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**April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday**

Glory Be to Jesus Christ! Glory Be Forever!

Services	Wed., Apr. 16 th	Holy Wednesday Bridegroom Matins	7 pm
	Thurs., Apr. 17 th	Holy Thursday Vesperal Divine Liturgy (<i>Last Supper</i>) Matins/Passion Gospels	9 am 7 pm
	Fri., Apr. 18 th	Holy Friday Royal Hours Vespers of Entombment Matins/Procession	9 am 1 pm 7 pm
	Sat., Apr. 19 th	Holy Saturday Vesperal Divine Liturgy	9 am
	Sun., Apr. 20 th	PASCHA Nocturne/Procession Paschal Matins Paschal Divine Liturgy Blessing of Baskets / Paschal Basket Distribution for our Sunday Schoolers	6 am

PASCHAL FEAST IN SOCIAL HALL

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

Epistle: Acts 1:1-8

Gospel Reading: John 1:1-17

<p>Tone 1 Troparion (Palm Sunday) By <u>raising</u> Lazarus from the dead before Thy <u>Passion</u>, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O <u>Christ</u> God. Like the <u>children</u> with the palms of <u>victory</u>, we cry out to Thee, O <u>Vanquisher</u> of Death: “<u>Hosanna</u> in the <u>highest</u>! Blessed is He that comes in the <u>Name</u> of the Lord.”</p> <p>Tone 4 Troparion When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O <u>Christ</u> God, we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy <u>Resurrection</u>. Now we <u>praise</u> Thee and sing: “<u>Hosanna</u> in the <u>highest</u>! Blessed is He that comes in the <u>Name</u> of the Lord!”</p>	<p>Tone 6 Kontakion (Palm Sunday) Sitting on Thy throne in <u>Heaven</u>, carried on a foal on earth, O <u>Christ</u> God, accept the praise of angels and the songs of <u>children</u>, who sing:// “Blessed is He Who comes to recall <u>Adam</u>!”</p> <p>Tone 4 Kontakion (St. Mary of Egypt) Having <u>been</u> a sinful woman, thou becamest through repentance a <u>bride</u> of Christ. Having attained <u>angelic</u> life, thou didst defeat demons with the <u>weapon</u> of the Cross. Therefore, O most glorious Mary, thou art a <u>bride</u> of the <u>Kingdom</u>.</p>	<p>Tone 4 Prokeimenon (Palm Sunday) Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. (Ps. 117:26b, 27b) <i>V. O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever. (Ps. 117:1)</i></p>
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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.

Announcements:

Don't Wait Until the Last Minute! Fr. Stephan will hear confessions after ALL scheduled services throughout Lent. If one cannot make it due to health or other noble reasons, Fr. Stephan will be glad to hear your confessions at your house.

Don't forget to give Father a call to let him know when you would like to come to pray and he will make arrangements to have the Church open for you.

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 REQUEST** – that we please try to share our “Paschal Feast” with our home-bounds as well as those we meet.

This month's Parish Council meeting is **Monday, April 14th at 6:30 pm.**

Don't forget, we need to remember and visit our Home-Bound Parishioners especially over the Paschal season! We have quite a few parishioners who are not able to get out and about as well as they use to. See today's bulletin insert for a listing of our Home-Bound Parishioners. All of these folks are very appreciative that their parish has not forgotten them and enthusiastically send their love to all here at HROC. *If you know of a person who needs to be added to it, please let Father Stephan know.*

PASCHAL ALTAR CANDLES: The following Altar Candles were presented by the following:

In Loving Blessed Memory of:

Grandparents: Simon & Izza Joseph and Andrew & Eva Malaga

Parents: John & Nazeda Rosak and John & Helen Costella

By John & Toni Costella

In Loving Blessed Memory of Husband, Father and Grandfather Frank Zemba by Wife Stephanie Zemba & Family

In Loving Blessed Memory of Parents Steve and Helen “Minnie” Soroka by Daughter Stephanie Zemba & Family

In Loving Blessed Memory of Sister and Aunt Sandra Walters by Sister Stephanie Zemba & Family

It's never too late to prepare for Pascha! We should try to look back at ourselves and our lives to see where we can improve and come closer to God. Come and attend any of the upcoming Passion services to assist you on your journey towards Pascha. Pick up a copy of the “**Lenten, Holy Week and Paschal 11 Week Calendar**” for days/times.

Father Stephan will be asking for help for the Vespertal Divine Liturgy scheduled for **Saturday, April 19th**. There are multiple Old Testament readings and this is also the service when the colors are changed from dark to light. Any able help is welcome.

Also, Fr. Stephan is gathering hard boiled RED colored eggs to handout when venerating the cross on Pascha. We need volunteers to boil and dye them RED for Pascha. *We were blessed at Paska baking with an abundance of extra eggs that we can provide you with the eggs!* If you can help, please see Rebekkah Simkovich. Red you ask? See the reverse side of the candle list for the story!

Baba Bunny needs your help – Can you help with a donation of some candy? A few of us are getting together to make up some Pascha treat bags for our children filled with candy and goodies. Thanks to everyone for their generosity and help! God Bless!

With Pascha right around the corner, one of the questions that is often asked is “What should we do with the old palms and pussy willows?” If they are still being used, use them. If they need to be replaced, then the old ones should be burned and the ashes should be returned to the earth. If you don’t have a good place to burn them Father Stephan does Liturgical Burns on a regular basis.

Paschal Altar Candles: Gifts are now being accepted for the Paschal Altar Candles. If you would like to make a gift in memory of loved ones or in honor of loved ones – place your offering in an envelope marking it “Paschal Candles” and leave it at the Candle Stand.

Local glass artisan and friend of HROC **“Kiln it by Donna”** has created custom order, one of a kind Orthodox Glass Crosses as garden medallions, gravestone markers, table top centerpieces and any other custom design can be created as a beautiful reflection of our faith. In the vestibule there is a cross, flyer with samples pictures, business cards and a sign-up sheet if interested.