

The Weekly Messenger – April 24, 2016

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Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18

Palm Sunday: The Feast of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

On the Sunday before the Feast of Great and Holy Pascha and at the beginning of Holy Week, the Orthodox Church celebrates one of its most joyous feasts of the year. Palm Sunday is the commemoration of the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem following His glorious miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead. Having anticipated His arrival and having heard of the miracle, the people went out to meet the Lord and welcomed Him with displays of honor and shouts of praise. On this day, we receive and worship Christ in this same manner, acknowledging Him as our King and Lord.

http://lent.goarch.org/palm_sunday/learn/

Commemorations for the Departed: Daniel Coraluzzi, Peter Mallios, Charlie Adams, Bettye Ledford, Jorgjia Kashari, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country.

Commemorations for the Living: Archbishop Nikon, Pope Francis, Virginia Daka, Dorothy Tomassini, Semele Halkedis, John Cokos, Constantine, Kathie Costa, Donna Hlavacek, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Susan, Philip Kosta, Margarita, Peter Melnik George Robos, Clive & Dhimitri Miller, Rosemary Notskas, Kim Burdumy, Andigoni Steffa, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in Armed Forces.

Readers Schedule: April 24th Adam C. May 1st Agape Vespers, May 8th Chris M, May 15th Reader Mark, May 22nd Michele D, May 29th Adam C.

Parishioner News: On April 2, 2016, Drew Bowser (son of Lisa (Kosta) and Neal Bowser and grandson of Linda and Phil Kosta) received the Eagle Scout Badge. Drew completed each level of Scouts, took leadership responsibilities, earned numerous badges and medals and completed a special project for the Veterans Hospice at Coatesville Veterans Hospital. The Eagle is Scout's highest award and it is cherished by Eagle Scouts all their lives. Drew's cousin, Jimmy Kosta, participated in the ceremony along with Drew's brother, Kevin Bowser, and his Uncle Steve Bowser who is an Eagle Scout. Congratulations and many years Drew!

Please mark your calendars; Friday April 29th 10:00 am we need volunteers to come to church to decorate the Epitaphios. Come and bring a friend or two!

Upcoming Events:

April 24th Palm Sunday, Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem- Blessing of the Palms

Tuesday, April 26th Holy Tuesday - Bridegroom Matins 7:00 pm

Wednesday, April 27th Holy Wednesday - Holy Unction 7:00 pm

Thursday, April 28th Holy Thursday - 12 Gospels 7:00 pm

Friday, April 29th, Holy Friday – 10 am Decorate the Epitaphios,

5 pm Vespers (Taking Down From Cross), 7:00 pm Funeral

Saturday, April 30th Saturday - Liturgy 9:00 am, Matins/Nocturne/Liturgy beginning 11 pm

Sunday, May 1st Paschal Agape Vespers - 1:00 pm - no coffee hour after Vespers

May 8th Mother's Day, Marriage of Fjorentina Lakuriqi & Ilir Gremi Many Years!

May 15th 40 Day Memorial Peter Mallios

Coffee Hour Sponsors: Thank you to those who have signed up!

April 24th Palm Sunday – Pancake Breakfast sponsored by the Adams Family in memory of Charlie Adams

May 1st Pascha Agape Vespers @ 1:00 pm – no coffee hour

May 8th Bill Bortner

May 15th Mallios, Contoudis, Callas Families in memory of Peter

May 22nd Moza & Koco Priftanji

May 29th Entela & Dhimiter Ndrecka

June 26th We will celebrate the Divine Liturgy with Ss. Peter & Paul Church. It is the 100th Anniversary of their first Liturgy. Bishop Nikon will be visiting their parish.

All Dates in June OPEN – No Sponsors

Race for the Cure Sunday, May 8, 2016: Benefits breast cancer research.

Join our team Albanians & Friends for the cure

http://rfcphl.convio.net/site/TR/Race/TeamRaiser/476544422?pg=team&fr_id=1150&team_id=64776

Contact Donna Dimitri donnadimitri@gmail.com for more information.

Welcome to our visitors. Father Brooks, the members of our Parish Council, and our church community thank you for celebrating the Divine Liturgy with us. We invite you to join us for coffee hour and fellowship in the church hall following the Divine Liturgy.

April giving: Paper Towels - you can never have enough paper towels!