



St. Basil Antiochian Orthodox Church

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Saturday: Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.
Sunday: Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.



April 13, 2014

The Glorious and Brilliant Feast of the Entrance

Of our Lord, God, and Savior, JESUS CHRIST, into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)

Tone: Of the Feast ~ Eothinon: Of the Feast ~ Ps. 109:8

Christ is in our midst! He is and ever shall be!

Holy Communion is only open to those Orthodox Christians who are in good standing with the Church and have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and a recent confession. If you are not in good standing with the Church or are not an Orthodox Christian please do not be offended by this. We welcome you to our church and invite you to receive a blessing and partake of the antidoron at the end of the Divine Liturgy

Saints du Jour (April 13)

The Glorious and Brilliant Feast of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.

Apolytikion of St. Lazarus – Tone 1: O Christ God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead, before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we, like babes, carry the insignia of triumph and victory, and cry to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Apolytikion of Palm Sunday – Tone 4: O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in baptism, we became deserving of Thy resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise Thee, crying: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Kontakion of Palm Sunday – Plagal Tone 2: Upborne upon the heavenly throne, and seated upon the earthly foal, O Christ our God, receive the praises of angels and the hymns of men, exclaiming before Thee: Blessed is He that cometh to restore Adam.

Prokeimenon: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His mercy endures forever.

Epistle: The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians.
(Chapter 4:4-9)

BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, "Rejoice." Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God,

which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel: The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John
(Chapter 12:1-18)

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany where Lazarus, who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said not because he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there they came, not only on account of Jesus, but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass' colt!"

His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 13th – Bridegroom Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

Monday, April 14th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

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Tuesday, April 15th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

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Wednesday, April 16th – Presanctified Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Wednesday, April 16th – Sacrament of Holy Unction, 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, April 17th – Vespertal Divine Liturgy, 10:00 A.M.

Thursday, April 17th – Orthros of the 12 Passion Gospels, 6:30 P.M.

Friday, April 18th – Royal Hours of Pascha, 10:00 A.M.

Friday, April 18th – Unnailing Vespers, 3:00 P.M.

Friday, April 18th – Lamentations Orthros, 6:30 P.M.

WORSHIP SCHEDULE CONTINUED

Saturday, April 19th – Vespers Divine Liturgy & Chrismations, 10:00 A.M.

Saturday, April 19th – Rush Procession & Orthros, 11:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 20th – Divine Liturgy of Great & Holy PASCHA, 12:00 A.M.

Sunday, April 20th – Agape Vespers, 1:00 P.M.

Saturday, April 26th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, April 27th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, May 3rd – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 4th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

Saturday, May 10th – Great Vespers & Confessions, 5:00 P.M.

Sunday, May 11th – Orthros, 8:30 A.M.; Divine Liturgy, 9:30 A.M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Meatfare Week begins on Monday, Feb. 24. From that date until PASCHA it is our tradition to refrain from eating meat and meat products. From Pure Monday, March 3, we observe the traditional fasting discipline of Great and Holy Lent (no meat, poultry, eggs, dairy, fish, alcohol and oil) during the entire **Great Fast**, which lasts from Pure Monday through Great and Holy Saturday. On Saturdays and Sundays, however, alcohol and oil are allowed, except on Great and Holy Saturday when no oil is permitted. Fish, alcohol and oil are permitted on Palm Sunday (April 13).

For long-term, good, physical health, regular visits to the family doctor are appropriate. Likewise, care for our souls is a necessity. If it is your desire to receive the Eucharist at Great and Holy PASCHA, then Father expects you to make every effort to care for your soul and have confession at least once during Great Lent. The **Sacrament of Holy Confession** is good for the health and salvation of the soul and body.

Donations for **Easter flowers** are currently being accepted through and including Palm Sunday. If you would like to make a donation for these flowers, please fill out one of the envelopes in the narthex and on the “Special Occasion” line, please write, “Easter flowers.” Donations are \$10.00 per plant. Thank you.

Twelve dozen boiled, **red eggs** are needed for the Paschal Liturgy. If you would like to bring one or two dozen, please place them in the bowl provided on the auxiliary table at the front of the church temple prior to the beginning of the Paschal services. Thank you.

An Easter Egg Hunt for the little people in our parish shall be held at 2:00 P.M. on Sunday, April 20th at the Church Hall. For more information, please see **Khouriyeh Pam Nugent**.

A Reminder: Please remember to return your **lenten coin boxes** at the Great and Holy Feast of PASCHA. Thank you.

This Sunday during coffee hour, the Ladies Guild is selling one-quart containers of lentil soup. The soup is lenten style and is to be taken home for consumption. The cost is \$5.00 per container.

ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Ladies Guild Projects to support those affected by the War in Syria:

1. Antiochian Archdiocese Women's project to provide support of Syrian War orphans - frozen food sales will go towards this.
2. Health Kits, which will be sent to Syria via IOCC (International Orthodox Christian Charities).

We will have a box in the Hall where you might place the following donated items (only these items can be sent): Hand towels, washcloths, combs, metal nail file or nail clipper, bath size bar of soap wrapped in original packaging, toothbrush, and Band-Aids.

Due to their dwindling funds the **Ladies Guild** cannot make the generous contribution they usually make to the Antiochian Women's Humanitarian Project. As this year's project is especially urgent - the war orphans in Syria, they asking for donations from any parishioners who want to supplement the contribution to this worthy cause. Make your tax-deductible checks payable to St. Basil Ladies Guild. Give them to the treasurer, **Georgette Ioup**. Write Syrian War Orphans on the memo line.

As of April 7, 2014, 39 pledges were received totaling \$73,985.00. The budget approved at our Annual General Parish Meeting was for \$136,480.00. Approximately \$2,625/week is needed in donations to meet this obligation. The collections for April 6, 2014, totaled \$1,817 for a year-to-date total of \$32,994 (~\$2,357/week). We are approximately \$3,752 short of where we need to be at this time.

Spiritual Counsels...

“When virtuous men are in power, the people are joyful, when the wicked rule, the people groan.”

Proverbs 29:2