

# SAINT NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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**PALM SUNDAY**

**ORTHROS:** 9:00AM

**DIVINE LITURGY:** 10:00AM

**EPISTLE:** PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9 (pg. 1342)

**GOSPEL:** JOHN 12:1-18 (pg. 1250)

*THE CHRISMATION OF GABRIEL MOYET*

## THE LORD'S ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

*Today, the Sunday before Great and Holy Pascha and at the beginning of Holy Week, the Orthodox Church celebrates one of its most joyous feasts of the year. Palm Sunday is the commemoration of the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem following His glorious miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead. Having anticipated His arrival and having heard of the miracle, the people went out to meet the Lord and welcomed Him with displays of honor and shouts of praise. On this day, we receive and worship Christ in this same manner, acknowledging Him as our King and Lord. For more information visit <https://www.goarch.org/palmsunday-learn?>*

## PARTICIPATE IN OUR SAINT NICHOLAS MINISTRIES/PROGRAMS/ORGANIZATIONS!

**Saint Nicholas Church is on social media!** Like us on Facebook @stnicholasnj and follow us on Instagram m @stnicholasgoc. To share your ministry's events and activities email socialmedia@stnicholasnj.org

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (SUNDAY SCHOOL):** This is the primary place where our children learn the richness of our faith in Jesus Christ and the traditions of the Orthodox Church. Classes are offered to children from Pre-school-12<sup>th</sup> grade. To register your child, to volunteer as a teacher, or for additional information contact Demi Thomas at [demithomas27@gmail.com](mailto:demithomas27@gmail.com)

**HOPE & JOY:** Hellenic Orthodox Primary Education (ages 4 to 7) and Junior Orthodox Youth (ages 8 to 11) are ministries that offer children and their parents an opportunity for instruction and fellowship. The programs are stepping stones to GOYA that foster friendships and participation within our community. Contact Fr. Bill at [frbill@stnicholasnj.org](mailto:frbill@stnicholasnj.org) Ministry Leaders needed.

**MOMS HELPING MOMS:** Come join other young moms once twice a month on a Friday morning for breakfast and fellowship. Contact Dr. Eva Krias at [ekrias@optonline.net](mailto:ekrias@optonline.net) for more information.

**ACOLYTES:** Come serve the Lord in His Holy Altar and help lead worship services. Join our team! And assist Fr. Bill in the liturgical services. Serving as an acolyte allows you to learn more about Orthodoxy as well as build a closer relationship to God. All baptized males ages 8 and over are welcome to serve! To learn more contact Fr. Bill at [frbill@stnicholasnj.org](mailto:frbill@stnicholasnj.org)

**GREEK DANCE:** The Greek Dance Program's mission is to promote Christian fellowship through teamwork and unity. Dance groups are for children (5-11) and GOYAns (12-18). Practices are on Wednesday evenings. For more information, contact Sophia Papson [sophiapapson@icloud.com](mailto:sophiapapson@icloud.com) or Maria Leonart [marhadg@gmail.com](mailto:marhadg@gmail.com)

**GOYA:** Greek Orthodox Youth of America is a teen ministry open to those in grades 7-12 and ages 12-18. We participate in various volunteer works, dances, and sporting events. The ministry is available to any Orthodox Christian young person who is willing to participate in fellowship and service, give back, and have fun!! For more information, please contact Maria Gougousis at [mariagougousis@gmail.com](mailto:mariagougousis@gmail.com) or Kallie Martello at [ckmartello@verizon.net](mailto:ckmartello@verizon.net)

**YOUNG EMERGING ADULTS:** We are growing our Young Emerging Adult (YEA) ministry for those 18+ years old. If you are interested in joining, please contact Fr. Bill at [frbill@stnicholasnj.org](mailto:frbill@stnicholasnj.org) .

**PHILOPTOCHOS:** The Ladies Philoptochos Society is the philanthropic arm of the Church dedicated to serving those in need. We coordinate efforts for the entire Saint Nicholas community to raise money to donate to those less fortunate. For more information contact our president, Caroline Kalliotzis at [ckalliotzis@aol.com](mailto:ckalliotzis@aol.com)

**PARISH COUNCIL:** The Parish Council is a group of dedicated stewards elected by the Church body to assist the pastor and the parish. The Parish Council meets regularly to manage the needs of our Church. If you have any questions or if you are interested in running for the Parish Council, contact Kathy Van Dine at [kathyvandine@gmail.com](mailto:kathyvandine@gmail.com) or Fr. Bill at 201-652-4774 ext12.

**THE LADIES PRAYER GROUP:** The Ladies Prayer Group meets twice a month for an informal time of prayer and sharing of faith. This group also has an "Urgent Prayer Chain." Anyone with the desire to pray for those in immediate crisis need only add their email address to our list. For more information contact Irene Ayvas at 201-803-2307 or [jayvas@yahoo.com](mailto:jayvas@yahoo.com) .

**SCRIPTURE TALK IS SCRIPTURE UNVEILED!** It is a **virtual/remote Bible study** with a different Orthodox priest participating in the weekly discussion. **Join us every Tuesday, 7-8pm EST, on Zoom.** Currently discussing the Gospel of Matthew. Visit [www.ScriptureUnveiled.com](http://www.ScriptureUnveiled.com) for the Zoom meeting information. All who seek are welcome, no commitment needed and participants are free to simply listen or to participate. All are welcome!

**SAINT NICHOLAS COMMUNITY OUTREACH:** For more information contact Peggy Goulet at [peggoul2@aol.com](mailto:peggoul2@aol.com)

**WOMEN'S READING FELLOWSHIP (WRF):** The WRF reads and discusses various spiritual texts. This weekly fellowship is a loving environment, where women learn the role that God is playing in their lives. For more info, contact Renia Tsigaras at [renialuv@aol.com](mailto:renialuv@aol.com)

**DAUGHTERS OF PENELOPE:** The Daughters of Penelope is a sisterhood that is part of AHEPA. We are currently 98 Sisters strong! Our various fundraisers help support numerous philanthropic efforts. We have monthly meetings, an active book club, and a knitting/crocheting club. To join this group, contact Christine Parlamis McAllister at [dopagapepresident1@gmail.com](mailto:dopagapepresident1@gmail.com)

**AHEPA:** AHEPA brotherhood brings the ideals of ancient Greece, which include philanthropy, education, civic responsibility, family and individual excellence to the community. Our local chapter, Ramapo Chapter 453, supports our Saint Nicholas community, as well as, many charities. To join this group, contact Evans Agrapidis at [president@ahepa453.org](mailto:president@ahepa453.org)

**GREEK SCHOOL: Modern Greek Language** classes meet every Friday afternoon from 4:15-6:30pm for children K-6<sup>th</sup> grade and adults at varied levels. The program gives students the benefit of learning Greek language, culture, and history while building lifelong friendships. Registration for the 2024-2025 school year begins in June. To enroll a child, please contact Angela Bachardy at 917-751-9712, [Angela.Rokkos@jpmorgan.com](mailto:Angela.Rokkos@jpmorgan.com) or Maria (Moutafis) Giamos at 917-662-9982 or [maria.moutafis@gmail.com](mailto:maria.moutafis@gmail.com)

**GREEK CONVERSATIONAL MODERN CLASSES FOR ADULTS:** This ministry, sponsored by AHEPA, is in its 13<sup>th</sup> year of classes. In October we will offer both beginner and intermediate classes. The program is open to anyone in the community. For more information, please contact Dr. Eliana Antoniou at [AntoniouE@wpunj.edu](mailto:AntoniouE@wpunj.edu)

**MEN'S READING FELLOWSHIP (MRF):** The MRF provides men with a weekly opportunity to gather informally in fellowship and share their Christian thoughts and perspectives on religious literature. Light food and refreshments are served. For more information contact Dino Aletras at [daletras@aol.com](mailto:daletras@aol.com)

**MINISTRY THROUGH HYMNS!** Participate fully in worship, our lead cantor, Mr. Manolis Anastasiou, [olatamakam@gmail.com](mailto:olatamakam@gmail.com) , offers free *Byzantine music lessons* every Sunday directly after worship concludes. Lessons in Greek and English. No experience needed. All ages welcome. Please meet at cantors' stand immediately after worship concludes! Our choir is composed of dedicated men and women who gather each Sunday to enrich the Divine Liturgy and assist the priest in leading our congregation through hymns. New members are always welcome! To join or for more information, please contact our choir director, Andrew Bacalakis at [acbac@optonline.net](mailto:acbac@optonline.net) or 973-427-7763.

**USHERS:** The purpose of this ministry is to enhance the spirit of worship for the congregation during the Divine Liturgy by providing good order which contributes to the spiritual nurturing of all worshipers. To volunteer for this ministry, please contact Peggy Goulet at [peggoul2@aol.com](mailto:peggoul2@aol.com)

**SHARING & CARING:** This ministry is for those who have been widowed, divorced, or experienced a loss in some way. The group is facilitated by Dr. Eva Krias and meets on the first Monday of every month. The group is non-judgmental, discrete, confidential, and informal. For more information contact Dr. Eva Krias at [ekrias@optonline.net](mailto:ekrias@optonline.net)

**KALI PAREA:** "Good Company" provides a venue for our senior citizens to meet, have fellowship, and share experiences in a friendly setting. We meet once a month for lunch, activities, and good conversation. New members are always welcome! For more information, please call Christine Triant [chrystallot@msn.com](mailto:chrystallot@msn.com)

**EXCURSIONS ORTHODOXY (EX-O):** The EX-O ministry promotes fellowship, camaraderie, and companionship to St. Nicholas parishioners by organizing day trips. For more information, contact Fr. Bill at [frbill@stnicholasnj.org](mailto:frbill@stnicholasnj.org) or 201-652-4774 ext12.

**STEWARDSHIP:** Saint Nicholas has a dynamic stewardship program which recognizes God as the source of all gifts, including our time, talent, and treasure. Our outreach provides assistance to parishioners in their hour of need and supports many charities. For more information on how to become a steward, contact Fr Bill at 201-652-4774 ext. 12 or Bill Razcko at [williamrazcko@gmail.com](mailto:williamrazcko@gmail.com)

**ANNUAL GREEK FESTIVAL:** Saint Nicholas Greek Festival (September 19, 20, 21) is our largest fundraiser that promotes fellowship, faith, and culture. Please join us in maintaining the ongoing success of this wonderful event recognized by (201) Magazine). All volunteers and donations are welcome! OPA! For more information contact John Tsadilas at [Jtsadilas@verizon.net](mailto:Jtsadilas@verizon.net)

**CHARITY GOLF and PICKLE BALL OUTING:** This event is our 2<sup>nd</sup> largest annual fundraiser to be held on Monday, June 30<sup>th</sup> at the Edgewood Country Club, in River Vale, NJ. We would like to invite golfers, sponsors, and volunteers to participate in this wonderful event. For more information, contact Jason Fink at [jifink82@gmail.com](mailto:jifink82@gmail.com) or Charlie Charllis at [charleschar@optonline.net](mailto:charleschar@optonline.net) or 201-245-6057

## THE KING RIDES ON IN GLORY

What a marvelous thing it is: here we are in the Twenty-first Century, a modern, scientific age, and we gather in our churches to remember the day Christ got on a donkey and rode into Jerusalem! Several hundred people rejoiced to see Him, waved branches of trees, put cloaks in His path and shouted: “Hosanna, Son of David. Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord.”

Jesus seemed such an insignificant Figure, riding on a donkey. A few days later, Roman soldiers arrested Him and brought Him to trial for sedition. He was found guilty and crucified on a cross and buried. One would think the world would quickly forget such an incident as that.

But Christ is still riding on! After two thousand years, people still sing “Hosanna” to Him, study His teachings, still try to live His way of life, still recognize His way is the only way to save themselves and the world, still proclaim Him Lord and King. People by the millions all over the corners of the earth, call themselves by His name. They love Him and serve Him. And we, today, join in that chorus which hails Jesus as our King and Master.

Today Christians testify to the world that we have a King with spiritual rather than material power. His Kingdom is not of this world. We are not forced to have Him as our Master; we freely choose to obey and to love Him.

Church ritual today preserves some of the joy involved in that symbolic ride. Palms are blessed on this day and distributed to the faithful. They, in turn, keep these momentous in their homes –perpetual reminders of their King and the suffering He bore for them. Yes, Christ is still King and rides on in glory!

**TODAY WE WILL WITNESS & PARTICIPATE IN THE CHRISMATION OF GABRIEL MOYET**

### What is Chrismation?

**Chrismation** is the Sacrament completing Baptism, whereby a person receives the gift of the Holy Spirit through anointing with Chrism, a specially prepared oil which must be consecrated by a Hierarch (Bishop). In the Book of Acts in the New Testament, a baptized Christian received the gift of the Holy Spirit through the laying on of the hands of an Apostle (Acts 8:14-17;19:6). Chrismation is the continuation of this ancient practice in the Church. Christos Agrapidis is the sponsor for Gabriel.



**PALM SUNDAY**  
*Hosanna in the Highest*