

The Life of our Parish this Week

Saturday, April 23 / Holy Greatmartyr George / Lazarus Saturday

- 9am **Lazarus Liturgy**
- 10:30am Lenten Pancake Breakfast
- 11:15am Children's Confessions & Crafts
- 6:30pm **Vigil for Palm Sunday**

Sunday, April 24 / Palm Sunday

- 9am Baptisms/Reception of Converts (no Sunday School)
- 10am **Divine Liturgy**
- 12pm Fellowship Hour (team III)
- 12:30-1:15pm Bread Ministry (team B)
- 6pm **Bridegroom Matins** in Berea at Union Church

Monday, April 25 / Great & Holy Monday

- 9am Hours w/ Reading Gospel of St. Mark, chapters 1-9:1
- 6:30pm **Bridegroom Matins**

Tuesday, April 26 / Great & Holy Tuesday

- 9am Hours w/ Reading Gospel of St. Mark, chapters 9:2-16
- 6:30pm **Bridegroom Matins**

Wednesday, April 27 / Great & Holy Wednesday

- 11am **Presanctified Liturgy**
- 6:30pm **Bridegroom Matins**

Thursday, April 28 / Great & Holy Thursday

- 3pm **Vespertal Liturgy of the Mystical Supper**
- 5:15pm Lenten Soup/Salad Meal
- 6:30pm **Matins w/Twelve Passion Gospels**

Friday, April 29 / Great & Holy Friday

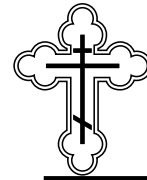
- 9am **Royal Hours**
- 10:30am Adorning the Tomb w/flowers
- 3pm **Entombment Vespers**
- 6:30pm **Funeral Matins for Holy Saturday**
- 9:30pm to 9am Saturday Vigil at the Tomb w/Reading of Psalms

Saturday, April 30 / Great & Holy Saturday

- 9am **Vespertal Liturgy**
- 11:30am Meal of Blessed Bread/Wine/Juice
- 12:30pm Altar Cleaning
- 7pm Vigil at the Tomb (Reading of Acts of Apostles)
- 11:30pm **Paschal Nocturnes**

Sunday, May 1 Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

- 12am **Paschal Procession/Matins**
- 12:45am **Paschal Liturgy**
- 2:45am Blessing of Baskets and Breaking of Fast
- 12:30pm Bread Ministry (team C)
- 2pm **Agape Vespers & Picnic** at Highbridge Park in Wilmore



Saint Athanasius

ORTHODOX CHURCH

Sunday, April 24, 2016

Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem: Palm Sunday

Today's Readings: Phillipians 4:4-9 John 12:1-18



2015 Palm Sunday Procession

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Congratulations and Welcome to our newest members, Lovell and Maksim Foushee who will be received into the Orthodox Church this Palm Sunday. Many Years to the Foushee family!

Welcome Guests & Visitors! We are happy you are with us today and will gladly answer any questions you may have about our service. If this is your first time visiting, please let our greeter or doorkeeper know so we can recognize you at the end of the Liturgy. *Holy Communion is open to all baptized Orthodox Christians who have fasted from food and water since midnight, had recent confession, and are at peace with neighbors.*

Bridegroom Matins will be served this Sunday evening at 6pm in Berea. If anyone is interested in going, please see Fr. Justin for directions. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday Bridegroom Matins will be served at St. Athanasius at 6:30pm.

Hours w/Reading of Gospel of St. Mark will be at 9am on Monday and Tuesday. This service last about 2-3 hours. If you are unable to attend, you are encouraged to read the Gospel at home in preparation for Pascha.

Presanctified Liturgy (final for this Lent) will be served at 11am Wednesday. We will pray the Prayer of St. Ephrem for the last time this year.

Holy Thursday at 3pm we celebrate a Vespertal Liturgy of the Mystical Supper, where we will commemorate the Last Supper and enter into the eternal mystery of the Eucharist. Following we will share a Lenten meal, and then move into the nave for the Matins with the 12 Passion Gospels at 6:30pm. This 3-hour service is one of the most powerful services in all of Orthodox Holy week.

Holy Friday (*strict fasting day*) Royal Hours begins at 9am and lasts ~ 1 & 1/2 hours. At 3pm Entombment Vespers is served. This service last about one hour and is especially child friendly. The Funeral Matins for Holy Saturday begins at 6:30pm and is also child friendly, although lasting 2 & 1/2 hours.

All-night reading of the Psalter begins at 9:30pm on Holy Friday and continues until 9am on Holy Saturday. You can signup for a time online using SignupGenius.

Youth Group will be keeping Vigil at the Tomb on Holy Friday from 9:30pm to 9am on Saturday. Youth group members, please let Sarah know if you will be attending.

Holy Saturday Vespertal Liturgy begins at 9am and ushers in the beginning of the joyous feast. After the Liturgy, we will bless loaves of bread and wine and juice for children, and partake of these things to sustain us through the day. At 7pm we will begin reading the Acts of the Apostles until 11:30pm when the Paschal Nocturnes begin.

Next Sunday is the Pascha of our Lord! Services begin at 12am Sunday and will end with the Blessing of Baskets and and breaking the fast ~2:45am. After resting, we will continue our celebration of the Feast Day at Highbridge Park in Wilmore with Agape Vespers at 2pm followed by a festal picnic.

Check your email for the link to SignupGenius for Holy Thursday soup/salad meal, all-night reading of the Psalter, and Reading of Acts of the Apostles. The link is also on the home page of the website.

You are encouraged to attend as many Holy Week services as possible in preparation for the Feast of Feasts. Excuse notes will be made available by request. Please email Fr. Justin ahead of time so he can have ready for you at the service.

Many Thanks to special gardners, Inessa Verenich and Tatiana Luzyanina, who spent time this past week tending the new plants on our church grounds. Please be careful in the islands!

Budget Needs (weekly: \$3,265 / monthly: \$14,150)
Offering Last Week (4/17) = \$1,136 April (month-to-date) \$7,125

Date	Readers	Handmaidens	Prospora	Bread Ministry	Fellowship	Greeter	Doorkeeper	Counters
April 24	Reader Ryan Winter	Rebecca Walther Myra Lourie	Laura Walther	Team B (Laura Walther, Beth Walther)	Team III (Bradshaw)	John Mize	Paul Frangedakis	Tim Powell Ellie Sutter
May 1	Reader Rick Cook	Suzannah Reeves Mandariah Reeves	Laura Walther	Team C (Inessa Verenich, Tanya Viarenich)	Pascha Picnic	Geoff Whiteman	Jeff Hart	Mary Cook Rebecca Wilson
May 8	Subdeacon Bert Walther	Beth Walther Teresa Powell	Alina Rizea Rusu	Team D (Lisa Powell, Linda Frangedakis)	Men of the Parish Host Coffee Hour	Rebecca Wilson	Chris Naughton	Tim Powell Ellie Sutter
May 15	Reader Ryan Winter	Robyn Cook Nicole Rusu	Mary Bradshaw	Team C (Inessa Verenich, Tanya Viarenich)	Team IV (Walther)	Josh Lourie	Myra Lourie Linda F.	Rebecca Wilson Tim Powell