

Parish Prayer List (Living)

Alexandra	Sharon	Paige	Reader Mark
Andrea	Amanda	Sherry	Joretta
Fr. Michael	Barry	Sean	Kristi
James	Nicholas B.	Karin	Andrea & Kirby
Nanette	Alexandra	Illisa	Rachael
Michael	Helen	Susan K	Bob Wedder
Anna	Erin and baby	Karen	Anastasia
Polly			

Parish Prayer List (Fallen Asleep)

Metropolitan Nicholas (+3/13)	Michael Pilja (+4/7)
Christine Henn (+4/21)	Laura Lamby (+3/17)
Michael Baker (+3/26)	

Additional Announcements

Holy Week Schedule

Wednesday, April 20: *Unction Service* (7:00 p.m)

Thursday, April 21: *Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels* (7:00 p.m.) Before this service we will the black bunting and serve a pannakhida for Metropolitan Nicholas, as his 40 day period of mourning comes to a close.

Friday, April 22: *Royal Hours of Pascha* (10:00 a.m.)

The Burial Service (7:00 p.m.)

Saturday, April 23: *Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil, including the Chrismation of Tony and Paula Visconti* (10:00 a.m.)

Midnight office and Resurrection Matins (10:30 p.m.)

Divine Liturgy for the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord and God and Savior, Jesus Christ (midnight)

Sunday, April 24: *Vespers of Pascha* (2:30 p.m.)

Following the Paschal Liturgy we will bless baskets and the artos of Pascha. Afterwards, we will gather to break the fast together. If you want to bring a particular dish to share you can

sign up for it at a website set up by Pani. If you missed the e-mail with those details, let Pani or I know and we will get that to you.

Random Liturgical Notes

1. The period from Lazarus Saturday until Pascha has traditionally been one of the times when people entered the Church through the sacraments of Baptism and Chrismation. For that reason, you will hear “As Many as Have Been Baptized” sung instead of the Trisagion on Lazarus Saturday, the Vespereal Liturgy on Holy Saturday and on Pascha itself.
2. We always encourage everyone in the church to sing as much of the services as they are comfortable with. At all times, however, and particularly during this season when so much of the music is variable, let the choir find their pitch and then join them once they start singing.
3. When the bulletin calls for the Znamenny chant version of the Trisagion hymn, the first “Holy God” is sung by women only. They are joined for the second “Holy God” by tenors, and then by everyone for the rest of the song, beginning on the third “Holy God”.

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*Kontakion on the Raising of Lazarus
by St. Romanos the Melodist (6th century)*

Hades, now a prisoner, sees himself despoiled of this Lazarus,
Whom a short time ago he held enchained below;
For when the King of angels came against him,
The strength of demons was destroyed;
And the serpent who trails over the earth on his stomach,
Now, pierced in the mouth by the Wooden Spear, appears as dead.
But Adam rejoices when he sees Christ,
In His goodness, take pity on
The tears of Mary and Martha.

Rising from the tomb, the friend reveals his eyes
And hands bound by a cloth;

They release him; those who have their hearts
Bound by the ill will of slander,
Those who, as they plug up their ears like the adder,
Prepare their hands for most wicked slaughter,
That they may pour out
The harmless and innocent blood of the One
Who raises up the dead, and checks
The tears of Mary and Martha.

Having heard the words of the children,
Which came from pure hearts and innocent lips,
They were all filled with fear
Saying to one another, "Who is this man?"
O madness and complete stupidity!
A short time ago they saw raised from the dead
A corpse who had become fetid,
And they do not know who resurrected him,
And who destroyed with His voice the power of Hades,
And in accord with His merciful nature checked
The tears of Mary and Martha!

O Thy unspeakable compassion, all merciful Jesus!
Who didst consent to come for me and to me,
How didst Thou calmly ride upon the ass
And advance into the city of God slayers?
Foreseeing their terrible lack of faith, Thou didst command them
To release the bonds of Lazarus, that they might see
The One whom in a short time they wish to put to death
With no pity for
The tears of Mary and Martha.

O Savior, all came with palms on the occasion of Thy arrival,
Crying, "Hosanna!" to Thee,
Now all of us bring hymns to Thee out of piteous mouths,
As we wave the branches of our spirit and cry out:
"O Thou, truly among those on high, save the world
Which Thou hast created, Lord,
And blot out our sins, just as formerly Thou hast dried
The tears of Mary and Martha.

O Lover of mankind, the Holy Church holds a high festival,
Faithfully calling together her children;
It meets Thee with palms and spreads out garments of joy
So that, with Thy disciples and with Thy friend,
Thou mayest advance and legislate a deep peace for Thy servants,
And release them from oppression, as formerly Thou hast checked
The tears of Mary and Martha.

Incline Thy ear, O God of the universe, and hear our prayers,
And snatch us from the bonds of death,
For our enemies who always surround us, visibly and invisibly,
Threaten to have us put to death, and besides,
To deprive us of our faith.
Arise, and quickly let all be destroyed and let them know
That Thou art our God and dost pity us as Thou didst have pity on
The tears of Mary and Martha.

Let us, who are dead because of our sins, and who dwell in the
tomb
Because of our knowledge of evil,
Imitate the sisters of faithful Lazarus as we cry to Christ
With tears, in faith and in love:
"Save us, Thou who didst will to become man.
And resurrect us from the tomb of our sins, Thou, alone immortal,
Through the prayers of Thy friend, Lazarus,
Whom Thou didst raise up, O Lord, in checking
The tears of Mary and Martha."

Let us flee the mere material world, which is always in a state of
flux,
And hasten to meet Christ the Savior in Bethany.
Let us then dine with Him
And with his friend Lazarus and the apostles
So that we may, by their prayers, be delivered from our past sins.
If we cleanse every stain from our hearts, we shall see perfectly
His divine resurrection, which He offered to us when He took
away
The tears of Mary and Martha.