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ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM: PALM SUNDAY

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, 4 April (22 March, o.s.)
6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

Sunday, 5 April (23 March, o.s.)
9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (coffee hour)

GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY

Sunday, 5 April (23 March, o.s.)
6:00 PM Matins of Holy Monday; Confessions

Monday, 6 April (24 March, o.s.)
8:15 AM 9th Hour, Gospel Reading, Typika
9:30 AM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

ANNUNCIATION TO THE THEOTOKOS

GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY

Monday, 6 April (24 March, o.s.)
6:00 PM Vigil Service; Confessions

Tuesday, 7 April (25 March, o.s.)
8:15 AM 9th Hour, Gospel Reading, Typika
9:30 AM Vespertal Liturgy of St John

GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY

Tuesday, 7 April (25 March, o.s.)
6:00 PM Matins of Holy Wednesday; Confessions

Wednesday, 8 April (26 March, o.s.)
8:15 AM 9th Hour, Gospel Reading, Typika
9:30 AM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY

Wednesday, 8 April (26 March, o.s.)
4:00 PM Matins of Holy Thursday; Confessions
6:00 PM The Service of Holy Unction

Thursday, 9 April (27 March, o.s.)
8:50 AM Hours & Typika
9:30 AM Vespertal Liturgy of St Basil

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

Thursday, 9 April (27 March, o.s.)
6:00 PM Matins of the Twelve Gospels

Friday, 10 April (28 March, o.s.)
9:00 AM Royal Hours
11:00 AM Decoration of the Tomb
12:00 PM Great Vespers

GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

Friday, 10 April (28 March, o.s.)
6:00 PM Matins of the Lamentations

Saturday, 11 April (29 March, o.s.)
8:50 AM Hours & Typika
9:30 AM Vespertal Liturgy of St Basil

HOLY PASCHA

Saturday, 11 April (29 March, o.s.)
11:15 PM Midnight Office & Procession

Sunday, 12 April (30 March, o.s.)
12:01 AM Paschal Matins & Divine Liturgy;
Paschal Trapeza (Meal)

BRIGHT MONDAY

Sunday, 12 April (30 March, o.s.)
2:00 PM Agape Vespers;
Children's Egg Hunt

Monday, 13 April (31 March, o.s.)
8:30 AM Paschal Matins and Hours
10:00 AM Divine Liturgy

FASTING DAYS THIS WEEK

Day of Week	Type of Fast
<i>PALM SUNDAY</i>	Fish, Wine & Oil permitted
<i>Great & Holy Monday</i>	Regular Fast Day (No Oil)
<i>ANNUNCIATION</i>	Wine & Oil permitted
<i>Great & Holy Wednesday</i>	Regular Fast Day (No Oil)
<i>Great & Holy Thursday</i>	Wine & Oil permitted
<i>Great & Holy Friday</i>	Total Fast
<i>Great & Holy Saturday</i>	Wine (but <i>no</i> oil) permitted

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LAST WEEK

Baptism Anniversaries – April 2nd: Paul Schidlovsky (2009).

THIS WEEK

Namedays – 8th (Archangel Gabriel): Gabrielle Komleski.

Baptism Anniversaries – 11th: Johan Mladineo (2009).

Chrismation Anniversaries – 11th: Michael Carey (2009); Peter Mladineo (2009).

THE REST OF APRIL

Namedays – 14th (St Mary of Egypt): Jennifer Mary Hotz.

Birthdays – 12th: Angelina Schidlovsky; 22nd: Katya Darenkov; 24th: Cliff Paul Brangwynne, Reader Gregory Maxey; 25th: Najib Ghandour, Carolyn O'Brien; 30th: Sami Ghandour, Colman (Hugh) O'Beirne.

Ordination Anniversaries – 13th: Father David Straut (Holy Diaconate, 1986).

Wedding Anniversaries – 18th: Andrew & Carolyn O'Brien (2004).

Fallen Asleep in the Lord – 28th: Oksana Stryzak (+2001).

THIS WEEK'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Blessing of Palms (and Pussy Willows) took place at the Vigil Service last evening. All who attended Vigil received blessed palms and pussy willows. Additional blessed palms and pussy willows are available for those who desire them.

The fast is mitigated on Palm Sunday. On this Great Feast of the Lord, Fish, wine, and oil are permitted to be eaten.

There will be Services every evening of Holy Week beginning with Palm Sunday and ending with Holy Friday. There will also be services each morning of Holy Week beginning with Holy Monday and ending with Holy Saturday. Please see the calendar section of this Bulletin for specific times.

Orthodox Christians should attend as many Holy Week services as possible. The Services from Holy Thursday morning through Holy Saturday morning are certainly the most essential. Because of the solemnity of these Holy Days, Orthodox Christians should take these days off from work or school. If it is impossible to take two weekdays off, then at least Holy Friday should be taken off.

It is our established practice that those who receive the Mystery of Confession during Holy Week (from the Eve of Lazarus Saturday onwards) are *not* required to go to Confession again in order to receive Holy Communion at the Liturgies of Holy Week, Pascha, and Bright Week. Should a grave sin be committed, however, Confession would of course be necessary before communing.

Those desiring to make their Confessions during Holy Week should go as early in the Week as possible. There will be times during or after the Holy Week services for Confession. Please note that after the beginning of the Paschal Vigil there will be no more Confessions.

The Feast of the Annunciation of the Theotokos (25 March / 7 April) is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the Church. It commemorates the Annunciation of the Archangel Gabriel to the All-Holy One the good news that God had chosen her to become the Mother of God. It is also the day on which we commemorate our Saviour's holy conception. All the faithful should attend as many of the services for the Feast as they are able.

The schedule of services for the Feast of the Annunciation differs from that of other Great Feasts because this Great Feast falls on a weekday of Great Lent and the Festal elements of the service are mixed with Lenten elements. The services are as follows: The Vigil Service (Great Compline, Matins and the First Hour) on the Eve of the Feast, 6 April, at 6 o'clock; the Ninth Hour with the Typika at 8:15, and the Vespers Liturgy of St John Chrysostom at 9:30 on the morning of the Feast, 7 April.

Kulich is a kind of Paschal (Easter) bread, traditional in the Orthodox Christian faith and eaten in Russia, Belarus, Bulgaria, and Serbia, and by Orthodox Americans whose parishes are influenced by these Old World cultures. The recipe for kulich is similar to that of Italian panettone. Kulich is baked in tall, cylindrical tins (like coffee or fruit juice cans), and when cooled is decorated with white icing (which is slightly drizzled down the sides), colorful flowers, and XB (from the traditional Paschal greeting of *Христос воскрес*, 'Christ is Risen' in Slavonic-derived languages) is decorated on the side. Traditionally after the Paschal service, the kulich, which has been put into a basket and decorated with colorful flowers, with a slim lighted beeswax taper inserted into the top, is blessed by the priest. Blessed kulich is eaten before breakfast each day. Leftover kulich that is not blessed is eaten with Cheese Paskha for dessert. Kulich is only eaten in the Fifty Days of the Paschal season, i.e. between the Sundays of Pascha and Pentecost.

NEEDED:

- **Contributions for Flowers** to beautify the church on Holy Friday and Pascha. Please mark your donation clearly "for flowers."
- **People willing to help clean the church** after the services of Holy Week.
- **Twelve dozen red eggs** for the Paschal Liturgy. Please let Father know how many dozen red eggs you plan to provide and bring the eggs with you to the Midnight Paschal Liturgy.
- **Paschal Foods for our Agape Meal** after the Holy Liturgy on the night of Pascha. Each family in the Parish is asked to bring a dish to share at this Festal Meal in the church basement.
- **People willing to remain to the end** of the Paschal Meal to help clean up.
- **Five Families or Individuals willing to fill** 24 plastic eggs each with chocolates and other soft candy for the Egg Hunt, which will be held after Agape Vespers on Pascha. Please see Matushka Faith for your two dozen plastic eggs and plan to bring the filled eggs to church no later than Holy Saturday morning.

The Paschal Meal following the Midnight Paschal Liturgy will be held this year downstairs in the church basement. Each family in the Parish is asked to bring a dish to share at this Festal Meal. We ask that *everyone* take any food or dish they have brought with them when they leave the meal. This will greatly assist those who remain to clean up.