

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

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Confessions:
Saturday 4 – 4:30 PM
Sunday 9:30 – 10:00 AM
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Glory Forever!
Слава на вьку!

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13 April 2014: Palm ~ Flowery Sunday

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Sat. Apr. 12 **9:30 AM: SATURDAY OF LAZARUS**
+Joseph & Elizabeth Garber requested by son Ron Garber
5:00 PM: Palm Sunday Vigil w/Mirovanije
+Daniel Temensky requested by John & Fran Kernicky

Sun. Apr. 13 **10:30 AM: Palm (Flowery) Sunday w/Mirovanije: pro populo**

Wed. Apr. 16 **7:00 PM: Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts w/ Holy Anointing**
+Anthony Giacobbi requested by Jim Basinger

Thurs. Apr. 17 **7:00 PM: Vespers + Divine Liturgy of St. Basil**

Fri. Apr. 18 **7:00 PM: Solemn Vespers w/ Procession to the Tomb**

Sat. Apr. 19 **4:00 PM: Vespers + Divine Liturgy of St. Basil w/Mirovanije**

Sun. Apr. 20 **10:00 AM: Resurrection of Our Lord ~ Pascha**
Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom w/Mirovanije

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| | <u>Acolytes</u> | <u>Readers</u> | <u>Ushers</u> | |
| Sat. Apr. 12AM | Any Present | M. Hulyk | ----- | |
| Sat. Apr. 12PM | M. Mihalko | L. Knouse | J. Snitzer, R. Garber | |
| Sun. Apr. 13 | All Present | S. Vacha | R. Garber, G. Krynicky | |
| Wed. Apr. 16 | Any Present | To Be Contacted | Any 2 Present | |
| Thurs. Apr. 17 | All Present | To Be Contacted | Any 2 Present | |
| Fri. Apr. 18 | All Present | To Be Contacted | Any 2 Present | |
| Sat. Apr. 19 | All Present | To Be Contacted | D. Mihalko, J. Snitzer | |
| Sun. Apr. 20 | All Present | L. Cianciotti | C. Cianciotti, R. Knouse | |

4/06/14 Collection: Adult \$1275; Student \$14; Candles \$ 70; Holy Day \$20;
Easter Flowers \$175; Initial Offering \$1; **Total: \$1555.00**

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Lazarus Saturday is a paschal celebration. **It is the only time in the entire Church year that the resurrection service of Sunday is celebrated on another day.** At the liturgy of Lazarus Saturday, the Church glorifies Christ as “the Resurrection and the Life” Who, by raising Lazarus, has confirmed the universal resurrection of all mankind even before His own suffering and death. At the Divine Liturgy of Lazarus Saturday the baptismal verse from Galatians: *All you who have been baptized into Christ have been clothed with Christ* replaces the Trisagion thus indicating the

resurrection character of the celebration, and the fact that Lazarus Saturday was once among the few great baptismal days in our holy Orthodox Catholic Church Year. Because of the resurrection of Lazarus from the dead, Christ was hailed by the masses as the long-expected Messiah-King of Israel. Thus, in fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament, He entered Jerusalem, the City of the King, riding on the colt of an ass (Zech 9:9; Jn 12:12). The crowds greeted Him with branches in their hands and called out to Him with shouts of praise: *Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! The Son of David! The King of Israel!* Because of this glorification by the people, the priests and scribes were finally driven “to destroy Him, to put Him to death” (Lk 19:47; Jn 11:53, 12:10).



What does HOSANNA mean? The general opinion is that of St. Jerome, that the word originated from two Hebrew words – **הוֹשִׁיעָה נָא** – of Psalm 117 (118), 25 recited during the Feast of



Tabernacles by one of the priests every day during the procession round the altar when the people were commanded to «**rejoice before the Lord**». On the seventh day it was recited each time during the seven processions. When the priest reached verses 25-26, the trumpet sounded, all the people, including boys, waved their branches of palms, myrtles, willows, etc., and shouted with the priest the words: «**O Lord, save us now; O Lord, prosper us now**». Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!» The Hebrew for **save now** was **hoshi'a na**. This was repeated so frequently that it became abbreviated into **hosanna** ...;

Adapted from *Catholic Encyclopedia* <http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/07472b.htm>

GREAT AND HOLY WEEK is THE most important week in the life of all true Catholics. It is the heart of our Faith, the very essence of Orthodoxy. It is the fundamental purpose of the Church in our world: to announce the *Good News* that Christ is risen, bestowing resurrection to eternal life to all who love and obey Him. There are very few legitimate reasons for not attending **ALL** the beautiful services of our Church; not out of a sense of dreary duty but out of **love** for the God Who willingly suffered scourging and the Cross in your place because of His Divine Eros! Christ did not pick and choose those for whom He would die; He died for all. Don't pick and choose the day(s) you will accompany Him in His final hours, but give your all to Him during this Great and Holy Week.



Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle, Acts of the Holy Apostles 1: 1-8: The Promise of the Holy Spirit
Gospel, John 1: 1-17: The Logos Became Flesh; Pitched His Tent among Us



~ Announcements ~

- **There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex for the tomb visitation on Good Friday and Holy Saturday.** Come, watch, pray; keeping vigil over the holy *Plashchenitsa* in the tomb.
- **REMEMBER: Great and Holy Friday, Great and Holy Saturday are days of Strict Abstinence. (No meat, eggs, dairy products.)**
- **Special thanks** to **James Kontir** for donating all the pussy willows.
- **11th Annual Women's Day of Reflection!** Saturday, **May 3rd** from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at St. Elias Church in Munhall. \$25 includes lunch. Pre-registration is required by April 26th. See flyers and brochures in Narthex for more details.
- **Sincere Thanks** to **Julie Gonofsky, Marlene Harhai,** and **Marge Hulyk** for providing baked goods for our Friday bingo.
- **«EASTER EGG HUNT»** Sunday **April 27th**, at our Byzantine Catholic Seminary. The Byzantine Catholic Serra Club together with the Seminary invites the Faithful to come to the “First Easter Egg Hunt at our Seminary.” The event will begin at 3:00 pm in the Seminary Chapel with the celebration of the Akathist Hymn followed by the Easter Egg Hunt. Bring a basket for your child and food items to share in an Easter picnic, to be held outside weather permitting. Register by April 11th at office@bcs.edu or call 412-321-8383. Provide child's name, age and parish.