

# HOLY SPIRIT ORTHODOX CHURCH

The Very Rev. Father R. John Dixon, Pastor

Feast of the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem  
(Palm Sunday)  
April 08, 2011

Commemorating: Apostles Hermes, Herodion, Agavos, Rufus, Asynkritos, and Flegon; Celestine, Pope of Rome; Niphon, Bishop of Novgorod; Rufus the Obedient of the Kiev Caves; New martyr Nicholas of Lesbos; New Martyr John at Cos (1699).

## The Sanctuary Light

The Sanctuary Candle for the month of April is offered by Toufic, Sandra, Madison, Tony, Venice, and Rose Saad—for health and healing of Venice, for guidance, wisdom, peace and salvation, and in thanksgiving for God's many blessings.

Today's Holy Bread: Julian and Jihad Saad

Today's Coffee Hour: Julian and Jihad Saad

Next Week's (04-15) Holy Bread: Julian and Jihad Saad

Next Week's (04-15): Parish

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome:** We welcome Cameron "Seraphim" Taylor into our church family. He was baptized this past Friday with Daniel Beach as his sponsor. May God grant him many years!

**Palm Sunday Collection:** Each year on this day, we take up a special collection for our Mother Church, the Patriarchate of Antioch. Please see the enclosed letter from Metropolitan PHILIP and be as generous as you can.

**Food for Hungry:** We got a late start, but please be generous in your "Food for Hungry" offering for Great Lent. Funds are used throughout North America to feed the hungry.

**Holy Week Contributions:** Donations are still appreciated to cover the cost of flowers of Holy Week and Pascha. Please make donations by next Sunday.

**Sunday School:** There is no church school today. The children are asked to come up front and join the procession behind the altar servers in the procession at the end of Liturgy.

## SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 17-24

Sunday, April 8

♦ **Bridegroom Service: 7 pm**

Monday, April 9

♦ **Bridegroom Service: 7 pm**

Tuesday, April 10

♦ **Bridegroom Service with Hymn of Cassiane: 7 pm**

Wednesday, April 11

♦ **Holy Unction: 7 pm**

Thursday, April 12

♦ **Institution of the Eucharist Divine Liturgy: 10 am**  
♦ **12 Passion Gospels: 7 pm**

Friday, April 13

♦ **Royal Hours: 8:30 am**

♦ **Un-nailing Vespers: 4 pm**

♦ **Lamentations: 7 pm**

Saturday, April 14

♦ **Vesperal Liturgy (Small Resurrection): 10 am**

♦ **Paschal Matins and Divine Liturgy: 10 pm**

Sunday, April 15 (Pascha)

♦ **Agape Vespers: 11 am, followed by Easter Egg hunt for children. We need readers in many languages for the gospel reading.**

## **KONTAKION FOR PALM SUNDAY IN TONE 6**

Upborne upon the heavenly throne, and seated upon the earthly foal, O Christ our God, receive the praises of angels and the hymns of men, exclaiming before Thee, Blessed is He that cometh to restore Adam.



## **THE EPISTLE**

**Reader: Sdn. Julian Saad**

**Prokeimenon:** **Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.**

*Verse: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.*

**The Reading is from St. Paul's First Letter to the Philippians (4:4-9)**

**B**rethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, these do; and the God of peace will be with you.

**Cridlin Food and Clothing Pantry:** Our "Food of the Month" for April is 48 boxes of spaghetti. Men's and children's cloths are always needed.

## **THE GOSPEL**

***The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (12:1-8)***

**S**ix days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His Disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon 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 this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

## **To Our Visitors Concerning Holy Communion**

Holy Spirit Orthodox Church is a parish of the Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America, the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch and All the East – “the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.” (Acts 11:26) We welcome you to worship this morning and thank you for joining us. Unfortunately, one of the sad consequences of the division among Christians is that we cannot offer the Eucharist (Holy Communion) to anyone except Orthodox Christians in good moral standing with the beliefs and practices of the Orthodox Church. Orthodox Christians believe that the Eucharist is a final sign of unity among all Christians and not a means by which unity is achieved. We invite you to share in the blessed bread that is distributed at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Please join us for fellowship at coffee hour following the dismissal.

## ***Service Guide for April 8, 2012***

***The following hymns are sung during the Entrance (bottom of page 97 in the Service Book.)***

### **TROPARION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY IN TONE 1**

O Christ God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead, before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we, like babes, carry the banner of triumph and victory, and cry to Thee, O Vanquisher of death, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

### **TROPARION FOR PALM SUNDAY IN TONE 1**

O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism, we became deserving of Thy Resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise Thee, crying, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.