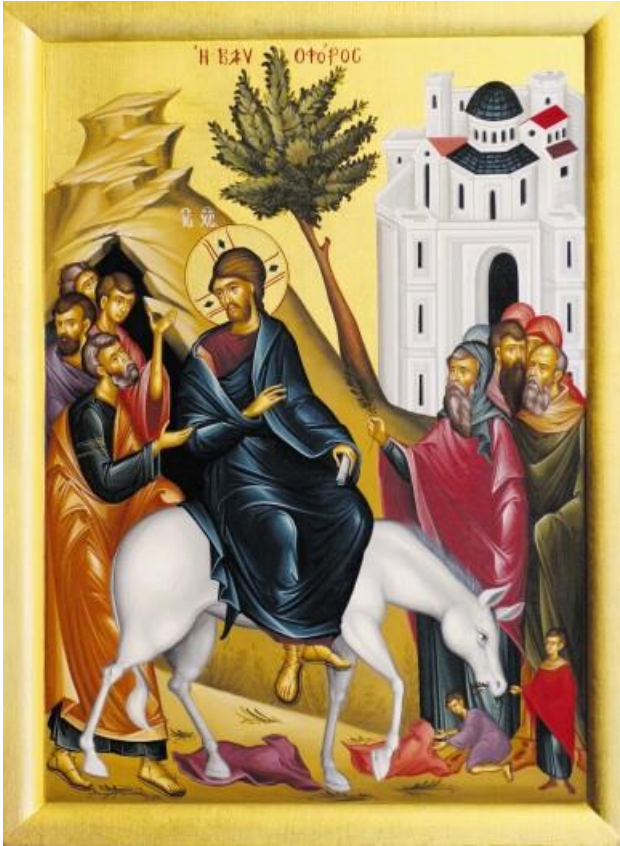


**PALM SUNDAY
APRIL 5, 2015**



**STS. RAPHAEL, NICHOLAS AND
IRENE GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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We are an intentional Orthodox Christian Community for North Georgia!

WORSHIP

We are so very glad you have joined us today, and we pray you will be inspired and encouraged by your time with us.



The Orthodox worship service is an ancient and timeless expression of how people have loved, served and worshipped God for many centuries, but it may be a bit of a different experience for you. Please feel free to use a service book or not and simply allow the words of the service to wash over you.

The central act of our worship culminates in people receiving communion. This is a very special time for us all and we have some specific beliefs about our communion together. This is why we never impose this service on those who are not prepared or are not baptized Orthodox. This service may raise questions in your mind.

Please feel free to ask Fr. Barnabas anything you wish after the service.

At the end of the service EVERYONE is invited to come forward and receive a portion of the "blessed bread" from Fr. Barnabas. No one should leave church "hungry!"

*Know you are welcome and we are glad you are here.
May God bless you and your family.*

Your Servant,

Father Barnabas

TODAY WE REMEMBER

Tone of the week: Tone Two Tenth Eothinon

On Sunday, five days before the Passover of the Law, the Lord came from Bethany to Jerusalem. Sending two of His disciples to bring Him a foal of an ass, He sat thereon and entered into the city. When the multitude there heard that Jesus was coming, they straightway took up the branches of palm trees in their hands, and went forth to meet Him. Others spread their garments on the ground, and yet others cut branches from the trees and strewed them in the way that Jesus was to pass; and all of them together, especially the children, went before and after Him, crying out: "Hosanna: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel" (John 12:13). This is the radiant and glorious festival of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem that we celebrate today.

The branches of the palm trees symbolize Christ's victory over the devil and death. The word Hosanna means "Save, I pray," or "Save, now." The foal of an ass, and Jesus' sitting thereon, and the fact that this animal was untamed and considered unclean according to the Law, signified the former uncleanness and wildness of the nations, and their subjection thereafter to the holy Law of the Gospel.

Resurrectional Apolytikion in the Fourth Tone

As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God, so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal of the Second Tone

In Heaven, He is seated upon a Throne and on earth He rides upon a foal. O Christ our God, accept the praise of the Angels and the hymn of the Children who cry out to You, "Blessed are You who comes to recall Adam."

We Also Remember:

Martyrs Claudius, Diodor,
Victor and Victorinus Theodora of Thessaloniki

EPISTLE READING

St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:4-9

Prokeimenon. Mode 4.

Psalm 117.26,1



Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His
mercy
endures forever.

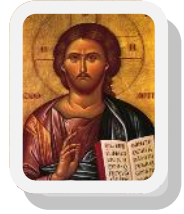
BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Ἀδελφοί, χαίρετε ἐν κυρίῳ πάντοτε· πάλιν ἐρῶ, χαίρετε. Τὸ ἐπιεικὲς ὑμῶν γνωσθήτω πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις. Ὁ κύριος ἐγγύς. Μηδὲν μεριμνᾶτε, ἀλλ' ἐν παντὶ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ δεήσει μετὰ εὐχαριστίας τὰ αἰτήματα ὑμῶν γνωρίζεσθω πρὸς τὸν θεόν. Καὶ ἡ εἰρήνη τοῦ θεοῦ ἢ ὑπερέχουσα πάντα νοῦν, φρουρήσει τὰς καρδίας ὑμῶν καὶ τὰ νοήματα ὑμῶν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Τὸ λοιπόν, ἀδελφοί, ὅσα ἐστὶν ἀληθῆ, ὅσα σεμνά, ὅσα δίκαια, ὅσα ἀγνά, ὅσα προσφιλή, ὅσα εὐφημα, εἴ τις ἀρετὴ καὶ εἴ τις ἔπαινος, ταῦτα λογίζεσθε. Ἄ καὶ ἐμάθετε καὶ παρελάβετε καὶ ἠκούσατε καὶ εἶδετε ἐν ἐμοί, ταῦτα πράσσετε· καὶ ὁ θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης ἔσται μεθ' ὑμῶν.

GOSPEL READING

Palm Sunday

The Gospel of John 12:1-18



Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus.

The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazaros out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign

LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

THIS WEEK

Father Barnabas is available to hear confession every Wednesday either before or after Vespers and by appointment. Please call or email the church office to request a time to meet with Father and avail yourself to this healing divine mystery of the Church.

*Please call the Church office for more information:
(770) 781-5250.*

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| <u>TODAY, April 5th</u> | 8:45 am Orthros 10:00 am Divine Liturgy Palm Sunday Fish Lunch at PLC 7:00 pm Matins of the Bridegroom #1 |
| Monday, April 6th | 8:00 am Presanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm Matins of the Bridegroom #2 |
| Tuesday, April 7th | 8:00 am Presanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm Matins of the Bridegroom #3 |
| Wednesday, April 8th | 8:00 am Presanctified Liturgy 3:00 pm Holy Unction 7:00 pm Matins of the Bridegroom #4 |
| Thursday, April 9th | 8:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 7:00 pm Service of the 12 Gospels and Procession of the Holy Cross |
| Friday, April 10th | 9:00 am The Royal Hours 3:00 pm Service of the Descent from the Cross 7:00 pm Service of Lamentations & Procession of Epitaphion |
| Saturday, April 11th | 9:00 am Divine Liturgy of St. Basil 11:00 am Chrismations of Catechumens 11:00 pm Matins of the Resurrection 12:00 am Resurrection Service Easter Soup |
| Sunday, April 12th | Noon: Agape Vespers Easter Egg Hunt/Luncheon |

Please see Events Calendar and Announcements at the front desk for more information on church activities.



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Singers and Chanters: Anthony Birozes, David Boyd, Marie Chapman, Emily Christy, Maria Hagen, Lynn Lucher, Jimmy Smith

Apolytikion of the Feast in the First Tone:

To confirm the general resurrection before Your Passion, You resurrected Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore imitating the children, carrying the symbols of victory, we cry out to You the Victor over death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One, who comes in the name of the Lord."

Apolytikion of the Feast in the Fourth Tone:

We were buried with You through Baptism, O Christ our God, and thus by Your Resurrection we have been granted immortal life, and extolling You we cry aloud, "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One who comes in the name of the Lord."

Seasonal Kontakion in the Plagal of the Second Tone:

In heaven upon the throne, on earth upon the colt, * You were carried, O Christ our God; * and the praise of the Angels, and the hymns of the children, You received as they cried to You, * "Blessed are You, the One, who is coming to call Adam back again." .

Please Pray for the following individuals:

S and K Wilson, L. Pappas, P. Vamvakias,
D. Sarandis; B. Gasper

(If you would like to add somebody to the prayer list,
please send an email to officeadmin@stsrni.org)



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For Today:

Ushers: Members of Parish Council

Welcoming Ministry: Renee Birozes

Fellowship Ministry: Diane Walters

Acolytes:

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Spiro Kefalas, Christos Kaloudis, Thomas Miller, Jacob Sparks, Mike*

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Rick & Jan Christy
Connie Condos
John & Shelia Consos
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Quay & Trissie Farr
Chris & Liz Foxhall
William & Hayley Fulbright
Bill & Margaret Gasper
Rob & Carey Gilbert
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Harald & Stamatia Hagen
Michael & Ann Costakis Hayes
Robert & Ana Henning
Harriet Howell
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Jennie Johnson
Vasilios & Mary Kaloudis
Jim Kanellos
Soula Levendakis &
Theodoros Kazazakis
Tasso & Laura Kefalas
Leon & Frances Lopez
David & Lynne Lucher
Archie & Florence Lytle
Tina Maheras
Bill & Margaret Manos
Bill & Audrey Marianes
Riley Todd & Elizabeth Marvos
Al & Helen McCart
Johnny & Becky Melts
Bill & Mary Milam
Matt & Athena Miller
Nikolaos Moissiadis & Family
Patricia Morris
Nick & Teddie Panos
Constantinos & Evelyn Pantazopoulos
Gregory Pappas
Gus Pappas
John & Evon Patrick

Michele Perry
Mihai & Heidi Popa
Fr. Barnabas & Pres. Connie Powell
Pam Powers
Vic & Suzi Pryles
Marina Raymond
Aftan Romanczak
Mary Samaltanos
Dina Sarandis
Takanori & Kathryn Shoji
James Smith
Estelle Sofikitis
Dennis & Laura Sparks
O'Brien Statham
James Stockdill
Koko & Carol Tadros
Steven & Thalia Thompson
Nick & Eva Thrasivoulou
Ed & Anne Trainor
Greg & Evie Tzevelekos
Eleanor Vamvakias
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