

**St. John Chrysostom, Col's, OH
Parish Weekly Schedule**

**Sunday April 9
Flowery Sunday**

9:30am Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful

Children's Easter Egg Hunt following Divine Liturgy, meet in the hall

~ Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the services. Everyone is welcome!

**Holy Week and Pascha
Schedules inside bulletin**

Mon. April 10 Great and Holy Monday

9a-1p Office Hours

Wed. April 12 Great and Holy Wednesday

9a-1p Office Hours

Thu. April 13 Great and Holy Thursday

Office closed until Bright Thursday

**St. Barbara, Dayton, OH
Monthly Schedule**

**Saturday April 8
Flowery Sunday**

4pm Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful

~ Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the services. Everyone is welcome!

**Saturday April 15
Great and Holy Saturday; Pascha**

3pm Vespers; Divine Liturgy of St. Basil
For the Faithful

Blessing of Baskets in parish hall following services

**Saturday April 22
St. Thomas Sunday**

4pm Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful

~ Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the services. Everyone is welcome!

**Saturday April 29
Sunday of the Myrhh-Bearers**

4pm Divine Liturgy
For the Faithful

~ Coffee and refreshments will be served in the parish hall following the services. Everyone is welcome!

**Services Schedule for
St. John Chrysostom, Col's**



All Visitors Welcome!

Great and Holy Monday

April 10, 2017 7:00pm

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts w/Gospel

+John & +Julia Marco by Tom Marco & Myroslava Mudrak

Confessions heard following Liturgy

Great and Holy Wednesday

April 12, 2017 7:00pm

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts w/Gospel and Holy Anointing

7pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts and Holy Anointing

+Michael Ozimok by Linda Sachs

Confessions heard following Liturgy

Great and Holy Thursday

April 13, 2017 7:00pm

Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil

7pm Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

+Kenneth Papke by Elain Slan

Confessions heard following Liturgy

Great and Holy Friday April 14, 2017

9:00am The 12 Gospels

12p, 1p, 2p, 3p Royal Hours

7pm Vespers, Burial, Vigil at the grave begins

Pascha!

Saturday April 15 10:00pm

Midnight Office, Resurrection Matins, Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, Blessing of the Artos, Blessing of Baskets in parish hall.

Sunday April 16, 2017 10:00am

Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, Blessing of Baskets in parish hall.

Monday April 17 Bright Monday

7pm Divine Liturgy
For the Health of Ruth Turanchik by Tom Marco and Myroslava Mudrak

St. Barbara, Dayton



All Visitors Welcome!

Great and Holy Tuesday

April 11, 2017 6:00pm

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts w/Gospel and Holy Anointing

Confessions heard following services

Pascha!

Saturday April 15, 2017 3:00pm

Vespers with the Divine Liturgy of St. Basil; Blessing of baskets

Eastern Christian Formation

Children's ECF Class Schedule:

April 2 & 23, May 7 & 21

Pirohi Making

Thursday, April 27th 10am

Friday, April 28th 10am

Advisory Board Meeting

Monday, April 24th 7:00pm

Volunteer Schedules Collection Counting

April 2 Kathy Krofcheck

April 9 Jerry Stasek

April 16 Office

April 23 Mark Frye

April 30 Alex Rakowsky

Church Cleaning

April 8 ALL CLEAN

April 22 John Clear/Keith Nissen

IN THE YEAR 75 the Jewish historian Flavius Josephus described the recent Jewish revolt against Roman rule and how the imperial army, led by Vespasian and his son Titus, had crushed the rebels. Vespasian was proclaimed emperor and an elaborate victory celebration was held. The treasures of Jerusalem were carried through Rome in a triumphant display of imperial power. Josephus describes it this way: "Vespasian and Titus came forth crowned with laurel, and clothed in purple ... At this all the soldiers shouted for joy..."

A great triumphal march followed with Roman senators and uniformed troops. Treasures taken from the defeated Jews were paraded through the city. "...they made the greatest display carrying what had been taken from the temple in Jerusalem: the golden table, the golden lampstand ... and the last of all the spoils, the Torah of the Jews" (*The Jewish Wars*, VII, 5).

What a contrast to the scene remembered by the Church today: the Lord Jesus, "*humble and sitting on a donkey, a colt, the foal of a donkey*" (Mt 21:9). He was acclaimed, not by a conquering army, but by a ragtag crowd of children, pulling branches from the trees. Their shout was not "Hail, Caesar!" but "Hosanna to the Son of David!"

Christ as King

The Gospels consistently proclaim that the coming of Kingdom of God was at hand. The presence of the Kingdom was the main focus of the Lord Jesus' teaching, as it had been the message of John the Baptist. The Apostles depicted Christ as One in whom the Kingdom was present and that He Himself was "the son of David," its King. What kind of kingdom He ruled was regularly misunderstood, however. People assumed that the Messiah-King would re-establish an Israel free of Roman oversight.

When the magi asked Herod, "*Where is He who has been born King of the Jews?*" (Mt 2:2), Herod assumed that his position on the throne was threatened. He responded by killing the boys of Bethlehem whom we call the Holy Innocents.

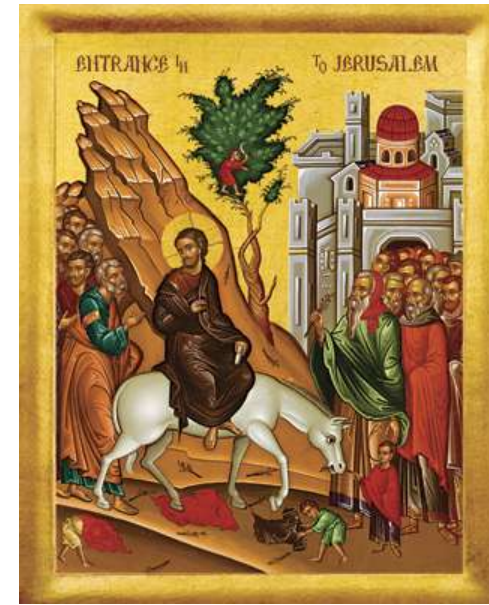
When Jesus fed the multitudes with a few barley loaves and two small fish, people thought that this was a sign that, with Jesus, God was restoring Israel's independence.

"Therefore when Jesus perceived that they were about to come and take Him by force to make Him king, He departed again to the mountain by Himself alone" (Jn 6:15).

When the Jewish authorities accused Jesus before Pilate, it was that He had made Himself a king. Because of this, Pilate asked Him, "*Are You the King of the Jews?*" (Mt 27:11). Much of what followed – the soldiers' mockery, the purple robe, the crown and scepter, and the charge nailed over His head on the cross – point to the Romans' belief that Jesus was claiming to rule the land of Israel.

The Lord had told Pilate explicitly that this was not so. "*Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here"* (Jn 18:36).

There is one further note in the Gospels pointing to the Apostles' faith that the Lord Jesus truly is king. Jesus is buried, not as a homeless convicted rebel, but in a manner worthy of a king, surrounded with "*a mixture of*



myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds" (Jn 19:39) provided by Nicodemus. That people saw Jesus as a (supposed) Messiah-King is clear; that they misunderstood the nature of His kingship is undisputed.

A Kingdom "Not of This World"

When Pilate asked Jesus "are you a King?" the Lord answered, "*You say rightly that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I*

should bear witness to the truth" (Mt 18:37). It is in the Gospel records of Jesus' teaching – particularly the Parables – that we see what His kingdom was, and what it was not.

This teaching is summarized in the Beatitudes (Mt 5:3-10). This text is so familiar to us that we may not see it as describing the lifestyle of God's Kingdom:

*"Blessed are the poor in spirit,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
Blessed are those who mourn,
For they shall be comforted.
Blessed are the meek,
For they shall inherit the earth.
Blessed are those who hunger and thirst
for righteousness,
For they shall be filled.
Blessed are the merciful,
For they shall obtain mercy.
Blessed are the pure in heart,
For they shall see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
For they shall be called sons of God.*



*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
For theirs is the kingdom of heaven."*

It is safe to say that the Lord is not describing the ruling elite of any worldly state.

Elsewhere we see that His Kingdom is based on:

Putting God First – “Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you” (Mt 6:31-33);

Child-like Simplicity - “Assuredly, I say to you, unless you are converted and become as little children, you will by no means enter the kingdom of heaven. Therefore whoever humbles himself as this little child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven” (Mt 18:3, 4);

“Then little children were brought to Him that He might put His hands on them and pray, but the disciples rebuked them. But Jesus said, ‘Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven’” (Mt 19:13, 14);

Imitating the Way He Empties Himself –“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a servant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross” (Phil 2:5-8);

Servant-Leadership – “Now there was also a dispute among them, as to which of them

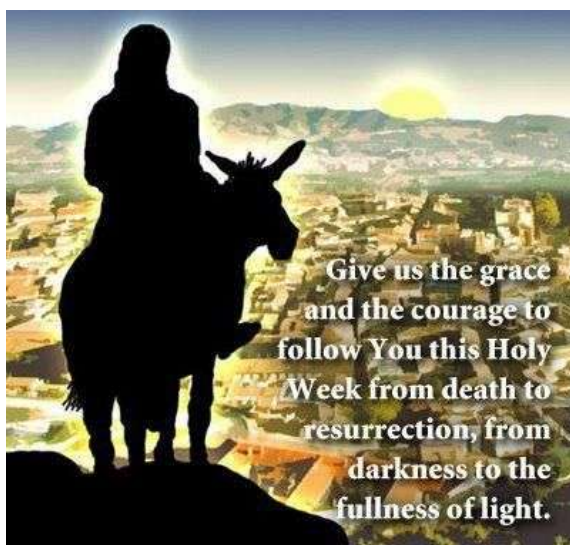
should be considered the greatest. And He said to them, ‘The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those who exercise authority over them are called ‘benefactors.’ But not so among you; on the contrary, he who is greatest among you, let him be as the younger, and he who governs as he who serves. For who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves.

“But you are those who have continued with Me in My trials. And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon Me, that you may eat and drink at My table in My kingdom, and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel” (Lk 22:24-30);

“So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, ‘Do you know what I have done to you? You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet” (Jn 13:12-14).

This is the Kingdom we celebrate today.

~ Office of Educational Services, Eparchy of Newton



Prayer List

For the sick in our parish families, please remember in your prayers:

The Priest Eugene Linowski	The Priest Msgr. John Cody
Ron Doctor	Julia Fedeczko
Charlene Grabner	Deborah Haddad
Esther Imhoff	Marilyn Kimbrel
Victor Lonzrick	Bill Martin
Paul Mech	Dave Olszyk
John Oshinski	Bob Parks
Maria Rakowsky	John Sikora
Bernie Turanchik	Ruth Turanchik
	Anastaszja Wojchak
	Julie Fultz
	Ev Houston
	Donald Krofcheck
	Joe Martin
	Mic O’Halloran
	Michelle Pomales
	Dennis Stinich

That the Lord God, for the glory of His name, visit his sick servants with His Holy Spirit and cure every illness and affliction, let us pray.



Jennifer Boniface	Jack Hummel	Esther Imhoff
Donovan Koval	Rebecca Krofcheck	Rev. Eugene Linowski
Paul Mech	Matthew Mnich	Maria Morris
Bohdan Rakowsky	Ruth Turanchik	

Stephen & Jennifer Boniface
Celebrating 10 years crowned in Marriage

Bill & Margo Hospodar
Celebrating 47 years crowned in Marriage

Martin & Joan Hummel
Celebrating 7 years crowned in Marriage

Paul & Sharon Mech
Celebrating 33 years crowned in Marriage

Willard & Mildred Woryk
Celebrating 28 years crowned in Marriage

May God grant them all many Happy and Blessed Years!