





**ST. NICHOLAS  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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 Orthros 9:00 AM  
 Divine Liturgy 10:00 AM  
 Reservations only  
Sunday School- Zoom  
Office Hours During Great Lent  
 Wednesday-Thursday-Friday 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM

MARCH 28<sup>th</sup> 2021

**SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS**

**We commemorate:** George the Righteous of Maleon. Righteous Plato the Studite. Nicetas the Hieromartyr, Struggler of Serrai (1808)

**THE EPISTLE** reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:1-6

**BRETHREN**, since we have a high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. For every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honor upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, "Thou art my Son, today I have begotten thee"; as he says also in another place, "Thou art a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek."

**THE GOSPEL** According to Mark 8:34-38; 9:1

The Lord said: "If anyone wishes to come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the gospel's will save it. For what does it profit a man, to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? For what can a man give in return for his life? For whoever is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of man also be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels." And he said to them, "Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the kingdom of God come with power."

**ALL CHURCH SERVICES ARE BEING HELD!  
RESERVATIONS ONLY.**

Please call the church office at 603-436-2733 or email [stnicholasreservations@gmail.com](mailto:stnicholasreservations@gmail.com). We are also broadcasting via the internet. Please go to: <http://www.stnicholasportsmouthnh.org> and click on Watch Live Broadcast.

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>–SUNDAY OF THE HOLY CROSS</b> – <b>40 DAY MEMORIAL</b> for Evelyn Dovas. May her memory be eternal.
<b>MONDAY,</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>–GREEK SCHOOL:</b> 4:00-6:30 PM
<b>TUESDAY,</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>–AHEPA MEETING:</b> 7:00 PM
<b>WEDNESDAY,</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>–OFFICE HOURS:</b> 9:30-2:00 PM – <b>GREEK SCHOOL:</b> 5:00-7:30 PM – <b>PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY:</b> 6:00 PM
<b>THURSDAY,</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>–OFFICE HOURS:</b> 9:30-2:00 PM – <b>ADULT GREEK SCHOOL:</b> 11:30-12:30 & 1:00-2:00 – <b>PHILOTOCHOS MEETING:</b> 7:00 PM
<b>FRIDAY,</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>–OFFICE HOURS:</b> 9:30-2:00 PM – <b>4<sup>TH</sup> SALUTATION SERVICE:</b> 6:00 PM
<b>SUNDAY,</b>	<b>APRIL</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>–SUNDAY OF ST. JOHN CLIMACUS</b>

**COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS**

**TSOUREKI (EASTER BREAD):** if you would like to order Tsoureki, the order form is in the Spirit or contact Hilde: [hildekama@gmail.com](mailto:hildekama@gmail.com) or 603-498-3233. All orders must be pre-paid. Deadline is **Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**.

**LENTEN RETREAT:** St. Demetrios Church in Saco is sponsoring a Lenten retreat for 3rd-12th graders on **Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>** from 9-4. Please contact Leon Nicholas at 603 770 9687 to register.

**GOOD FRIDAY LUMINARIES:** Please be sure to support this special fundraiser by purchasing a Luminary for Good Friday to light the exterior of our church. Each luminary is only \$10, and we are hoping every family will be able to participate. Please be sure to send your name and payment to St. Nicholas. Requests will be taken through **May 1st** as we have purchased the luminaries in advance. Thank you.

**FLOWERS FOR GOOD FRIDAY AND FOR PASCHA:** If you would like to donate toward the flowers to decorate the Kouvouklion on Good Friday, or for the solea for Pascha, please send checks payable to the Philoptochos and send to Deb Walker, 48 Boxwood Path, Greenwood, NH 03840.

**SUPPLIES NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK:** Altar flowers for the Sundays after Pascha until Pentecost; Supplies for the Holy Wednesday Unction Service (Oil, flour, cotton balls, Q-tips, baggies); large white bath towel and small white hand towel for Washing of the Feet Service, \$30; White twin sized flat sheet for Holy Friday afternoon service; small Resurrection Candle, \$100; Communion wine, \$60; olive oil, \$20; charcoal, \$50. Please contact the Church office if you would like to donate one of these items.

**HEALTH AND SAFETY SCREENING SCHEDULE:** The Safety Committee is **seeking** new volunteers to augment our team. Volunteers are needed for Sundays and for Weekday Service to perform Health Screening (Greeting, taking temperature and asking brief questions) Training provided. Please email Barbara: [casspamboukes@gmail.com](mailto:casspamboukes@gmail.com), Fran: [frandamianos@gmail.com](mailto:frandamianos@gmail.com) or Kathleen: [kathgvc@aol.com](mailto:kathgvc@aol.com) if you have an interest in volunteering.