

# Glory be to Jesus Christ! Glory be Forever!

April 14, 2019

(Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt)

**Epistle Reading:** Hebrews 9:11-14      **Gospel Reading:** Mark 10:32-45

**Next Week:** Philippians 4:4-9      **Next Week:** John 12:1-18

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

<b>Services:</b> Sun., Apr. 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Mission Vespers</b> Holy Trinity, New Salem	<b>6 pm</b>
Wed., Apr. 17 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lenten Matins</b> <b>Presanctified Liturgy</b> HROC	<b>7 am</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>
Fri., Apr. 19 <sup>th</sup>	<i>LENT ENDS</i> <b>Lenten Matins</b> <b>Passion Akathist</b> (Holy Sacrament of Confession)	<b>7 am</b> <b>7 pm</b>
Sat., Apr. 20 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Lazarus Saturday</b> Hours Divine Liturgy <b>Great Vespers</b> (Holy Sacrament of Confession to follow)	<b>8:45 am</b> <b>9 am</b> <b>7 pm</b>
Sun., Apr. 21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> Church School Hours & Palm Blessing/Procession Divine Liturgy <b>SW Region Deanery</b> <b>Holy Unction</b> HROC, Belle Vernon	<b>9:15 am</b> <b>9:40 am</b> <b>10 am</b> <b>6 pm</b>

## Announcements:

A reminder regarding fasting for Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgies... If you plan to attend and receive communion, you should fast from food and drink from your lunchtime meal onward. If you take medications, please follow the normal medical instructions. Also, if one needs to eat for medical reasons, please eat what you have to eat. Don't let this deter one from receiving. Remember, God knows our situation a little better than we do.

Palm Sunday is next week! It's still not too late to resolve to do two things **very soon**: go to Confession and come to more church services. Go to Confession as soon as you can find the time to do it. That means taking the time to examine your conscience with true honesty before God and come to the Sacrament ready to articulate your sins. Going to private Confession allows a person to move beyond the admission of a vague sense of guilt and sorrow, to really deal with specific ugly parts of your life which have prevented you from becoming a better person. Just saying it 'out loud' is the beginning of the liberation! Also, really try to go to more services during the week. Sunday morning is not 'good enough'. In the quietness of a darkened church, attending to the liturgical prayers, is an excellent venue to come to grips with your life and form the resolve you need to grow in Christ. Don't allow yourself to remain dead and unmoved. The 'day of the Lord' is at hand."

**Note to Choir Members:** There will be a choir rehearsal following the Passion Akathist service on **Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm** to prepare for the upcoming Paschal season. We will be refreshing our memories of the musical settings for Unction Service, Bridegroom Matins on Holy Wednesday, Holy Thursday, Holy Friday, Holy Saturday and Pascha. Please make every effort to attend these rehearsals. Anyone interested in joining the choir, please feel free to attend. All are welcome!

**THANK YOU IN ADVANCE!** Can you help us make Pascha a happy day for our youngest Parishioners? We are in need of candy to fill the eggs for our annual egg hunt. Could you help us out?

**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.

**\*\* Please see today's bulletin insert for an UPDATE listing of our Parish Homebounds.** They would really appreciate a card or call during the Paschal Season. Fr. Stephan is making his visits to all the Homebound before the start of Holy Week. All of these folks are very appreciative that their parish has not forgotten them and enthusiastically send their love to all here at HROC.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** To help make palm crosses for Palm Sunday, please see Marie on Sunday, **April 14<sup>th</sup>** for a demo and palms. Also, volunteers will be needed **Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>** (before Great Vespers (**5 pm**)) in the Church Social Hall to help prepare the Palms and Willows for Palm Sunday! Thanks!

**Collection:** April 7<sup>th</sup>: \$2,060

(See the reverse side of the Candlelist for additional announcements.)