



THE PROTOMARTYR



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Glory to Jesus Christ **Glory Forever!**
Entrance into Jerusalem, PALM Sunday

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM (Palm Sunday). Ven. Hilarion the New, Abbot of Pelecete (ca. 754). Ven. Stephen the Wonderworker, Abbot of Tryglia (9th c.). Monk Martyr Eustratius of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—1097). Ven. Hilarion of Pskov Lake (Gdov—1476). Martyrs Jonah and Barachisius, and those with them, in Persia: Zanitas, Lazarus, Maruthas (Marotas), Narses, Elias, Marinus (Mares), Abibus, Sembeeth (Sivsithina), and Sabbas (4th c.). Martyr Boyan, Prince of Bulgaria (ca. 830).

EPISTLE: Philippians 4:4-9

GOSPEL: John 12:1-18

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA

Friday, March 26	Vespers & Holy Unction 7 PM
Saturday, March 27	<i>Lazarus Saturday</i> <i>Commemoration of raising of Lazarus from the dead (John. 11:1-57)</i> Divine Liturgy 9 AM Palm Sunday Vespers 5 PM
Sunday, March 28	<i>Palm Sunday</i> <i>Commemoration of the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem (John. 12:1-18)</i> Divine Liturgy (Slav) 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy 10 AM Blessing of Palms and Pussy-Willows

Monday, March 29	<i>Great and Holy Monday</i> Bridegroom Matins 7 PM
Tuesday, March 30	<i>Great and Holy Tuesday</i> Bridegroom Matins 7 PM
Wed., March 31	<i>Great and Holy Wednesday</i> Bridegroom Matins 7 PM
Thursday, April 1	<i>Great and Holy Thursday</i> Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 9 AM <i>Commemoration of the Mystical Supper</i> Matins with the reading of Twelve Passion Gospels 7 PM <i>Commemoration of life-creating Passions of our Lord Jesus Christ</i>
Friday, April 2	<i>Great and Holy Friday</i> Royal Hours 9 AM Vespers 3 PM Matins with Praises and procession with the shroud 7 PM <i>Commemoration of Christ's Burial</i> Tomb Watch starts 10 PM
Saturday, April 3	<i>Great and Holy Saturday</i> Vespertal Liturgy of St. Basil with Old Testament readings 9 AM Nocturne 11:30 PM <i>Beginning of Paschal Services</i>
Sunday, April 4	<i>Christ is Risen!</i> <i>Christ's Holy Resurrection, Pascha of the Lord</i> Procession, Matins and Divine Liturgy 12:00 AM <i>Blessing of Paschal food and breaking of the fast following the service</i> Paschal Vespers 12 PM <i>Procession with the reading of Resurrection Gospels and Blessing of Paschal food</i>
Monday, April 5	<i>Bright Monday</i> Paschal Divine Liturgy 9 AM <i>Egg Hunt for children after the service</i>

Many Year to Newly-illuminated Servant of God: Yesterday we had a service of Chrismation at which Lisa Maria Trotto was received into the Orthodox Church. Our congratulations to the newly-illuminated servant of God and may our Lord grant her Many Blessed Years.

Thank You: to all those who came yesterday to help with General Church clean-up in preparation for services of Holy Week and Pascha.

Palm Sunday Bake Sale: Please check out our baked goods today following Liturgy! Remember to pick up your pre-ordered babkas. Thanks to all who donated and helped in any way.

Pascha Lilies Donation: with the feast of Pascha approaching, we ask all our parishioners to consider sponsoring lilies for the decoration of our Cathedral. There is a sign-up sheet in the candle donation book. The cost of each plant is \$10. Thank you!

Tomb Watch schedule is posted downstairs. Please put down your name for the time that you would like to participate in.

AGAPE: Please join us with your blessed Easter basket following Resurrection Matins and the Paschal Divine Liturgy to break the fast. Beverages and plastic ware will be provided.

BRIGHT MONDAY: Join us on Bright Monday following the Divine Liturgy for a pot luck luncheon. Please consider bringing something to share. Paschal leftovers are more than welcome! There will also be an egg hunt for the kids. We want to ask the parents of our parish to request a day off for your children in observance of Orthodox Pascha celebration.

Results of OCF "Gifts of Love" Collection: \$123.00 was collected for this year's "Gifts of Love" earmarked for Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC). The OCF donated an extra \$77.00 to make it a total of \$200.00 for the OCMC. Thank you to all who contributed.

March Charity Collection: is dedicated towards our \$2000 donation to St. Tikhon's Seminary. Although usually our collection for the Seminary on the day of the visit by St. Tikhon's Choir would be close to this amount, because of the bad weather this year many people were not able to come to the Church on the day of Choir's visit to make this donation. We ask you to be generous with your charity contribution this month to help us reach this amount. Thank you!

Last Mission Services of this Lenten Season: will take place at the new location of St. Nicholas Serbian Orthodox Church. The parish recently moved to 506 Starh Rd., Elkins Park, PA and is inviting all the Orthodox Christians in the area to join them for special Palm Sunday service tonight at 5 PM.

Parish Email Directory: included with today's bulletin there is a special form that we ask all our parishioners to fill out so that we can keep updated our parish directory. Please return the form to either Danalisa Radu or to Fr. Victor. Thank you!

PEROGIE MAKING: The next perogie project will be held on Wednesday, April 14 and Thursday, April 15. Help is needed for both days but especially on Thursday. For additional details see Raya or Olga.