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ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM: PALM SUNDAY

SERVICES THIS WEEK

PALM SUNDAY

Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem

Saturday, 31 March (18 March, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 1 April (19 March, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Trapeza (coffee hour)

GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY

Sunday, 1 April (19 March, o.s.)

6:00 PM Matins of Holy Monday;
Confessions

Monday, 2 April (20 March, o.s.)

8:15 AM 9th Hour, Gospel Reading, Typika
9:30 AM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY

Monday, 2 April (20 March, o.s.)

6:00 PM Matins of Holy Tuesday;
Confessions

Tuesday, 3 April (21 March, o.s.)

8:15 AM 9th Hour, Gospel Reading, Typika
9:30 AM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY

Tuesday, 3 April (21 March, o.s.)

6:00 PM Matins of Holy Wednesday;
Confessions

Wednesday, 4 April (22 March, o.s.)

8:15 AM 9th Hour, Gospel Reading, Typika
9:30 AM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY

Wednesday, 4 April (22 March, o.s.)

4:00 PM Matins of Holy Thursday;
Confessions

6:00 PM Service of Holy Unction

Thursday, 5 April (23 March, o.s.)

8:50 AM Hours & Typika
9:30 AM Vespertal Liturgy of St Basil

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

Thursday, 5 April (23 March, o.s.)

6:00 PM Matins of the Twelve Gospels

Friday, 6 April (24 March, o.s.)

9:00 AM Royal Hours
11:00 AM Decoration of the Tomb
12:00 PM Great Vespers

GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY & THE ANNUNCIATION TO THE THEOTOKOS

Friday, 6 April (24 March, o.s.)

6:00 PM Matins of the Lamentations

Saturday, 7 April (25 March, o.s.)

8:50 AM Hours & Typika
9:30 AM Vespertal Liturgy of St Basil

HOLY PASCHA

Saturday, 7 April (25 March, o.s.)

11:15 PM Midnight Office & Procession

Sunday, 8 April (26 March, o.s.)

12:01 AM Paschal Matins & Divine Liturgy;
Paschal Trapeza (Meal)

BRIGHT MONDAY

Sunday, 8 April (26 March, o.s.)

2:00 PM Agape Vespers;
Children's Egg Hunt

Monday, 9 April (27 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>Great & Holy Tuesday</i>	Regular Fast Day (No Oil)
<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 & the Annunciation</i>	Wine and oil permitted

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.

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.

The Blessing of Kulich, Eggs, and Paschal Foods at St Elizabeth's takes place after the Midnight Divine Liturgy on the Sunday of Pascha, at about 3:00 a.m., just prior to our breaking the Fast at the Festal Meal. *There is no Blessing of Paschal food in our parish on Holy Saturday.* Those who are unable to bring their

baskets at Midnight may have them blessed following Agape Vespers at 2:00 p.m. on the Sunday of Pascha.

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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING

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.
- **Eight 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.

We have acquired four sets of beautiful priestly vestments in purple, black, white, and green. These will be used when a second priest serves at St Elizabeth's. These vestments are smaller than Fr David's large vestments, and are useful to have for visiting priests. Each vestment set cost \$300. All four sets cost us \$1200. We are seeking donors for these vestments.

We acquired seven more white server's vestments in time for Pascha. There are 3 adult size sticharia at \$150 each, two taller boy size sticharia at \$120 each, and 2 smaller boy size sticharia at \$110 each. We are asking donations to cover the cost of these vestments.

Church cleaners are needed. We need Parishioners to volunteer regularly to clean the church. Please speak to Father David, if you can help with church cleaning.