

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKS TO ALL WHO HELPED CLEAN THE CHURCH LAST SATURDAY!!

**TODAY:** Cards for those not able to join us during this Lenten season are on the table in the lobby area – please sign & include a short note if you desire. For April we are collecting items needed in our kitchen. Items needed are posted on welcome board and on each table in the coffee room. During Lent we are collecting donations to be used to defray cost of ODO sponsored meals (approx. \$180/meal) – jars on tables in coffee room. **Needed:** Sponsors for coffee hour following Divine Liturgy – please volunteer – sign up sheet above drinking fountain.

**APRIL 17 DONATIONS: In memory of (IMO): FR. GEORGE NICOLOFF:** Lazar family;

**For Health of Family (FHO):** Pete & Jann Petroff, Lazar family; **FHO POPADIA JANET TIMPKO:** Lazar family; **FHO** my sister on her 57<sup>th</sup> birthday **SANDRA REHMER & her family BRIAN SR., BRIAN JR., NICOLE** along w/her in laws **MR. & MRS. ROY REHMER:** Cheryl Travis; **FHO** my mother **HELEN ARNAUT:** Sandra Arnaut

**UPCOMING EVENTS: APRIL 28** – HOLY THURSDAY 4 p.m. Vespertal Divine Liturgy (pot luck meal following – please bring dish for at least 8), 7 p.m. Matins (12 Passion Gospels)(Bishop Alexander here) ,

**APRIL 29** GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY – 4 p.m. Vespers (Descent from the Cross)(decorate the church between 4 & 7 services) & 7 p.m. Matins (w/Procession)

**APRIL 30** GREAT & HOLY SATURDAY – 10 a.m. Vespertal Divine Liturgy, 11:30 p.m. – Nocturns, Midnight – Paschal Procession Matins, Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Paschal Baskets & Agape meal following service,

**MAY 1** – GREAT & HOLY PASCHA,

**MAY 4** – BRIGHT WEDNESDAY – 10 a.m. – Paschal Divine Liturgy;

**Sunday, May 8** –MOTHER'S DAY - ODO dinner for homeless at Sts. Peter & Paul Orthodox Cathedral pls. arrive bet. 1 & 1:30 if assisting

**Monday, May 16** – Mother's Day Dinner – Park Place - \$30.00 – dinner served 6 p.m. w/doors opening at 5 p.m. – See MARY TODOROFF for tickets.

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April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

The Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem: the Feast of  
Palms



**TODAY WE WILL CELEBRATE THE DIVINE LITURGY OF  
ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

## TROPARIA & KONTAKIA

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion, / Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God! / Like the children with the palms of victory, / we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death; / Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!

Glory...

When we were buried with Thee in Baptism, O Christ God, / we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection! / Now we praise Thee and sing: / Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!

Now and ever...

Sitting on Thy throne in heaven, / carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God! / Accept the praise of angels and the songs of children who sing: // Blessed is He that comes to recall Adam!

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Epistle** – Philippians 4:4-9

Brothers and Sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I shall 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, shall 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 shall be with you.

**Gospel** – John 12:1-18

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus 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, one of His disciples (he who was to betray Him), said, "Why was this ointment 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 as he had the money-box 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 He 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, even 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's 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 Him when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard he had done this sign.

### Prayer Behind the Ambon

O CHRIST GOD, we sing of Your incomprehensible humility, for though You sat upon a throne in heaven and had the earth for a footstool, You did not think it beneath You to take flesh from a holy Virgin, to be made man, and to lie as a newborn babe in the manger.

Indeed, You sat upon the foal of an ass, and by Your own will endured suffering for us.

Formerly, by inspiration, the heavenly Bodiless Powers sang hymns to You worthy of Your Godhead, but now a new hymn is sung to You on earth.

You taught the troublesome mob by perfecting praise from the mouths of infants and children.

To those who stammer, You taught how to tell of glory in heaven and peace on earth.

With these, accept the songs of Your unworthy servants who give praise to Your victory over death. Bless those who proclaim: "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord," while not abandoning the glory of the Father, for You willed to come again to judge the whole world in justice. Make us worthy to receive You as You come. Arm us for a victorious battle against passions; and in return for our palms and branches, crown us with virtue, that we may joyfully meet You, as You come upon the clouds in glory becoming heirs of Your kingdom; for You are the Lover of mankind and are glorified together with Your eternal Father and all-holy, good and life-creating Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.