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PALM (FLOWERY) SUNDAY

Schedule of Services March 28—April 4

Sunday, March 28—Palm (Flowery) Sunday
9:45 a.m. Third Hour

Blessing of Palms and Pussy willows before the Divine Liturgy

10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy *For parishioners, founders, donors, decorators of our church and for their relatives*

Monday, March 29—Great and Holy Monday
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
For Teresa Nuxoll by Wendy Nuxoll

Tuesday, March 30—Great and Holy Tuesday
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
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Wednesday, March 24—Great and Holy Wednesday
5:30 p.m. Right of Holy Unction
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
For Teresa Nuxoll by Wendy Nuxoll
Anointing of the Sick after Divine Liturgy

Thursday, March 25—Great and Holy Thursday
9:00 a.m. Matins (The Commemoration of the Mystical Supper)
7:00 p.m. Vespers with Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great *For Teresa Nuxoll by Wendy Nuxoll*

Friday, March 26—Great and Holy Friday
9:00 a.m. Matins with 12 Passion Gospels
7:00 p.m. Vespers for Great and Holy Friday (taking out of The Shroud)
*Candlelight procession with the Holy Shroud of our Lord after Vespers

Saturday, March 27—Great and Holy Saturday
12:00 a.m. Jerusalem Matins
7:00 p.m. Vespers and Divine Liturgy
Mirovanije & Blessing of Easter baskets following the Divine Liturgy

Sunday, March 28—PASCHA: The Resurrection of our Lord, God and Savior, Jesus Christ
8:15 a.m. Nadhrobnoje (“At the tomb”)
9:00 a.m. Resurrection Matins & Divine Liturgy with Procession
Mirovanije & Blessing of the Paschal Foods in the Parish Hall

Holy Anointing: On Holy Wednesday, March 31, at 5:30 p.m. will be served Right of Holy Unction. It is the Byzantine tradition to bless the oil on Holy Wednesday and to Anoint the Sick. Please share information with your friends, neighbors or potentially interested people.

WELCOME TO ALL PARISHIONERS & GUESTS WHO HAVE JOINED US TODAY

Whether you’re searching for a new church home or just visiting, we’re glad you’re with us today. If you are looking for God, have a prayer request, looking for more information about the Eastern Catholic Church, would like to join our parish, or would like to speak with Fr. Vasyl, we invite you to fill out a visitor’s card and drop it in the offering basket as your offering today. Please join us for our coffee hour in the Parish hall following the Divine Liturgy. We want to get to know you! God bless you!

Please remember in your prayers:



For health and salvation: Fr. Chris Zugger, Tony and family, Michael Baron, Brenda Washicko, Ed, Denis, Max, Mary, Mary,

For repose of the departed: +Bishop Gerald N Dino, +Fr. Frank Knusel,
Please let me know if you would like to add new names to our prayer list.

Zoom adult ECF classes: Today, we will have Adult Eastern Christianity class at 4:00 PM. We will talk about Eastern Catholic Catechism. Adults and young adults are encouraged to attend as part of their spiritual development.
Topic: Catechism – Our Pascha
Please ask Father for link.

PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION
Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land. PLEASE BE GENEROUS!

He was baptized as man - but He remitted sins as God, not because He needed purificatory rites Himself, but that he might sanctify the element of water. He was tempted as man, but He conquered as God; indeed, he bids us be of good cheer, for he has overcome the world. He hungered, but He fed thousands; indeed, He is the bread that gives life, and that is of heaven. He thirsted, but he cried, "If any man thirsts, let him come to Me and drink; indeed, He promised that fountains should flow from those who believe. He was wearied, but He is the rest to those who are weary and heavy-laden. He was heavy with sleep, but He walked lightly over the sea. He rebuked the winds, He made Peter light as he began to sink. He pays tribute, but it is out of a fish; indeed, he is the king of those who demanded it ...He weeps, but He causes tears to cease. He asks where Lazarus was laid, for He was man; but He raises Lazarus, for He was God. He is sold, and very cheap, for it is only for thirty pieces of silver; but He redeems the world, and that at a great price, for the price was His own blood. As a sheep He is led to the slaughter, but He is the shepherd of Israel, and now of the whole world also. As a lamb He is silent, yet He is the Word, and is proclaimed by the voice of one crying in the wilderness. He is bruised and wounded, but He heals every disease and every infirmity. He is lifted up and nailed to the tree, but by the tree of life He restores us; indeed, He saves even the robber crucified with Him, indeed He wrapped the visible world in darkness. He is given vinegar to drink mingled with gall. Who? He who turned water into wine, who is the destroyer of the bitter taste, Who is sweetness and altogether desired. He lays down His life, but He has power to take it again ...He dies, but He gives life, and by His death destroys death. He is buried but He rises again; He goes down into hell, but He brings up the souls.

St. Gregory of Nazianzus

ANSWERING GOD’S CALL: “Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!” Our Lord entered into Jerusalem humbly and yet as King before going to His voluntary suffering and death. Is He calling you to respond to His example by a vocation as a priest, deacon, monk or nun? Contact the Vocations Office at 206-329-9219 or email: vocations@ephx.org

We need your help: On Saturday, April 3, we need your help in decorating the church and the hall, hanging the rushnyki, changing the altar linens, moving the Shroud to the side and putting the lilies where they belong, etc. See Becky for more information.

Pot luck Sunday: Our annual Easter Dinner will take place on April 11 (Thomas Sunday) following the Divine Liturgy. Everyone is invited to participate. Mask mandated. Please bring your favorite Eastern food to share with everyone.

We are entering Great and Holy Week: We abstain from at least meat on Wednesday and meat and dairy on Friday. We celebrate a lightening of our fasting on Great and Holy Thursday. Intensification and adaptation of our prayer, fasting and almsgiving practices will prepare us to more fully receive the grace of the Resurrection of our Lord!



The annual collection for the **Eparchial Appeal 2021** has begun. The pledge form and information for the appeal were sent directly to your home from the Bishop’s office. We are requested to send our pledges directly to the Bishop’s office. Our checks and credit cards must be made payable to Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix, NOT to St. Irene. Thank you for your generosity!