Rejoice and be glad, O city of Zion; exult and be exceeding joyful, O Church of God. For behold, thy King has come in righteousness, seated on a foal, and the children sing His praises: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed art Thou who showest great compassion: have mercy on us.

The Saviour has come today to the city of Jerusalem, to fulfill the Scriptures; and all have taken palms into their hands and spread their garments before Him, knowing that He is our God, to whom the cherubim sing without ceasing: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed art Thou who showest great compassion; have mercy upon us.

O Thou who ridest on the cherubim and art praised by the seraphim, Thou hast sat, O loving Lord, like David on a foal, and the children honoured Thee with praise fitting for God; but the Jews blasphemed unlawfully against Thee. Thy riding on a foal prefigured how the Gentiles, as yet untamed and un instructed, were to pass from unbelief to faith. Glory be to Thee, O Christ, who alone art merciful and lovest mankind.

-Stichera of Vespers on Palm Sunday
Today’s Service

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.”

(Festal Troparion)

When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God, we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection. Now we praise Thee and sing: “Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

(Festal Kontakion)


Sunday School Corner

An Egg Hunt will be held on the afternoon of Pascha Sunday.

Sunday School classes are for ages 3-5 (preschool) and K-2nd graders. Children leave from the side door after Communion.

Youth Group for 3rd-12th grade meets with Fr. Photius after the Divine Liturgy in the blue classroom.

Visitors are welcome.

Our Parish Rector, Fr. Photius Avant, may be reached via either (972) 612-3881 or fatherphotius@gmail.com, or at the parish during the office hours listed below.

Tuesday_______7:30am-2:00pm  Friday_______10:00am-3:00pm
Wednesday____12:00pm-3:00pm  Saturday____12:00pm-4:00pm
Thursday______12:00pm-3:00pm  Sunday__By Appointment Only

Schedule

Sunday (April 21)
—Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem
8:30am—Choir Practice
9:10am—Hours
9:30am—Divine Liturgy of Palm Sunday
11:30am—Lunch/Coffee
After lunch—Parish Council Meeting
—Doers Meeting
6:00pm—Bridegroom Matins

Monday (April 22)
—Great and Holy Monday
9:30am—Presanctified Liturgy
6:30pm—Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday (April 23)
—Great and Holy Tuesday
9:30am—Presanctified Liturgy
6:30pm—Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday (April 24)
—Great and Holy Wednesday
9:30am—Presanctified Liturgy
6:30pm—Matins of the Mystical Supper

Thursday (April 25)
—Great and Holy Thursday
9:30am—Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil
6:30pm—Matins of Great and Holy Friday
with the Twelve Gospel Readings

Friday (April 26)
—Great and Holy Friday
9:30am—Royal Hours
3:00pm—Vespers of the Un-nailing and Burial of Christ
6:30pm—Matins of Great and Holy Saturday with Lamentations

Saturday (April 27)
—Great and Holy Saturday
9:30am—Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil
11:00pm—Nocturnes

Sunday (April 28)
—GREAT AND HOLY PASCHA, The Feast of Feasts, The Holy Resurrection of Our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ
12:00am—MATINS OF PASCHA
2:00am—PASCHAL DIVINE LITURGY
After Liturgy—Blessing of Pascha Baskets
2:00pm—Agape Vespers

Monday (April 29)
—Bright Monday
9:30am—Paschal Divine Liturgy

Announcements

Throughout the period leading to Pascha, Shelly and Emma will be collecting items to benefit the Allen Food Pantry as follows: (4/21) Laundry detergent.

An Egg Hunt will be held on the afternoon of Pascha Sunday for the children.

The April Parish Council Meeting has been re-scheduled for this afternoon.