

ST. MARY'S BYZANTINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

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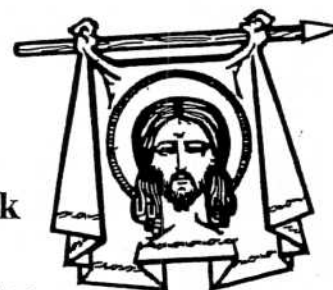
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PALM SUNDAY

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- SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners
SUN. 10:30 a.m. +John Marshall Baugher by Grandmother, Maureen Newell
- MON. 10:30 a.m. No Service
- TUE. 6:00 p.m. Presanctified Liturgy & Confessions
St. Michael's, Campbell, Oh
- WED. 10:30 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy & Anointing of sick
- THU. 4:30 p.m. +Olga Hudak by Mr. Mrs. James Tomaino
- FRI. 4:30 p.m. Vespers & & Procession of Holy Shroud *No meat & dairy products*
CONFESSIONS AFTER SERVICE



FEAST OF HOLY RESURRECTION

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- SAT. 4:30 p.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners *Blessing of baskets*
SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Bishops, Clergy, Deacons, Religious of our Metropolia
Blessing of baskets

LAZARUS SATURDAY

"Your voice O Lord, destroyed the kingdom of Hades, and by the power of Your word, You raised Lazarus from the tomb after four days. He became the saving pre-figure of the Resurrection." The magnitude of this miracle and the people attending it were the immediate cause of Christ's entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. The people, in their enthusiasm for Christ, greeted Him not only as their prophet, but also as their Messiah, their King and Lord.

CHURCH DONATIONS March 26 , 2023
Monthly Dues \$40.00 Maintenance \$100.00
Lenten offering \$45.00 Candles \$24.00
In memory ..Veronica Kovach \$55.00
Offertory \$ 1,115.00

LENT FUND RAISER FOR SISTERS

We are asking for donations during Lent that will be sent to our Sisters at St. Mt. Macrina. Envelopes are at both entrances .

BCW ...NEWS

If you do not want to receive the BCW and have not been sending in your donation, please let us know so we can remove your name.

CEMETERY ...CLEAN-UP

PLEASE remove all Christmas decorations from the cemetery as our Guys will up there this week to start SPRING-CLEANING.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Father will hear Confessions Sat. April 1st from 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. and on Good Friday, April 7th following Good Friday Service. ALSO...Father along with local Priest will be available Sunday following 5:00 p.m. Vesper Service at St. Peter & Paul in Warren ..and Tuesday at 6:00 pm. St. Michael's in Campbell.

SPAGHETTI DINNER...TODAY

Will be held at St. Michael Church, Robinson Rd. Campbell from 12 NOON -2:30 p.m. TODAY Dine in or Take out. \$12.00 per dinner.

BLESSING OF FOOD BASKETS.....ON EASTER

Will be held in our Center following Sat. 4:30 p.m. Liturgy and Sunday following 10:30 a.m. Liturgy.

WE WILL HAVE ANOINTING & MIROVANIJ E ON EASTER

NO BINGO EASTER SUNDAY

PALM SUNDAY

“Today the Word and coeternal Son of God the Father, Whose throne is the heaven and Whose footstool is the earth, humbles himself and comes to Bethany, seated on a donkey. Then the children of the Hebrews, holding branches in their hands, praise him saying:

Hosanna in the highest; Blessed is He who comes, the King of Israel!”



THE SPIRITUAL MEANING OF PALM SUNDAY

The Jews wanted to see their messiah in power and glory. Accordingly, Jesus Christ, by raising Lazarus from the dead and by His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, gave them clear proof of His power and glory. He demonstrated, publicly, that He is not only the Lord of living and dead nature, but also Lord of hearts of men. Such a triumphal procession Jerusalem had not witnessed for a long time.

St. Matthew the Evangelist confirmed this: “And when He entered Jerusalem, all the city was thrown into commotion, saying: ‘Who is this?’ but the crowds kept on saying: ‘This is Jesus the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee.’”

The honor given to Jesus Christ lasted for only a brief moment, for His betrayal by Judas, His rejection by the people, His condemnation by the Jewish leaders, His passion, the way of the cross and crucifixion followed in quick succession. These very same people who, on Sunday cried out, “Hosanna”, within a few days would be crying out: “Crucify Him.”

Palm Sunday teaches us the instability of worldly glory and the vanity of earthly happiness. Joy and sadness here on earth are two inseparable sisters. Therefore, if we wish one day to have a share in the triumph of Christ in heaven, we must first undergo a Passion week and a Golgotha with Him here on earth. Only then, will we be able, like Him, to enter into everlasting triumph and resurrection.

HOLY WEEK

GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY

Peter hesitated to have his feet washed by the most pure hands that once created Adam; but, at the word of Christ who said: If I do not wash you, Simon, you shall have no part with me; he was seized with fear and cried out: Not only my feet, Lord, but also my hands and my head! O, the tremendous gifts of the Savior! He lets his disciples participate in His grace, and He promises that they shall share in His ineffable glory; He said in giving the mystical cup that He would drink it again with them in the kingdom of heaven. Grant we, too, may drink from it, in your mercy and your love for humanity.

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

The all-pure Virgin seeing You, O Word, lifted upon the cross today, lamented as a mother. Her heart bursting with sorrow and moaning from the depths of her soul, her countenance deeply scarred with grief, she cried out so mournfully: O divine Child, how great is my sorrow. O Light of the world, O Lamb of God, why have You passed from my sight? Beholding all this, the heavenly hosts were struck with fear, and they cried out: O incomprehensible Lord, glory to You.

GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

Today the Abyss sighed and cried out: My power has been destroyed. For I received a dead Man as one of their dead, but I could not hold Him. Then I also lost with Him all those who were under my power. From the beginning I held the dead, but now this One raises them. Glory to your Cross and Resurrection, O Lord. Today the Abyss sighed and cried out: My power has been swallowed up! For the Shepherd, crucified, has resurrected Adam; and those whom I held, I lost. Those whom I swallowed, I have given up. For the One they crucified has emptied the graves, and the power of Death has vanished. Glory to your Cross and Resurrection, O Lord.