

**The Weekly Messenger –April 21, 2019**  
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*Epistle: St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18*

**The feast of Christ's triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, Palm Sunday**, is one of the twelve major feasts of the Church. The services of this Sunday follow directly from those of Lazarus Saturday. The church building continues to be vested in resurrectional splendor, filled with hymns which continually repeat the Hosanna offered to Christ as the Messiah-King who comes in the name of God the Father for the salvation of the world. As the people carry their branches and sing their songs to the Lord on Palm Sunday, they are judged together with the Jerusalem crowd. For it was the very same voices which cried Hosanna to Christ, which, a few days later, cried Crucify Him! Thus in the liturgy of the Church the lives of men continue to be judged as they hail Christ with the "branches of victory" and enter together with Him into the days of His "voluntary passion." [read more](#)

**Upcoming Events:**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>** Palm Sunday - annual Pancake Breakfast

**HOLY WEEK April 24-28**

Holy Wednesday: Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts (Holy Unction) (7:00)

Holy Thursday: Reading of the 12 Gospels (7:00)

Holy Friday: Royal Hours (10:00 a.m.); Funeral (Lamentations) 7:00

Holy Saturday: Baptismal Liturgy (10:00 a.m.) Amy Lewis

Pascha (Saturday evening) - Nocturn, Matins, Liturgy, beginning 11:30 pm

Chrismation of Zach Smith

Agape Vespers: Sunday (1:00 p.m.)

**Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** Charity & Benevolence Committee Meeting 7:00 pm

**May 18<sup>th</sup>** Buddy Walk

**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: Dyed Red Eggs and Your Pascha Donation**

**Commemorations for the Deported:** Qiriako (Charlie) Adams, Thomas Dimitri (23 yrs) Andrew Subashi (11 yrs.), Daniel Coraluzzi(3 yrs), Jorgjia Kashari, Father Deacon Stephen Stefani and those servicemen and women who have fallen asleep in the Lord in the service of their Country. *If you have a name to add to the Commemorations for the departed or the living please email [info@stjohnsphila.org](mailto:info@stjohnsphila.org)*

**Commemorations for the Living:** Archbishop Nikon, Newly baptized Ergesa Kosova, Lee Gedremenc (Bill Bortner's father), Marion Merkle, Tala Ayyad, Diane Mallios, Rose Adams, Evangeline Prifti, Lisa Kelley, Donna Hlavcek, Father Dimitrie Vincent, Dolly Seiler, Elizabeth Jones, Ann Gjoka, Virginia Daka, Haretina (Papa) Milo, Peter Melnik, Dhimiter Ndrecka, Pandeli, Jorgaq, Lefteri, and all of the men and women serving in the Armed Forces

**This Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am** we need volunteers to come to church to decorate the Epitaphios. Come and bring a friend or two!

**Parishioner News:** Bill Bortner's father, Lee Gedremenc, suffered a stroke a couple of weeks ago. He is in the ICU step-down unit at Jefferson Washington Twp Hospital, NJ. Please keep Lee, Bill and his family in your prayers. Cards can be sent to Lee Gedremenc 4 Deblynn Dr., Sicklerville, NJ 08081.



**Congratulations to Nicholas Centofante** who performed Bumble Boogie on the piano at Music-Fest Rising Talent's Festival, Grand Prix Winners' Concert, Carnegie Hall April 14, 2019. Nicholas is the son of Therese and Nick Centofante and the grandson of Marge & Steve Nowmos. Watch Nicholas' performance [Nicholas at Carnegie Hall](#)

**Charity & Benevolence Event:** The Sunday school students will make a short presentation on Palm Sunday following the Divine Liturgy. Another clothing and food distribution to the homeless is planned for Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> following the Divine Liturgy. We gladly welcome your donations of gently used clothing and shoes. Please bring these items to church over the next few weeks.

**Coffee Hour Sponsors:**

**April 21<sup>st</sup>** Rose Adams and family Annual Pancake Breakfast in memory of Charlie

**April 28<sup>th</sup>** PASCHA no coffee hour

**May 5<sup>th</sup>** Sophia & Andrew Kozlov

**May 12<sup>th</sup>** Ana & Irakli Nadareishrili

**May 19<sup>th</sup>** Elena & Zach

**May 26<sup>th</sup>** No Sponsor, **June 2<sup>nd</sup>** Sunday School