

# SS Peter & Paul Orthodox Church Newsletter

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### March Council Highlights

- ✘ February's Operating Income was \$15,011.79 and Operating Expenses were \$14,464.46, resulting in a net of \$547.33 for February.
- ✘ Discussion was held on how donations from Parish would get to Ukraine.
- ✘ Bishop Daniel endorsed our Church's continued participation in back-to-school local community outreach.



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## Keep Shouting Hosanna!

**Children scrambling up trees to cut branches they will wave, people spreading their garments in the road for the King to ride on and shouting, "Hosanna!" These are the joyful images of welcome we**

**associate with the Entrance of Christ into Jerusalem.**

Yet we know that in a few days, some of the same spectators who shouted their welcome will clamor for Christ to be crucified and the robber Barabbas to be released. When the King turns out not to be just the kind of leader they wanted, they will be ready to turn on Him, craving something or someone else.

They remind us of the Hebrew people making their way to the Promised Land with Moses leading them. Liberation from Egyptian bondage, in the midst of the wilderness they are traversing, is no longer the cause for celebration it had been in the first flush of freedom. They lament, "We remember the



fish we ate in Egypt, for free, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at" (Numbers 11: 5-6).

The Church remembers two saints who, like Moses, had to deal with people who were no longer satisfied with what God was giving and revealing to them. Saint Zeno of Verona was born in the mid-fourth century in Syria. He traveled widely, visiting monasteries as went, and settled in Italy. After some time he was chosen to be bishop of the city of Verona.

Zeno lived during the consecutive reigns of two emperors who embraced Arianism. He was persecuted for refusing to accept the novel Arian idea that "there was a time when the Son was not" or in other words a time when He did not yet exist. Zeno courageously insisted in

his writings and teaching that Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, existed before all ages. He was adamant in declaring that this is God's revelation, and therefore can't be altered.

Basil, Bishop of Parium, lived in the eighth century as the controversy over icons was reaching a fever pitch. Saint Basil refused to put his signature to the documents abolishing the veneration of icons. Like Saint Zeno he was faithful to the Church's teaching. Also like Saint Zeno he suffered at the hands of those who were offended by his adherence to God's revelation.

What will we be doing as the Great and Holy Pascha approaches? We can pine for something other than what God is giving, like the complaining Hebrews, or we can form our own ideas of what He should be giving, like the Arians and iconoclasts. But we can also choose, instead of either of these, to rejoice in His Resurrection and accept it as His incredible gift. We can continue "like the children with the palms of victory" to sing Hosanna to Him as Lord and Savior.

# Message From Our Rector

Beloved in Christ,

We have already welcomed the arrival of Spring and warmer temperatures and are also well into observing the "Lenten Spring." We now look ahead, in a few brief weeks, to our celebration of the Lord's Paschal Mystery. Chief among the events that take place in April (and indeed, the "main event" of the entire year), we joyfully anticipate our annual solemn



services of Holy Week and Pascha. Once we have completed the course of the Fast, the services of Holy Week offer us the opportunity to accompany the Lord in His last days, the saving days of His Passion, Death, and Resurrection. The Divine Services of Holy Week offer a unique vantage point that allows us to not only observe, but to truly enter into the experience of the Lord's salvific death and life-giving resurrection. We walk with the Lord

as He enters Jerusalem in triumph, carries His cross to Golgotha, and is laid in the tomb. And then, with the

Holy Myrrhbearing Women, we discover that the tomb is empty and that Christ is risen. The realities of these great mysteries are made available to us - through the Holy Spirit who enlightens our hearts and grants us to know, experience, and understand the meaning of that in which we participate.

Those who have been faithful in attending the profoundly moving services of Holy Week in the past can attest to the power of the experience - indeed, there is no experience like it found outside the Orthodox Church. And there is no celebration of Pascha like one that has been prepared for beforehand by participation in the services of Holy Week. The schedule of our parish Holy Week and Pascha Services is included in this monthly

newsletter and may also found on our parish website; feel free to copy it and share it with family and friends and others you might wish to invite to share in this deeply spiritual and life-changing experience.

As part of the joy that awaits us, we look ahead joyfully to receive several members into the fullness of the Orthodox Faith through baptism, chrismation, and reception of the Divine Mysteries. This will take place the weekend of Palm Sunday.

I look forward to celebrating and praying the Divine Services of Holy Week with you all. May our participation in the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Our Savior bring all of us to the eternal joy of the Kingdom He has opened unto us.

With love in the Lord Who goes to His Saving Passion,

**+Bishop Daniel**

## SS Peter and Paul Pascha Card

Name(s) : \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) to appear on card:

Mailing Address:



Amount of Donation:  \$100  \$50  \$25  \$10  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline: April 13, 2022      Return completed form to Stephanie Homyak, church office, or mail to church.

**PROCEEDS WILL BE USED TO HELP ORPHANAGES IN UKRAINE.**

# Preparing a Pascha Basket



First you start with a straw basket (it doesn't have to be elaborate) and then you fill it with traditional food and cover it with a white embroidered cloth. It is also customary to have a blessed candle in it to be lighted at the Blessing. Then bring the basket to church to be blessed.

**PASCHA.** The large round loaf of bread, made of white flour, eggs, milk and raisins, symbolizes our Lord Himself, who is the Living Bread, He has come down from heaven to give eternal life in the Eucharist. Just as bread is the "staff of life," Christ is our spiritual nourishment for eternal life.



**COLORED HARD BOILED EGGS** were always considered a symbol of The Resurrection, the emergence of new life. At Pascha our Savior came forth from the tomb just as the chick emerges after breaking the shell at birth. The eggs are colored because of a tradition that says that Mary, the Mother of Jesus, wanted to take something to Pilate so that he would not let Jesus be crucified. All that she had were some eggs and her gift did no good. When Mary saw that Jesus was condemned, she began to weep and her tears dyed the eggs into many colors. After our Lord's Resurrection these eggs were a sign of joy, reminding Mary that her son lives forever.

**BUTTER** shaped into the form of a lamb (or just a stick of butter) represents the Lamb of God who was offered on the altar of the Cross for the life of the world.



**MEAT (Ham, Sausage, Veal or Lamb):** Small portions of any or all of these meats are put in the basket. The meat products symbolize the sacrificial animals of the Old Testament, foreshadowing the true sacrifice of our Savior. He became for us "A Lamb of God" and took away the sins of the world. As we learn from the prayer of blessing, the meat products also symbolize the fatted calf that was preprepared for the Prodigal Son (representing fallen mankind) on his return to his Heavenly Father. Thus, at Pascha, we celebrate our return to God and our joyous participation in the blessings of our Savior, who promised to be our "true food."

**EGG, CHEESE, SIRETZ HRUTKA** is a special cheese made from eggs and milk and is usually only made at Pascha time. This cheese, and all the dairy products, remind us of the peace and prosperity of the Messianic age which had been foretold by the Prophets. Metaphorically, the milk and honey in the Bible signify wealth, especially the spiritual wealth of God's kingdom. Therefore, as he blesses the dairy products the Priest prays: "as we partake, may we be filled with your generous gifts and unspeakable goodness."



**SALT** symbolizes the Truth of the message of Jesus Christ. Just as salt preserves food, so the Teachings of Christ preserve our eternal life.

**HORSERADISH:** A reminder of the bitter drink given Our Lord on the Cross. Take a can of whole red beets, grate finely and add 1/2 bottle of commercial horseradish. Add sugar to taste (about 2 tablespoons) and a tablespoon of lemon juice. Refrigerate.



**CHOCOLATE EGGS AND CANDY:** Children also share in the joy of Resurrection. The Church takes ordinary food and blesses it as an aid in making us holy. God's blessings change us from children of natural descent into sons and daughters of the Kingdom of God.

# An Encounter Like No Other!

Fr. Steven Kostoff

Among the Myrrhbearing Women, it is clear that Mary Magdalene is something of a “first among equals.” In the Synoptic Gospels she is always listed first among the other women whose names are recorded by the Evangelists [Matthew 28:1; Mark 16:1; Luke 24:10]. In the Gospel According to Saint John, she is the only one of these remarkable women actually named by the Evangelist. That saint John also knew the tradition of multiple women visiting the tomb of Christ “on the first day of the week” [John 20:1] is indicated by Mary Magdalene using “we” when returning from the tomb and excitedly telling the disciples what she/they discovered there, mistaken though she was as to the reason: “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know here they have laid him” [John 20:2]. And it is Saint Mark and Saint John who record the fact that she is the first of the women to actually see the Risen Lord [Mark 16:9; John 20:14]. In addition, it is the Evangelist Mark who informs us that Jesus had “cast out seven demons” from Mary Magdalene [verse 9]. Saint Mary Magdalene thus stands out among these outstanding, though self-effacing women, who are now known throughout the world wherever the Gospel is proclaimed. The Myrrhbearing Women were privileged to be the first human beings to discover the empty tomb, and the first as a body to behold the Risen Christ [Matthew 28:9].

This past Sunday, we heard the account in Saint Mark’s Gospel about the role of the Myrrhbearing Women in the discovery of the empty tomb [Mark 15:43-16:8]. This is the only Sunday during the Paschal season that we hear from a Gospel other than Saint John’s. However, I would like to return to Saint John’s Gospel for the purpose of this meditation and to share a few words about the extraordinary encounter between the Risen Lord and Mary Magdalene recorded there [20:11-18]. This is an encounter like no other. I recall the renowned British biblical scholar C. H. Dodd writing that this account in Saint John’s Gospel has no remote counterpart in all of the ancient literature of the Graeco-Roman world. It is absolutely unique.

At first, as recorded above, Mary Magdalene believed that the tomb was empty because “they have taken the Lord out of the tomb” [John 20:2]. This was her “natural” reaction to the fact of the empty tomb. She then temporarily disappears from the narrative as we hear of Saints Peter and John discovering the empty tomb, prompted by Mary’s troubling words. But after this discovery “the disciples went back to their home” [verse 17]. Then, Mary appears again “weeping outside the tomb” [verse 11]. When she stoops to look into the tomb she is surprised by the presence of two angels, who pointedly ask her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She again repeats her despairing belief that “they have taken away my Lord” [verse 13]. At this point “she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus” [verse 14].

And then that remarkable dialogue and encounter occurs. At first Jesus will repeat the words of the angels: “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom do you seek?” [verse 15]. Still fixated on the mistaken belief that someone had removed the body of Jesus, Mary, for the third time, repeats that assertion to “the gardener,” hoping that he will cooperate in disclosing the whereabouts of the body of Jesus. And then all is transformed “in the twinkling of an eye” when the Risen Jesus pronounces her name: “Mary” [verse 16]. That is all that was necessary, and Christ prepared us for that immediate recognition upon hearing one’s name pronounced, “I am the good shepherd; I know my own and my own know me, as the Father knows me and I know the Father... My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me; and I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand” [John 10:14, 27-28].

When the Risen Good Shepherd speaks her name she immediately recognizes His voice as foretold in the words above and she responds with the endearing title “Rabbo’ni!” (The evangelist parenthetically informs us that this means Teacher). This encounter like no other is actually consum-

mated through the seemingly simple pronouncement of a name and a title exchanged with both love and devotion between Christ and His disciple Mary Magdalene. I believe that this moment of recognition would be impossible to express in words. We can only bow our heads in silence and awe. Or, perhaps like the other Myrrhbearing Women, “trembling and astonishment” [Mark 16:8] will come upon us if we allow the full power of this encounter to enter our minds and hearts. Mary’s bewilderment, despair and confusion gave way to joy and regeneration. That the setting was a “garden” is no accident. Now, upon returning to the other disciples for a second time, a new message is delivered to them, for Saint John tells us that “Mary Magdalene went and said to the disciples, ‘I have seen the Lord’” [verse 18].

At one point on this incredibly momentous morning, Mary Magdalene told the angels that “they have taken away *my* Lord.” Saint Thomas said, when also coming to recognition of the Risen Lord, “*My* Lord and *my* God!” In these words, both of these saints made it very *personal*. The encounter with Christ, regardless of the circumstances, is always something deeply personal. Each unique human being has a unique relationship with Christ. We say that He is *our* Lord, but we equally say that He is *my* Lord. Therefore, I would like to quote again the deeply encouraging words of Father Alexander Men who, when commenting on the events of John 20, wrote: “Therefore today, on this Paschal day, let each of you, returning home, carry in his heart this joy and the thought that the Lord has appeared to me, too. He is risen for me, and speaks for me, and remains with me, and will forever be as my Lord, as my Savior, as my God. May the Lord protect you!”

A pious tradition has Saint Mary Magdalene greeting the Roman emperor Tiberius with the words “Christ is Risen!” These words reverberate to this day with the glorious “good news” of life out of death.

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# Holy Week and Pascha: Schedule of Services



Saints Peter and Paul Orthodox Church  
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## HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA – 2022 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

April 15	Eve of Lazarus Saturday	Chrismations and Rehearsal for Baptisms, 6:00 p.m.
April 16	Lazarus Saturday	Divine Liturgy, 9:00 a.m. Great Vespers & Blessing of Branches, 5:00 p.m.
April 17	Sunday of the Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem - Palm Sunday	Divine Liturgy, 9:00 a.m. and outdoor Procession Bridegroom Matins, 6:00 p.m.
April 18	Great and Holy Monday	Bridegroom Matins, 6:00 p.m.
April 19	Great and Holy Tuesday	Bridegroom Matins, 6:00 p.m.
April 20	Great and Holy Wednesday	Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, 9:00 a.m.
April 21	Great and Holy Thursday	Vesperal Divine Liturgy, 9:00 a.m. Matins of the Passion of Christ, 6:00 p.m.
April 22	Great and Holy Friday	Vespers and Burial Service, 3:00 p.m. Lamentations at the Tomb of Christ, 6:00 p.m.
April 23	Great and Holy Saturday	Vesperal Divine Liturgy, 9:00 a.m. Blessing of Bread, Wine, & Dried Fruit
April 24	Great and Holy Pascha - The Resurrection of Christ - The Feast of Feasts	Nocturnes, 11:15 p.m. Paschal Matins and Divine Liturgy of Pascha, 12:00 a.m. Followed by Blessing of Baskets  Paschal Vespers, 12:00 p.m. Followed by Festal Potluck Luncheon & Egg Hunt for Children

*Blessing of Paschal Baskets will follow the Paschal Divine Liturgy and Paschal Vespers*

## Bits . . .

**A MIRACLE!** With the permission of Fr. David, the following is my perspective of how miracles happen everyday. On this day the miracle was—what could have been a fatal accident for two of our family members—was just another collision.

It was Wednesday, March 16th, at 16th Street and Monte Vista Road, Phoenix, AZ, at approximately 4:30pm, and 100 yards from the sanctuary that is Sts.



Peter & Paul Orthodox Church. Fr. David and Mat. Mary are commencing a left turn onto Monte Vista when they are struck by an oncoming vehicle. Struck not once but twice by the same vehicle. The impact was so violent that Father's car was hit, spun and hit a second time by the same vehicle.

Upon arrival, the Phoenix Fire Department was unable to extricate Mat. Mary from the side of the car that she had entered the vehicle. The force from the collision bent the frame of the car and made both passenger doors inoperable. Fortunately, Mat. Mary made new friends with the firemen and they were able to safely lift her from the front passenger seat, out the drivers side door to safety. Both were "checked-out" medically and were able to

decline additional medical attention.

Obviously, the Pre-Sanctified gifts were not served that evening. Father Mihai and those parishioners who gathered for services, stayed and assisted Father & Matuska in any manner they requested. They helped out until Sbdcn. Michael drove them both home.

Air bags deployed, plastic broke, glass shattered and a steel frame bent. To look at that vehicle one can only think "it's a miracle anyone survived!" From my perspective—God Blessed you both.

*Nicholas Bock*

**UKRAINE, RUSSIA & SS PETER AND PAUL** World events being what they are, the misery of war in the Ukraine has affected all of us. Many of us are directly affected by loss or tragedy that this war has caused. May our continual prayer in these difficult days be that God grant us that "peace from above" which is our deepest desire. You may be aware of some "backlash" that has taken place against members of the Orthodox community throughout the United States. Most of these have been acts of vandalism and the defacing of property and have taken place primarily in East Coast cities. However, such vandalism could happen anywhere. That being said, we are

aware that, even though we are members of the Orthodox Church in **America**, many uneducated individuals or groups may not have the capability to understand what that represents: we are the Church in America comprised of many peoples and ethnicities. Simply, our Church and our parish are the face of America.

As we have seen throughout history, churches, synagogues, mosques and other places of gathering can be a target of such atrocities. Although no threats have emerged against our parish and none are anticipated, the leadership of our parish is and will remain vigilant and act accordingly if any threat rears its ugly head.

The design of the parish grounds provides a perimeter that assures a high level of security. We also have a tenant occupying the house on the property. Additionally, everyone coming and going for services, meetings, etc. provide a level of deterrence. However, if anything appears out of the ordinary, by all means speak up so that a second or third set of eyes can observe. Thankfully, we live in a country that allows us to worship freely and threats against places of worship are taken seriously by law enforcement. May God Bless us all during this difficult time.

*Nicholas Bock*

## Around SS Peter & Paul

### APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

March	29	Elliot Arauz
April	1	Basil Contes Deanna Hix Sonya Bogle
	15	Jerry Hix Jr.
	16	Elisha John Ferbrache
	18	Antonia Adams Clement Irina Zinchenko Julian Melendrez
	21	Zachary Delsante
	25	Rob Schaffer Lesley Zaremba
	28	John Blischak
	29	Sarah Gala

### CONGRATULATIONS

And Many Years to Fr. Mihai on the 28th anniversary of his ordination to the Holy Priesthood.



### PRAYER LIST

*"May Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician of our souls and bodies, reach out his healing hand and bless these, His servants."*

We offer prayers to all of our parishioners who are ill or unable to attend services:

*+Metropolitan Herman  
Sandra Hoff  
Elena Kerr  
Sue Bieber  
Jamie Arango  
Antonia Adams-Clement  
Rose Kurowski  
Tammy Horton  
The suffering people of Ukraine*

If you know of anyone else in need of our prayers, please contact Bishop Daniel.

## ... and Pieces

**PLEASE JOIN IN PREPARING THE** palms, pussy willows, and olive branches for Palm Sunday following the Divine Liturgy on Lazarus Saturday. Additional volunteers are needed to help decorate the church for Palm Sunday.

**BAPTISMS AND CHRISMATIONS** As we approach Holy Pascha, our community is greatly blessed to be welcoming several members into the Church through Chrismation, Baptism and Chrismation, and Reception of the Holy Gifts. Chrismations for those not being baptized will take place on Friday, April 15, at 6:00 p.m. Baptisms and Chrismations will be celebrated on Lazarus Saturday, before the Divine Liturgy, at 7:30 a.m.

**HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA PARKING** Parking can be at a premium for the services of Holy Week and Pascha, during which we are happy to welcome our many guests—in addition to the faithful members of our own parish family. We enjoy a good relationship with the Bamboo Bakery, directly across the street from the church, and are able to use their parking lot for our overflow parking. Those who can are encouraged to park there in order to reserve parking spaces for guests as well as for our own parishioners who need to park in closer proximity to the church. Please remember that the space between the back of the church and the hall is to be kept free for fire and emergency services. Please note that, as usual, security services have been retained for the Pascha services on Saturday night/early Sunday morning.

**BLESSING OF PASCHA BASKETS** It is our tradition to bless Pascha baskets after the celebration of the Midnight Paschal Divine Liturgy and also following Vespers on the Sunday of Pascha. Baskets are blessed in the parish hall.

**PASCHA CARD** Instead of sending individual Paschal greetings, list your name(s) on a beautifully designed Orthodox Pascha card. Please fill out the form on Page 2 or in the narthex and return it to Stephanie Homyak or the church office by April 13, 2022. Proceeds will be used help Ukrainian orphanages.

**PASCHA FLOWERS** Each year, our parish temple is beautifully decorated with flowers to beautify the Lord's Tomb and to adorn the celebration of the Lord's Glorious Resurrection. If you would like to donate toward the purchase of flowers, please mark your check or envelope with the words: "Pascha Flowers." Many thanks to all who donate and to all who arrange the flower and decorate the temple.



**CHURCH SPRING CLEANING** Please join us for the annual church Spring Cleaning on Saturday, April 9, at 8:00am. Please see David Bieber, Nick Bock or Seraphim (Bill) Weiss in order to volunteer.

**CONFESSIONS** As we continue our Lenten Journey, we have our minds focused on being prepared to celebrate the Lord's triumph over sin and death through His glorious Resurrection. Our celebration of Christ's Paschal Victory has greater spiritual meaning and brings more joy when we have received the Lord's forgiveness through the Mystery of Repentance. **CONFESSIONS ARE HEARD BEFORE EVERY SERVICE AND BY APPOINTMENT.** Please plan on making your Easter Confession in a timely manner and to avoid the "rush" so that your confession may be made peacefully and prayerfully.

**VESPERS OF PASCHA** It is an annual tradition in our parish to continue the celebration of the Pascha Midnight Liturgy with Paschal Vespers, this year on Sunday, April 24, at 12:00pm. The Vespers service will be followed by an "Easter Egg Hunt" for the children and our Agape potluck luncheon.

**PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY SUPPERS** Thank you to everyone who has provided soup, salad, fruit, and bread for the Wednesday evening meals after the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Please see Irina Zinchenko if you are interested in signing up for any of the remaining meals. We are also looking for volunteers who are willing to stay a bit later and help with cleanup including putting away the items for the meal, washing dishes, wiping down tables, and taking out the trash.

**AGAPE POTLUCK** Every year, our parish hosts an Agape Vespers potluck following the Vespers of Pascha at 12:00pm (noon). This annual event brings together our parish family, friends, and guests from throughout the Valley. It is a beautiful celebration of our community life and an expression of the our common joy in our celebration of the Lord's Paschal Victory. Please mark your calendars and plan on bringing something to share for the meal. Also, your generous help is needed for setup, serving, and cleanup. To help assist with preparing to celebrate and to welcome our guests, please contact Pat Starkey at 623.512.2021.

**TYAL** On March 19, 2022, teens and young adults watched the documentary "Beyond Torture," followed by a discussion about faith and what is normal vs. abnormal for us as Christians. One of our teens mentioned how looking to Christ's example is a good way to gauge what is normal for us. Thank you to all who could come!

We encourage all teens and young adults to attend as many Lenten services as possible. Lent is a time to slow down and make more space for God in our daily lives, as best we can. This can be a great time to find ways to carpool and meet up with one another at church, and to build each other up by the other's presence.

**SUPER SOUP SALE – SUNDAY, APRIL 3** To help with the journey through Lent, especially the fast, the Myrrh Bearers Altar Society will be selling a variety of Lenten soups on Sunday, April 3. The soups will be sold as one quart for \$8 and two quarts for \$15. Most soups will be able to freeze to last through the remainder of lent and make quick lunch or dinner options.

**FUTURE OUTREACH PROGRAMS** The Parish will again be conducting a school supplies outreach with Whittier Elementary. We hope to supply necessary supplies for 40 to 50 of the most needy students in late July, before school opens for the Fall term. We will be seeking your always generous donations beginning in May. Thanks again for all those who have supported this worthwhile effort in previous years.

# April 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 <p>We welcome all of our guests and visitors. Please join us in the Cultural Center behind the church for Coffee Hour following Divine Liturgy each Sunday.</p>						1 Ven. Mary of Egypt 2 <b>PASCHA BREAD BAKE</b>  5:00pm Great Vespers
3 St. John Climacus 9:00am Divine Liturgy  <b>CHURCH SCHOOL</b> <b>FOCA Meeting</b>	4  <p><b>Easter Egg Hunt</b>            April 24, 2022            Following Paschal Vespers</p>		6 6:00pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts <b>Lenten Meal</b>	7 Repose of St. Tikhon, Patriarch of Moscow, Enlightener of North America  6:00pm Canon of St. Andrew	8	9 <b>8:00am</b> <b>SPRING CLEANING</b>  5:00pm Great Vespers
10 St. Mary of Egypt 9:00am Divine Liturgy  <b>CHURCH SCHOOL</b> <b>MBAS Meeting</b>	<b>PARISH PASCHA CARD</b> April 13 <sup>th</sup> is the last day to sign up for the parish's Pascha card. Forms can be found on Pg 2 of the newsletter. Please return forms to Stephanie Homyak or church office.					16 Lazarus Saturday 7:30am Baptisms 9:00am Divine Liturgy <i>Preparation of Palms, Pussy Willows &amp; Olive Branches</i>  5:00pm Great Vespers
17 <b>Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem</b> 9:00am Divine Liturgy and Procession   6:00pm Bridegroom Matins	18 Great and Holy Monday 9:00am Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts  6:00pm Bridegroom Matins	19 Great and Holy Tuesday 9:00am Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts  6:00pm Bridegroom Matins	20 Great and Holy Wednesday 9:00am Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts  6:00pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts <b>Lenten Meal</b>	21 Great and Holy Thursday 9:00am Vesperal Divine Liturgy  6:00pm Matins of the Passion of Christ <b>Passion Gospels</b>	22 Great and Holy Friday <b>Holy Apostle James</b> 3:00pm Vespers and Burial Service  6:00pm Lamentations at the Tomb	23 Great and Holy Saturday 9:00am Vesperal Divine Liturgy <b>Blessing of Bread, Wine &amp; Dried Fruit</b>  11:15pm Nocturnes
24 <b>HOLY PASCHA</b> 12:00am Paschal Matins & Divine Liturgy 12:00pm Vespers Easter Egg Hunt Agape Potluck <b>CHRIST IS RISEN!</b> <b>INDEED HE IS RISEN!</b>	25 Bright Monday Apostle & Evangelist Mark	26 Bright Tuesday	27 Bright Wednesday	28 Bright Thursday	29 Bright Friday	30 Bright Saturday  5:00pm Great Vespers
<b>N O F A S T</b>						
1 St. Thomas Sunday  <b>CHURCH SCHOOL</b> <b>FOCA Meeting</b>	<b>BOOKSTORE</b> The bookstore will be fully stocked with Palm Sunday, Holy Week and Pascha service books by the second week of April. Prices range from \$4-\$9.					7 St. Alexis Toth, Confessor of Orthodoxy in North America  5:00pm Great Vespers