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SUNDAY, APRIL 10, 2022

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." - Lk 19:38



PALM SUNDAY

For the five weeks of Lent we have been preparing, by works of charity and self-sacrifice, for the Lord's paschal mystery. Today the Church celebrates Christ's entrance into Jerusalem to accomplish this mystery. The memorial of this event is conveyed in the blessing of the palm branches, the solemn procession into the church and the reading of the Lord's Passion. As we begin this Holy Week, we not only recall the events of Christ's entrance in triumph into his own city, but we remember with devotion his saving work and follow him with a lively faith.

CHRISM MASS

The Annual Mass of Chrism will be celebrated on Tuesday, April 12, at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph in Hartford. Archbishop Blair will preside at this special liturgy at which the three sacred oils will be blessed for distribution to the parishes of the Archdiocese and the priests in attendance will renew their commitment to priestly service. The three sacred oils are: The Oil of the Sick, the Oil of Catechumens and the Sacred Chrism. The Mass of Chrism is opened to the public.

<u>HOLY THURSDAY</u>

We gather on this special evening to celebrate the Mass of the Lord's Supper, when according to the Church's belief, Christ instituted the Holy Eucharist in the context of a Passover Meal with his disciples. Only one Mass may be offered in the evening. At this special liturgy, after the homily, there will be the traditional washing of the feet which represents the unselfish act of love and humility on the part of Jesus to the twelve disciples. At the end of the Mass, there will be the solemn procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Altar of Repose. The Church will remain open for private devotion until 10 p.m. that evening.

GOOD FRIDAY

Today is a day of fast and abstinence. It is the sad day in which we commemorate the passion and death of the Lord. Today is the day at which we recall the events of that tragic Friday afternoon almost two thousand years ago by prayer and reflection. There will be a Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 p.m. with the Reading of the Passion, the Veneration of the Cross and the distribution of Holy Communion.

EASTER VIGIL

Throughout this day the world seems be engulfed in darkness as we recall the events of Good Friday afternoon and mourn at the death of Jesus as he hung on the cross. Mass may not be celebrated until 8 p.m. with the Mass of the Easter Vigil. On this most holy night, we celebrate with great joy, Christ's Passover from death to life. At this Mass we have the blessing of the Easter Fire and the procession of the Easter candle into the church. The Easter Proclamation will be sung and the Liturgy of the Word will recall God's continual love for us from the very beginning of time.

<u>EASTER SUNDAY</u>

Today we celebrate with great joy the promise kept, "The Lord is risen – Alleluia!" Regular Sunday schedule with Mass at 9:30 a.m. here at St. Basil the Great.

THE ANNUAL EASTER COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN AT ALL THE MASSES NEXT WEEK-END. THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO YOUR PARISH!



HOW YOU CAN HELP Ukraine

SPECIAL REQUEST FROM YOUR PASTOR

We are all deeply saddened by the images of war, destruction and death that are coming out of the Ukraine each day. As the war continues to escalate and peace terms seem to be at a standstill, millions of innocent men, women and children are in need of our prayers and financial assistance. On Ash Wednesday, a collection was taken here at St. Basil the Great which amounted to \$2,169.09. The proceeds from this collection will be forwarded to the Archdiocese of Hartford in order to help our brothers and sisters in the Ukraine provide food, clothing and shelter for their families. First, as your pastor, I would like to thank you for your generosity to this important cause and secondly I would ask that if you would still like to donate to this collection please mark your contribution envelope "Ukraine" and mail it in or place it in the collection basket at Mass. For On-Line Giving please simply mark your donation, Ukraine.

Monsignor Ginty



The 7 Corporal Works of Mercy

7.) April 10th Visit the Imprisoned: A special second collection to buy reading materials for residents living in local half-way houses and prisons.



Sunday, April 10, 2022 6:30 – 7:30 pm Soup Distribution 7:30 pm Prayer Vigil

Woodtick Recreation Area (Lower Level) 201 Nichols Road, Wolcott CT

Please join us for a night of prayer and support for Ukraine.

Each participant will receive a cup of soup upon arrival and a luminary for the prayer vigil.

Tickets are available at:

Wolcott Town Hall Fortuna Restaurant Fercodini Properties
East Street Eatery Walsh's Market
Or by calling: 203-910-4846

Donation \$10.00

All money collected will be sent directly to the Ukraine Relief Fund via: St. Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church, Terryville CT

Please make checks payable to : St Michael's Byzantine Catholic Church Note "Ukraine Relief "on your check please.

BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD



On Holy Saturday parishioners are asked to bring those food items for their Easter Sunday Meal that they would like to be blessed to a short service beginning at St. Basil the Great in Wolcott beginning at 12 Noon.

GOSPEL MEDITATION— ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF **SCRIPTURE**

April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Pope St. John Paul II rightly taught, "To believe in Jesus is to accept what he says, even when it runs contrary to what others are saying. It means rejecting the lure of sin, however attractive it may be, in order to set out on a difficult path of Gospel virtues." Acceptance, rejection, suffering, betrayal, fear, reluctance, persecution, and painful, under served and unjust death are all played out in dramatic fashion today. Jesus spoke of God's unconditional love, mercy, and forgiveness. Who doesn't like hearing about love, especially God's? Jesus did not have backs turned on him, face intense suffering, and succumb to a horrific death because he spoke of God's love. All of those things occurred because of the implications of actually believing in God's love.

God's love comes with an intimate and equal bond with love of neighbor. This moves the believer outward to truly see their brothers and sisters as equals and compels them to work for a world that mirrors God's kingdom: a world based on justice, peace, mercy, and forgiveness. Sometimes, people want to keep God's love to themselves and use it solely for their own benefit. When they only want to use God's love to justify their own intentions and for their own projects, problems occur.

Sin makes something hurtful, destructive, and selfserving look very attractive and justifiable. The lure of sin creates friends who begin to believe the lie that the sin expounds. This is what happened on Calvary. When you begin actually doing what Jesus is saying and translate love into ac-tion, it inevitably will upset popular and longstanding conventions and structures. Many of these serve to protect status, foster personal gain and success, and further divide those who have from those who do not. Most people who hear the Gospel are attracted to what they hear, at first. When they realize that it means standing apart from popu-lar opinion, even if that opinion is against the Gospel and sinful, they cower back in fear and join the throngs shouting, "Crucify him!" There is an ambivalence found in many believers as they struggle with whether their belief is strong enough "to set out on the difficult path of Gospel virtues."

It takes a lot of courage to admit that the system is broken. It takes even more courage to point out the sin. And it takes an unbreakable love of God to then accept the consequences of doing so.

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Faith Formation Schedule

Religious Session A: 8:30 - 9:25 (Before the Education 9:30am Mass)

9:30am Mass)

Grades 1 & 2: Students meet Sunday, Apr.10

Grade 9: Students meet Sunday, Apr. 24

Session B: 10:35 - 11:30am (After 9:30am Mass) Grade 3: Students and Parents meet Sunday, Apr. 24 Please note change in class time for our Grade 3 Final Class and Parent Meeting.

Grade 4: Students meet Sunday, Apr. 24

Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning. Proverbs 9:9

RCIA meets Tuesday, Apr. 19, at 7pm in the Hall. There is NO class on Apr. 12, as members will attend Holy Week Services



Forward with Faith is a great opportunity to strengthen and expand ministries and outreach within our parish and community. As we embark

on the items in our case statement, we do so knowing the beneficiaries will be our children and generations

It is now our turn to meet the challenges of today and plan for tomorrow so that our parish will continue to flourish. Our goal can only be realized through the support of all parishioners.

Thank you if you have already made a pledge. We are at 70% of our goal. If you have not yet made a pledge, please pray fully consider making a sacrificial pledge to this once in a life time campaign. You can select convenient payment options. You can use your credit card and earn points. You can choose to donate stock. Perhaps your employer has a matching program. Many options are open to help with your pledge.

With your prayers and support we will continue to make transformative investments in our community and build upon the long term vibrancy of our parish.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon Apr 11 8:00 am	Greg Sillery Lisa Calo
Tue Apr 12 8:00 am	Vincenzo Chiaravalloti Request of Family
Thu April 14 7:00 pm	Mass of the Lord's Supper Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 10:00 pm
Fri April 15 3:00 pm	Good Friday The Passion of the Lord
Sat April 16 8:00 pm	Easter Vigil Mass
Sun April 17 9:30 am	Easter Sunday Mass All members of the parish



We keep in our prayers the following parishioners, as well as those who are homebound, Requests in the hospital and care facilities. May God bless them with His love and keep them safe in His care.

Fran Masi
Joan O'Brien
Louise Olmstead
Mary Ellen Perrilli
Paul Pitcher
Jeffrey Roche
Janice Rosselot
Stanley Samuolis
Sister Ann Stango
Paul Theroux
Priscilla Vaillancour
John Varanelli

MON April 11

Rosary after 8 a.m. Mass

TUE April 12

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

after 8 a.m. Mass

TUE April 12

RCIA meets at 7 pm in the Hall ANOINTING of THE SICK

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OFFICE HOURS

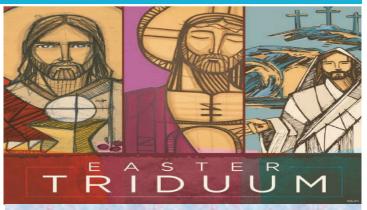
Monday - Thursday 9:00 am - 4:00 pm Friday 9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Week of April 3

Weekly Collection \$5,891..40



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Holy Thursday - April 14	
Mass of the Lord's Supper	7:00 p.m.

Good Friday - April 15 The Passion of the Lord 3:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday - April 16 **Blessing of the Easter Food** 12:00 p.m. **Easter Vigil Mass** 8:00 p.m.

Easter Sunday - April 17 Mass 9:30 a.m.



LENTEN CONFESSIONS 7:00 p.m.

Confessions will be on Monday evening at St. Leo the Great.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS 7:00 p.m.

Every Friday during Lent beginning March 4th at St. Basil the Great Parish





Please remember in your prayers our deceased members of St. Basil the Great Parish, especially;

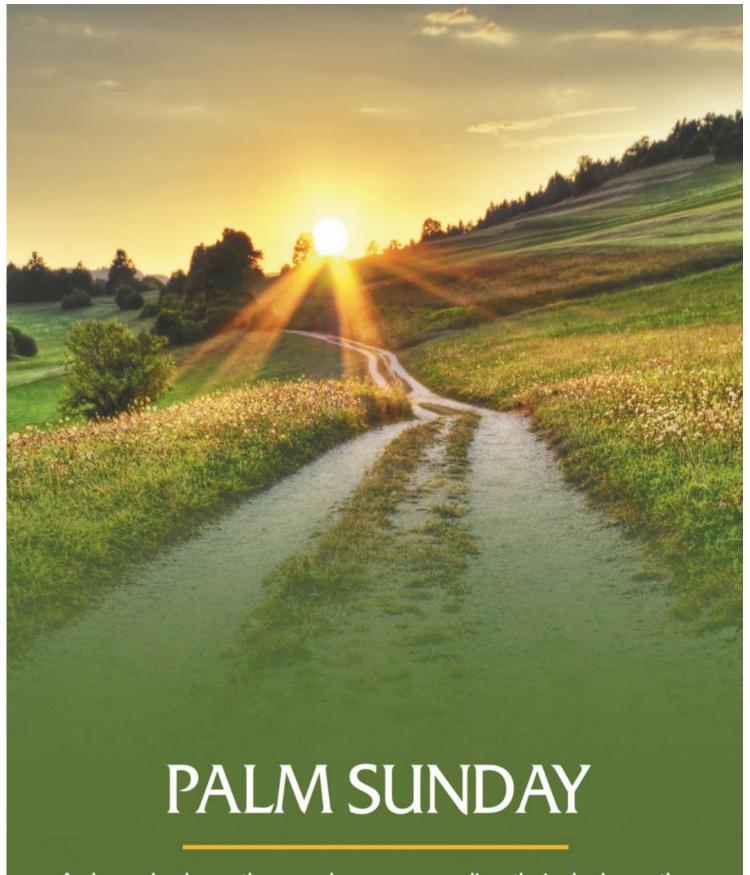
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As he rode along, the people were spreading their cloaks on the road; the whole multitude of his disciples began to praise God aloud with joy for all the mighty deeds they had seen. - Lk 19:36, 37b

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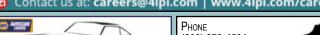
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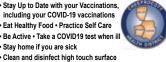
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