

Palm Sunday

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*Philippians 4:4-9*  
*John 12:1-18*

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Homily by
Dn. Kevin Dougherty

Epistle Reader:
Stan Snider

Coffee Hour Hosts:
Temple / Haines /
Marcus

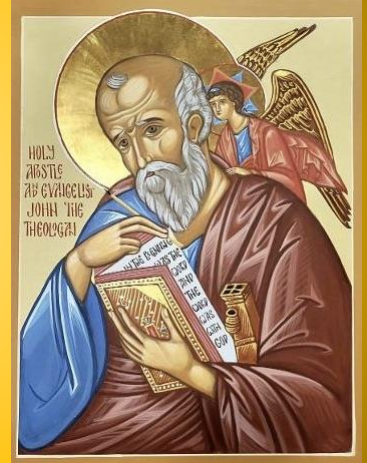
St. John Orthodox Cathedral



Weekly Bulletin

Sunday, April 5, 2026
And the Days Following

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*O Apostle John, speaker of Deity, the beloved of Christ our God, hasten to deliver your people powerless in speech, for He on Whose bosom you lean accepts you as an intercessor. Beseech Him, therefore, to disperse the darkness of ignorance and pray for peace and great mercies to be shown upon us.*

## Feast Days and Services

### *Palm Sunday - April 5*

*Palm Sunday marks Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem.*

*It also ushers in Holy Week.*

*Note: Palms Will Be Blessed at 10am*

*Bridegroom Matins Sunday Evening, April 5 at 7:15pm*  
*(Confession Following)*



### *Holy Week Schedule – [Link to Calendar](#)*

- ❖ Saturday, April 4 – Great Vespers at 7:15pm *(Due to a lack of pussy willows there not be a binding party this year.)*



Sunday, April 5 – Palm Sunday. Matins/Liturgy - **9:00am / 10am**

- ❖ Sunday, April 5 – Bridegroom Matins at 7:15pm *(Confession Following)*
- ❖ Holy Monday, April 6 – Bridegroom Matins at 7:15pm *(Confession Following)*
- ❖ Holy Tuesday, April 7 – Bridegroom Matins at 7:15pm *(Confession Following)*
- ❖ Holy Wednesday, April 8 – Holy Unction Service at 7:15pm
- ❖ Holy Thursday, April 9 – Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil at 6:15pm
- ❖ Holy Friday, April 10 – Matins with 12 Gospels at 7:15am // Royal Hours at 12:15pm, 3:15pm
- ❖ Holy Friday, April 10 – Great Vespers at 6:15pm with Veneration of the Shroud
- ❖ Holy Saturday, April 11 – Matins at 7:15am with Lamentations & Procession with the Shroud
- ❖ Holy Saturday, April 11 – Vesperal Liturgy of Saint Basil at 4:15pm
- ❖ Sunday, April 12 – Paschal Services 5am
- ❖ Sunday, April 12 – Agape Vespers 3:15pm

*Note: Holy Friday and Saturday are strict Fast Days, with a light meal after Saturday Liturgy*

## Parish Events and News



### Kid's Choir Practice

Kids aged 4 through high school are invited to come join the Kid's Choir. We will practice for the Pascha Season Sundays at 12:10pm in the Nave. Hope to see you!



*Atrium Will Take a Break for Palm Sunday and Pascha and will resume on April 19*



Holy Week Calendars Available in the Narthex and on Our Website- [Calendar Link](#)  
Also on Our Website is a Great Liturgical Explanation of Holy Week by Fr. Alexander Schmemmann - [Explanation Link](#)

Note the correct and new times in red for Lazarus Saturday and for the Pascha Service



### Holy Wednesday April 8

#### The Anointing Service at 7:15pm

This service is for the anointing of the sick for Orthodox Christians. Seven epistles and gospels will be read with the anointing afterwards. It is about 100 minutes long.

### Holy Friday and Saturday All Night Vigil April 10 and 11

Sign-up sheets will be put out on the table in the Narthex. Please Note: Younger people need to have a monitor sign-up with them to supervise the Friday Night and Saturday morning Vigil.



### Holy Saturday Evening Service at 4:30pm Children's Activity

There will be childcare available Holy Saturday evening beginning at 4:15pm. Children kindergarten through fourth grade will be participating in a Holy Saturday scavenger hunt. Children toddler age through preschool will be in the Saint James House preschool room. The childcare lasts just through the Old Testament Readings, and then children will be walked back to the Nave to join their families. All children can meet at 4:15 on the church steps.

Please email Cara Fletes with any questions. [Caramia1984@gmail.com](mailto:Caramia1984@gmail.com)

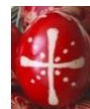


## Coffee Hour This Sunday - April 5, 2026 Group Matthew (1) - First Sunday of the Month

**Hosts Families: Temple / Haines / Marcus**

Snacks: Abel, Amundson, Betson, Clodfelter, Culton, Curry, Dozier, J & B Dunaway, Finkler, G & J Gillquist, H Gillquist, Grasse, G & A Ihde, Haley, Hightower, D & A Jenkins, K & G Jones, Kelly, Klatt, Lamb, Lineer, K & J Medders, Mee, Moffatt, Okuley, Patras, N & M Ray, Sluz, Stallman, Stogsdill, J. Temple, Terrell, Webster

*No Coffee Hour - Pascha - Sunday, April 12*



## All Things Pascha

### Easter Feast – April 12, 2026

We look forward to celebrating with everyone on Pascha! Here is the order of events to be aware of for the feast. Children's egg hunt (immediately following Agape vespers/procession) & appetizers (*Around 4pm*).

- ❖ Blessing of the food & time to eat!
- ❖ Dessert & begin moving tables for dancing
- ❖ Folk dancing
- ❖ Feast ends & clean up begins (*Around 8pm*)



### Easter Feast Potluck Sign-Up Sheets



**Sign Up**

Please look for the Easter feast potluck sign-up sheets at coffee hour this week and sign up to bring a dish, or two if possible (salad, side dish, or dessert, enough to serve 12 people). You can bring your dishes to the church

kitchen before the Agape Vespers on Pascha and pick them up from the tables outside the kitchen as you leave the feast. There is also a sign up for volunteers to help in the kitchen on the day of the feast. Thank you so much! Contact Mary Ruth Alexander (907-854-4828) with any questions.



### Food For Hungry People

*~Remember to Turn In Your 'Food For Hungry Boxes' This Week~  
You can leave them in the Narthex, and the office will pick them up daily.*

### The Basic Plan

- ❖ Have meats, drinks, appetizers, and ice cream provided for everyone by the Cathedral through an organized volunteer effort.
- ❖ Other foods – side dishes, salads, and other desserts – will be provided through a Potluck.
- ❖ **\*Each household, regardless of size,** is asked to make a suggested contribution of **\$20 or more**. This can be paid on the church website "[Donate](#)" page by choosing the category "Pascha Feast" or by writing a check and putting it in the tithe box with memo "Easter Feast".

- ❖ Every family in the Church is asked to participate in bringing a dish to the potluck (there will be sign-up sheets for different dishes closer to Pascha downstairs). We also ask those that can help with dish duty in the kitchen to please do so (there will also be a sign-up sheet near Pascha for this). Dish duty is a big job, and the work should be spread out between many people.
- ❖ Please also keep an eye out for the sign-up sheets for Bright Monday clean up.
- ❖ Contact Sydney if you are interested in helping (even for a small role) and she will direct you to a task.

### **The Teams**

- ❖ Decorations: Sydney Ihde and friends
- ❖ Table/Chair set-up: David Sorensen & Bradley Forbes
- ❖ Purchase paper products: Laurie Snider
- ❖ Emcee: Elisa Betson
- ❖ Children's activities: Kristine Lindblom & Jennifer Saur
- ❖ Bouncy house: Katy Arvidson & Brandon Weaver
- ❖ Folk dancing/sound system: Jessica Kies & Kathleen Cooley
- ❖ Outdoor set-up: Fr. Marc
- ❖ Potluck coordinator: Mary Ruth Alexander
- ❖ Meat grilling: John Marc & crew
- ❖ Beer & wine: Tanna Terrell, Arianna & Brandon Weaver, & Sam Lowry
- ❖ Appetizers: Liz Klatt, Michelle Mellor, & Ashley Ihde
- ❖ Coffee, tea, water, & lemonade: Natasha Haines and family
- ❖ Ice cream dessert: Ben Labreque & his children
- ❖ Sunday evening clean up: Tim Mellor, Derick Hanna, Eric Johnson (Brothers of Lazarus)
- ❖ Bright Monday clean-up: Kim Medders
- ❖ Grill clean up: Chris Kies & Zach Doss

### **Pascha Egg Hunt**

We will have the Pascha Egg Hunt immediately following Agape Vespers (and the Procession to the Cemetery) on Pascha afternoon. All children through 6th Grade are welcome! Meet outside the upstairs main church entrance where kids will be divided into groups according to age/grade. Hopefully, weather and outside conditions will allow for outdoor egg hunting, so dress accordingly! Also, bring baskets or bags for collecting eggs. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Kristine Lindblom (907-887-3398) or Jennifer Saur (907-726-7389).




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## *St. James House Weekly News*

**The St. James House will be taking a break from Coffee and Pastries  
During Holy Week**

## *Notes and Pictures from Parishioners*



Here is the link to their registry:

<https://www.amazon.com/wedding/guest-view/2NKWST92SHM4S>

## Dates to Remember

### Birthdays This Week

April 5 - Joachim Labrecque

April 7 - Shelley Finkler

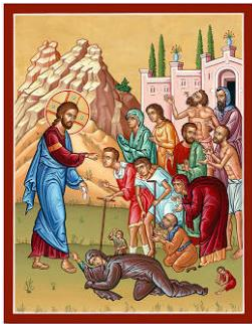
April 7 - Lance Hawi

April 8 - Ian Burton

April 9 - Maris Kelly

April 10 - Peter Jon Gillquist

*M A N Y   Y E A R S !*



### Remembering in Prayer...

*Matt Komar*

*Zoie (Oksana's Mom)*

*Dirk Moffatt*

*Jennifer Stogsdill*

*Joyce Arvidson*

*Sally Eckert*

*We continue to pray for all those suffering in Ukraine  
and for all those suffering in Israel and Gaza, for a quick end to  
war and for peace*

### Remembering Those Who Have Fallen Asleep This Month



\* Kent Allen Ihde - April 13, 2000

\* Herb Enns - April 21, 2003

*M E M O R Y   E T E R N A L !*

### Clare House Meal - 4th Saturday of Each Month

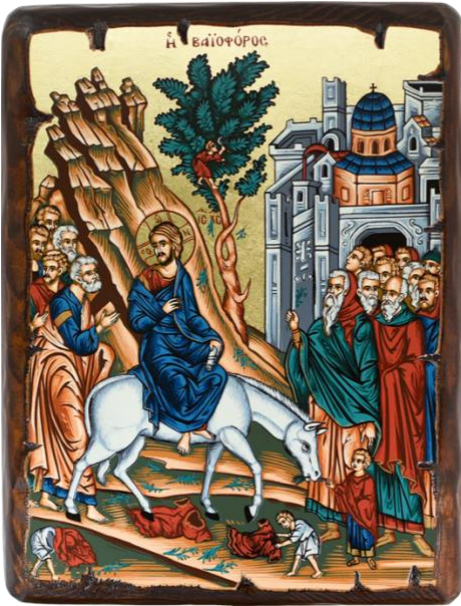
For the Month of **APRIL** – our scheduled meal that we provide Clare House is:

**April 25, 2026.** Contact Cara Fletes to see how you can help.



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## THE SYNAXARION



### Palm Sunday

On this day in the Holy Orthodox Church, the Sunday of Palms, we celebrate the radiant and glorious festival of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.

#### *Verses*

*He Who stretches out the firmament and sat on the foal,  
Seeks to release mortals from their sinful passions.*

Jesus came to Bethany on the Sunday before the six days of the Mosaic Passover. On the following day He sent out two of His Disciples, who brought Him a donkey on which He sat to enter the city. And when the great multitude heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they immediately took palm branches in their hands and went out to meet Him. They all cried, “Hosanna! Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!” The branches of palm trees were a symbol of Christ’s victory over Satan and Death. And “Hosanna” means “We pray You, save us!” The donkey’s colt, which was still an untamed animal and impure according to the law, as well as Christ’s sitting on it, symbolizes the former barbarity and impurity of the Gentiles; and the subsequent taming of them and their obedience to the holy law of the Gospel.

By Your ineffable compassion, O Christ our God, make us victors over the worldly passions, and make us worthy to see Your glorious victory over death, and Your radiant and life-bearing Resurrection, and have mercy on us. Amen.

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#### **Bulletin Announcement Guidelines**

Send announcements to church email address: [cathedral@stjohnalaska.org](mailto:cathedral@stjohnalaska.org) Have announcements submitted by Thursday or at very latest Friday 9am. If you have any questions regarding announcements – contact Maris Kelly at the church office. 907-696-2002.

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