

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Epistle: Hebrews 9:11-14 **Gospel:** Mark 10:32-45

PARISH CONTACTS

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Lenten Fast every day this Week

SUNDAY, APRIL 14th: 8:40am - Hours, 9:00am - Divine Liturgy- St. Basil, Fellowship Hour, Confession Class, Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 17th: 6pm - Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

Friday, April 19th: 6pm - Lenten Vespers

SATURDAY, APRIL 20th: Lazarus Saturday: 8:40am - Hours, 9am - Divine Liturgy 5:00pm - Great Vespers, Litya with Blessing of Palms and Willows

SUNDAY, APRIL 21st: Entry into Jerusalem, Palm Sunday: 8:40am - Hours, 9:00am - Festal Divine Liturgy, Fellowship Hour, Confession Class, Choir Rehearsal

5pm - Bridegroom Matins - Start of Holy Week.

Welcome to all our visitors and guests who participate in our celebration of the Divine Liturgy today. We are glad you are here. While Holy Communion may only be received by prepared Orthodox Christians, our non-Orthodox guests are welcome to join us in venerating the cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Liturgy. We also hope you will join us for the Fellowship Hour.

We have come to the Fifth and final Sunday of Great and Holy Lent in which we commemorate **the Venerable Mary of Egypt**. This example of her image is offered to us as a completing moment of Lent this spring and life.

A week ago we heard the teaching, the call of Saint John of the Ladder who made up the Ladder of Perfection, with the help of which we can overcome evil and come to the truth. And today we see the example of the one, who, from the very depth of evil, has reached the height of holiness and says to us the words of the Great Canon of Saint Andrew of Crete, "Oh, Soul, God can whiten and cleanse the lepers, don't despair, though you are a leper..."

In this the final week of Great Lent let her image be for us not only new inspiration, new hope, even new joy but a call, an appeal, because in vain do we give praise to the saints if we don't learn anything from them, and if we don't try to transform our life in some way to their example. We pray you have had a fruitful Great and Holy Lent and now we intensify our prayer for the coming Passion Week and the ultimate joy of the Resurrection.

Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem - Palm Sunday: Next Saturday, April 20th at 5pm we will celebrate Great Vespers, Litya and Blessing of Palms and Willows. Willows and Palms will then be distributed following Vespers. **Sunday, April 21st** marks the Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday). The Festal Divine Liturgy will be celebrated at 9am. We then pray that the faithful will return next Sunday evening at **5pm for Bridegroom Matins** and the beginning of Holy Week.

Prayer List

+Memory Eternal:

All Departed Parishioners of Holy Trinity

For the Health of:

Archpriest Jason	Elizabeth
Archpriest Herman	Valerie
Archpriest Peter	Kristen
Rdr. David	Katherine
Rdr. Thomas	Ruth
Rdr. William	Helen
Nadezhda	Elizabeth
Kathleen	Anastasia
Child Hannah	Margarete
Leon	Mary Ann
Kate	Sierra
Antonina	Alexander
Gregory	Melissa
Sarah	Michael
Harriett	Carol
Kathryn & unborn Child	

Birthday:

Julianna Cheplick

Traveling:

Michael and Nancy Karney - Virginia
 Nadezhda Melnik - Wintering in SC
 All those traveling in this Holiday season.

Special Intentions:

Bridget

Parish Children:

Lucia	Natalie	Angelina	Nadia
Hannah	Emilia	John	Nathan
Jeremiah	Patrick	Thomas	Justus
Andrew	Dimitri	Nikolai	
Myra	Jonah	Melania	
Anthony	Gabriel	Alexei	
Anysia	Anna	Larissa	
Lydia	Katherine	Julianna	

Calling all Parish Youth!!! Holy Friday preparations. On Friday, April 26th following the Royal Hours at 9am - all Parish Youth are encouraged to assist with the setting up of the tomb and general cleaning of the Church. We anticipate our flower delivery in the early afternoon. We will provide written excuses for school absences for those children who spend the day at the church.

GREAT AND HOLY LENT is traditionally a time for Orthodox Christians to prepare for the celebration of the radiant Resurrection of Christ by participating in the Holy Sacraments of Confession and Communion. Private Confessions are generally available after any service or by appointment with Fr. Timm.

Memorial Donations for Pascha: Memorial envelopes are now available for Pascha. Donations will be used toward the purchase of flowers, candles and altar supplies for Pascha. We thank you for your prayerful consideration of a gift.

Vigil at the Tomb: As has been our long standing custom, we are looking for your help in keeping Vigil at the Tomb from Holy Friday until Pascha. Please speak with Subdeacon Shawn Michael if you are interested in helping.

Pascha Baking Lessons: Julie Speen has offered to teach anyone who is interested in learning to make pascha bread. Classes will be held at the Rectory. If you are interested please speak with Julie for the details.

Choir Rehearsal Schedule:

Sunday, April 14, after Divine Liturgy
 Saturday, April 20, after Great Vespers

Fellowship Schedule:		Readers Schedule:	
April 21st: Palm Sunday - Fast	Karney Family	April 20th & 21st:	Rdr. William & All Readers for Holy Week
April 28th: PASCHA	Agape Fellowship	April 27th & 28th:	Sdcn. S. Michael - Epistle for Pascha
May 5th: St. Thomas	Potluck Dinner	May 4th & 5th:	Sdcn. S. Michael
May 12th:	Charlanow Family	May 11th & 12th:	Carol Haluszczak