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Gospel: John 12:1-18

April 25, 2021 – Palm Sunday - Entrance
of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

Epistle: Phil.4:4-9

Schedule of Services for Holy Week and Pascha - Easter

Palm Sunday, April 25, Blessing of Willows & Palms 9:15 a.m. Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

Holy Thursday, April 29, Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil 9:00 a.m.
Matins & 12 Passion Gospels 6:30 p.m.

Holy Friday, April 30, Vespers 5:00 p.m. and Procession with the Winding Shroud.

Great and Holy Saturday, May 1, Liturgy of St. Basil 9:00 a.m. **General Confession 2 p.m.**

Nocturns 8:00 p.m. Paschal Matins 8:30 p.m. followed by the blessing of Easter Baskets.

Great & Holy Pascha, Sunday, May 2, Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m. & Blessing of Easter Baskets.

ST. MICHAEL'S CENTER BREAD SALE: (Loaves only) Plain \$5.00 Raisin \$6.00, Call Ruth for orders at (570) 876-1456. **PICK-UP:** Wednesday, April 28, 2021 – 12 - 5 p.m.

Confession and Covid 19: Once you receive your second vaccine, some of you feel more comfortable approaching private confession with Fr. John. (Our Priest has been fully vaccinated with both shots) and wearing masks still should be normative.

During the Special Church Committee Meeting held this past Monday, April 5; a unanimous motion was made and approved; resulting in entering into an agreement with the Windsor Inn & St. Michael's Center. The first cooperative & kickoff event will be held in the beginning of June; "**Chicken & Rib Dinner**" more information will be forthcoming. **A contractual agreement will follow as the business at St. Michael's Center increases. It was also noted during this agreement period, all events initiated by the Windsor Inn will be discussed and approved by our Church Committee.**"

Easter Flowers (Lilies \$15.00 & \$20.00) Easter Candles \$10.00 donations are being accepted. You can make your offering for the health of your family or in loving memory of your departed family members.

Easter Flowers & Candle Donation: \$100.00 by Peter Senio in loving memory of my wife Helen, son Allan and in memory of my Kum Daniel Kitchura, wife Mary and Godchild Barbara. **Memory Eternal! \$10.00** for Easter Candles, offered by Paul Kostiak for his good health, **\$10.00** Easter Candles offered by Delores Brophy for the continued health of Delores, Stephen, Allen, William & Megan Brophy, **\$10.00** in memory of Stephen & Mary Kostiak & Helen Wahal, offered by Paul Kostiak & Delores Brophy.

In order to meet our growing financial obligations, we are asking all our parishioners, when not in Church to send in their weekly offering envelopes. **We thank you in advance!**

The Heat & Air end of the month collection will be taken this morning. Please use the designated basket. We thank you in advance for your offering.

If your Church Dues are in arrears, please make an effort to send them to the Church as we began the New Year. The Annual dues are **\$160.00** per year. Please call Gloria Shaw at 570-954-3905 to get your balance. **May our Lord Jesus Christ continue to bless you for many years!**

Please remember in your prayers: Peter Senio who is a guest at; The Gardens of Green Ridge, 2751 Boulevard Ave, Scranton, Pa. and **Jacky Drutarosky** who is in the Lackawanna Health and Rehab Center, 260 Terrace Drive, Peckville, Pa. 18452

The Entrance of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem: *By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God! Like the children with the branches 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! (Troparion).*

Christ —the Joy, the Truth and the Light of All, the Life of the world and its Resurrection—has appeared in his goodness to those on earth. He has become the Image of our Resurrection, granting divine forgiveness to all (Kontakion). At the Divine Liturgy of Lazarus Saturday, the baptismal verse from Galatians: As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ (Gal 3:27) replaces the Thrice-holy Hymn thus indicating the resurrectional character of the celebration, and the fact that Lazarus Saturday was once among the few great baptismal days in the Orthodox Church Year. Because of the resurrection of Lazarus from the dead, Christ was hailed by the masses as the long-expected Messiah-King of Israel. Thus, in fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament, he entered Jerusalem, the City of the King, riding on the colt of an ass (Zech 9:9; Jn 12:12). The crowds greeted him with branches in their hands and called out to him with shouts of praise: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! The Son of David! The King of Israel! Because of this glorification by the people, the priests and scribes were finally driven "to destroy him, to put him to death" (Lk 19:47; Jn 11:53, 12:10).

