

WEEKLY BULLETIN

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Palm Sunday - April 1, 2018

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SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

PALM AND FLOWERY SUNDAY -

The Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem – Flowery Sunday

Saturday, March 31

5:00 pm Vigil of Palm Sunday – *Blessing of Palms*

Sunday, April 1

9:45 am - Hours – Bud Graham

10:00 am – Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader – Bud Graham

EPISTLE: Philippians 4:4-9 GOSPEL: John 12:1-18

5:00 pm Matins of the Bridegroom – *Sad Sunday*

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:18-43

GREAT AND HOLY BRIDEGROOM MONDAY

Monday, April 2 - 6:00 pm

Matins of the Bridegroom

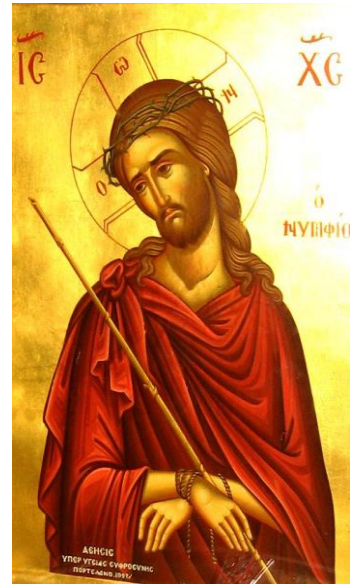
GOSPEL: Matthew 22:15-23:39

GREAT AND HOLY BRIDEGROOM TUESDAY

Tuesday, April 3 - 6:00 pm

Matins of the Bridegroom

GOSPEL: John 12:17-50



REMEMBER THOSE SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Anthony Freude, son of Fr. Don and Popadia Donna Freude
Egor Cravcenco, son of Serghei and Ludmila Cravcenco

REMEMBER OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS

Mickey Stokich
Leonora Evancho
Larissa Freude
Anastasia Haymon
Joseph Boyle (Kathy Gray's brother)
Joseph Boyle (Kathy Gray's father)
Phyllis George (sister of Rose Marie Vronick)
Connie Pysell
Lisa Nastoff
Matushka Laryssa Hnntyan (St. Andrew Church, Maple Heights OH)
Elaine Pedder
Sandra Dodovich – (mother of Tony Dodovich)
Angelo Lambo
Gary Turner (father of Joseph Turner)
Rose Chris
Klavdia - (mother of Ludmila Cravcenco in Maldova)
Barbara Di Piuccio

COFFEE HOUR: Michele Lambo

PROSPHORA: Veronica Bilas

OUR STEWARDSHIP – March 25., 2018

Sunday Offering: \$1,873.50
Candles: 60.25
Improvement Fund: 5.00
Paschal Flowers: 90.00
Candle Desk Donations: 45.00
Blessing Bags: 20.00
TOTAL: \$2,093.75

PARKING LOT DONATIONS

To Date: \$17,239.20

FURNACE /AC DONATIONS

To Date: \$7,910.00

Holy Week schedule - continued

GREAT AND HOLY BRIDEGROOM WEDNESDAY

Wednesday, April 4 – 6:00 pm, THE MYSTERY OF HOLY UNCTION

GREAT AND HOLY BRIDEGROOM THURSDAY

Thursday, April 5

8:00 am Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St Basil the Great

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 11:3-32 **GOSPEL:** Matthew 26:2-20

6:00 pm Matins of Great and Holy Friday

Twelve Passion Gospels

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

Friday, April 6

9:00 am Royal Hours – *Christ hangs on the Cross*

6:00 pm Great Vespers and Lamentations

Christ dies on the Cross, is buried and descends into hell



GRAVE WATCH

On Good Friday evening (APRIL 6) following the services, a **Vigil** will be kept at the tomb of our Lord (starting at 9:00 PM), remembering His sufferings and death for our salvation.

A vigil is time spent in meditation and prayer while one or more people read the Psalms and the Gospels before the Tomb in Church. A sign-up sheet is located in the vestibule of the Church at the Candle Desk. Sign up for your hour of watch. For more information please contact Joseph Turner @ 330.283.6833 or via email: jtgesualdo@gmail.com.



GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

Saturday, April 7

10:00 am Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

EPISTLE: Romans 6:3-11 GOSPEL: Matthew 28:1-20

HOLY PASCHA

The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Saturday, April 7

11:30 pm Nocturnes

Sunday, May 8

12:00 Midnight – Resurrection Matins

Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Epistle Reader: Reader Aaron Gray

EPISTLE: Acts 1:1-8 GOSPEL: John 1:1-17

11:00 am – Agape Vespers of Holy Pascha

GOSPEL: John 20:19-25 –

The Holy Gospel will be proclaimed at Agape Vespers in different languages

BRIGHT WEEK

BRIGHT MONDAY

Monday, May 9

9:00 am - Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom

Paschal Procession

EPISTLE: Acts 1:12-17, 21-26 GOSPEL: John 1:18-28



PASCHAL BASKET BLESSING

Following the Midnight Services of Pascha, the blessing of the **Paschal Baskets** will be held in the Church Hall. Our children are encouraged to bring their basket of “goodies” for the Pascha Blessing.

RED EGGS

Everyone is asked to bring a half-dozen of red eggs to the midnight service of Pascha. Please bring the **eggs** to the Church Office and they will be blessed and distributed in Church. **RED EGGS** symbolize the New Life in the Risen Christ granted to us through the Precious Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ shed on the Cross. Father will present each one of us with a red egg and greet us with “**Christ is Risen!**” We respond: “**Indeed, He is Risen!**”

BLESSING OF THE ARTOS

Following the Midnight Services of Pascha, the **ARTOS** will be blessed. The Artos is a Paschal Bread and bears on it the Icon of Christ’s Resurrection. In the Old Testament the Jews commemorated the Passover from bondage in Egypt by sacrificing a Passover Lamb. **Christ is our Passover Lamb Who has freed us from the bondage of sin and death. The Artos is offered and blessed on Holy Pascha and symbolizes the Angelic Bread, the Bread of Eternal Life: namely our Lord Jesus Christ. We will break the bread and partake of it on the eighth day of Pascha, St. Thomas Sunday.**

FLOWER OFFERINGS

Flowers adorn the Cross on the Sunday of the Veneration of the Holy Cross (March 11), and will adorn the tomb of our Lord on Good Friday (April 6), and the Altar area on Pascha (April 8). Please make your donations at the Candle Desk for the flowers and decorations for these celebrations.

GOOD FRIDAY PREPARATIONS

Following the **9:00 a.m. morning Service of the Royal Hours** on Good Friday, **April 6**, the tomb of Good Friday will be decorated with flowers in preparation for receiving the Shroud of our Lord at the **evening service of Great Vespers and Lamentations at 6:00 p.m.** We need your helping hands.

Church School

During **Holy Week and Pascha**, the children will be taking part in the **Divine Services**:



April 6th, Good Friday: During the Procession on Good Friday night around the outside of the Church, the children will carry the instruments of the Passion and spread rose petals before the Shroud of Our Lord.

April 8th, Pascha: This is a memorable time in the young lives of our children. They may be tired and even fall asleep during the Midnight service (and that's O.K.) – but they will never forget the experience of going to Church late at night, walking in the procession with their candles around the church and the joy of that celebration. The children are encouraged to bring their own Easter baskets for blessing in the Church Hall.

BLESSING BAGS

As we begin our Lenten Journey, we will once again be putting together Blessing Bags to give to the homeless. This year, several items will be purchased through Amazon, and others will be obtained locally. In order to prevent confusion and duplication of items, there will be colored envelopes labeled with the name of the item and dollar amount required for each item. These will be available in the vestibule. Blessing Bags will be assembled next Sunday, April 1. Any questions, and you may contact Sarah Niglio: sarahdawnsews@gmail.com.

2018 MEMBERSHIP PLEDGE CARDS

If you have not already done so, please fill out your membership/pledge card for **2018**. As of this date, twenty-two 2018 Membership/Pledge Card have been returned representing 30 members. In true stewardship, we are giving back to God with joy in thanksgiving for what He has done for us. Stewardship cheerfully offers back to God a portion of the gifts with which we have been blessed.

FURNACE – AIR CONDITIONING UNIT

At the emergency Meeting held on Sunday, December 17, the Parish Council recommended the replacement of our Furnace/AC unit at the cost of \$11,875.00, and a positive vote was taken. Loans are being investigated. In addition to your regular pledge, PLEASE consider a special donation for this needed project even before a loan is taken so that the amount of the loan can be reduced. The **COST** for a new Furnace/AC: **\$11,875.00. TO DATE: \$7,910.00** has been donated. Thank You!!!

SAINT ELIA BOOK STUDY

THE NEXT BOOK STUDY- TO BE ANNOUNCED

The book, **“The Mountain of Silence: A Search for Orthodox Spirituality,”** by **Kyriacos C. Markides**. The book combines elements of memoir, travelogue, and history as the author journeys to the island of Cyprus and makes the acquaintance of a monk named Fr. Maximos. Traveling and talking with Fr. Maximos as he establishes churches, convents, and monasteries in this divided land, the author receives answers to questions on topics ranging from angels and demons to the role of icons

