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***SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT – ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST IN
JERUSALEM - PALM SUNDAY***

Epistle: Philippians (4:4-9)

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy ó meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel: John (12: 1-18)

Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, "Why was this fragrant oil 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 had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always." Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus's sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees 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!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on 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 these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the

dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

TROPARION TONE I

You did give a pledge of the general resurrection before Your Passion, O Christ our God, by raising Lazarus from the dead. Therefore, we too, like the children, carry the symbols of victory and cry to You, the Vanquisher of death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord."

TROPARION TONE IV

When we were buried with You in Baptism, O Christ God, we were made worthy of eternal life by Your Resurrection! Now we praise You and sing: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!"

KONTAKION – TONE VI

On the throne in heaven and riding a colt on earth, O Christ our God, You did receive the praise of Angels and the chorus of the children who cried to You: Blessed are You Who comes to recall Adam.

REMINDERS

Adult Bible Study – Bible study will be canceled until further notice.

Confession ó Every Saturday at 6:30 p.m. after vespers and Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m. before Liturgy.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tonight– Lenten vesper services will begin at 5:00 p.m. and will be held at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Pittsburgh. Father Dejan Barac will be the guest homilist.

Holy Week Schedule of Services:

Wednesday, April 24th: Holy Unction ó Holy Trinity Cathedral - 6 p.m.

Thursday, April 25th: Great and Holy Thursday, Liturgy 10 a.m.

Holy Thursday, vespers and reading the 12 Passion Gospels - 6 p.m.

Friday, April 26th: Great and Holy Friday, Royal Hours 10 a.m.

Great and Holy Friday: Funeral/burial/w procession - 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 27th: Great and Holy Saturday - Liturgy 10 a.m.

Resurrection Service, Midnight

Sunday, April 28th: Pascha - Liturgy 10 a.m.

Monday, April 29th: Bright Monday, Liturgy 10 a.m.

Tuesday, April 30th: Bright Tuesday, Liturgy 10 a.m.

Friday, May 3rd: St. Nicholas parish family Pascha celebration dinner for all beginning at 6:30 p.m. *See insert.

Maintenance Committee ó Sour cabbage heads and smoked kielbasa available to purchase for your Easter meal. See anyone from the maintenance committee to order.

Items Gifted to our Church ó On behalf of the entire St. Nicholas parish, thank you to Danilo ðDaleö Dawson for his generous donation of the Bishop candle set in loving memory of the Mrkic family. May God grant you many years! Mnogaja ljeta!

Easter Flowers - Those who purchased flowers for beautifying Christ's Tomb and the Church at Easter should remove their flowers after Divine Liturgy on Easter Sunday. Flowers that are left will be planted on the Church grounds. Thank you for participating in this effort.

The Committee for the 2019 SNF Summer Golf Tournament has met and is excited to begin planning for this big event for our church and local SNF lodges. To be successful, we will need everyone's help! There will be many opportunities for you to contribute. The Committee will keep you informed of our progress over the coming months. Pam Matejevich will be coordinating volunteers for the event which will take place August 7-11, 2019. Reach out to Pam or to Chairman Dushan Markoff to offer your help or ask any questions!

THANK YOU - On behalf of the St. Nicholas parish family, I would like to commend and thank our Men's Klub Karadjordje for organizing this year's record breaking fish fry Fridays for the benefit of our parish. God grant you many years! Mnogaja ljeta!

THANK YOU - The Fish Fry Cake Table would like to thank all of the bakers, workers, donors, and customers who have helped us during the Lenten season. This project was very successful, and we are grateful for the support from all parishioners. More details to follow.

The Noodle-makers of St. Nicholas wish to thank all those who gave donations for eggs and flour and those who purchased noodles during this cycle. We shall see you again in the fall! Additionally, we have 15 bags of noodles available for purchase. See Pat Kolar or Rose Cheran.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, May 11th – Free Tammie concert. 3:00 p.m. at East Allegheny High School

Sunday, May 12th – Mother's Day celebration luncheon

Sunday, May 19th – Church Slava celebration, Transfer of The Relics of St. Nicholas the Wonderworker ó Liturgy at 10:00 a.m. with procession around the church ó Slava banquet to follow in the church hall ó Honored Kuma Mary Ann Tomich. All welcome! Dobro dosli!

Saturday, June 15th – **Blessing of the graves** ó 9:00 a.m. memorial service at Grandview cemetery in N. Versailles and 4:00 p.m. service at Export.

Friday, June 21st & Saturday, June 22nd – St. Nicholas Church Summer Camp ó For more information contact Amanda Formato 412-980-8944 or amandabilak@gmail.com

FOOD FOR THOUGHT:

Holy Week Services

Holy Unction: On the afternoon or evening of Great and Holy Wednesday, the Sacrament or Mystery of Holy Unction is conducted in Orthodox parishes. The Sacrament of Holy Unction is offered for the healing of soul and body and for forgiveness of sins. At the conclusion of the service of the Sacrament, the body is anointed with oil, and the grace of God,

which heals infirmities of soul and body, is called down upon each person. The Sacrament is performed by a gathering of priests, ideally seven in number, however, it can be performed by a lesser number and even by a single priest. The Sacrament of the Unction of the sick is the Church's specific prayer for healing. If the faith of the believers is strong enough, and if it is the will of God, there is every reason to believe that the Lord can heal those who are diseased. The biblical basis for the Sacrament is found in *James 5:14-16*:

Is any among you sick, let him call for the presbyters of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith will save the sick man, and the Lord will raise him up; and if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed.

Great and Holy Thursday - On Thursday of Holy Week four events are commemorated: the washing of the disciples' feet, the institution of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, the agony in the garden of Gethsemane, and the betrayal of Christ by Judas.

Great and Holy Friday - On Great and Holy Friday the Orthodox Church commemorates the death of Christ on the Cross. This is the culmination of the observance of His Passion by which our Lord suffered and died for our sins. The day of Christ's death is the day of sin. The sin which polluted God's creation from the breaking dawn of time reached its frightful climax on the hill of Golgotha. There, sin and evil, destruction and death came into their own.

Ungodly men had Him nailed to the Cross, in order to destroy Him. However, His death condemned irrevocably the fallen world by revealing its true and abnormal nature.

In Christ, who is the New Adam, there is no sin. And, therefore, there is no death. He accepted death because He assumed the whole tragedy of our life. He chose to pour His life into death, in order to destroy it; and in order to break the hold of evil. His death is the final and ultimate revelation of His perfect obedience and love. He suffered for us the excruciating pain of absolute solitude and alienation - "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken Me!" (Mark 15:34). Then, He accepted the ultimate horror of death with the agonizing cry, "It is finished" (John 19:30). His cry was at one and the same time an indication that He was in control of His death and that His work of redemption was accomplished, finished, fulfilled. How strange!

While our death is radical unfulfillment, His is total fulfillment.

Great and Holy Saturday - On Great and Holy Saturday the Orthodox Church commemorates the burial of Christ and His descent into Hades. It is the day between the Crucifixion of our Lord and His glorious Resurrection. On Great Saturday our focus is on the Tomb of Christ. This is no ordinary grave. It is not a place of corruption, decay and defeat. It is life-giving, a source of power, victory and liberation. Great Saturday is the day between Jesus' death and His resurrection. It is the day of watchful expectation, in which mourning is being transformed into joy.

Resurrection Vespers begins with the church in complete darkness. As midnight approaches the priest taking a light from a vigil light within the altar passes the flame to the faithful for their candles while singing. Then the priest leads the faithful out of the church in procession. After circling the church either one or three times, as the procession nears the entrance door of

the church, the priest leads in the singing of the hymn of Resurrection. "Christ has risen from the dead, by death trampling upon Death, and has bestowed life upon those in the tombs!" At this point the priest and faithful enter the well-lighted church for the remaining part of Vespers.

