Η Πάσχα! Κυρίου Πάσχα!

Ενώθηκαν όλοι οι άνθρωποι μαζί για να γιορτάσουν την Ανάσταση του Χριστού. Πάσχα, Κυρίου Πάσχα!

Καμπάνες αντηχούν δυνατά, άνθρωποι ανάβουν λαμπάδες και τσουγκρίζουν αυγά. Χριστός Ανέστη!

Μικροί και μεγάλοι αγκαλιάζονται αληθινά και φωνάζουν δυνατά με αγάπη και χαρά: «Αληθώς Ανέστη!»

Η Αγία Εκκλησία της Αγίας Κυριακής, Σάββατο, 24 Απριλίου 2021.
OFFICE HOURS: Holy Friday—April 30 our office will be closed.

PALM SUNDAY AND HOLY WEEK: This year, since COVID–19 restrictions are lighter than last year, we are encouraging more people to attend Church with as many as we can fit safely. For that reason, on Palm Sunday we will be offering two simultaneous Liturgies, one in our Sanctuary and one in our large hall. We can hold approximately 400–450 people using this method. Please arrive before 9:30 a.m. to have a seat. On Good Friday and Holy Saturday we will also be utilizing these additional seating areas, as well as live streaming these services to these other rooms, but our limit will still be at no more than 450 people. Thank you for your patience.

EASTER CANDLES: The St. Nicholas Philoptochos will be selling Easter Pascha candles from now until Easter/ Pascha. They will be set up outside of the Church office. Monday—Friday 11:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. and on Sunday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Candles are $5 each. Checks should be made payable to St. Nicholas Philoptochos.

Y.A.L: We will be holding our next meeting at 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 8 at the St. Nicholas Community Center patio! Join us for dinner, games, and fellowship! Please sign up at https://bit.ly/3nblHgL. If you or someone you know may be interested in joining the group or attending this event, please reach out to YAL@stnicholastroy.org for more details or email links!

PARISH PROCEDURES AND DIRECTIVES UPDATED BY OUR METROPOLIS: Please visit the church’s website for the updated parish procedures and directives as provided by the Metropolis of Detroit.

KEEPING IN TOUCH WITH YOUR CHURCH: Interested in receiving the Weekly Church Bulletin and other communications from the church via email? Please email the church office at Office@StNicholasTroy.org so we can add you to our email distribution list. Once set up, you will receive the Church Sunday Bulletin the Friday before as well as any other electronic communications. It’s that simple! HOWEVER: If you unsubscribe for any reason, your email address will be removed and you will need to RESUBSCRIBE through the Church office.

CAREFUL IN THE NARTHEX: Though we might be all tired of COVID-19 safety measures, it is still important ESPECIALLY IN THE NARTHEX that we maintain social distancing, wear our masks correctly, and keep our conversation to a minimum. Please arrange to socialize outside the church whether in the parking lot or your homes, but in church please respect safety measures that are in place. For more information related to our COVID-19 protocols and procedures please visit our website: ~Thank you for your support and cooperation.

April 25, 2021
Palms Sunday
Orthros 8:30am / Divine Liturgy 9:30am
KOLIVA and COVID-19: Koliva that will be distributed after Divine Liturgy must have already been placed in individual sealed plastic bags and placed in a basket for distribution. Koliva will not be served from a tray in church until further notice. If you should bring Koliva on a tray, you may not serve it yourself, you must take it home.

BOOKSTORE: The Holy Week-Easter/Pascha service book, hardcover $30, is a very meaningful book to have in hand. It will further enrich your understanding of all the services throughout Holy Week as you follow along in church or from home by livestream. ~ Authentic Easter Egg Dye imported from Greece now available. ~ Contact Maria at bookstore@stnicholastroy.org or 248-362-9575 to reserve your copy of the Holy Week-Easter/Pascha book or for other book or icon inquiries. The bookstore opens immediately after and not during Divine Liturgy until 12:30 p.m. and also, weekdays during regular office hours.

Το Περιβόλι Της Παναγίας (PANAGIA’S GARDEN): Our first meeting of our new garden club “Panagia’s Garden” will take place after Divine Liturgy on Wednesday, May 5th which is Bright Wednesday. At this mini tour we will “tour” our facility and the project we can work on together. Thank you for those who have expressed interest. Please contact Fr. Paul to confirm your attendance FrPaul@stnicholastroy.org Το Περιβόλι Της Παναγίας.

GOLF LEAGUE: Calling all golfers! The St. Nicholas Golf League will be starting soon. We play on Monday afternoons at 3:00 p.m. at Sylvan Glen Golf Course in Troy. If you are interested in joining our league please call: Joann Kefalas 248-766-9492

YOUTH PROTECTION TRAINING: Our Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America has mandated that all individuals who interact with our youth must participate in online abuse prevention training and a screening program through Presidium. Online training is done using the Armatus® Learn to Protect System. The training sessions need to be completed annually and the background check every two years. You will be receiving (or have received) reminder emails from them indicating that you are due to renew your training certification. Log in at http://praesidiuminc.com/login to see your updated requirements. If you cannot remember your password, please click the link on the login screen to reset your password. The Praesidium Support Team is also available to help you log in at: support@praesidiuminc.com. Thank you for your continued dedication and commitment to maintaining a safe environment for our children!

METROPOLIS OF DETROIT SUMMER CAMP (MDSC): Camper registration opened on March 15! We are moving forward with hope and a mission to gather safely in Rose City for the 2021 camp season, but also working on a backup plan should our circumstances change. We welcome registration for campers entering grades 3-11 for Weeks 1-5 and entering grade 12 or first year of college for Week Zero. Note, our capacity will be adjusted this season, so don’t wait to register! Staff positions are also available for ages 17 and older. Please visit www.gomdsc.org to register and learn more about our camp programs or call us at 248-909-6372 for more information.

ECHO DEADLINE THE 10TH OF EVERY MONTH: All Echo items must be submitted NO LATER than the 10th of every month. Please e-mail your flyers or announcements to Maggie at echo@stnicholastroy.org Make certain all submissions have been spell-checked, grammar-checked and reviewed before submitting them.
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 His 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 as 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."

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**Prayer of Protection from the Coronavirus**

(Offered by His Grace Bishop Alexis of Bethesda – OCA)

O Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth, and of all creation visible and invisible, in Your ineffable mercy and compassion look down upon Your people who are gathered in Your Holy Name. Be our helper and defender in this day of our affliction. You know our weakness, our inequities, and our timidity. You hear our cry for help which we offer from a contrite and humbled heart. Spare us, O Lord, our Philanthropic God, from the scourge of the coronavirus which has ravaged our world. Send Your Archangel Michael to watch over and protect us. Grant health and recovery to those suffering from this virus. Guide the hands of the physicians and all those who minister to us in our infirmity. Preserve, as well, those who are healthy that we may encourage and serve each other, that all together we might glorify and praise Your most honorable and majestic Name, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

**Prayer for Protection from the Coronavirus**

(Please offer by all those who are healthy)

O Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us. Amen.

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

We offer You, O holy name. Be our helper and defender in this day of our affliction. You know our weakness, our inequities, and our timidity. You hear our cry for help which we offer from a contrite and humbled heart. Give us Your holy mercy and compassion for Your name's sake. Holy One, visit and heal our infirmities for Your name's sake. All holy Trinity, have mercy on us. Lord, forgive our sins. Master, pardon our transgressions. Amen.

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Heavenly King, Comforter, the Spirit of Truth: You are everywhere filling all things, in all and in every way. Amen.

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Blessed is our God always, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.
Epistle Reading
Palm Sunday

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His mercy endures forever.

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. Philippians 4:4-9

Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

Στίχ. Στίχ. Ἐξομολογεῖσθε τῷ Κυρίῳ ὅτι ἀγαθὸς, ὅτι εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τὸ ἔλεος αὐτοῦ.

Ἀ δελφοί, χαίρετε ἐν κυρίῳ πάντοτε· πάλιν ἔρω, χαίρετε. Τὸ ἐπεικῆς ὑμῶν γνωσθήτω πάσιν ἀνθρώπωι. Ο κύριος ἐγγύς. Μηδὲν μεμινύστε, ἀλλ’ ἐν παντὶ τῇ προσεύχῃ καὶ τῇ δέησε μετὰ σύχαρσιάς τα αἰτήματα ὑμῶν γυμνουριζόμεθα πρὸς τὸν θεόν. Καὶ ἢ εἰρήνη τοῦ θεοῦ ἢ υπερέχουσα πάντα νοῦ, φρούρησες τὰς καρδίας ὑμῶν καὶ τὰ νοήματα ὑμῶν ἐν Χριστῶ ἡσυχίᾳ. Τὸ λοιπόν, ἄδελφοι, ὅσα ἐστίν ἀληθῆ, ὅσα σεμνὰ, ὅσα δύκα, ὅσα ἀγάν, ὅσα προσφυγῆ, ὅσα εὐρήμα, ἡς τὸ ἀρετὴ καὶ τὴν ἑπανος, ταῦτα λογίζεσθε. Α καὶ ἐμαθέτε και παρελάβετε καὶ ἡκούστε καὶ εἴδετε ἐν ὑμῖν, ταῦτα πάσασετε· καὶ ὁ θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης ἔσται μεθ’ ὑμῶν.

Φιλιππησίους 4:4-9

Apolytikia
Resurrectional/ of the Saint

To confirm the general resurrection before Your Passion, You resurrected Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore, imitating the children, carrying the symbols of victory, we cry out to You the Victor over death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One who comes in the name of the Lord."

Τῇ κοινῇ Ἀνάστασιν πρὸ τοῦ σοῦ Πάθους πιστοῦμεν, ἕνεκρίνης ἑγερμῆς τὸν Λάζαρον. Χριστέ ὁ Θεός ὅθεν καὶ ἡμῖν ὡς οἱ Παιδεῖς, ὑπὲρ τῆς νίκης σύμβολα φέροντες, σοι τῷ Βασιλείῳ τοῦ βασιλέως βωμοῦ· Ὑπανα τῇ ὑμῶν ψυφία, εὐλογημένος ἕρχομεν, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

We were buried with You through Baptism, O Christ our God, and thus by Your Resurrection we have been granted immortal life, and extolling You we cry aloud, "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One who comes in the name of the Lord."

Συνταφέντες σοι διὰ τοῦ Βαπτίσματος, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός ἡμῶν, τῆς ἀθανατίου ζωῆς ἡμῶν ἡμῶν ἡμῶν τῆς Ἀναστάσεως σοι, καὶ ανυμινοῦμεν κράζομεν· Ὑπανα τῇ ὑμῶν ψυφία, εὐλογημένος ἕρχομεν, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

Of the Church

A Standard of firm belief and an icon of gentleness, of self-control an instructor, you were revealed to your sacred flock, by the reality of your deeds, for this reason you acquired, by humility, heaven’s heights, and by poverty riches, Father and Great Hierarch Nicholas, intercede with Christ our God, to sanctify and save our souls.

Κανόνα πίστεως καὶ εἰκόνα πρωτοτοκίου, ἐγκατέστησε Βασιλείου, ἀνεδείξε σε τῇ ποίησι σοι ὁ τῶν πραγμάτων ἀθλησθείς, διὰ τοῦτο εἰκονίζεται τα ψυχή, τα πλούσια τα πλούσια, Πάτερ Ἐπάρχα Νικόλαε· πρόβεβλει Χριστῷ τῷ θεῷ, σωθῆναι τυφεκάς ἡμῶν.

Kontakion

In heaven upon the throne, on earth upon the colt, * You were carried, O Christ our God; * and the praise of the Angels, and the hymns of the children, You received as they cried to You, * "Blessed are You, the One, who is coming to call Adam back again."

Tryλν ἐν οὐρανῷ, τῷ πάλῳ ἐπί τῆς γῆς, ἐποχρύσυμεν Χριστέ ὁ θεός, τῶν Ἀγγείων τὴν αἰνέσι, καὶ τῶν Παιδιών ἀνύμινυμον προσεδέπα βωμοῦν σοι Εὐλογημένος εί ὑπερήμων, τὸν Ἀδάμ ἀνακαλέσαται.
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