

The Forerunner

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Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania

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April 01 – 07, 2018

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. Palm Sunday.

Ven. Mary of Egypt (522).

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Schedule of Services

Saturday:	Vespers at 4PM
Sunday:	Liturgy at 10AM
Thursday:	Liturgy at 9AM; Reading of 12 Passion Gospels at 6 PM
Good Friday:	Vespers at 3 PM; Lamentations with Procession at 6 PM
Saturday April, 07:	Liturgy at 9 AM Nocturnes at 8:30 PM followed by Liturgy and blessing of baskets

A Warm Welcome to all who celebrate the Lord's resurrection this morning with us. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with the priest, the attendant at the candle desk, or with any parish member. If you are a first time visitor to our parish, we invite you to sign our guest book, and partake of our hospitality in the coffee hour after the conclusion of the service. If you have questions about our practices or beliefs, please ask any parishioner or the priest.

A brief word about communion: For our friends present with us who are not Orthodox, please note that we have specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion, including fasting from midnight and having recently received confession and absolution. We ask that you refrain from going to Communion until you have spoken with the priest and understand our discipline and piety regarding this sacrament and its implication for responsibility towards and membership in the Orthodox Church.

Readings

Philippians 4:4-9 (*Epistle*)

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice!

⁵ Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

⁶ Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God;

⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things.

⁹ The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

John 12:1-18 (*Gospel*)

¹ Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead.

² There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him.

³ Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

⁴ But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said,

⁵ Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?

⁶ This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

⁷ But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial.

⁸ For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always.

⁹ Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead.

¹⁰ But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also,

¹¹ because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

¹² The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem,

¹³ took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!"

¹⁴ Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: ¹⁵ Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt."

¹⁶ His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

¹⁷ Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness.

¹⁸ For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

Spiritual Donations

Wine (April): In memory of Helen & Vincent Olejnick, Aunt Cathy, Aunt Sophie & Leona. Love, JoAnne. Memory Eternal!

Prospora (April): In memory of Mary & Ray Pisaneschi, Anna Motill & Helen Spinicci. Love, JoAnne. Memory Eternal!

Incense (April): In loving memory of Mary Kastelan, Irene Osolinsky & Brandyn Thomas Robbins from Kathryn Graham & Leo & Chris Adamski. Memory Eternal!

Cross Candles Christ: In memory of Mary Berdy Skumanich from Elizabeth Dutko. Memory Eternal!

Cross Candles Theotokos: In memory of Mary Berdy Skumanich and John Berdy Jr. from Elizabeth Dutko. Memory Eternal!

Altar Candles (1&2): In loving memory of Andrew Rushton as he celebrates his fourth birthday in heaven. Love always, Dad & Karen. Memory Eternal!

Royal Doors (1): In loving memory of Veronica Fedrow from Elizabeth & Joseph Wozniak. Memory Eternal!

Royal Doors (2): In loving memory of my Dear Mother, Anna Bromuko, as she celebrates her 9th anniversary with our Lord on Good Friday, April 6th from daughter Anna Antall. Memory Eternal!

Eternal Candle: In memory of Andrew Rushton as he celebrates his fourth birthday in heaven. Love always, Dad & Karen. Memory Eternal!

Tomb Candle: In loving memory of my Dear Mother, Anna Bromuko, as she celebrates her 9th anniversary with the Lord on Good Friday, April 6th from daughter Anna Antall. Memory Eternal!

Bulletin Sponsor: With our love & in honor of our granddaughter, Danielle Reilly on her birthday from Grandma & Grandpa. Many Years!

Tetrapod Candles (1): In loving memory of Julia Sitar from Chris Adamski & Kathryn Graham. Memory Eternal! Her soul shall dwell with the blessed!

Tetrapod Candles (2): In loving memory of Julia Sitar from Elizabeth Dutko. Memory Eternal! Her soul shall dwell with the blessed!

Our Family Prayer Needs

Those Ill and afflicted: Todd Collura, Fr. Emilian Hutnyan, Matushka Laryssa Hutnyan, Carolyn, Patrick, Helen Grumblis, Jeanne Heusel, Mary Rilko, Helen Borden, Katherine Graham, Tatiana Radsavitch, Cheryl Rosencrans, Tom Podolak, Mary Cunius, Brian Lechak, Anna Antall, Edward Morgans, Sean Wolfe, Margiee, Anna Souchik, Leo Martin, Mary Ellen Spinicci, Margaret Hoidra, Doris Amos

Those in Nursing Homes, and those homebound: Mary Kosciuszko, Helen Bray, Betty Ervin, Mary Nickett, Kathryn Prokopchak, David Price, Julia Capp, Julia Talpash, Rudolph Bullard

Those serving in the Armed Forces: John Swetts, Alexander Baney, Elliot Hurchalla

Announcements

Spring Cleaning

It is time to start cleaning up the cemetery after the long winter. Anyone having anything on graves that they want to keep, please remove no later than **April 3, 2018**. This will allow our caretakers to have the cemetery looking its best before the blessing of the graves. Thank you

Following the Divine Liturgy on **Sunday, April 1st a Lenten Food Sale** will be held in Repella Hall. Items to be sold are take out only. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

Pascha Basket Raffle Winners are:

1. Margiee Yeosock
2. Christine Adamski
3. Helen Kobusky

Congratulations to our winners and John and thank you to everyone who participated in any way to make this raffle a success.

The **Annual Church Rummage Sale** has been set for **May 10-12**. Please begin gathering your items now. Time to declutter. Begin bring your items **after April 27th**. This is a major fund raiser for the church and help is appreciated.

Financial Report for February 2018:

Receipts (money taken in) - \$10,274.12

Disbursements (money paid out) - \$10,894.83

Deficit - \$620.71