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April 5th, 2026 ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. Palm Sunday.

Martyrs Agathopodes the Deacon and Theodulus the Reader at Thessalonica (ca. 303). Ven. Publius of Egypt (4th c.). Ss. Theonas, Simeon and Phorbinus, of Egypt (4th c.). Ven. Mark the Anchorite, of Athens (400). St. Plato the Confessor, of Studion (814). Ven. Theodora of Thessalonica (892). Translation of the Relics of St. Job, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia (1652).

Birthdays & Anniversaries for April

Birthdays: Rodion Shepherd (04/06); Maximus Shepherd (04/08); Philip Pecuch Jr. (04/17); Maxim Granville (4/19)
Nameday: Marie Pasternak (04/01); Rodion Shepherd (04/08)
Anniversary: "Gotcha Day" Nadia Hart (04/07)
Baptism:
Travelers:
Prosphora Schedule: PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE HELP! We need families to start baking prosphora at home. Please sign up. *The Church has a prosphora kit if you would like to borrow it. THE CHURCH NEEDS YOUR HELP. THIS IS AN OFFERING FOR THE PEOPLE BY THE PEOPLE.*
April 12
April 13
April 19
April 26
Counting: HELP! Please sign up and count our donations. Please stay and help.
April 12
April 19
April 26
PLEASE SING ALONG! *Singing the hymns and responses to the litanies throughout the services is encouraged!*
Coffee Hour/Agape Meal: *Please stay and join us for a cup of coffee so we may break bread with each other. This will allow us to get to know each other and see how we can help each other.*

DEAR GUESTS AND FRIENDS: *A most sincere and heartfelt welcome to you from our community. According to the ancient traditions of the Orthodox Church, the Sacrament of Holy Communion is to be administered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting, and a recent*

(monthly) confession. If you have questions please ask Fr Michael! Visitors, if you did not introduce yourself to Fr Michael at Vespers, please refrain from Holy Communion.

Please see calendar for Holy Week schedule

Parish Prayer List

NEWLY DEPARTED: Jovan Neda
DEPARTED: *Michael* Marko (4/16);*Mary* Marko (4/18); *John* Marko (4/19); *Sonia* Schuster (4/24)

Please remember in your prayers LIVING:
Ill-afflicted *Archpriest(s) John Nightingale,* & *Theodore* Orzolek

All those caring for the sick and suffering at this time throughout the world, especially our families and friends: *Edward* Sevensky, *Margaret* Pregmon, *Daniel* Jones, *Michae*l Sokol, *Michael* Krenitsky, *Bernie* Elko, *Nadia* Macheska, *The child of God Abigail, Helen* Wytovich, *Marie* Pasternak, *Eli & Paula* Stavisky, *Marie* Pozella

Servants of God: *Mark* Bezhuly, *David & Kathy* Barsigian, *Alexa* Barsigian & *Bobby* Wolfel, *Patricia* Jones, *Anne* Buday, *Emily* Krenitsky, *Gregory* Krenitsky, *Barbara* Sevensky, *Beverly* Elko, *Nicole* Earl, *Anna* Tyrpak, *Sandy & Danny* Pregmon, *Walter & Marie* Pritchyk, *Michael & Euphemia* Keklak, *Justin & Elisabeth* Kane, *Maria & Vitaliy* Rakovsky, *Ekaterina & Anna*, *George, Natasha, Rosa, & Lucia* Coyoy, *Mat. Emilia, Reader Blaise, Maximus, Rodion, Savina* Shepherd, *Joseph, Emilia, Judah, Nadezda, & Silas* Hart, *Tammy* Wytovich, *Paulette* Ezbiansky, *Uriel* Vo *& Maura* Elko, *Mary* Krevko, *Elisabeth, Jacob, & Juliette* Halford, *Tammy, Justin, Niko, & Katya* Williams, *Paul* Dunay, *Anastasia, Sophia, & Luke, Darlene* Shaffer, *Sophia, & Anastasia* Polzella, *David* Jadick, *Sandra* Condone, *Holly* Granville, *Maxim* Granville, *Christopher* Yeisley, and *Gabrie*l, Mother *Katherine*, *Diane, Mitch, Christina, & James*

Catechumens: *Marley, Tulia, & Magnolia* Connolly, *Neva* Yeisely, *Zachary* Nikl,

Seekers: *Vincent* Bonello, *Rebecca* Burns, *Ken* Nikl

Treasury "... but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal." Jesus Christ

How Much is my tithe

Weekly	2%	4%	5%	10%
$200	$4	$8	$10	$20
$500	$10	$20	$25	$50
$750	$15	$30	$37	$75
$1000	$20	$40	$50	$100
$1500	$30	$60	$75	$150

WEEKLY GIVING UPDATE: We thank you for your continued giving in gratitude for all that our loving God does for each of us, for His Holy Church, **and** all the blessings we receive through her.
APR Income: $0.00

Words of Wisdom
From the Saints & Teachers

Today Readings

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 (§247)
Gospel: John 12:1-18 (§41)

EPISTLE

Reader: The Prokimenon in the 4th Tone: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord, and hath appeared unto us.
Choir: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord, and hath appeared unto us.
Reader: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.
Choir: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord, and hath appeared unto us.
Reader. Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Choir: God is the Lord, and hath appeared unto us.
Reader: The Reading is from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Philippians.

Philippians 4:4-9 (§247): Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord alway: and again I say, Rejoice. * Let your moderation be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. * Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. * And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. * Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. * Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

ALLELUIA

Reader: Alleluia in the 1st Tone.
Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Reader: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for the Lord hath wrought wondrous things.
Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!
Reader: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.
Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 12:1-18 (§41): Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was which had been dead, whom he raised from the dead. * There they made him a supper; and Martha served: but Lazarus was one of them that sat at the table with him. * Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair: and the house was filled with the odour of the ointment. * Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, which should betray him, * Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? * This he said, not that he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bare what was put therein. * Then said Jesus, Let her alone: against the day of my burying hath she kept this. * For the poor always ye have with you; but me ye have not always. * Much people of the Jews therefore knew that he was there: and they came not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead. * But the chief priests consulted that they might put Lazarus also to death; * Because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus. * On the next day much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, * Took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord. * And Jesus, when he had found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written, * Fear not, daughter of Sion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass's colt. * These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that they had done these things unto him. * The people therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of his grave, and raised him from the dead, bare record. * For this cause the people also met him, for that they heard that he had done this miracle.

Announcements - Upcoming Parish & Diocesan Events
Church Attendance

Mar 28th, Saturday Vespers 26
Mar 29th Liturgy
Communed

Silent Prayers and Confession: Every Wednesday 11:00AM - 1:30PM or you can make an appt for confession.

Catechumen/Inquirers/Continuing ED Class: Every Saturday after Vespers. Catechumens - If you will not be there please let Fr Michael know.

Parish Council Meeting/Annual Meeting: Next one is April 26th. ***ALL ARE INVITED***.

Remember that at the Great Entrance after each petition the priest will say "may the Lord God remember thee in His Kingdom……," the people should respond with "Amen." And at the end of the petitions, the priest will raise the chalice and say "You and all Orthodox Christians, may the Lord God remember thee in His Kingdom…… the people respond with "And to thy Holy Priesthood (Episcopacy), may the Lord God remember thee in His Kingdom always now and ever unto ages of ages." This is dialogue, a prayer if you will, between the concelebrant and the people.

Choir practice: Saturday's @ 4pm prior to vespers. If you would like to sing in the choir please make every effort to be at the practice.

WISH LIST! Please consider purchasing from our wish list as this will reduce our cost of expenses and will allow us to increase and focus our giving in other vital areas needed. Currently we are looking for small wooden boxes that we can dedicate at reliquaries. https://www.myregistry.com/giftlist/stmichaelsorthodoxchurcholdforgewishlist

St. Michael's Greeters Ministry *"I was a stranger, and you welcomed me."* Matthew 25:35 Our objective is to welcome visitors to the Parish, help them "feel at home" during the worship service, provide them with information about Orthodoxy and the Parish, invite them to Parish activities, introduce them to people of like interests, invite them back, follow-up to thank them for visiting us, and identifying whether we can help them in the future. Most people leave a church once they enter because no one greeted them. Please sign up to greet people.

STOMC Mens Group! New details coming!

Please sign up for coffee hour! There are sign up sheets downstairs by the offering basket. Also, please donate at coffee hour. Donate what you would spend on a cup of coffee. This is to replenish our plastic wear and supplies for coffee hour.

CONFESSION: It is important that every Orthodox Christian continues to receive the Mystery of Confession on a monthly basis and especially during the Lenten season. In the coming weeks, Fr. Michael will be available for Confession after the Liturgy of the Presanctified, after Great Vespers (Sat), or by appointment. If you wish to come before these services, please let him know ahead of time. Please, note that Friday, April 3rd (the day before Lazarus Saturday) is the last day when Fr. Michael will hear Confessions before Pascha. When we enter Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, our focus must be exclusively on walking with our Lord through His passion.

BBQ Tickets - Tammy & Sandy plan to start handing out the tickets for the BBQ. Everyone will get two; if you need more please see them.

There will be no bulletin on Pascha

Entry of Our Lord 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 over 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).
Very Rev. Paul Lazor

St. Michaels,

KIDS CORNER!

Key kids, Silas here! Today is Palm Sunday, can you believe that Jesus rode on a *donkey*? His humility was so great that He was born into a poor family, in a manger, rode on donkeys and was *killed* for us. He was so humble and loved us so much that He did all of this for us! Wow! The people who laid down the palm branches for Jesus, worshiping Him, later mocked Him and cried, "Crucify Him!" They turned against Him. Hopefully we will always hold fast to Jesus, spending our lives serving Him, trusting Him, so that someday we may spend eternity with Him. Because, if He loved us so much to ride on a donkey and die for us, we, too, should lay down branches and worship Him; but this time, let us never betray Him and hold on to Him forever.

Fun fact: Did you know that we believe that the women discovered Jesus' empty tomb in the early morning- that's part of why Pascha is at midnight!

Joke of the day! What did one angel say to the other? Hallo!

Trivia: What book in the Bible is Jesus crucified in?

Answer: (The four gospels! Mathew, Mark, Luke and John!)

By kids! See you next time,
Happy Palm Sunday!
and remember: Christ is in our Mist!

Ephesians 4:32: "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another"

Pascha 2026 Flower Donations

In Memory Of – Donated by:
Harold and Rose Krenitsky ---Gregory Krenitsky
All deceased members of Krenitsky, Halchak, Fortuna, Deininger family—Gregory Krenitsky
All members of St. Michael's -Anonymous
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Altar Candles donation

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Michael Buday – Anna Buday