

Sts. Peter and Paul Albanian Orthodox Church

First-enthroned of the apostles, teachers of the universe: Entreat the Master of all to grant peace to the world, and to our souls great mercy!

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THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM PALM SUNDAY

Today	10:00am	Divine Liturgy
	4:00pm	Bridegroom Matins @ St. Stephen Cathedral
Tues. 23	7:00pm	Bridegroom Matins
Wed. 24	7:00pm	Holy Unction
Thurs. 25	9:00am	Vesperal Liturgy
	7:00pm	Matins & Passion Gospel
Fri. 26	3:00pm	Vespers
	7:00pm	Matins & Lamentations
Sat. 27	9:00am	Vespers & Divine Liturgy
	11:30pm	Midnight Office
Sun. 28	12:00am	Matins & Divine Liturgy
	1:00pm	Vespers of Pascha

One must be baptized and chrismated an Orthodox Christian to receive Holy Communion. Guests are invited to receive a blessing at the chalice and partake of the post-Communion bread (Antidoron).

Fast Days: Every Day (fasting from meat, fish, eggs, dairy, oil, wine and hard spirits as you are able.)

Troparion – Tone 4

*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.”*

Kontakion – Tone 6

*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 Who comes to recall
Adam!”*

Welcome to all visitors! Please join us upstairs in the church hall for coffee hour after liturgy.

Prayers for those in our Sts. Peter and Paul community (parishioners, family, friends) can be listed for remembrance in our litanies during the Liturgy. Feel free to give names to Fr. Nicholas - please indicate how each person listed is connected to us (parishioner, family, friend, etc.), as well as why we are praying for them (health, memory, travel, etc.).

Confessions can be heard by appointment. If you need, I will come to you during the week. Please do not hesitate to call for a time to drop by the church or to have me visit you.

Remembrances for both the living and the dead during the prayers of preparation of the Eucharistic Lamb and during the Augmented Litany should be given the week before the desired remembrance so that the names can be put into the bulletin and given to the Deacons for the prayers. Any names of the living that are not marked as sick or traveling will be listed under general prayers.

SCRIPTURE THIS WEEK

Church Lectionary

Today

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

Monday

Ezekiel 1:1-20
Exodus 1:1-20
Job 1:1-12
Matthew 21:18-43
Matthew 24:3-35

Tuesday

Ezekiel 1:21-29
Exodus 2:5-10
Job 1:13-22
Matthew 22:15-23:39
Matthew 24:36-26:2

Wednesday

Ezekiel 2:3-3:3
Exodus 2:11-22
Job 2:1-10
John 12:17-50
Matthew 26:6-16

Thursday

1 Corinthians 11:23-32
Matt. 26:2-20; John 13:3-17; Matt. 26:21-39;
Luke 22:43-45; Matt. 26:40-27:2

Friday

1 Corinthians 1:18-2:2
Matt. 27:1-38; Luke 23:39-43; Matt. 27:39-54;
John 19:31-37; Matt. 27:55-61

Saturday

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

Reading the Bible in a Year

Apr 21: Job 9-12
Apr 22: Job 13-16
Apr 23: Job 17-20
Apr 24: Job 21-24
Apr 25: Job 25-28
Apr 26: Job 29-33
Apr 27: Job 34-38

Special Prayers

Ill/Home-bound:

Virginia Rifkin, Ruth Rifkin, Virginia Daka, Emmelia Stone, Liam, Denise Gormley, Victor, Sonya, Anna, George, Lyanna, Barbara, Katelyn, Margarita, Annmarie, Shpresa, Ralph John, Christina, Mary, Alexandra, Matthew, Fran, Sophie Plasari, Donna, Michael, Fr. Gregory & Mat. Linda DuDash, Leon, child Luka, child Makayla, Rhonda, Ashley, CJ, Elizabeth, Rebecca, Lev, Margarita, Rachel, Porter, Louise, Linda

General:

Michael Peterson, John, Darian, Tammy, Jean Dimitri, Cheryl Dimitri, Jason, Anna, George, Sonya, Catherine, Alisha, Sasha, Joseph, Kimberly, Niko, Kristin, Robert, Jerry, Pina, Jerry, Chris, Matt, Gianna, Menina, Eugenia and the child to be born of her, Evgenia and the child to be born of her, John

Memory Eternal:



“Do not be surprised that you fall every day; do not give up, but stand your ground courageously. And assuredly, the angel who guards you will honour your patience.”

-St. John of the Ladder



March/April Events

April

21 – 10:00am Divine Liturgy
Sunday School
4:00pm *Bridegroom Matins*
at St. Stephen's

23 – **Holy Tuesday**
7:00pm *Bridegroom Matins*

24 – **Holy Wednesday**
7:00pm Holy Unction

25 – **Holy Thursday**
9:00am Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil
Egg dying and pot-luck
7:00pm Matins of Great and Holy Friday

26 – **Great and Holy Friday**
3:00pm Vespers of Great and Holy Friday
7:00pm Matins of Great and Holy Saturday

27 – **Great and Holy Saturday**
9:00am Vespers with Divine Liturgy
11:30pm Nocturne with Procession

28 – **Great and Holy Pascha**
Midnight Matins and Divine Liturgy
Basket blessing & Agape meal
1:00pm Agape Vespers
Basket blessing & Agape meal

Coffee Hour

Today: Donna Bacon

Next Week: Pascha Agape Meal!

Birthdays/ Anniversaries

Rose Shaloka B – 4/23

Stuart Barenbaum B – 4/28

We are collecting donation items to go to Albania with Fr. Dennis Rhodes!

Our parish will take donations of all sizes and types of freshly laundered clothing for both boys and girls, sizes infant to teenagers, including dress clothes for church as well as casual everyday wear, socks and tights, shoes and sneakers, underwear, jackets, sweaters and sweatshirts. If the clothes cannot be used by the children at the orphanage he visits, they will be given to other needy children in the village.

There will be EGG DYING after Divine Liturgy on Thursday, April 25th. We are asking for YELLOW ONION SKINS for the dye. Onion skins can be dropped off at any of the services this week.

Children are welcome! We will also have a kids dying activity and all children are welcome. They will be dying eggs for their baskets.

Philippians 4:4-9 (Epistle)

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 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. 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)

Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. 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. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, Why was this fragrant oil 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 had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always." 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. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 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!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt." 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. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

Children's Word

Have you ever not understood something at first, but then you did later? Maybe you heard somebody say something, but it didn't mean anything to you...but then later, you really got it.

Today, on this wonderful feast of Palm Sunday, the Gospel reading tells us how our Lord entered Jerusalem. When the crowds heard that Jesus was coming, they waved palm branches and cheered Him on! "And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it, as it is written, 'Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!'"

Those words were written many, many years before Jesus Christ lived on earth. In fact, Jesus's disciples had probably heard them when they had heard the scripture! But it didn't mean anything to them. The Gospel reading today tells us, "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." Later on, they really got it!

We don't always understand the Bible at first either! Let's keep reading it, again and again, so we can make connections, and we can understand more and more of God's message to us!

ST. KASSIANI – THE HYMN WRITER

Today is a happy day, a big feast day in our Church. But tomorrow, things are different. We start to think about all the sad things that happened to our Lord, Jesus Christ. Once, Jesus was talking to His disciples, and a woman came up and asked Him to forgive her. She even cleaned His feet with her hair!

Long ago (1,200 years ago!) a saint named Kassiani wrote a hymn about that story. And on Tuesday night, we will hear this same hymn, written so long ago.

Saint Kassiani was a very beautiful young woman, but she was smart too. When the emperor decided he wanted to get married, she was one of the "bride show." There were some young women, and the emperor was supposed to pick one of them for his bride!

But Kassiani had other ideas. She wanted to live for Christ, not for the emperor and all his fancy things. She started a monastery, where she wrote many hymns. On Tuesday, we hear the hymn that she is most famous for writing. But did you know that she also wrote a hymn for the service on Christmas Eve? She also wrote a long set of hymns for memorial services, when we remember somebody who has died. So Saint Kassiani keeps giving us her wonderful gifts of beautiful hymns...especially on Holy Tuesday!

We remember St. Kassiani on Holy Tuesday, April 23rd.

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28 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday School <i>4:00pm Lenten Vespers</i>	29	30	01	02	03 6:00 pm Fun Night	04 6:00pm Vespers & General Confession
05 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday School <i>2:00pm Blessing of Graves (Oakland)</i>	06	07	08 7:00pm Bible Study	09	10	11 6:00pm Vespers
12 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday School <i>2:00pm Blessing of Graves (Lawnview)</i>	13	14	15 7:00pm Bible Study	16	17	18 6:00pm Vespers
19 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday School <i>2:00pm Blessing of Graves (Magnolia)</i>	20	21	22 7:00pm Bible Study	23	24	25 6:00pm Vespers
26 10:00am Divine Liturgy Sunday School <i>2:00pm Blessing of Graves (Forrest Hills)</i>	27	28	29 7:00pm Bible Study	30	31	01 6:00pm Vespers