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PALM SUNDAY

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA

PALM SUNDAY

Saturday, 12 April (30 March, o.s.)

6:00 PM Vigil Service;
Confessions

Sunday, 13 April (31 March, o.s.)

9:10 AM Third and Sixth Hours
9:30 AM Divine Liturgy;
Coffee Hour

GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY

Sunday, 13 April (31 March, o.s.)

6:00 PM Matins of Holy Monday;
Confessions

Monday, 14 April (1 April, o.s.)

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

GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY

Monday, 14 April (1 April, o.s.)

6:00 PM Matins of Holy Tuesday;
Confessions

Tuesday, 15 April (2 April, o.s.)

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

GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY

Tuesday, 15 April (2 April, o.s.)

6:00 PM Matins of Holy Wednesday;
Confessions

Wednesday, 16 April (3 April, o.s.)

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

GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY

Wednesday, 16 April (3 April, o.s.)

4:00 PM Matins of Holy Thursday;
Confessions

6:00 PM The Service of Holy Unction

Thursday, 17 April (4 April, o.s.)

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

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

Thursday, 17 April (4 April, o.s.)

6:00 PM Matins of the Twelve Gospels

Friday, 18 April (5 April, o.s.)

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

GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

Friday, 18 April (5 April, o.s.)

6:00 PM Matins of the Lamentations

Saturday, 19 April (6 April, o.s.)

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

HOLY PASCHA

Saturday, 19 April (6 April, o.s.)

11:15 PM Midnight Office & Procession

Sunday, 20 April (7 April, o.s.)

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

BRIGHT MONDAY

Sunday, 20 April (7 April, o.s.)

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

Monday, 21 April (8 April, 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</i>	Wine (but no oil) permitted

NAMEDAYS, BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

LAST WEEK

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

Birthdays – 12th: Angelina Schidlovsky.

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

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

THIS WEEK

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

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

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

THE REST OF APRIL

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

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS THIS WEEK

GREAT AND HOLY WEEK	
Palm Sunday	Genesis 49:1-2, 8-12 • Zephaniah 3:14-19 • Zachariah 9:9-15
	<i>Matins Gospel:</i> Matt. §83 (21:1-11, 15-17)
	Phil. §247 (4:4-9) John §41 (12:1-18)
Great Monday	<i>Matins Gospel:</i> Matt. §84-§88 (21:18-43)
	<i>Third Hour:</i> Matt. §1-§66 (1:1-16:12)
	<i>Sixth Hour:</i> Ezekiel 1:1-20 • Matt. §67-§116 (16:13-28:20)
	<i>Ninth Hour:</i> Mark §1-§39 (1:1-9:16)
	<i>Vespers:</i> Exodus 1:1-20 • Job 1:1-12
	<i>Presanctified Liturgy:</i> Matt. §98-§101 (24:3-35)
Great Tuesday	<i>Matins Gospel:</i> Matt. §90-§96 (22:15-23:39)
	<i>Third Hour:</i> Mark §40-§71 (9:17-16:20)
	<i>Sixth Hour:</i> Ezekiel 1:21-2:1 • Luke §1-§38 (1:1-8:39)
	<i>Ninth Hour:</i> Luke §39-§82 (8:40-16:18)
	<i>Vespers:</i> Exodus 2:5-10 • Job 1:13-22
Great Wednesday	<i>Presanctified Liturgy:</i> Matt. §102-§107 (24:36-26:2)
	<i>Matins Gospel:</i> John §41a-§43 (12:17-50)
	<i>Third Hour:</i> Luke §83-§114 (16:19-24:53)
	<i>Sixth Hour:</i> Ezekiel 2:3-3:3 • ohn §1-§26 (1:1-7:36)
	<i>Ninth Hour:</i> John §27-§46 (7:37-13:32)
Great Thursday	<i>Vespers:</i> Exodus 2:11-22 • Job 2:1-10
	<i>Presanctified Liturgy:</i> Matt. §108 (26:6-16)
	<i>Matins Gospel:</i> Luke §108a-§109 (22:1-39)
	<i>First Hour:</i> Jeremiah 11:18-12:5, 9-11, 14-15
	<i>Vespers:</i> Ex. 19:10-19 • Job 38:1-23; 42:1-5 • Isaiah 50:4-11
Great Friday	<i>Divine Liturgy of St Basil:</i> 1 Cor. §149 (11:23-32) • <i>Composite Gospel:</i> Matt. §107 (26:1-20); John 13:3-17; Matt. 26:21-39; Luke 22:43-45; Matt. 26:40-27:2
	<i>Matins:</i> The Twelve Passion Gospels: (1) John §46-§58 (13:31b-18:1) • (2) John §58 (18:1-28) • (3) Matt. §109 (26:57-75) • (4) John §59-§60 (18:28-19:16) • (5) Matt. §111-§112 (27:3-32) • (6) Mark §67-§68 (15:16-32a) • (7) Matt. §113 (27:33-54) • (8) Luke §111 (23:32-49) • (9) John §61 (19:25-37) • (10) Mark §69 (15:43-47) • (11) John §62 (19:38-42) • (12) Matt. §114 (27:62-66)
	<i>First Hour:</i> Zachariah 11:10-13 • Gal. §215a (6:14-18) • Matt. §110-§113 (27:1-56)
	<i>Third Hour:</i> Isaiah 50:4-11 • Rom. §88a (5:6-11) • Mark §67-§68 (15:16-41)
	<i>Sixth Hour:</i> Isaiah 52:13-54:1 • Heb. §306 (2:11-18) • Luke §111 (23:32-49)
	<i>Ninth Hour:</i> Jeremiah 11:18-12:5, 9-11, 14-15 • Heb. §324 (10:19-31) • John §59-§61 (18:28-19:37)
	<i>Vespers:</i> Exodus 33:11-23 • Job 42:12-17 • Isaiah 52:13-54:1 • <i>Epistle:</i> 1 Cor. §125 (1:18-2:2) • <i>Composite Gospel:</i> Matt. §110 (27:1-38); Luke 23:39-43; Matt. 27:39-54; John 19:31-37; Matt. 27:55-61
	<i>Matins:</i> Ezekiel 37:1-14 • 1 Cor. §133 (5:6b-8), Gal. §206 (3:13-14) • Matt. §114 (27:62-66)
	<i>Vespers:</i> (1) Genesis 1:1-13 • (2) Isaiah 60:1-16 • (3) Exodus 12:1-11 • (4) Jonah 1:1-4:11 (entire book) • (5) Joshua 5:10-15 • (6) Exodus 13:20-15:19 • (7) Zephaniah 3:8-15 • (8) 1 [3] Kings 17:8-24 • (9) Isaiah 61:10b-62:5 • (10) Genesis 22:1-18 • (11) Isaiah 61:1-10a • (12) 2 [4] Kings 4:8-37 • (13) Isaiah 63:11-64:5 • (14) Jeremiah 31:31-34 • (15) Daniel 3:1-88 (LXX)
	<i>Liturgy of St Basil:</i> Rom. §91 (6:3-11) • Matt. §115-§116 (28:1-20)
	Before the Matins of Pascha, the Acts of the Apostles is read by the people in the church.
	Great Saturday

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.

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.

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.
- **Ten or 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.