

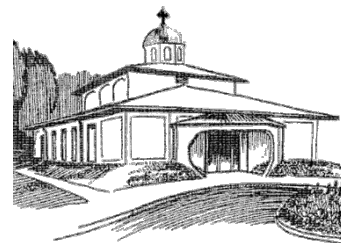


St Nicholas Orthodox Church

*A Parish of the Diocese of the Midwest
of the Orthodox Church in America*

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Services & Events for the Week Starting April 21, 2024

- Sunday, April 21** *Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast: St Mary of Egypt*
(Hebrews 9:11-14 & Galatians 3:23-29; Mark 10:32-45 & Luke 7:36-50)
9a Church School || 9:45a Third Hour || 10a Divine Liturgy || Coffee hour
5p Unction Service (at St Nicholas Church in Mogadore)
- Tuesday, April 23** 9a Morning Service (*Matins or Hours*)
- Wednesday, April 24** 4p Confession || 6:30p Liturgy of the Presanctified
- Thursday, April 25** 6:30a Morning Service (*Matins or Hours*) || 6:30p Choir Practice
- Friday, April 26** 10-11a Confession || 6:30p Vespers for Lazarus Saturday (*with first confessions to follow*)
- Saturday, April 27** *Lazarus Saturday*
(Hebrews 12:28-13:8; John 11:1-45)
9:30a Divine Liturgy (*brunch to follow*) || 4p Confessions || 5:30p Great Vespers with Lity
- Sunday, April 28** *The Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)*
(Philippians 4:4-9; John 12:1-18)
8:45a Festal Matins (*with Blessing of Palms and Procession*)
9a Church School || ca. 10a Divine Liturgy || Coffee hour
5:30p Matins for Holy & Great Monday ("Bridegroom Matins")



Stewardship for April 7, 2024

Operating: \$2,990; ZOE: \$150; Maintenance: \$42; Holy Day: \$1,200; Icons: \$10; Diocesan Dues: \$408; Candles: \$125; Uganda: \$116; Parish Charities: \$65; Alms: \$632; IOCC: \$45; Seminary: \$10; Flowers: \$25



Attendance & Stewardship for April 14, 2024

Attendance: 158; Operating: \$3,855; ZOE: \$25; Maintenance: \$85; Icons: \$10; Diocesan Dues: \$118; Candles: \$75; Uganda: \$25; Parish Charities: \$240; Alms: \$310; IOCC: \$5; Seminary: \$10

"Again we pray for those who bring offerings and do good works in this holy and all-venerable temple . . ."
(from the final petition of the Augmented Litany)

Thank you for your generosity!

NOTES FROM THE RECTOR

Thank You for Help with Lazarakia

Thank you to all our bakers for making the Lazarus Breads for Lazarus Saturday. Also, a very special thank you to Andy & LuAnn Dzura for making our dough for us!



A Note on the End of the Great Fast & on the Upcoming Festal Weekend

By the grace of God, this coming Friday we will come to the end of the Great Fast. Liturgically, the ending of this period will be announced at Vespers for Lazarus Saturday. At that point, we will then begin our special two-day festal commemoration of the Lord's miraculous act of resurrecting Lazarus (celebrated this coming Saturday), which in turn led to his triumphant entrance into

Jerusalem (celebrated this coming Sunday).

As we close out the forty days, and as we prepare for the great joys of the coming weekend, I ask everyone in parish to remember in your prayers this coming week those children in our parish who will be making their first confessions this coming Friday. Let us pray that, just as the Lord raised his friend Lazarus physically from the dead, so too may he grant them the grace of spiritual resurrection as they are renewed in their baptismal identity as children of God through the grace of the holy sacrament.



This Coming Saturday Afternoon: Preparing for Palm Sunday

This coming Lazarus Saturday morning, after Divine Liturgy and the breakfast that will follow it in honor of those children making their first confessions, we will be tying the pussy willows and making palm crosses in preparation for the celebration of the Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem on Sunday. Please help with this activity if you can. It will begin around 12:30p.



A Brief Liturgical Catechesis on the Services for Palm Sunday

After celebrating Liturgy on the morning of Lazarus Saturday, in the evening we will return to begin our celebration of the second part of this festival weekend: The Lord's triumphant entrance into the city of Jerusalem. Great Vespers with Lity and the Blessing of Bread will be served at 5:30p. Then we will serve Matins before Divine Liturgy on the morning of Palm Sunday. This service will begin at 8:45a. This service is particularly festive in nature, as it will include the blessing of the palm branches and pussy willows that we will carry for the morning. Those who are attending this service will be given their palms and pussy willows after they are blessed. Those who come later should pick these up as they enter the temple.

Weather permitting, at the end of Matins (after the singing of the Great Doxology), we will have a procession with the palm branches and pussy willows while singing the triumphant Troparion of Lazarus Saturday. Divine Liturgy will commence immediately afterwards. While I anticipate the beginning time of Divine Liturgy as being around 10a, I have put it on the calendar as "ca." (i.e., around or approximately) 10a, because it is not possible to say the exact time that the procession will finish.



A Reminder: Help Needed to Serve Food

St Nicholas is scheduled to serve dinner at St Herman's

house on Monday, May 27, from 5 to 7 pm. We are looking for 4 to 5 people to help with this. If you can help, please contact Collin Urbania (440-479-6688).



Parish Prayer List

If you know of someone who is in special need of prayer, please email me so that I might add the person to the prayer list. In the meantime, please remember especially:

Perry Capitan, Julian, Sarah Crivella, Joella (LuAnn Dzura's daughter), **Emily Finazzo**, (friend of the Rendas), **David Campbell** (Debbie Clements' brother), **Patrick Leahy** (Dave K.'s brother-in-law), **Rick Wagner** (Merrick and Mia's grandfather), **Bruce** (Kristen Moore's father), **Joseph Chuppa, Ronald** (in baptism, **Thomas**) (Collin Moore's father), **Mary Ann Sheranko, Helen** (Jan Ursinyi's mother), **Kevin, Declan, and Teagon** (husband and children of the newly-reposed Kristen), **Christina & John** (Mike Brzozowski's sister and brother), **Andrew Dzura, Rich Cook** (Cindy Renda's brother), **Daniel Conger** (friend of Jim Renda); **the residents of St Herman's House**, as well as those who serve them; our seminarian, **Cole (Paul) Schlafer**, and his family members: **Sarah, Simon, Michael, & Nikolai**; the members of the **Bagley family**, especially **Joseph, Rosemary, Isaac, Lucia, & Julian**; **Jim Barkas; John & Delphine Kiernan** (parents of Sean Kiernan); **Jennifer** (Katie Horabik's friend); **Dana** (Merrick and Mia Wagner's step-mother); **Stacey and Ian** (friends of Katie Horabik); **Janice** (Laurie Alexander's mother); **the suffering Christians of Ukraine, the Middle East, and Armenia**

Birthdays this week: 4/22: Greg Walker, Luka Kingsbury; 4/25: Dominik Povozahev; 4/27: Peggy Walker, Meredith Janek

Anniversary this week: 4/21: Daniel & Tina Rausch

Expecting: Greg & Grace, Weston & Rachel, Joseph & Venessa, Jon & Alexandra, Patrick & Katherine, Jake & Allison Szendrey, Subdeacon David (Jeffrey) & Michelle

Catechumens: Dalton Moses, Nick & Abrea Monda (*who are soon to be illumined*), **Alex Wittie**

Newly departed: Paris Anthony Santone (Debbie Covelli's nephew), **Joseph Demanski, Cathy Ubancic** (friend of the Rendas), **Patricia** (Michael Abernathy's grandmother), **Nun Elizabeth** (of Holy Transfiguration Monastery), **Kristen** (Michelle Hoover's cousin), **Jane Hunt** (great grandmother of Sofia Kiernan), **Patricia Wilcoxson** (Rosemary Bagley's mother); **Joseph Naymik; Jay Emmer-Lovell** (friend of the Russell, Horabik & Lehman families); **Pauline Demanski; Elizabeth** (Denise Busch's aunt); **Theodore Kisha** (father of Ted Kisha)