



# St. Michael Youth Program

April 2015

# Road to Resurrection

## Home Discussion

As Orthodox Christians, we believe that we are saved (in Holy Baptism) by what our Lord Jesus Christ accomplished in His Death and Holy Resurrection." During Holy Week we participate by revisiting the events that lead to our Lord's victory over death.

**Lazarus Saturday** - Jesus raises Lazarus from the dead and declares, "I Am the Resurrection" and "the Life." (John 11:1-45)

**Palm Sunday** - Jesus is greeted upon entering Jerusalem with palms and shouts of joy: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" (John 12:1-18)

**Holy Monday** - Jesus teaches and heals in Jerusalem, and drives out those who were selling things in the Temple. (Matthew 21:18-43)

**Holy Tuesday** - Jesus speaks out against hypocrisy and false religiosity. (Matthew 22:15-46; 23:1-39)

**Holy Wednesday** - A repentant woman anoints Jesus with her offering of expensive perfume. Judas begins to plan to betray Jesus. (Matthew 26:6-16)

**Holy Thursday** - Jesus washes His disciples feet as the Servant (John 13:1-17). He offers the meal of the bread and wine as His Body and Blood (22:7-20). Jesus prays in the Garden of Gethsemane (John 17). Judas betrays Jesus who is arrested, judged and beaten (Matthew 27:11-31)

**Holy Friday** - Jesus is crucified and dies. (Matthew 27:45-36) Joseph of Arimathea buries Jesus in his tomb (Matthew 27:57-61)

**Holy Saturday** - Jesus raises with Himself all who are in Hades (Matthew 28:1-20)

**Holy Pascha (Easter Sunday)** - Christ is risen! The Angel of the Lord announces that Jesus is risen to the Myrrh-bearing Women who find the tomb empty. (Mark 16:1-8)

## Memory Verse (John 11:25-26)

"I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die."

During the church services Holy Week we follow the events of Jesus to Jerusalem, the "Last Supper" with His Disciples, His Judgment, Crucifixion, Death, and Holy Resurrection. Holy Pascha [PAS-kah; *Aramaic* for "Passover"] is our celebration and participation in Christ's passage from death to life.

## Pascal Hymn

Christ is risen from the dead  
Trampling down death by Death!  
And upon those in the tombs  
Bestowing Life!

## Activities

- Review "Journey Through Holy Week" in your family binder
- Attend the Sacrament of Holy Unction (Anointing) on Wednesday evening and discuss how all healing is completed in the Resurrection
- Bring your Food for the Hungry collection to church.
- Discuss in the preparing and decorating of Easter Eggs as a symbol of new life and Resurrection
- Complete all Creative Festival projects and turn them in to Tania Mulry by April 5<sup>th</sup> (Palm Sunday)

## Special Events

**April 4 - Lazarus Saturday "Teaching Liturgy"** 9:30 a.m., brunch and palm weaving

**April 5 - Palm Sunday** Church School Workshop

**April 10 - Teen All-night Vigil** following evening service with Gospel readings and preparing the church for Easter

**April 19 - Thomas Sunday** - Empty Tomb Egg Hunt (donations of small non-chocolate candies and toys to [mrsmulry@gmail.com](mailto:mrsmulry@gmail.com))