





**ST. NICHOLAS  
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH**

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Sunday Services  
 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

**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**

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| <b>SUNDAY,</b>    | <b>APRIL</b> | <b>18</b> | <b>–SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT<br/>–40 DAY MEMORIAL for Evelyn Dovas and 6 MONTH<br/>MEMORIAL for Georgia Pougardis. May their memory be<br/>eternal.</b> |
| <b>MONDAY,</b>    | <b>APRIL</b> | <b>19</b> | <b>–GREEK SCHOOL: 4:00-6:30 PM</b>   |
| <b>WEDNESDAY,</b> | <b>APRIL</b> | <b>21</b> | <b>–OFFICE HOURS: 9:30-2:00 PM<br/>–GREEK SCHOOL: 5:00-7:30 PM<br/>–PRESANCTIFIED LITURGY: 6:00 PM</b>   |
| <b>THURSDAY,</b>  | <b>APRIL</b> | <b>22</b> | <b>–ADULT GREEK SCHOOL: 11:30-12:30 &amp; 1:00-2:00</b>  |
| <b>SATURDAY,</b>  | <b>APRIL</b> | <b>24</b> | <b>–SATURDAY OF LAZARUS: DIVINE LITURGY. Orthros:8:45;<br/>Liturgy 9:45.<br/>–LENTEN BRUNCH following Liturgy<br/>–FOLDING PALM CROSSES</b>                |
| <b>SUNDAY,</b>    | <b>APRIL</b> | <b>25</b> | <b>–PALM SUNDAY<br/>–FISH DINNER TO GO: Pick-up noon – 1 PM.<br/>–BRIDEGROOM SERVICE: 6:00 PM</b>  |

April 18<sup>th</sup> 2021

**SUNDAY OF ST. MARY OF EGYPT**

**We commemorate:** Holy Father John the Righteous, disciple of St. Gregory of Decapolis  
 Euthemios the Enlightener of Karelia. Cosmas, Bishop of Calcydon.

**The Epistle reading** is from St. Paul's Letter to the Hebrews 9:11-14

BRETHREN, when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the Holy Place, taking not the blood of goats and calves but his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify your conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

**The Gospel** According to Mark 10:32-45

At that time, Jesus took his twelve disciples, and he began to tell them what was to happen to him, saying, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes, and they will condemn him to death, and deliver him to the Gentiles; and they will mock him, and spit upon him, and scourge him, and kill him; and after three days he will rise." And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him, and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What do you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?" And they said to him, "We are able." And Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant of James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, "You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

**COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS**

**PALM SUNDAY FISH DINNER TO GO:** Last day to order your Palm Sunday Dinner is **Monday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**. Each dinner is \$20 and includes New England Style Baked Fish with Ritz Cracker topping, Greek String Beans, Rice Pilaf, and Koulourakia. Order on-line at [www.greekfestivaltogo.com](http://www.greekfestivaltogo.com).

**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 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, Greenland, 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); 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.

**PHILOPTOCHOS FUNDRAISER:** "Krisanthi's War in Hitler's Greece," a novel about three women who must band together to survive Hitler's occupation of Athens and Rhodes. It describes the lows, but also the highs of life, love, and survival under these very challenging conditions. Contact Hilde Kamakas [hildekama@gmail.com](mailto:hildekama@gmail.com) or (603) 498-3233, Each copy is \$18 and supports the works of the Philoptochos.

**SPECIAL EVENTS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILIES SURROUNDING HOLY WEEK!**

On Saturday April 24<sup>th</sup>, we invite everyone to come with their families to assist with folding the Palms following the Divine Liturgy. On Good Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> we invite everyone to come with their families for the Good Friday retreat from 10am to 1pm where we will also help to decorate the Epitaphios. On Easter Sunday, please join us for a safe Easter Egg Hunt at 12 noon following the Agape Service.