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**SUNDAY APRIL 9TH, 2017**

**ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. PALM SUNDAY.** Martyr Eupychius of Cæsarea in Cappadocia (362). Martyrs Desan—Bishop, Mariabus—Presbyter, Abdiesus, and 270 others in Persia (363-364). Monk Martyr Bademus (Vadim) of Persia (376).

**Epistle:** Philippians 4:4-9

**Gospel:** John 12:1-18

 **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES** 

**Confessions:** Saturdays Following Vespers  
*Also by appointment*

**Vespers:** Saturdays at 6pm

**Vigil:** Eve of Feasts at 7pm

**Divine Liturgy:** Sundays at 9:30am  
Feast Days at 9:30am

## UPCOMING SERVICES AND EVENTS:

**Sun, Apr 9:** Hours and Divine Liturgy – 9:10am, Coffee Hour. Bridegroom Matins, St. Stephen’s Cathedral, 4pm.  
**Mon, Apr 10:** Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts – 9:15am; Bridegroom Matins -7pm.  
**Tues, April 11:** Bridegroom Matins – 7pm.  
**Wed, Apr 12:** Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts 9:15am; Bridegroom Matins & Holy Unction, St. Stephen’s Cathedral, 6pm.  
**Thurs, Apr 13:** Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil: 9am: Matins of Holy Friday – 7pm  
**Fri, Apr 14:** Vespers of Holy Friday – 3pm; Matins of Holy Saturday – 7pm.  
**Sat, Apr 15:** Vespers Liturgy – 9am. Nocturns 11:30pm.  
**Church Cleaning:** Thank you to those who have signed up to help not only in March and April, but beyond. Additional help is needed. Please consider volunteering for a week or two or even an entire month, if you can.

**Coffee Hour:** Also, thank you to those who have signed up for Coffee Hour. The signup sheet has been moved so everyone can see it and easily signup!

**Food Sale:** Thank you to all who participated: bakers, cooks, order takers and servers, set up and clean up.

**Mission Service:** A profound thank you to the members of the Holy Myrrhbearers’ Sisterhood who provided an abundance of food for our guests at last week’s Mission Service. I received many complements from guests for the service, beautifully sung by the Pan Orthodox Choir, our Church, which many were visiting for the first time, and for the hospitality of our parish. Thank you to all our parishioners who participated in the preparation and cleanup, as well as singing in the choir and serving in the altar. You know who you are. And, more importantly God knows who you are. May your service be as pleasing in His sight as it was in the sight of all those here gathered!

**New Liturgical Items:** Thanks to the generosity of different parishioners we have recently added another set of Communion Spoon and Spear. Having an additional spoon makes it possible for us to have a second chalice on Holy Pascha. His Eminence, Archbishop Mark has given a blessing for Protodeacon Gregory to distribute the Holy Gifts along with Fr. Martin, at any time, should the need arise.

Additionally we have 20 new copies of the Liturgy book, which include all three liturgies served throughout the year; St. John Chrysostom, St. Basil the Great, Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts.

And we purchased four different colored ribbons for the Holy Gospel. If you would like to make a donation toward those it would be welcome. They cost \$20 each.

The Sisterhood has received its Patronal Icon which has been gifted to us by Holy New Martyrs of Russia ROCOR, Norwich Ct., Fr. John Malcolm, Rector. Fr. John, who also teaches at Holy Trinity Seminary, Jordanville obtained the icon for us from Holy Trinity’s icon studio.

Three remaining icons from the donations of earlier this year: St. Stephen the Protomartyr, St. Anastasia, All Saints.

Coming soon: our own Funeral Service Book, and the altar server robes, eventually.

May the Lord grant the donors of these holy items heavenly gifts for their earthly and material ones!

**Parish Meeting:** On Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> we will have a special parish meeting to amend our Parish By-Laws as proposed by the Parish Council. This revision is a result of the Orthodox Church in America’s unanimous adoption of an updated Statute of the Orthodox Church in America, the governing document for our Church, at the All American Council in Atlanta in July of 2015. All parishes and institutions of the O.C.A need to bring their current bylaws into conformity with this Statute, which has been in effect since 2015 and is the law of our Church. The By-law revision is accessible on our parish website for review. If you wish a hard copy there are some available. All proposed changes reflect conformity to the Statute and current parish practice. We hope you attend the meeting following Divine Liturgy that day and pass the revised By-Laws.

**Scrip:** Thank you to all who participated last week. Profit \$34.80, YTD \$323.40

### **Vigil Lights**

From Alan Lee Litvin

*For the Health of:* Emma Chandler

*In Memory of:* All my ancestors asleep in the Lord

From the Brailoiu Family

*For the Health of:* Eugen, Cristina, Dimitrie, Victor  
Adriana, Ion, Gabriela, Mihai, Dragos, George,  
Daniela, Maria, Tiffany, Tiberiu, Mihaela, Lucica,  
Michael, Nicholas, Rodica, Elena, Ana

*In Memory of:* Tudor, Elena, Lucian, Ion, Prica, Ion  
Adriana, Ana, Gheorghe, Victoria, Daniela, Ionica

**HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE**

Palm Sunday Evening - 4pm: Bridegroom Matins - St. Stephen's  
Cathedral

Holy Monday - Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts - 9:15am  
Bridegroom Matins - 7pm

Holy Tuesday - Bridegroom Matins - 7pm, with His Eminence,  
Archbishop Mark

Holy Wednesday - Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts - 9:15am - with His  
Eminence, Archbishop Mark.

Bridegroom Matins **at St. Stephen's at 6pm,**  
Holy Unction Service - **St. Stephen's Cathedral -**  
**7pm.**

Holy Thursday - Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil the Great - 9am.  
Matins of Holy Friday with 12 Passion Gospels - 7pm.

Holy Friday - Vespers - 3pm

Matins of Holy Saturday with Procession - 7pm

Holy Saturday - Vespers Liturgy of Pascha - 9am

Nocturns - 11:30pm

Matins of Holy Pascha with Divine Liturgy - 12

Midnight

Holy Pascha - Paschal Vespers-Noon

Bright Monday - Paschal Hours and Divine Liturgy - 9:10am. Church School Event - Decorating Duffel Bags for  
Together We Rise and Pizza Party follows Divine Liturgy and Procession.

