America, the local autocephalous Orthodox Christian Church, is to be faithful in fulfilling the commandment of Christ to "Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."



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APRIL 2022						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Mar 27 CROSS VENERATION SUNDAY 9:30am Hours 10am Divine Liturgy 6pm Vespers @ Ss Peter & Paul Orthodox Church Fast	Mar 28 Fast free	Mar 29 Fast free	Mar 30 6pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts Fast	Mar 31 Fast free	1 6pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts Fast	2 5pm Choir Practice 6pm Vespers/All Souls Mem Service Fast
3 ST JOHN the LADDER 9:25am Gen Confess Service / Hours 10am Divine Liturgy of St Basil 6pm Vespers @St Theodore Orthodox Church Fast	4 Fast free	5 Fast free	6 6pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts Fast	7 Fast free	8 6pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts Fast	9 10am CLEANING of Church interior & candlestands 5pm Choir Practice 6pm Vespers Fast
10 ST MARY of EGYPT 9:30am Hours 10am Divine Liturgy Mem Service: John Jr & Irene Hromyak 6pm Vespers @St. George Antiochian Church, Niag Falls Fast	11 Fast free	12 Fast free	13 6pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts Fast	14 Fast free	15 6pm Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts Fast	16 LAZARUS SATURDAY 2pm Making of Palm Crosses 5pm Choir Practice 6pm Vespers Fast
17 PALM SUNDAY ENTRANCE of our LORD into JERUSALEM 9:30am Hours 10am Divine Liturgy Blessing of Palms/Pussywilows 6pm Bridegroom Matins Fast	18 HOLY MONDAY 6pm Bridegroom Matins Fast	19 HOLY TUESDAY 6pm Bridegroom Matins Fast	20 HOLY WEDNESDAY 6pm Sacrament of Holy Unction Fast	21 HOLY THURSDAY 6pm Reading of 12 Passion Gospels Fast	22 GOOD FRIDAY 6pm Good Friday Matins/Lamentations STRICT FAST	23 HOLY SATURDAY 10am Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St Basil 11pm Resurrection Matins of Pascha /Receiving the Light Blessing of Paschal Baskets Fast
24 PASCHA 9:30am Hours 10am Paschal Divine Liturgy Blessing of Paschal Baskets Paschal Lunch Paschal Egg Hunt Fast free	25 Fast free	26 Fast free	27 Fast free	28 Fast free	29 Fast free	30 5pm Choir Practice 6pm Vespers Fast free