



# PALM SUNDAY

**Welcome** to St. Nicholas of Myra Byzantine Catholic Church. We invite you to join us for coffee hour, which is held in the fellowship hall, immediately after the Divine Liturgy. We ask that you introduce yourself to our Pastor, who would be happy to answer your questions.

Please visit our Mission in Wasilla. Blessed Theodore Romzha (Bishop and Martyr—murdered by Communists in 1947, whose feast day is October 31st). We meet on Sunday afternoons at 4 p.m. Blessed Romzha mission is an outreach to the Mat-Su Valley and we are delighted to welcome all who choose to attend our Divine Liturgy at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church. Please see the address on back of this bulletin.

## Divine Liturgy Schedule March 25.— Apr 1,

### PALM SUNDAY

Sat	3/24	5:00 pm	Vesper/Liturgy : +Virgil Kaiser Jr (Dorothy Savok)
Sun	3/25	10:00 am	Liturgy: Kinsleigh, Jenn & Brandon ( Liz & Tom Kol)
		4:00 pm	Living and Deceased Members of Parish Mission in Wasilla
Mon	3/26	6:30 pm	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts : + June Kaiser Leon ( Dorothy Savok)
Tues	3/27	6:30 pm	Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts : Norma H ( Intention )
Wed	3/28	6:30 pm	Services Holy Mystery Anointing of the Sick
Thur	3/29	10:00 am	Liturgy of St. Basil the Great: Mary Pat, Maru and YongChu ( The Heller's)
		6:30 pm	Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels
Fri	3/30	6:30 pm	Entombment Vespers and Candlelight Procession
Sat	3/31	5:00 pm	Vesper Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 1 <sup>st</sup> Announcement of the Resurrection Kendall Drake (Dave & Judy Bich)

### PASCHA—FEAST OF FEAST—THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

**Sun 4/1 12:15 AM (Midnight) Wasilla** Resurrection Procession, Divine Liturgy, Oil of Gladness, Blessing of Easter Baskets

**Sun 4/1 9:00 AM ANCHORAGE** Resurrection Procession and Matins  
 Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom  
 Reading of the Gospel in Multiple Languages  
 Anointing with the Oil of Gladness  
 Blessing of Easter Baskets



**7 DAY CANDLE INTENTIONS**  
**EUCCHARIST:** James & Brigitte Landry ( Fr.M)  
**THEOTOKOS:** The priesthood vocation ( Fr. Michael)  
**CZESTOCHOWA:** Veronica Lambertsen ( Fr.M)

\*7 DAY Candle intentions may be requested by filling out an envelope at the entrance. Donation is \$10.00

Lord and Master of My life,  
 Spare me from the spirit of *indifference, despair, lust for power, and idle chatter*,  
 Instead, bestow on me, your servant, the spirit of *integrity, humility, patience, and Love*.  
 Yes, O Lord and King, *let me see my own sins, and not judge my brothers and sisters*;  
 for you are blessed forever and ever. Amen.



**BISHOP APPEAL 2018** a letter and flyer from Bishop John Pazak about the Annual Bishop's Appeal has been mailed to your home. Please read the letter and take some time to decide what you will pledge. You could pay it all at once or decide to use a payment schedule over the next 3 months to pay your pledge. Try to get your pledge form in as soon as possible.

**BISHOP'S APPEAL 2018** This year, we are requested to send our pledges directly to the Bishop's office in Phoenix, AZ, and our checks made to Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Eparchy.

**Our parish goal is \$5,775.00**

**Blessed Theodore goal is \$275.00**

Please support the Annual Appeal to the best of your financial ability.

**EASTER FLOWER MEMORIAL** our budget for decorating the church for Pascha is determined by the generous donations for the Flowers, Palms and PussyWillows. Please print out the names that you want to add to the Easter Memorial. A list will be published in the week after Easter/Pascha. There are envelopes in your boxes and at the doors.



**\*Easter Egg Hunt:** Saturday 3/31, after evening liturgy. Please all families bring Easter eggs (hard boiled and/or plastic filled with prizes/treats) for the kids Easter egg hunt that will be held after liturgy on Holy Saturday. Please bring donated eggs on or before Good Friday service.

**Child Easter Basket Raffle:** Please purchase tickets for our Children's Easter Basket Raffle. Drawing will be held on Holy Saturday after the Easter egg hunt. The money that is raised from the raffle will pay for the pizza party. Please see the Bich Family to purchase tickets. The cost is .50 each or 3/\$1.00.

### **EASTER BASKETS ANCHORAGE**

Next week Sunday, following the 9:00am Easter Divine Liturgy, we will have the traditional blessing of Easter baskets in Artim Hall. In bulletin, you will find a guide for what to include in your Easter basket according to Eastern traditions.



**Thank you:** to the Auton family for hosting last week's coffee social . Thank you to the Heller and Josefine for hosting this week. We appreciate everyone's hospitality.

***Please feel free to talk with Fr. Michael about parish needs***

**Easter formation classes for children.  
March Sunday: 25,**

**Thank you:** Therese Landry, Liuba Sidun, David & Judith Bich , Rachel Jones , Matthew & Olga Pustina, Frania Lonska for cleaning all the pews & windows in church—personal & parish PASCHA preparations persist!

# **St. Nicholas of Myra Byzantine Catholic Church**

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**Pastor:** *Rev. Father Michael Sidun*

## **Divine Liturgy Schedule**

**Weekday Divine Liturgy: 6:00pm**

*Saturday Divine Liturgy: 5:00 pm      Sunday Divine Praises: 9:40 am*

**Divine Liturgy: 10:00 am**

*Holy Mystery of Confession: 20 minutes before every Divine Liturgy and upon request*

## **Blessed Theodore Romzha Byzantine Catholic Mission**

*Sacred Heart Church, 1201 Bogard Road in Wasilla*

**Holy Mystery of Confession: Sundays—After Liturgies**

**Divine Liturgy: 4:00 pm**

**Our Parish and Mission are in Communion with the Pope of Rome and the Holy Protection of Mary Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Phoenix**

# **St Nicholas of Myra:** **Holy Week Schedule—2018**

## **Holy Monday 3/26**

6:30 PM Divine Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts:  
(Confessions 5:45:- 6:15 pm & After)

## **Holy Tuesday 3/27**

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(Confessions 5:45:- 6:15 pm & After)

## **Holy Wednesday—Day of Abstinence from Meat 3/28**

6:30 PM: Services Holy Mystery Anointing of the Sick  
(Confessions 5:45:- 6:15 pm & After)

## **Holy Thursday 3/29**

10:00 AM Liturgy of St. Basil the Great  
6:30 PM Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels  
(Confessions 5:45- 6:15 pm & After)

## **Good Friday—Day of Strict Fast—NO MEAT—NO DAIRY 3/30**

6:30 PM Entombment Vespers and Candlelight Procession  
(Confessions 5:45:- 6:15 pm & After)

## **Holy Saturday—Day of Abstinence from Meat 3/31**

5:00 PM Vesper Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great  
1<sup>st</sup> Announcement of the Resurrection  
(Confessions 4:25- 4:50 pm & After)  
Cheese Pizza & Children's Egg Hunt

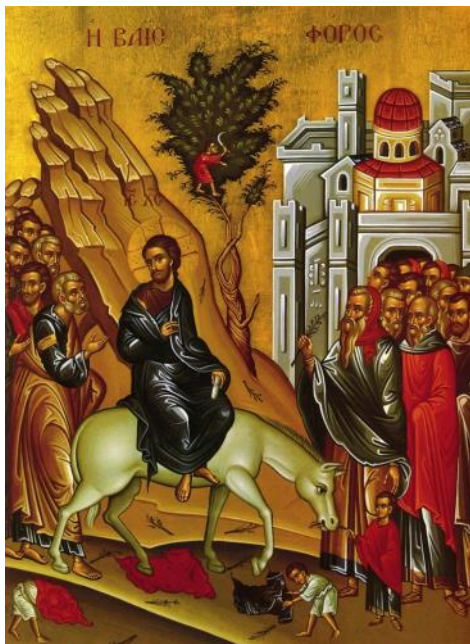
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*All are welcome to stay & celebrate Pascha Feast with parish family in Artim Hall*

Christ is risen! / Indeed He is risen! (English)  
Christós voskrése! / Voístinu voskrése! (Slavonic)  
Al-Maseeh qam! / Háqqan qam! (Arabic)  
Christós anésti! / Alithós anésti! (Greek)



## PALM SUNDAY

JN 12:12-16

When the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out:

“Hosanna!

“Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel.”

Jesus found an ass and sat upon it, as is written:

*Fear no more, O daughter Zion;*

*see, your king comes, seated upon an ass's colt.*

His disciples did not understand this at first,

but when Jesus had been glorified

they remembered that these things were written about him

and that they had done this for him.



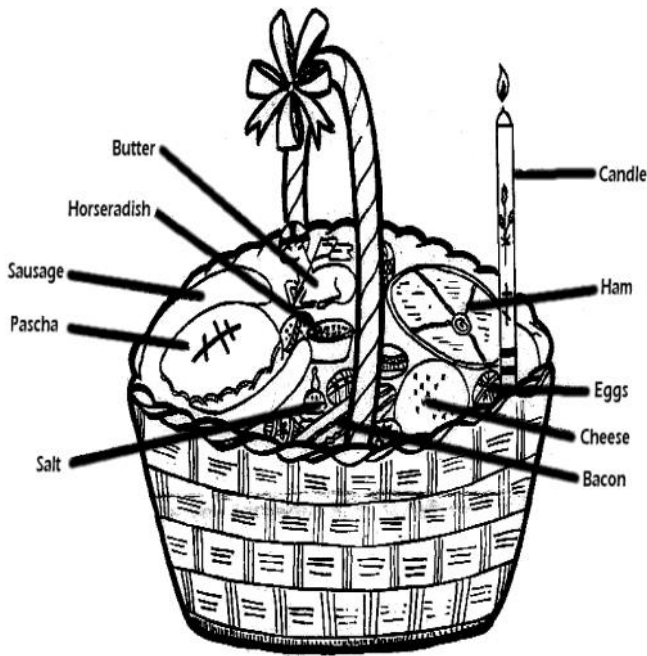
## Great and Holy Pascha

Our Lord, then, was crucified, died, and was buried on Friday, before the setting of the sun, which was the first of His "three days" in the grave; observing the mystical Sabbath, that "seventh day" in which it is said that the Lord "rested from all His works" (Gen. 2:2-3), He passed all of Saturday in the grave; and He arose "while it was yet dark, very early in the morning" on Sunday, the third day, which, according to the Hebrew reckoning, began after sunset on Saturday.

As we celebrate today this joyous Resurrection, we greet and embrace one another in Christ, thereby demonstrating our Saviour's victory over death and corruption, and the destruction of our ancient enmity with God, and His reconciliation toward us, and our inheritance of life everlasting. The feast itself is called Pascha, which is derived from the Hebrew word which means "passover"; because Christ, Who suffered and arose, has made us to pass over from the curse of Adam and slavery to the devil and death unto our primal freedom and blessedness. In addition, this day of this particular week, which is the first of all the rest, is dedicated to the honour of the Lord; in honour and remembrance of the Resurrection, the Apostles transferred to this day the rest from labour that was formerly assigned to the Sabbath of the ancient Law.

The Resurrection

## What should I have in my Traditional Easter Pascha Basket?



**Paska-** The Easter Bread. Symbolic of Christ Himself, who is our True Bread. Usually a round loaf of bread decorated on the top with a Cross.

**Ham-** This meat is popular as the main dish because of its richness and symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Pascha-Easter.

Meat in the Pascha basket also symbolizes the calf sacrificed when the Prodigal Son returned home; the meat is a celebration of our return to Christ.

**Sausage-** A spicy, garlicky sausage of pork products, indicative of God's favor and generosity.

**Cheese- Sweet Cheese;** mix farmer cheese with confectionary sugar, raisins, cinnamon, cloves and nutmeg. Indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things.

**Eggs/Pysanky-** Hard boiled eggs-decorated, indicative of new life and Resurrection.

**Horseradish-** A piece of the root or prepared horseradish with red beets. Symbolic of the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection. It is also included in the basket to remind us of the bitter drink given to Christ at his crucifixion, vinegar and gall.

**Butter-** Usually whipped (sometimes flavored with almond), is included in the basket to symbolize the Lamb of God, the Sacrifice made for the world. Some families use a lamb-shaped mold for their butter, which made the symbolism even stronger.

**Salt-** A condiment necessary for flavor; reminding the Christian of his duty towards others. If your family has never taken a Pascha basket to be blessed, the above Easter-Pascha basket traditions may give you some ideas for starting your own. If you regularly prepare a basket for the celebration of the Resurrection, take some time to explain the deep meanings of the foods and their preparation to your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Everyone will enjoy being involved: baking, decorating, eating!

All items are placed in a wicker basket and a ribbon or bow is tied to the handle. A decorated candle is placed in the basket and lit at the time of blessing. A linen cover (usually embroidered) is placed over the food when brought to the Church. Sweet wine may also be brought.



**Dear Saint Nicholas of Myra Parish Family & Guests**  
**Dear Blessed Theodore Romzha Mission Parish Family & Guests**

**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED HE IS RISEN!**

**Your hearts are filled with the Love, Joy and Peace of our Risen Lord. I pray that this Love, Joy and Peace permeates every area of your lives and consecrates every moment, every deed and every relationship in your families, our parish, our communities, our countries and world. I thank you for all your preparations for the PASCHA Feast: you beautified our church & Artim Hall; you prayed, fasted & gave alms; you dressed in your best—COME JOIN THE FEAST!**

**Please join us in the parish hall after Divine Liturgy so I may bless our Pascha baskets, and please stay to share and enjoy some of our blessed food, drink and most of all, each other's company.**

**With much Love, Respect and Prayer,  
 Father Michael Sidun with Family**

**English - Christ is risen! / Indeed He is risen!**

**Church Slavonic – Христо́въ воскресе́! Воистину воскресе! (Hristos voskrese! Voistinu voskrese!)**

**Ukrainian – Христос воскрес! Воістину воскрес! (Khrystos voskres! Voistynu voskres!)**

**Russian – Христос воскрес! Воистину воскрес! (Christos voskres! Voistinu voskres!)**

**Polish – Chrystus zmartwychwsta! Prawdziwie zmartwychwsta!**

**Greek – Χριστὸς ἀνέστη! Ἀληθῶς ἀνέστη! (Khristós Anésti! Alithós Anésti!)**

**Arabic- Al-Maseeh qam! / Háqqan qam!**

**Latin – Christus resurrexit! Resurrexit vere!**

**Spanish – Cristo ha resucitado! En verdad ha resucitado!**

**Romanian – Hristos a înviat! Adevărat a înviat!**

**French – Le Christ est ressuscité! En vérité il est ressuscité! or Le Christ est**

**Italian – Cristo è risorto! È veramente risorto!**

**German – Christus ist auferstanden! Er ist wahrhaftig auferstanden!**

**Hungarian – Krisztus feltámadt! Valóban feltámadt!**

**Aleut – Kristus aq ungewektaq! Pichinuq ungewektaq!**

**Yupik languages – Xris-tusaq Ung-uixtuq! Iluumun Ung-uixtuq!**

**Filipino – Si Kristo ay nabuhay! Totoo! Siya nga ay nabuhay!**

**Japanese – ハリストス復活！実に復活！ (Harisutosu fukkatsu! Jitsu ni fukkatsu!)**

**Korean – 그리스도께서 부활하셨네! 참으로 부활하셨네! (Geuriseudokkeseo Buhwalhasheetne! Chameuro Buhwalhasheetne!)**