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**Пасха
19 Апреля
Pascha
April 19**

Schedule for the Week of April 12 - 18, 2020

**Saturday Palm Sunday Vigil
Apr 11 5:30 PM**

**Sunday Palm Sunday / Неделя Ваий
Apr 12 9 AM Divine Liturgy**

Because of the severe limits imposed, we can have only 10 people in the church at one time.

(Please see our Paschal schedule in the next column)

Note: Blessed Palms/Pussy Willows will be available for pickup from 11A – 3P Sunday, April 12. They will be located in a container near the Church entrance.

DEAR PARISHIONERS AND FRIENDS,

The lack of our ability to hold normal services has placed a great strain on all of us, especially financially.

We ask that during this time, you consider mailing in your offerings and donations until the epidemic passes and we can resume normal services with people.

We thank those of you who were thoughtful enough to mail in your donations; but we ask *all* of you to consider doing so, so as to offset our bills and expenses. In the last 4 weeks we have received only 5 donations.

We thank you for your consideration and help in these difficult times.

Holy Week & Pascha Services

**Holy Thursday Reading of 12 Gospels
Apr 16 6 PM / 12 Евангелий**

Holy Friday
Vespers / Вынос Плащаницы -- 2 PM
Matins / Погребение - 6:30 PM

Holy Saturday
Apr 18 9AM – Service
**3PM – 11 PM BLESSING OF EASTER
BASKETS (Освящение Куличей)**
11 PM Nocturns

PASCHA Procession.
**Apr 19 Midnight (12:01 AM):
Matins followed By Paschal
Liturgy**

Note; Because of the severe limits imposed by the current epidemic, Easter Basket blessing / Освящение Куличей / will be available from 3 PM to 11 PM Saturday evening, April 18.

Church phone: 763 574 1001

Dear parishioners and friends –

Live-streaming is available for some of our services.
Search on Facebook for the name "John Cavin."

Happy Birthday greetings and Многая Лета to

*John Bitterman
Lidia Ruina
Marina Lantseva
Olga Grigoriants
Lubov' Durneva
Konstantin Sokolinskij*

Братие, постараемся принять к себе Христа, Царя и Бога нашего. Ведь Он уже стучит в двери сердца нашего и будит нас покаяться в своих грехах. «Покайся, -- сказано, -- приближися бо Царство Небесное» (Мф. 4:17)

Кто не исповедует грехов своих, у того заперты двери сердца его; Христос не войдет к нему и не будет с ним жить. Тот же, который исповедует свои грехи, какими он прогневал Творца своего, и при этом решит впередь никогда того не делать, такой отверзает двери своему Спасителю Христу; Спаситель войдет в сердце его и будет жить в нем, ибо Сам Христос сказал: *Се, стою при дверех и толку; и аще кто услышит глас Мой и отверзет Ми двери, вниду к нему и вечеряю с ним, и той со Мною (откр. 3:20).*

Посему если и мы, братья мои, исповедуем свои согрешения, которыми прогневали Создателя своего, и совершим удовлетворение за них, тогда и мы отверзем двери сердца нашего, тогда и к нам Он войдет жить, как Царь и прекрасные палаты.

Когда Христос вошел в дом Закхея, то Он итпустил ему все собрещения его, говоря: *Днесъ спасение дому сему бысть* (Лк 19:9). Подобно сему если и мы очистим наш душевный дом покаянием и молитвами, то и к нам, в дом души нашей, придет Христос Бог наш и так же скажет: «Днесъ спасение дому сему бысть»; тогда и нам Он все наши согрешения простит Своей благодатию и человеколюбием. Аминь.

(Свят. Димитрий Ростовский)

Great is this Holy Day, brothers and sisters! Just think of it, "Conqueror of death"! There have been many conquerors in the history of humanity: many gifted doctors have conquered many sicknesses, many military leaders have conquered tremendous armies, even entire countries. There have been conquerors of space such as the inventors of automobiles, airplanes; conquerors of distance ... But "Conqueror of death" — the whole world does not know of anyone else but Jesus Christ. He alone. Even the so-called "unbelieving world" cannot mention another name. No one among the most prominent people would ever even attempt to make such a claim. But He is, was, and will be — our Savior and our Lord.

During His historical evangelistic life He proved this in three instances: the resurrection of the daughter of Jairus, the resurrection of the son of the widow of Nain, and here in today's Gospel, the resurrection of Lazarus.

The death of the daughter of Jairus was a recent one. She died while Christ and her father were going to her.

In the case of the son of the widow of Nain, death, seemingly stronger, came into its own: the dead man had already been laid on the funeral bier. They had carried him not only from the house, but already through the city gates. And now Lazarus. The victory of death here was final, one hundred percent. Lazarus had been in the tomb four days already. There was weeping, but no one had any hope of an instantaneous resurrection. Even one of the dead man's sisters said to the Lord: "I know he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ...[Christ] groaned in the spirit, and was troubled," and He wept. Finally He said, "Take ye away the stone." So the stone was removed from the tomb where the dead man was lying, and Christ cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come forth! And he that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave clothes: and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus said unto them, "Loose him, and let him go" (Jn. 11:17-44).

Physical death is visible to everyone, but mental death is usually not noticeable to people. It is felt only by the dead person himself. Sometimes it happens that a sinful thought darts into your mind and awakens a sinful feeling, but the soul catches itself and calls to the Lord in repentance. But sometimes it happens that we do not catch ourselves in time and sin enters more deeply into our soul, and the result will be full acceptance of the sin, and turmoil. But also here, by the prayers of our Mother, the Church of Christ, who cries before the Lord for her children, we can be alerted; and the Lord will tell us as He did the son of the widow of Nain: "Soul, I say unto thee, Arise!" This is salvation.

... [D]eath is not the cause but only the result, the consequence of sin. And Christ is, first of all, the Conqueror of sin, and then along with it, the Conqueror of death. So let us triumph: "Hosanna in the highest!" (Excerpted From "The One Thing Needful" Sermons of Archbishop Andrei (Rymarenko, 1893-1978))

На Украшение Плащаницы

Please consider a donation for Paschal flowers and adornment of the church, and to help during this virus epidemic.

From: _____

In Memory/Honor of: _____