

VARIABLES – APRIL 1, 2018

SS. PETER & PAUL ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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REVEREND FATHER NATHAN THOMPSON, PASTOR

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“Be the guardian of the eye that it might not look about in the manner of a thief; be the guardian of the ear, that it might not perceive falsehood. Be the guardian of the lips that slander, judgment, criticism and idle words might not come forth from them. Be the guardian of the heart that it might not be inclined to evil and might not work iniquity.”
St. Ephraim the Syrian

Welcome. . .to all our visitors worshipping with us this morning! Please sign our Guest Register as you enter the church and be our guest in the Fellowship Hall for coffee and refreshments this morning after the service is over. We look forward to meeting you and welcoming you personally to Ss. Peter and Paul.

Palm Sunday

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom—Hymns & Scriptures

Variable Hymns – see music in packet

Troparion of Lazarus Saturday

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 who comes in the name of the Lord.”

Entrance Hymn of Palm Sunday

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and hath revealed Himself to us! O Son of God, who didst sit upon the foal of an ass, save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Troparion of Palm Sunday

When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God, we were made worthy of eternal Life by Thy resurrection. Now we praise Thee and sing: “Hosanna in the highest!” Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Kontakion of Palm Sunday

Sitting on Thy throne in Heaven; carried on a colt 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.”

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (4:4-9)

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, these do; and the God of peace will be with you.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (12:1-18)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His Disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" 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!" 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. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

Receiving Holy Communion: Only Orthodox Christians prepared through prayer, fasting, and a recent sacramental confession should approach the chalice for the Eucharist. The Orthodox Church does not practice "open communion" and has no intercommunion with non-Orthodox churches.

After taking Communion: Please return to your place and continue standing until the announcements.

Procession With Palms

The procession around the outside of the church will be led by the clergy, followed immediately by the children, the choir, and then the people. Sing Troparion for Lazarus Saturday, Troparion for Palm Sunday, and the Trisagion Hymn repeatedly in that order, following the choir's lead. Come back into the church after the procession for the dismissal.

Today's Commemorations and Prayer Requests

Take this list of prayer requests home with you and keep these people in your prayers this week. Some names are not Orthodox Christians and thus are not remembered in the Great Entrance, but are remembered in the other litanies during the services throughout the week.

For the living: Newly illumined Caleb; Newly ordained priest Nicholas; Archps. Moheen, & Jirius; Prs. George, Tom, Ed, Dimitri, Thomas, Stephen, Raphael, Patrick, Simeon; Dn. Richard; Presbe. Mandy, Judy, Maria, Themmi & Nikoletta; Sh. Camille-Anna, Stuart, Matthew & Amy, Xavier, John & Darlene, Fiona, Joshua & Amy, Roger, Nathan & Jessica, Hugh, Alexander, Mark & Alisa, Samson, Caitlin Charity, Gabriel Dane, Jameson, Cherice, Charles, Fallyn, James & Cheryl & Dane, Lynne, Judith, Anna, Letitia, Barbara, Daniel, Katie, Romina, Stephanie, Earlene, Stephen, Sarah & Jacob & Lucas, Cicily & Siobhan, Joshua, Thia, Anatoliy, Don & Marie, Peter & Georgie & family, Braden, James, Lauren, Pete, Alberta, Avery, Kirsten.

For the resposed: Archp. Gordon; Prs. Basil, Terry, David, & John; Hmks. Athanasios & Simeon; Dns. Nathaniel, David, Joseph & Michael; Presb. Terry Elizabeth, Tatiana, Lou, Douglas, Lily, Tomara, Christopher.

For those who are pregnant and their unborn children: Serenity, Kristy, Jill, Dominica.

For those serving in the Armed Forces: Richard, Shane Jeremiah, David, Gregory, Daniel, Preston, Saba, Aaron, Zoe, Don, Nick, Scott, Michelle.