

## HOLY DORMITION ORTHODOX CHURCH

### APRIL 2024 ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### THE RESURRECTION OF LAZARUS

27 Friday - Festal Matins - 7PM  
28 Saturday - Divine Liturgy - 9AM  
of St. John Chrysostom



#### THE TROPARIUM OF THE FEASTS

##### Tone 1

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion,  
Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection,  
O Christ God.

Like the children with the palms of victory  
we cry-out to Thee, O Vanquisher of death:  
“Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”



#### THE ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

27 Saturday - Festal Vigil - 6PM  
**Blessing of Palms and Willows\***  
28 Sunday - Divine Liturgy - 9AM

**\*The faithful return to the Divine Liturgy with their blessed palms and willows from the Vigil.**

#### CONFESSIONS IN PREPARATION FOR HOLY PASCHA

5PM - 8PM

#### ON THE FOLLOWING DATES

**Tuesdays, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Thursdays, April 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>**

Please make every sincere effort to avail yourself of these dates and times. Appointments for other times may be arranged only for necessity and not preferable convenience. There will be no confessions from Friday April 26<sup>th</sup> through May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

**A SUNDAY BRUNCH** is scheduled for April 14, 2024.

On this Sunday our parish will host a group of approximately 12 Orthodox students from the Orthodox Campus Fellowship at Brown University.

**OUR FINANCIAL STATEMENT** from September 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup> reports approximate income and expenses of \$91,003.66 and \$97,369.59, respectively, with a deficit of \$6,365.93. Let's do our best to remove this deficit in the next two months. Many thanks to all of you who support our parish with your contributions. Let's remember that we need to increase our offerings each year to keep up with the rising costs and the inflation.

**WE INVITE ALL** who regularly come to our church and enjoy its blessings to become supporting members. Please ask Matushka Katherine to include your name on the offering envelope and email address list.

**REMEMBER OUR PARISH NEEDS LIST** is posted in the parish hall. Your donations for items on this list provide additional income needed for avoiding a deficit each year.

**WE EXPRESS OUR THANKS** to Natalia Delsanto, Lisa Foster, and Luba and Denis Stolyarov for preparing *bliny*, pancakes, and *pel'meni* for our Traditional Butter Week Brunch and to all who donated additional foods and deserts for our enjoyment.

**A PASCHAL BREAKFAST** signature sheet will be posted in the parish hall this Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup> for you to indicate what you would like to bring for the buffet table on Pascha Night. A list of suggested menu selections will be posted next to the signature sheet.

**CONTRIBUTIONS** for Palm Sunday Willows and Pascha Flowers are being accepted at all times and gathered on Sundays.

## OPEN TO ME THE DOORS OF REPENTANCE, O LIFE-GIVER.



Dear Ones in Christ,

Special evenings, 5PM to 8PM, reserved for the Sacrament of Confession in preparation for Holy Pascha will begin this Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>. They are listed below. If any of these times and days are not possible for you, you may request a time and day that is. We all need to come to Confession to prepare ourselves to meet Christ at His Holy Pascha. As Orthodox Christians we are taught from early childhood of the need for Holy Confession. Let us make every sincere effort to avail ourselves of these dates and times for Holy Confession.

Of constant concern to me are those of you who have not been coming to Confession as often as we should or at all. Our Lord, His saints, Sacred Scripture, and the teachings of our faith remind us of the fundamental necessity of repentance in the Christian life. Dispensing with it results in our distancing from God, loss of fervor and love, and a general disinterest in life, faith, and spiritual understanding - no matter how good, kind, generous, honest, and well-intentioned we may be. Through the Sacrament of Confession, we receive reconciliation, cleansing, refreshment, rebirth, renewal, and freedom, and we return to that initial unity with God that we received in Baptism and which Adam shared with Him in Paradise.

As always, I ask you all to come to Confession as early as you can and not to postpone it to the end of the Great Fast. Remember that there will be no confessions from Lazarus Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> through Thomas Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, because of the intensity of the Passion Week liturgical cycle and the nature of its significance.

With love in Christ,

*Fr. Vasily*

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