

April 2nd, 2023

Palm Sunday

SUNDAY, 4/2 9:00 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
10:30 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

MONDAY, 4/3 5:00 pm Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts

WEDNESDAY, 4/5 9:00 am Third Hour
5:00 pm Liturgy of Pre-sanctified Gifts

THURSDAY, 4/6 5:00 pm Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
6:30 pm STRASTI- Passion of Our Lord retold in 12 Gospels

FRIDAY, 4/7 5:30 pm Vespers with the placement of the Holy Shroud (English)
7:15pm Vespers with the placement of the Holy Shroud (Ukrainian)

SATURDAY, 4/8 8:30 am Jerusalem Matins
3:30 pm Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

SUNDAY, 4/9 *Resurrection of Our Lord Jesus Christ*
8:15 am Easter Procession
8:30 am Divine Liturgy (English) for all parishioners
10:00 am Resurrection Matins
11:15 am Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian) for special intention

Announcements

1-Confession

Confession is available after each service or per request. Please let us know if there is somebody who wants to go to confession but can't come to the church due to the health condition.

2-FAST & ABSTINENCE

- On Holy and Great Friday, required abstinence is from meat and dairy products
- On Holy and Great Saturday, required abstinence is from meat.

3-BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD BASKETS

Easter foods baskets will be blessed on Easter Sunday after the 8:30 AM Divine Liturgy. You may read more about beautiful Easter food baskets blessing by visiting this website: <http://www.stsophiaukrainian.cc/resources/blessingpaschalfood/>

4-DIVINE MERCY NOVENA

Beginning on Good Friday, as a source of great grace, the Divine Mercy Novena is a recommended private devotion.

On April 16th, Thomas Sunday, right after the 8:30AM Divine Liturgy, we will gather at our Divine Mercy Shrine for a prayer service in honor of the Divine Mercy.

Sunday Readings

Holy Gospel

John 12: 1 – 18

Six days before Passover Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. 2 They gave a dinner for him there, and Martha served, while Lazarus was one

of those reclining at table with him. 3 Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus[b] and dried them with her hair; the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. 4 Then Judas the Iscariot, one [of] his disciples, and the one who would betray him, said, 5 “Why was this oil not sold for three hundred days’ wages[c] and given to the poor?” 6 He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief and held the money bag and used to steal the contributions. 7 So Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Let her keep this for the day of my burial.[d] 8 You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.”

9 [The] large crowd of the Jews found out that he was there and came, not only because of Jesus, but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. 10 And the chief priests plotted to kill Lazarus too, 11 because many of the Jews were turning away and believing in Jesus because of him.

The Entry into Jerusalem.[e] 12 On the next day, when the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 they took palm branches[f] and went out to meet him, and cried out: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, [even] the king of Israel.” 14 Jesus found an ass and sat upon it, as is written: 15 “Fear no more, O daughter Zion:[g] see, your king comes, seated upon an ass’s colt.” 16 His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this[h] for him. 17 [i]So the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from death continued to testify. 18 This was [also] why the crowd went to meet him, because they heard that he had done this sign.

Holy Epistle

The Letter to the Philippians 4: 4 – 9

...Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast

Rejoice[c] in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.[d] 5 Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. 6 Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, beloved,[e] whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about[f] these things. 9 Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

THANKS FOR YOUR GENEROSITY

Sunday collections for the weekend of 3/26/23, including envelope offerings - \$465, donations -\$712, candle -\$50

Weekly budget: \$1250, Income \$1227

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Confession before or after Divine Liturgy.

Confession is recommended as a regular monthly practice. The graces received from confession are an excellent way to help us become closer to Jesus.

*THE CHURCH WAS A MOTHER TO YOU IN LIFE, PROVIDING FOR YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS;
PLEASE REMEMBE YOUR PARISH AND THE EPARCHY OF SAINT JOSAPHAT IN PARMA IN
YOUR LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT.*