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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

April 25th 2021 **PALM SUNDAY**

We commemorate: Mark the Apostle and Evangelist

The Epistle reading is from St. Paul's Letter 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.

The Gospel According to John 12:1-18

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros 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 Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros 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 donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey'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 Lazaros 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.

ALL CHURCH SERVICES ARE BEING HELD!
RESERVATIONS ONLY.

Please call the church office at 603-436-2733 or email 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

SUNDAY,	APRIL	25	–PALM SUNDAY –PALM SUNDAY FISH DINNER TO-GO –BRIDEGROOM SERVICE: 6:00 PM
MONDAY,	APRIL	26	–No Greek school this week –OPEN SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION: 4:30-6:00 PM –BRIDEGROOM SERVICE: 6:00 PM
TUESDAY,	APRIL	27	–OPEN SACRAMENT OF CONFESSION: 4:30-6:00 PM –BRIDEGROOM SERVICE (Hymn of Kassiani): 6:00 PM
WEDNESDAY,	APRIL	28	–SERVICE OF HOLY UNCTION: 6:00 PM
THURSDAY,	APRIL	29	–VESPERAL LITURGY: 9:45 AM –SERVICE OF THE 12 GOSPELS & PROCESSION OF CRUCIFIED CHRIST: 6:00 PM
FRIDAY,	APRIL	30	–ROYAL HOURS: 8:00 AM –SUNDAY SCHOOL RETREAT: 12:30 – 4:00 PM –GREAT VESPERS OF THE DESCENT FROM THE CROSS: 3 PM –EPITAFIOS SERVICE: 6:00 PM
SATURDAY,	MAY	1	–VESPERAL LITURGY OF ST. BASIL: 9:45 AM –VIGIL OF THE HOLY RESURRECTION: 11:00 PM
SUNDAY,	MAY	2	–GREAT & HOLY PASCHA –THE PASCHAL LITURGY: 12:30 AM –AGAPE SERVICE: 11:00 AM –EASTER EGG HUNT: 12:00 PM

COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

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 STILL NEEDED: *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; olive oil, \$20; charcoal, \$50. Please contact the Church office if you would like to donate one of these items.*

Health Screening from Home: *Families will now be able to complete a health screening at home instead of the in-person screening at church. Before attending church services, families should continue to make their reservations at stnicholasreservations@gmail.com. Once the reservation has been made, families will receive the link to the Health Screening form. The form should be filled out the day a family plans to attend church services, **by 9:00am for Sunday Services. This is the Link:** <https://forms.gle/CCwWUDv87YRSwSGi7>*