

March 20, 2016
Palm Sunday
Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9
Gospel: John 12:1-18

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SCHEDULE:

Sunday:

Resurrection Matins and Liturgy 9:00 am

Monday, Tuesday, Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 pm
Wednesday, Presanctified Liturgy 7:00 pm
Thursday, Vesper Divine Liturgy 7:00 pm
Friday, Passion Matins 10:00 am
Vespers 7:00 pm; Jerusalem Matins 11:30 pm

Saturday: Vesper Divine Liturgy, 6:00 pm

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 10:00 am – 4:00 pm
Thursday OFF

Parish Advisory Board Members:

Dorothy Curl, Dave Dark, Lubomyra Kmetyk,
Brian Fitzpatrick, Harry DeLap, Dan Riley

Parish Finance Council Members:

Matthew Blain & Eva Schuler

Confession Schedule (Mystery of Reconciliation):

9:15-10:00 am on Sundays, before or after weekday Liturgies,
or by appointment with Father

Mysteries of Baptism/Chrismation/Eucharist:

Must be arranged three months in advance.
(Pre-Jordan requirement)

Mystery of Crowning:

Must be arranged six months in advance
(Pre-Cana requirement)

Sick and Shut-Ins: It is the family's responsibility to notify the parish office when a parishioner is in the hospital or confined to home because of sickness or old age. Father will bring the confined person the Holy Mysteries on a regular basis. It is recommended that one receive the Anointing of the Sick before any major surgery. Please don't let the priest be last to know that someone is ill!

Eastern Christian Formation Program:

All grades meet every Sunday after Liturgy for 45 min

**Welcome to our Church! If you are looking for a spiritual home,
contact Father Artur or the office staff for more information. God bless you.**

Today	8:30 am	Rosary
	9:00 am	Festal Matins/Confessions
	10:00 am	Blessing and Procession with Palms & Pussy Willows
<i>ECF Sports Day</i>		Divine Liturgy for Parish Family & Friends
		Fr. Chris: +John Joseph Eberly by brother Phil
	Eternal Lamp:	Mia Salazar & Unborn Baby Salaza
	6:00 pm	Rosary & Parastas for +Michele Koetter at French Mortuary on Lomas
Holy Monday March 21		<i>Epistle: Exodus 1:1-20; Job 1:1-12; Gospel: Matthew 24:3-35</i>
	11:00 am	Funeral with Presanctified Liturgy +Michele Koetter
	6:00 pm	Presanctified Liturgy
Holy Tuesday March 22		<i>Epistle: Exodus 2:5-10; Job 1:13-22; Gospel: Matthew 24:36-26:2</i>
	11.15 am	Internment service for +Michelle Koetter at National Cemetery in Santa Fe
	6:00 pm	Presanctified Liturgy
	6:15 pm	CAFE meeting at UNM; Passion of Christ by Father Chris
March 23 Abstinence		<i>Holy Wednesday</i> <i>Exodus 2:11-22; Job 2:1-10; Gospel: Matthew 26:6-16</i>
	7:00 pm	Presanctified Liturgy / Holy Anointing
March 24		<i>Holy Thursday/Annunciation of the Theotokos</i> <i>Is 50:4-11; 1 Cor 11:23-32; Mt 26:2-20; Jn 13:3-17; Mt 26:31-39; Lk 22:43-45; Mt 26:40-27:2</i>
	7:00 pm	Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great with Vespers for Holy Thursday & the Feast of Annunciation
		Fr Chris: +Edith Beaver by M/M Svensson
March 25		<i>Good Friday</i> <i>1 Cor 1:18-2:2; Heb 2:11-18; Mt 27:1-38; Lk 23:39-44; Mt 27:39-54 Jn 19:31-37; Mt 27:55-6; Lk 1:24-38</i>
<*>< Strict Fast & Abstinence	10:00 am	Passion Matins
	7:00 pm	Vespers & Procession with the Burial Shroud
	9:00 pm—11:30 am	All-night Vigil Jerusalem Matins
	11:30 pm	
Holy Saturday March 26		<i>Epistle: Romans 6:3-11; Gospel: Matthew 28:1-20</i>
<*><	6:00 pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy Blessing of Easter Baskets
Paschal Sunday March 27		<i>Resurrection of Our Lord – THE FEAST OF FEASTS</i> <i>Epistle: Acts 1:1-8; Gospel: John 1:1-17</i>
	9:00 am	Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy For Parish Family & Friends
		Blessing of Easter Baskets
	Eternal Lamp:	James Walker by Sevachko Family

***Physician and Help of those in sickness, Redeemer and Savior of the infirm;
O Master and Lord of all, grant healing to your servants. Be clement, show mercy to those
who have sinned much, and deliver them, O Christ, from their
Iniquities, that they may glorify Your might divine!***

Fr. Julian Gnall
Stephen Horner
Katrina Anderson
Lillian Murphy
Marilyn Fore
Demetrius Yackanich
Sven & Barbara Svensson
Abraham Haddad
Jenny Ford
Robert Hasaka
Threima Leech
Pricilla Hughes
Sharif Rabadi

Paola Terlaza
Henry Zugger
John & Margie Disque
Phillip Fall
Laura Dominguez
Olga Bodnar
Frances Brannan
John Deflice
Joe & Mary Ann Kosty
Jordan Smith
Maggie Batsel

William Frank
Joseph Koetter
Mary Nell Preisler
Mike Harahuc
Robert Zadel
Nathan Barkocy
Jack & Lorraine Hubbell
Quintin Santamaria & Family
Heather Mattax
Larry Bennett

Prayers in honor of and to the Blessed Virgin are a powerful weapon against sin, and for healing. Sorrowful Mysteries are recited from the beginning of Great Lent until Easter Sunday.

If you recite the Rosary at home, please offer these intentions, and join us on Sunday at 8:30 am. Those who recite the Akathist to the Mother of God or the Rosary receive a partial indulgence when they do so in private, plenary indulgence when they do so as a group



Vocation Icon
Today: Gloetzner
Next Sunday: Donlin

Intentions of the Rosary

- 1st Decade:** Help for persecuted Catholics, especially in communist and Islamic states
- 2nd Decade:** Spiritual and physical growth of our parish and the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 3rd Decade:** Increase in vocations to priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life to serve the Byzantine Catholic Church
- 4th Decade:** Repose of the souls who have no one praying for them
- 5th Decade:** Healing of the sick in body, mind and soul

Holy Father's Intentions for March

- Universal:** That those involved in scientific research may serve the well-being of the whole human person.
- Evangelization:** That the unique contribution of women to the life of the Church may be recognized always.

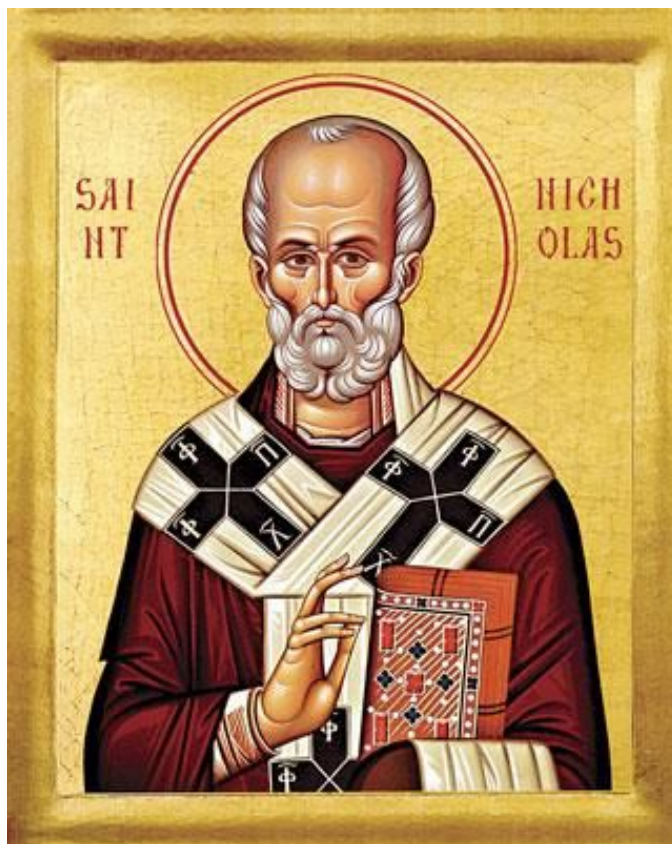
ETERNAL MEMORY!!!!

Gerald Cooper, father of our parishioner Mary Alice Cooper, fell asleep in the Lord on Friday morning March 18th. We offer Mary Alice's family our prayerful condolences and promise of prayers for Gerald's eternal repose and their consolation. May God grant his servant Gerald blessed repose and remember him forever!

DATE	READER	TROJCA	GREETER	HOST
March 27	Michael Wells	Delilah Chavez	Luba Kmetyk	Knights of Columbus

Barbara's Hall Report:

Thanks to Rafael and Dorothy for making two big roasters of potato and leek soup, and lots of yummy bread sticks. Everything was delicious. Thanks to all who hosted during Lent and kept the "no meat" theme, so as not to tempt those who had given up meat for Lent!



Coming Events—Mark Your Calendars Now!

Sunday, April 3	3:30 pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy & Litany of Mercy followed by Akakthist to the All-Merciful Lord
Tuesday, April 5, 12, 19, 26	6:15 pm CAFE meeting at UNM
Thursday, April 14, 28	6:00 pm pot luck dinner 7:00 pm THEOSIS bible study Gospel of Matthew
Wednesday, April 20	6:00 pm Vesper Divine Liturgy—Mid Pentecost
Friday, April 22	6:00 pm Vesper Divine Liturgy—Feast of St. George the Conqueror

Thomas Sunday Special

"St. John Paul II.... affirmed that the Church lives an authentic life when it professes and proclaims mercy, the most amazing attribute of the Creator and Redeemer, and when it leads humanity to the fount of mercy.

In addition, he instituted the festivity of Holy Mercy [Sunday after Easter], endorsed the figure of St Faustina Kowalska, and focused on Jesus' words of mercy." Pope Francis in "The Name of God is Mercy"

Come join us on Thomas Sunday / Feast of Mercy Sunday April 3rd at 3:30pm to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy as well as the Litany of Mercy followed by the Akathist to the All-Merciful Lord, Physician of our souls and bodies here at the OLPH Church. Please, bring your Rosary! For more info, please, call Lara 710-1181

Traditionally collections are taken up during Holy Week in the US for the Church in the Holy Land. Now the descendants of the first Christians are under tremendous pressure. The Knights of Columbus sponsor Christians At Risk - you can send donations to the *Christian Refugee Relief Fund* at www.christiansatrisk.org, or send checks to the Knights of Columbus Charities/ PO Box 1966/ New Haven CT/ 06509-1966, with "Christians at Risk" in the memo line.

The Knights send 100% of all donations to help the exiled Christians, who cannot stay in the UN-sponsored camps because they are attacked by exiled Muslims!

Please share these three links around the internet with your friends and relatives, and ask them to do the same.

Holy Week

In this week, the most solemn of the Church Year, we re-live the mystery of God's merciful loving-kindness, when he suffered death and burial for our salvation, and is risen for our hope of eternal life. During Holy Week, we do not only observe what happened in history, but through our acts of repentance, our prayers and fasting, our processions and veneration, take an active part in what we remember as having happened and what is happening now through divine remembrance. We die in Christ and rise in fullness of life.

Blessing of Easter Baskets

Our ancient tradition of Blessing Easter Baskets will be observed after Pascha Divine Liturgies. Families are invited to bring their baskets filled with the Paschal food they will consume. Following the blessing, families are invited to stay and enjoy their food in parish hall.

Blessing of Children's Easter Baskets

It is important that our children feel a connection with Pascha. Therefore, the children are encouraged to bring their Easter Baskets filled with candy, stuffed animals, etc. to be blessed. Their baskets will receive a very special blessing during the Blessing of Paschal Foods. Please have your children participate!

The Holy Anointing on Holy Wednesday Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

On Great and Holy Wednesday, it is our eparchial tradition to insert the Holy Anointing of the Sick into the Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts. After the homily, olive oil is blessed and the prayers for the Anointing of the Sick are prayed. Those who are physically, spiritually, emotionally or psychologically ill are invited to receive this Holy Mystery by coming forward to be anointed by the priests. Most of us fall into one or more of these categories. We should take this opportunity to receive Jesus' healing through this Holy Mystery.

Holy Mystery of Reconciliation

Holy Mother Church reminds us that we are to confess our sins before a priest once a year. Opportunities for Confession during Holy Week are 30 minutes before or after scheduled services. On Good Friday after Entombment Vespers, priests will be available for confession. Good Friday will be the last opportunity before Pascha to go to Confession, so please plan ahead!

Easter Envelope

Your Easter envelope is for your very special offering to the Lord. In these days, you reflect on the Lord's passion, burial, death and resurrection—the signs of His ultimate love for you. As a sign of your love and gratitude to Him, make our special love offering of \$50-\$100-\$250-\$500-\$1,000 to the Lord over and above your regular tithe. The Lord has been generous to you; surely, you can be generous to Him and His Church!

NO KNEELING

It is forbidden to kneel in church or at home for prayers from the proclamation of the Resurrection Gospel on Holy Saturday evening until the Kneeling Prayers of Pentecost. This is in keeping with the ancient tradition codified by the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD. We stand as a reminder that Christ's passion and death have freed us from slavery to sin, and His resurrection has brought us a new relationship as children of the Father. We can stand before God as freed men and women redeemed by the Blood of the Lamb.

Jesus invites you to watch and pray during Holy Week, WILL YOU?

Palm Sunday

Today we begin Holy Week, the most important time of the year for all Christians. Palm Sunday is the commemoration of the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. He is joyfully welcomed by pilgrims and residents of Zion alike, yet in a few days He will be cruelly tortured and crucified.

The icons show **Jesus riding on the colt of a donkey**, an animal that had never had a human rider on its back. But the colt submits instantly to Jesus: it recognizes its Creator, and further it is a fulfillment of **Zechariah 9:9**: "*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation is he, humble and mounted on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.*"

People had heard of the raising of Lazarus from the dead after four days in the tomb, as well as of Jesus' preaching and miracles over the past years. The crowds placed their cloaks on the road as a sign of submission to Jesus and honoring Him. They cut branches to wave in the air as a sign of a royal welcome, and **sang Hosanna which means "save now"**: the people were still looking for a military Messiah who would overthrow the Romans and establish an independent Jewish kingdom.

The people acclaim Jesus as "Son of David", thus giving Him the title of Messiah, but not the Messiah Jesus had identified Himself as: the Prince of Peace. In western Churches, the Passion is read today. In Eastern Churches, only the entry into Jerusalem is read, as **we begin a chronology of walking with the Lord every day this week, culminating in Easter/ Pascha.**

While palm branches are used today, the custom developed of using pussy willows instead of palm fronds because the latter are not readily available that far north and the pussy willows are the first flowering branches in northern and Eastern Europe.

Blessed willows and palms should be put in the icon corner, or behind icons, crucifixes, or holy pictures. In Eastern Europe, branches of greenery are also brought. Old ones can be burned, or buried in the garden, but never put in the trash.



ETERNAL MEMORY!!!!

Michele Koetter, fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, March 12th. We offer Michele's family our prayerful condolences and promise of prayers for her eternal repose and their consolation.

May God grant His handmaid Michele blessed repose and remember her forever!

Rosary and Parastas, Palm Sunday night
6:00 pm at French Mortuary on Lomas NE.
Presanctified Liturgy with Funeral Monday
at 11 am, followed by Mercy Meal in the hall.

Internment Service at Santa Fe National Cemetery Tuesday at 11 am, departing at 9.30 am
from French Mortuary

Michele and her late husband, Vince, came from Kansas farm country. Vince's job with the Department of Energy in Denver, where they discovered Holy Protection Byzantine Catholic church, and they became enthusiastic members. Retirement sent them south to Albuquerque, and they were both active parishioners here as well: Vince worked on the construction of the expanded church, Michele was always happy to help in the kitchen and working at fund-raisers.

They were devoted to one another, and after Vince's death everyone expected that Michele would soon follow. To her own surprise, God kept her here on earth for ten more years. Throughout her many health problems, Michele kept up her prayer life, most especially to the Mother of God and Blessed Theodore Romzha. She was always happy to see parishioners and get the weekly bulletin, and Irene Bradley was her lifeline to the parish.

Since the funeral services at the church on Great Monday and Holy Week is a time of increased fasting, we ask that you supply meatless dishes and food for the traditional mercy meal held in the hall.

Because the national cemetery in Santa Fe has so many burials taking place, her burial is delayed until Tuesday.