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Welcome! We are honored that you have joined us in our celebration of the Lord's resurrection this day.

If you are a first-time visitor to our parish, we invite you to sign our guest book in the vestibule. If you have a question, a prayer request, or any need, please speak with Fr. Matthew, Deacon Luke, or with one of the ushers.

For our friends present with us who are not Orthodox Christians, please note that we have specific disciplines regarding receiving Communion. We ask that you refrain from going to Communion until you have spoken with Fr. Matthew after the Liturgy and understand our discipline and piety regarding this sacrament and its implication for responsibility towards and membership in the Orthodox Church. The bread offered at the end of the service is available to all.

If you are an Orthodox Christian from another parish who has prepared in accordance with your discipline, and have a blessing from your home priest to do so, we invite and encourage you to partake of Holy Communion. **Again, welcome!**

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. PALM SUNDAY.

FIRST ANTIPHON

I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Because He inclined His ear to me; therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

I suffered distress and anguish, then I called upon the Name of the Lord. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

SECOND ANTIPHON

I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

O Son of God, who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee: "Alleluia!"

What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has given me? **O Son of God, who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee: "Alleluia!"**

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call on the Name of the Lord. **O Son of God, who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee: "Alleluia!"**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people. **O Son of God, who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee: "Alleluia!"**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change didst become man and wast crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever! (Tone 1) By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, / Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God./ Like the children with the palms of victory, / we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death:/ "Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

Let the house of Israel say: for He is good, for His mercy endures forever! (Tone 1) By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, / Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God./Like the children with the palms of victory, / we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death:/ “Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

Let the house of Aaron say: for He is good, for His mercy endures forever! (Tone 1) By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, / Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God./Like the children with the palms of victory, / we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death:/ “Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

Let all those who fear the Lord say: for He is good, for His mercy endures forever! (Tone 1) By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, / Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God./Like the children with the palms of victory, / we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death:/ “Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

Deacon: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Priest: Blessed is He that comes in the name of “Lord”! We bless you from the house of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! O Son of God, Who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

TROPARIA

(Tone 1) By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, / Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God. / Like the children with the palms of victory, / we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death: / “Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

(Tone 4) When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God, / we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection. / Now we praise Thee and sing: / “Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

KONTAKION

(Tone 6) Sitting on Thy throne in Heaven, / carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God, / accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing:// “Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam!”

The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone: Blessed is He that comes in the name of Lord! / God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

v: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!

THE EPISTLE OF THE APOSTLE PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS (4:4-9) Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

v: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO JOHN (12:1-18) Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, “Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?” This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, “Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me.” When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!” And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, “Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an

ass's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing: God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! / Celebrate the feast and come with gladness! / Let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, / singing: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

COMMUNION HYMN Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Instead of "We have seen the True Light..." we sing:

(Tone 1) By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, / Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God./ Like the children with the palms of victory, / we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death:/ "Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the celebration of the triumphant entrance of Christ into the royal city of Jerusalem. He rode on a colt for which He Himself had sent, and He permitted the people to hail Him publicly as a king. A large crowd met Him in a manner befitting royalty, waving palm branches and placing their garments in His path. They greeted Him with these words: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel! (John 12:13).

This day together with the raising of Lazarus are signs pointing beyond themselves to the mighty deeds and events which consummate Christ's earthly ministry. The time of fulfillment was at hand. Christ's raising of Lazarus points to the destruction of death and the joy of resurrection which will be accessible to all through His own death and resurrection. His entrance into Jerusalem is a fulfillment of the messianic prophecies about the king who will enter his holy city to establish a final kingdom. "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass" (Zech 9:9).

Finally, the events of these triumphant two days are but the passage to Holy Week: the "hour" of suffering and death for which Christ came. Thus the triumph in an earthly sense is extremely short-lived. Jesus enters openly into the midst of His enemies, publicly saying and doing those things which mostly enrage them. The people themselves will soon reject Him. They misread His brief earthly triumph as a sign of something else: His emergence as a political messiah who will lead them to the glories of an earthly kingdom.

Our Pledge

The liturgy of the Church is more than meditation or praise concerning past events. It communicates to us the eternal presence and power of the events being celebrated and makes us participants in those events. Thus the services of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday bring us to our own moment of life and death and entrance into the Kingdom of God: a Kingdom not of this world, a Kingdom accessible in the Church through repentance and baptism.

On Palm Sunday palm and willow branches are blessed in the Church. We take them in order to raise them up and greet the King and Ruler of our life: Jesus Christ. We take them in order to reaffirm our baptismal pledges. As the One who raised Lazarus and entered Jerusalem to go to His voluntary Passion stands in our midst, we are faced with the same question addressed to us at baptism: "Do you accept Christ?" We give our answer by daring to take the branch and raise it up: "I accept Him as King and God!"

Thus, on the eve of Christ's Passion, in the celebration of the joyful cycle of the triumphant days of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday, we reunite ourselves to Christ, affirm His Lordship over the totality of our life, and express our readiness to follow Him to His Kingdom: ... that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead (Philippians 3:10-11).

Very Rev. Paul Lazor

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CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF

Lazaros Stavridis on his first namesday

Teddy & Jessica Stavridis

Health & blessings for the whole family

Bosa

Fr. Tom, Fr. Don, Fr. Paul, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Robert, Aaron, Milica, Calvin,

Angelo, Joan, Peggy, Bob, Angelo, Christine, Dorothy, Irene, Allen, Deborah,

Luba, Kosta, Stojan, Mira, Bosa, Christopher, Allison, Jeanette, Kathryn, David,

Taras, Joseph, Ted, Marlene, Gladys, all the parishioners of St. Nicholas, my

family and friends.

Joe Tome

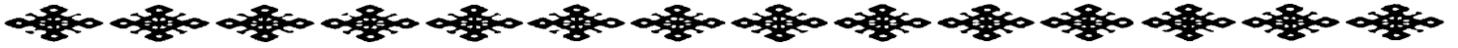
Special Intention
Health & blessings Nik, Val, Taras & Natalie
Eleni, Angelo & Helen

Joe Tome
Val Evanenکو
Magda Popoff

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR BLESSED REPOSE

Anthony Dorohov (11 yrs. April 25th)
In memory of Sophie Tula Stavridis
Sam & Vera Chorenko and Roman & Barbara Evanenکو
Alex, Peter & John

Victor Dorohov
Teddy & Jessica Stavridis
Val Evanenکو
Magda Popoff



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GOSPELS IN VARIOUS LANGUAGES will be read at the Paschal Vespers at 11 am on Pascha, May 2. This is the customary time for clergy and faithful to read the gospel in various languages. This is the gospel of the Lord Jesus appearing to his disciples on Pascha in the evening. French and German are already spoken for. Available are Arabic, Macedonian, Romanian, Russian, Spanish, and Ukrainian. Please see Fr. Matthew for a copy of the gospel reading.

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED! as we get closer to Pascha. Your help will also be needed twice on Great and Holy Friday. First, after the morning Royal Hours your help will be needed to set up and decorate the Tomb of our Lord for Vespers. Second, after the Lamentations that evening your help will be needed to change over all the candles from purple to white. The red eggs for Pascha will also be prepared this day. Please stay and lend a hand!

GOOD FRIDAY We look to the children and young adults to assist Father during the Vespers Service (3 pm) and at the Lamentations Service (6:30 pm). As Father removes the image of the body of Christ from the Crucifix at Vespers, they help by holding the winding sheet and covering the icon for Father. And, at the evening service, the young ladies of the parish (as well as family and friends), are invited to join in by sprinkling the Tomb with Rose water during the Lamentations. After, the girls help lead the Procession by scattering flower petals before the Tomb and our other young people are invited to join in by bearing various instruments of the Passion.

VIGIL AT THE TOMB It is traditional to keep a vigil at the Tomb of our Lord from Great Friday evening until the Great Saturday's Liturgy and then until the midnight service. The Vigil is from Friday, April 30 at 9 pm until Saturday, May 1 at 10 am and then from 1 pm until 10:30 pm. If you are interested, please email stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com, call the office at 744-0070 or sign your name to the sign-up sheet in the narthax. It will be announced if we don't have enough people signed up and have to do it differently this year.

SPRING CLEAN UP Saturday, May 8th starting at 9:30 am. Volunteers are needed to help with a variety of things such as brush removal, bush trimming & yard cleanup. If there are enough people the light poles, which have to be painted, can be done on the same day (weather permitting). Lunch will be provided. Please call or email the office or add your name to the sign up sheet in the narthax if you are willing & able to participate so he can coordinate the jobs before hand. Everyone is welcome whether you can help a little or a lot!

OFFICE HOURS are Monday, Wednesday & Friday 9 - 3.

CANDLE INTENTION REQUESTS can be emailed to the office at stnicholasburtonmi@gmail.com or called in.

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WEEKLY SCHEDULE:

Today

6:30 pm [Bridegroom Matins - streaming on our YouTube channel](#)
confessions

