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## Holy Resurrection Orthodox Church

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**April 17, 2022**

*Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!*

<b>Services</b>	<b>Wed., Apr. 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Holy Wednesday</b>	
		Bridegroom Matins	<b>7 pm</b>
	<b>Thurs., Apr. 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b>	
		Vesperal Divine Liturgy ( <i>Last Supper</i> )	<b>9 am</b>
		Matins/Passion Gospels	<b>7 pm</b>
	<b>Fri., Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup></b>	<b>Holy Friday</b>	
		Royal Hours	<b>9 am</b>
		Vespers of Entombment	<b>1 pm</b>
		Matins/Procession	<b>7 pm</b>
	<b>Sat., Apr. 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	
		Vesperal Divine Liturgy	<b>9 am</b>
		( <i>Fr. John Parker co-celebrating</i> )	
		( <i>Blessing of Baskets</i> )	
	<b>Sun., Apr. 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PASCHA</b>	
		Nocturne/Procession	<b>6 am</b>
		Paschal Matins	
		Paschal Divine Liturgy	
		Blessing of Baskets / Paschal Basket Distribution for our Sunday Schoolers / <b>Paschal Feast in Social Hall</b>	

# **Epistle**

*(Philippians 4:4-9)*

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.

# Gospel

(John 12:1-18)

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.

\*Take time to read the scriptures to prepare your heart and mind  
for Sunday Liturgies.

**Epistle:**                   Acts 1:1-8

**Gospel Reading:**   John 1:1-17

## Announcements:

**Fr. Stephan will hear confessions after ALL scheduled services up to Pascha.** If one cannot make it due to health or other noble reasons, Fr. Stephan will be glad to hear your confessions at your house.

***This year's Paschal service/feast/celebration!*** ~ ALL are invited to attend the Feast at Holy Resurrection immediately following the Paschal Divine Liturgy and blessing of the baskets. Father Stephan will be bringing a huge pot of stuffed cabbage and opening his basket for all who want to partake after the blessing of the baskets. **ALL** are invited to attend the Feast, bring a friend!

A special THANK YOU to all who gave for our seminarians! Over \$1,700 was collected! Paschal gifts of \$300 have been sent to six married seminarians and their families. There is a total of 26 children between the families. We helped to brighten their Paschal Celebration.

**Baba Bunny** needs your help – Can you help with a donation of some candy or candy-filled eggs? A few of us are getting together to make up some Paschal treat bags for our children filled with candy and goodies. To aid in assembling the Paschal bags, please fill your plastic eggs before bringing to church. Thanks to everyone for their generosity and help! God Bless!

A special request from Fr. Stephan! During the Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> Vesperal Divine Liturgy there are many readings. Anyone who would like to have an opportunity to read would be a blessing to me as well as the rest of the parish. Some of the readings are very short. Let Matushka Denise or me know if you have interest.

**A Note from Parish Council:** Due to an increase in the cost of candles, it has been decided to increase the minimal donation for the 6 day candles from \$3 to **\$4 beginning Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> (St. Thomas Sunday).**

Fr. Stephan has received a couple of requests to start a Catechumen class. If anyone is interested in joining, please contact Fr. Stephan.

**Reminder:** Please have the courtesy to inform others if you have potentially exposed them to Covid. It is still imperative that we remain vigilant to keep safe and healthy.

Please keep in your **PRAYERS** three of our diocesan priests who have been dealing with health issues during the past several months - Fr. Andrew Matychak, Igumen David Lewis, and Igumen Patrick Carpenter.