**ASSUMPTION OF THE VIRGIN MARY UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**ECUMENICAL PATRIARCHATE OF CONSTANTINOPLE AND NEW ROME**

**1301 Newport Avenue**, **Northampton, Pennsylvania 18067**

**Rev. Fr. Oleg Kravchenko, Rector**

**Protodeacon Mikhail Sawarynski, Attached**

**Websites:** holyassumption.org **and** ukrainianorthodoxchurchusa.org

**Facebook:** Assumption of the Virgin Mary Ukrainian Orthodox Church

**YouTube:** AVM UOC Church

**Contacts: Fr. Oleg Kravchenko** – (732) 507-2274; olegkravchenko2212@gmail.com

**Protodeacon Mikhail** – (H) (610) 262-3876); pravoslavni@rcn.com

**Office** – (610) 262-2882; avmuoc@gmail.com

**Webmaster, John Hnatow** – john.hnatow@gmail.com

**Sun. 25 Apr. (April 12th) ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. (PALM SUNDAY). Ven. BASIL the Confessor, Bishop of Parium (760). Hieromartyr ZENO, Bishop of Verona (260). Ven. ISAAC the Syrian, Abbot of Spoleto (550). Martyrs MENAS, DAVID & JOHN of Palestine (630). Ven. Virgin ANTHUSA of Constantinople (801). Ven. ATHANASIA, Abbess of Aegina (860).**

**Philippians 4:4-9 John 12:1-18**

***Divine Liturgy and Blessing of pussy-willows***

***5:00 PM Brightgroom Matins (Allentown)***

**The Bulletin is sponsored by John and Linda Vitushinsky on their 51st Wedding Anniversary**

**Liturgical Meneion & Scripture Readings**

**Mon. 26 Apr. GREAT MONDAY.** Hieromartyr Artemon, presbyter of Laodicea in Syria.

**Mt. 21:18-43 Mt. 24:3-35**

***4:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (Allentown)***

**Tue. 27 Apr. GREAT TUESDAY.** St. Martin the Confessor, pope of Rome (655).

**Mt. 22:15 - 23:39 Mt. 24:36 - 26:2**

***6:00 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts***

**Wed. 28 Apr. GREAT WEDNESDAY.** Apostles Aristarchus, Pudens, and Trophimus.

**Jn. 12:17-50 Mt. 26:6-16**

***6:00 PM Service of Holy Anointing***

**Thu. 29 Apr. GREAT THURSDAY.** The mystical supper. Virgin-martyrs Agape.

**1 Cor.11:23-32 Mt.26:1-20 Jn.13:3-17 Mt.26:21-39**

***9:00 AM Commemoration of First Divine Liturgy (Vesperal Liturgy)***

***6:00 PM Matins with 12 Passion Gospels***

**Fri. 30 Apr.** **GREAT FRIDAY.** Martyr Adrian of Corinth (251). Hieromartyr Simeon.

**Jn.13:31-18:1 Jn.18:1-28 Mt.26:57-75 Jn.18:28-19:16**

***9:00 AM Royal Hours***

***6:00 PM Vespers, Procession and placing the Holy Shroud in the Tomb***

**Sat. 01 May GREAT SATURDAY.**

**Rom. 6:3-11 Mt. 28:1-20**

***3:00 PM Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great.***

***Blessing of paschal food (in the church hall)***

**Sun. 02 May THE BRIGHT RESURRECTION OF CHRIST.**

**THE PASCHA OF THE LORD .**

***6:00 AM The Midnight Office (50 people; available Online)***

***The Matins of Pascha***

***Divine Liturgy***

***Blessing of paschal food (in the church hall)***

"Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your King is coming to you; He is just and having salvation, Lowly and riding on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey” (Zechariah 9:9).

**What Have We Learned?**

*A meditative poem For Palm Sunday*

*By Loyd C. Taylor, Sr.*

They shouted with praises, reaching the sky,

Pushing and shoving to see Jesus pass by.

Crying, 'Hosanna, hosanna, glory to the King!

He comes to us today, great joy does He bring.'

They threw down palm leaves, covering the way,

Clearing the way for His entrance that day.

Raising joyful voices, as praises filled the air,

The day had come for God answered their prayer!

But, in a short time, they changed their chant,

From joyful noise, to a mob's hate-filled rant.

From Hosanna, hosanna, as when He was praised;

To crucify Him! Crucify Him, as their anger blazed!

In disbelief we might question why they turned?

But maybe the question is, 'What have we learned?'

**PROPERS of the LITURGY of JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

***Antiphon One, Tone 1***

***Verse:*** I am filled with love, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication.

***Refrain:*** Through the prayers of the Birth-Giver of God, Savior, save us.

***Verse:*** The anguish of death encompassed me, the perils of Hell beset me.

***Refrain:*** Through the prayers…

***Verse:*** I found tribulation and anguish and I called upon the Name of the Lord.

***Refrain:*** Through the prayers…

***Verse:*** I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

***Refrain:*** Through the prayers…

***Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.***

***Refrain:*** Through the prayers…

***Antiphon Two, Tone 2***

***Verse:*** I believed and therefore, I have spoken, but I was sore troubled.

***Refrain:*** Son of God, Who was carried on the colt of a donkey, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

***Verse:*** What shall I give to the Lord, for all that He has given to me?

***Refrain:*** Son of God, Who was carried…

***Verse:*** I will take the cup of salvation and I will call upon the Name of the Lord.

***Refrain:*** Son of God, Who was carried…

***Verse:*** I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

***Refrain:***Son of God, Who was carried…

***Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.***

***Only Begotten Son and Word of God…***

***Antiphon 3, Tone 1***

***Verse:*** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is Good: for His mercy endures forever.

***Tropar, Tone 1***

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your Passion, You confirmed the universal Resurrection Christ our God. Therefore, like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to You, the Conqueror of Death, “Hosanna in the Highest, blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord.”

***Verse:*** Let the House of Israel now confess that He is Good, for His mercy endures forever.

***Tropar:*** By raising Lazarus from the dead…

***Verse:*** Let the House of Aaron now confess that He is Good: for His mercy endures forever.

***Tropar:*** By raising Lazarus from the dead…

***Verse:*** Let all who fear the Lord now confess that He is Good: for His mercy endures forever.

***Tropar:*** By raising Lazarus from the dead…

***Entrance Hymn:*** Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. We bless You from the House of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.

***Tropar, Tone 1:*** By raising Lazarus from the dead…

***Tropar, Tone 4:*** When we were buried with You in Baptism, O Christ God, we were made worthy of eternal life by Your Resurrection. Now we praise You and sing: Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord.

***Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.***

***Konkak, Tone 6:*** Sitting on Your throne in Heaven, carried on a colt on earth, Christ our God, You accepted the praise of the angels and the songs of the children who sing: Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam.

***Prokimen, Tone 4:*** Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord; God is the Lord and He has appeared to us.

***Verse:*** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is Good, for His mercy endures forever.

***Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9***

***Alleluia Verses, Tone 1.*** Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.

***Verse:*** All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

***Gospel: John 13:1-18***

***In Place of “It is right in truth”…*** Magnify, my soul, the Lord who sat upon a colt.

***Irmos, Tone 4:*** The Lord has appeared to us, let us keep the feast together. Come with great rejoicing, let us magnify Christ with palms and branches. Let us cry aloud: Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord, Our Savior.

***Communion Hymn:*** Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. Alleluia (3X).

**Pascha attendance** availability will be increased to 50 with **preregistration required** (the "50" will not include choir members or altar servers). Blessing of the baskets following Liturgy on Pascha in the Parish Hall.

**SR UOL Cheesecake Sale for PASCHA.** Please pickup your order today in the church hall, following Divine Liturgy on **April 25**.

**2021 Spring pierogi schedule:** May 6, 13, 20. For orders or volunteers please call Helen: 610‑261-4575.

**For the food banks**: We were assigned baby foods, but they also need cans of potatoes, tuna fish, canned meats, pasta, spaghetti sauce, mac & cheese.

**BIRTHDAYS:**

**25 April**…Andrea Sawarynski

**ANNIVERSARIES:**

**02 May**…John & Linda Vitushinsky

**MNOHAYA LITA! MANY YEARS!**

**NECROLOGY:**

**04 Apr**…Michael Miga

**27 Apr**…Helen Vasilevsky ’88

**28 Apr**…Tekla Fedorovych ’26

**29 Apr**…Philip Kereb ’25, Nelcy Azar ’15

**30 Apr**…Julian Didenko ’39, Mary Kulp ’91, Natalia Lutyi ’18

**VICHNAYA PAMYAT! MEMORY ETERNAL!**

**WE PRAY FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING** of the ill-afflicted: Fr. Mark, Rebecca, Fr. Harry, Michael, Raisa, child Oleksandra, child Alexandria, Elizabeth, Daria, Catherine Kochenash, Joan Molnar, Bill Ketterer, Paul, Richard Stetch, Evan, Brandon and Stacy Snyder, Aaliyah Osmun, Michael Mack, Ihor Broda, James Osmun, Matthew, Tom, William Savitz, Vladimir & Emma Krasnopera, Brendan Phillips, Jessie Hnatow, Jessica Meashock, Adam Hewko, Andrew Thaxton, Susan Ferretti, Judy Albright, Rob Hewko, Daniel Kochenash, Christopher Mack, Norman Betrous, Luba Walker.

**Old Testament Prophecies Concerning Jesus and the Events of Holy Week:**

Betrayed by a friend - Ps 41:9 Sold for 30 pieces of silver - Zech 11:12  
False witnesses accusing Him - Ps 27:1 Silent when accused - Isaiah 53:7  
Struck and spit on - Isaiah 50:6 Suffered in our place - Isaiah 53:4-5  
Hands and feet pierced - Ps 22:16 Mocked and insulted - Ps 22:16-18  
Prayed for His enemies - Ps 109:4 His side pierced - Zech 12:10  
Soldiers cast lots for His clothes - Ps 22:18 Not a bone broken - Ps 34:20

Buried with the rich - Isaiah 53:9  
**THE RESURRECTION AND THE WILLOW**

By Robert L. Schwind

In Slavic lands the willows grow

By streams and bogs and waters low.

The ancient Slavic peoples saw

That willows bloom before the thaw,

When warm winds end the frigid cold,

And break at last the winter's hold

To greet the spring and celebrate

The vernal advent's advocate

Of growth renewal life and light

And set the cosmic order right.

The Slavic peoples gathered in

The flowering willow branches in

Their homes to decorate anew

To cure their ills their lives renew.

Then one day there came from far,

A new religion which would bar

The grasp of ancient evils' hold

Upon the Slavic souls as told

By True Glory's saving creeds

To grant men life and serve their needs.

The Word Made Flesh who lived and died

And rose again as verified

By Holy Writ and voices old

Who testified as was foretold.

Christ is risen from the dead

And by His death as truly said

He trampled death and life He gave

To those who lie within the grave.

And thus the lowly willow came

The Resurrection to proclaim

Bear witness to the Great Event

For which the Holy One was sent.

So when the cold of winter ends

The message that the willow sends

And that the flow'ry branches say:

**NEXT WEEK IS RESURRECTION DAY!**