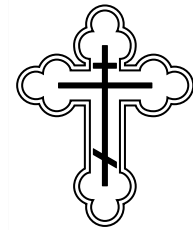


Parish Services & Activities April 16 - 24

- ◆ **Saturday, April 16** Lazarus Saturday (wine/oil/caviar)
  - 9am Lazarus Saturday Liturgy
  - 10:30am Pancake B'fast; Children Confessions
  - 11am Choir Retreat
  - 6:30pm **Palm Sunday Vigil** (Broadcast)
- ◆ **Sunday, April 17** Feast of Palms (fish/wine/oil)
  - 9:30am **Divine Liturgy** (Broadcast)
  - NO Children's Sunday School
  - 11:30am Fellowship Hour (Team B)
  - 12pm Bread Ministry (Bradshaws/Skees)
  - 7pm **Bridegroom Matins** (at Berea College Chapel)
- ◆ **Holy Monday, April 18**
  - 9am Lenten Hours w/ Matthew 1-14
  - 6:30pm **Bridegroom Matins**
- ◆ **Holy Tuesday, April 19**
  - 9am Lenten Hours w/ Matthew 15-28
  - 6:30pm **Bridegroom Matins** at St. Nina (in Berea)
- ◆ **Holy Wednesday, April 20**
  - 11am Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
  - 6:30pm **Bridegroom Matins w/Anointing**
- ◆ **Holy Thursday, April 21** (w/o)
  - 10am Vespertal Liturgy
  - 6:30pm **12 Passion Gospels Matins**
- ◆ Holy **Friday, April 22** strict fast day
  - 9am Royal Hours
  - 3pm **Entombment Vespers**
  - 6:30pm **Matins w/Lamentations**
  - 9pm to 9am (Sat) Continuous Reading of the Psalter (signup online)
- ◆ **Holy Saturday, April 23** (wine)
  - 9am Receive Lori Graas, John Laws, Michael & Ashlee Harover as Orthodox Christians
  - 10am **Holy Vespertal Liturgy**
  - 7-11:30am Continuous Reading from Acts of Apostles (signup online)
  - 11:30pm **Paschal Nocturns**
- ◆ **Sunday, April 24** Great & Holy Pascha **Begin Fast Free Week**
  - 12am **Paschal Procession & Matins**
  - 1am **Paschal Liturgy**
  - 2:40am Blessing of Baskets & Paschal Meal
  - 12pm Bread Ministry
  - 2pm **Agape Vespers** followed by **Paschal Picnic**

**Note: Broadcast services can be viewed on YouTube or Facebook.**



# Saint Athanasius

ORTHODOX CHURCH

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April 17, 2022 / Feast of Palms



**Palm Sunday 2021  
Holy Cross Monastery**

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## Welcome to St. Athanasius Orthodox Church

Today is the Feast of Palms

VISITORS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE AT THEIR COMFORT LEVEL (SIT, STAND, KNEEL), AND FEEL FREE TO ASK QUESTIONS OF OUR GREETERS AND DOORKEEPERS.

REMINDER: HOLY COMMUNION IS ONLY GIVEN TO ORTHODOX CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE KEPT FAST, MADE RECENT CONFESSION, AND ARE AT PEACE WITH NEIGHBORS.

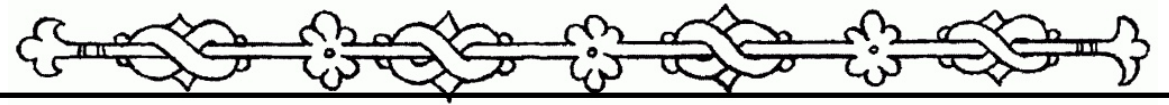
**Baptisms & Chrismations** We have the joy of receiving four people into the Orthodox Christian Faith on Holy Saturday. Join us as we welcome Michael & Ashlee (Elizabeth) Harover, Lori (Christophora) Graas, and John Laws into the Church. As is our custom, welcome baskets for each household have been placed in the conference room and will be given to them on Pascha Night.

**Pastor's Note:** If you look at our church schedule, you notice that from this past Friday (the eve of Lazarus Saturday) until Pascha itself we are serving two services each day. It is virtually impossible--and probably not sane--for 95% of our laity to attempt coming to all or even most of these services. *"How do I prioritize which ones I will attend?"*

Pastorally, I would point out several priorities looking at Holy Week:

- \* **6:30pm Bridegroom Matins** Each of these services speaks of "the End." We only offer one of these services in Nicholasville this year (Monday). The Sunday night and Tuesday night services will be served on the Berea campus and at St. Nina in Berea, respectively.
- \* **12 Passion Gospels Matins** service on Thursday at 6:30pm. It is monumental (3 hours!)
- \* Friday **Entombment Vespers** at 3pm (especially suitable for young children because it is one hour long) or the 6:30pm **Matins with Lamentations & Procession** (which is about 2.25 hours long.) These are both stunning services that place us "at the scene!"
- \* Saturday at 9am we receive 4 converts into the Orthodox Faith, and then serve the **Holy Saturday Vespersal Liturgy** at 10am. This service marks our main transition from darkness to light, anticipating the Paschal celebration. It also contains the richest Old Testament readings of the year.
- \* **Paschal Nocturnes** at 11:30pm Holy Saturday followed by the **Paschal Services** beginning at midnight and then **Agape Vespers** at 2pm on Pascha.

Think about what services your children would do well in attending. (If you don't know, ask someone older.) Most importantly, pace yourselves. Families should be supportive and allow spouses to attend a service without children.



**Paschal Flowers....**One of the ways we can honor the Lord is to help with the beautification of His church during Holy Week and Pascha. Please consider a generous donation to the "flower fund" and/or offer to help Marijim Reeves assemble various arrangements throughout the coming week. Check the parish website for ways to give to the church. Your donation can be made in memory of a deceased loved one or someone dear to you.

### IMPORTANT—CHECK THE LOST AND FOUND BOX AND COAT RACKS.

The "lost & found" tote has been placed in the back corner of the parish hall across from the nursery, along with a host of household items that Kathleen Hughes is giving away, due to her move and downsizing. All items not taken will be taken to Goodwill on Holy Monday."

**Great & Holy Pascha is next Sunday....** Services begin at midnight with the Paschal Procession and Matins, then the Paschal Liturgy at 1am. After Liturgy about 2:40am Father will bless the baskets of food and we will share a Paschal Meal in the parish hall. On Sunday afternoon we return to church for Agape Vespers at 2pm and following enjoy a Paschal Picnic on the parish grounds.

#### Things To Remember:

- Holy Week and Pascha are some of the best times to invite friends to visit and experience our Faith.
- Bring a small gift to welcome our newest members who have baskets on the conference room table (placed by their sponsors).
- Signup for the continuous readings on Holy Friday/Saturday.
- Come to as many services as possible to celebrate this **Feast of Feasts!!!!**

**Christian Education Class** Starting on Wednesday, May 4, Dr. Ross Sauve will begin teaching a 6-week series on "Lossky's Mystical Theology." If you don't have access to a copy, talk to Kathryn McCord about ordering copies for the parish bookstore.

**Note: Sunday, June 19** we have reserved High Bridge Pavilion to celebrate with a parish picnic following Liturgy. Also, VCS will be held June 20-24. No Children's Sunday School today or next week. The last class for this school year will be on May 22.

Date	Bread Ministry (12-12:30pm)	Greeters	Prospora	Fellowship Hour
4/17	David&Mary Bradshaw, Steve&Sandy Skees	David Bradshaw, Josh Lourie, Paul & Linda F.	Alina Rizea	Team B/Kamau
4/24	Audrey Wagner, Naomi DeHaan	Chris Reeves, Laura Walther. Rebecca Wilson	Hannah Kamau Zach & Ann Goodrode	Pascha Meal & Picnic
5/1	Mat Tamara, JP, Ian, Rebecca Wilson	David Bradshaw, Josh Lourie, Paul & Linda F.	Hannah Kamau	Team C/Powell
5/8	Hannah Kamau, Linda Frangedakis	Chris Reeves, Laura Walther. Rebecca Wilson	Vera Foushee	Team D/Bradshaw