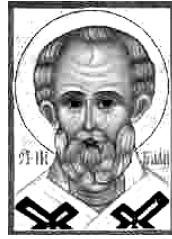


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### Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem

### Schedule of Services and Activities

#### Sunday, March 28<sup>th</sup> – 5:00 PM

Deanery Mission Service at our Church

#### Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM

#### Tuesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> – 7:00 PM

#### Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 PM

Holy Virgin Church, Carnegie, PA

#### Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – 9:30 AM

Commemoration of the Mystical Supper

#### Thursday, April 1<sup>st</sup> – 7:00 PM

#### Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 9:00 AM

#### Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 3:00 PM

Crucifixion of Christ

#### Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 7:00 PM

Lamentations at the Tomb of Christ / Procession with Plaschenitsa

#### Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 9:00 AM

First Announcement of the Resurrection

#### Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> – 11:30 PM

Resurrection of Christ / Procession

#### Sunday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 AM

Holy Pascha – the Resurrection of our Lord, God, and Savior Jesus Christ / Procession

#### Bridegroom Matins

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#### Holy Unction

#### Vesperal Divine Liturgy

#### Twelve Passion Gospels

#### Royal Hours

#### Great Vespers

#### Matins of Holy Saturday

#### Vesperal Divine Liturgy

#### Nocturn / Matins

#### Festal Divine Liturgy

**Please make every attempt** to dedicate this week to celebrating the death, burial and resurrection of Christ – the foundation of our faith! Attend every possible service. Sanctify this week!

**There will be no coffee hour today** due to the preparations for tonight's deanery mission service.

**This evening our parish will host the Deanery Lenten Service.** After the Bridegroom Matins, we will serve desserts, coffee, tea, etc. Please support this event and meet your neighbors in Christ. If you can help prepare food or serve, please contact Sandi Tirpak (412-458-1489).

**Fr Tom will be heard on 101.5 WORD-FM** this Wednesday at 5:00 PM discussing Holy Week. Tune in!

**Our annual Lenten collection** "Easter Baskets for Needy Families" is wrapping up today. Please look for the insert in today's bulletin for needed items; however, **we are especially in need of monetary donations for perishable items and for gifts for children.** Please see Donya Yewisiak, project coordinator, for more information. God bless you for your generosity! Thank you to everyone who donated!

**We are in need of around 16 dozen** hard boiled red dyed eggs for distribution at the Paschal Liturgy. If you can assist by making a few dozen, please sign up at the candle kiosk or see Matushka Joni!

**Our Hoagie/Wrap Sale profit** for March was \$460.59 and was based on selling 179 items. Thank you to everyone who supported this month's sale. The April Hoagie/Wrap Sale will be April 21.

**On Bright Wednesday evening** we hope to begin a new parish tradition! Join us as we celebrate the beautiful Paschal Vespers at 6:30 PM, then head downstairs at 7:00 PM to share our "Paschal Feast Leftovers" with one another! By Wednesday, the same foods are starting to look old to you, but share them with others (it's new to them!), and share in their feast! Plan to join us on Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>!

**Vigil Light Donations** (*Please remember the following people in your prayers*) **From Helen Cobb** for the departed servants, George, Ray Cobb, Fr. Vladimir & Mat. Olga, Darius Walat; for the health of Ruth, Vic, Todd, Aleisha, Dick, Jared, Helen March Shancey, Stephanie Kowal, the Tichy, Fuller, Kasnot, Speth, Wasilko, Barsom, Soroka and Mell families. **From Doris M. Wasilko** for the departed servants, (parents) Charles & Mary and Aunt Julia Falick; for the health of the Wasilko family and Carol Kowalcheck. **From Charles A. Wasilko** for the departed servant, Uncle Julia Falick; for the health of sister, Doris & Marsha, Carol Kowalcheck and Helen March Shancey. **From Alexandria Tirpak** for the departed servants (parents & grandparents) Amelia & John, Marie & Nicholas, Ann & Frank and (brother & nephew) Nicholas & Nicholas, Archpriest Eugene--Memory Eternal; for the health of my children, Amelia, Andrea, Richard & their families, Carol, John, Theodore, Joann, Mildred, Michael, Nancy; Community of St. Nicholas; men & women serving our country; special intentions. **From Marsha Wasilko** for the departed servant, Uncle Julia Falick; for the health of the Wasilko family. **From John & Nancy Pravlochak** for the departed servant, (father) John Pravlochak; for the health of Gina Pravlochak and the Pravlochak family. **From Mat. Joni Soroka** for the departed servant, (granny) Elizabeth Corey; for the health of Amy Filosi. **From John & Carol Kowalcheck** for the health & salvation for our family. **From John Kowalcheck** for the health of Carol Ann Kowalcheck. **From Carol Kowalcheck** thanksgiving for God's blessings. **From Tom & Georgiann Robes** for the departed servants, Johanna, George & Beverly Porvzanik; for the health of Tom, Teresa, Carol Kowalcheck and Michael Soroka. **From Rich & Irene Kulchock** for the departed servant, Bridget Kulchock. **From Peter & Garnette Kerchum** for the departed servants, Mat. Olga and Very Rev. Fr. Vladimir Soroka; for the health of grandson, Michael Lopez Jr., Reader Michael Soroka, Helen Hoover, Wayne Miller, Margaret Ruprecht, Timmy Waller Jr. and George Shaytar. **From David Namisnak** for the departed servants, Melissa, Frank & Anna Namisnak; for the health of Marsha, Jeff and Helen Shancey.

*This bulletin is offered in memory of parents Charles and Mary Wasilko, by Charles A. Wasilko.*

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## Great Feast of the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem



*Please note: We will be holding the blessed palms and pussy willows during the Divine Liturgy today according to the proper Orthodox Tradition.*

*We ask that you would be careful, especially as the children hold them, and that you would clean up any of the buds that fall onto the floor, because they are blessed. Thank you!*

### First Antiphon (Psalm 115)

v. I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication.

*Refrain:* Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

v. Because He inclined His ear to me; therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

v. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me.

v. I suffered distress and anguish, so I called on the Name of the Lord.

v. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

v. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

### Second Antiphon (Psalm 116)

v. I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

*Refrain:* O Son of God, who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

v. What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has given me?

v. I will receive the cup of salvation, and call on the Name of the Lord.

v. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

v. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages.

Amen.

### Third Antiphon (Psalm 117)

v. O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

v. Let the house of Israel say: For He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

*Refrain: Troparion* of the Feast

v. Let the house of Aaron say: For He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

Let all those who fear the Lord say: For He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

### Tone 1

### Troparion of the Feast

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion,  
Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God.

Like the children with the palms of victory,

we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death:

"Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

### Tone 4

### Another Troparion of the Feast

When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God,  
we were made worthy of eternal life by your Resurrection.

Now we praise Thee and sing:

"Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!"

### Tone 6

### Kontakion of the Feast

Sitting on Thy throne in Heaven,

carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God,

Accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing:

"Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam!"

### Tone 4

### Prokeimenon (Psalm 118)

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

### Epistle of the Feast (Phil 4:4-9)

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

### Gospel of the Feast (John 12:1-18)

Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of

spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always."

Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus.

The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! The King of Israel!"

Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt."

His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him.

Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

#### **Hymn to the Theotokos of the Feast**

God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Celebrate the feast and come with gladness! Let us magnify Christ with palms and branches singing: "Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!"

#### **Communion Hymns (Psalm 117)**

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

*While Holy Communion is reserved for Orthodox Christians who prepare themselves by prayer and fasting, non-Orthodox visitors are welcome to come forward to venerate the cross and receive the Antidoron (blessed bread) at the conclusion of the service.*

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