

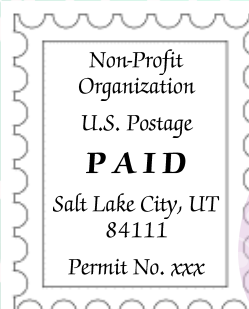
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**SPPOC LAZARUS SATURDAY, PALM SUNDAY,
HOLY WEEK & PASCHA 2019 SERVICES**

Friday, April 19th:

6:00 PM: Little Compline w/ Canon of the Raising of Lazarus

Saturday, April 20th:

8:00 AM: Festal Orthros (no Gospel...shorter)
9:00 AM: Baptismal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom
6:00 PM: Great Vespers with Litia/Artoklasia for Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 21st:

9:00 AM: Festal Orthros
10:00 AM: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom for Palm Sunday w/ Procession and Blessing of Children
6:00 PM: Bridegroom Orthros for Holy Monday (1¼ hours)

Holy Monday, April 22nd:

8:00 AM: Presanctified Divine Liturgy (1¾ hours)
6:00 PM: Bridegroom Orthros for Holy Tuesday (1¼ hours)

Holy Tuesday, April 23rd:

8:00 AM: Presanctified Divine Liturgy (1¾ hours)
6:00 PM: Bridegroom Orthros for Holy Wednesday (1¼ hours)

Holy Wednesday, April 24th:

8:00 AM: Presanctified Divine Liturgy (1¾ hours)
6:00 PM: Holy Unction Service (1 hour, 40 min.)

Holy Thursday, April 25th:

9:00 AM: Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil for Institution of Eucharist

5:45 PM- Washing of the Feet Service / 6:00 PM: Orthros with the Twelve Passion Gospels for Holy Friday (2 ½ hours)

Holy Friday, April 26th:

8:00 AM: The Royal (Great) Hours on Holy Friday (1 ½ hours)
3:00 PM: Great Vespers for Holy Saturday (Taking down of Christ from the Cross) (1 hour)
5:30 PM: Exorcisms of all Catechumens to be baptized on Holy Saturday

6:00 PM: Orthros with the Lamentation Service for Holy Saturday (The Epitaphios!) (2 hours)

Holy Saturday, April 27th:

9:00 AM: Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil and Baptism of Catechumens!

10:00 PM- Resurrection (Rush) Service, Paschal Orthros and Paschal Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, with blessing of Paschal Baskets and breaking the fast together!

Holy Sunday, April 28th:

2:00 PM: Agape Vespers, with Gospel Reading in many languages and Procession, followed by Paschal Meal of Pizza and Paschal Night Leftovers in the Church Hall

BRIGHT WEEK- Christ is Risen!

8:30 AM Paschal Orthros/9:00 AM Bright Liturgy *EVERY DAY*, Bright Vespers Weds. & Fri @ 5pm

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CHRIST IS RISEN!

Dear Ones in Christ, Blessings!

I write this with much joy as we proceed in our Lenten journey towards the glorious Light of the Holy Resurrection. Our parish, by God's grace and your love, continues to be a radiant beacon of repentance and healing here in Utah. In addition to our faithful members of many years, we have been blessed by the presence of many newly-baptized, catechumens, and inquirers. New folks call, email, and attend every day. Glory to God! The parish is packed to the brim nearly every Sunday. As you may well know, we ran out of room in the church and hall a LONG time ago. A glorious problem to have! Truly, Utah is one of the richest mission fields for Holy Orthodoxy in all of America!

Thankfully, we have been able to accommodate our faithful and the wave of newcomers in our beautiful, much-prayed-in

Downtown church. We are fortunate to have a beautiful, prayerful church temple, where everyone — whether from Russia, Romania, Greece, Bulgaria, the Middle East, or even America — coming for the first time all feel the presence of God and can pray and "lay aside all earthly cares." The diversity of our community is a great icon of the Orthodox Church as a whole: calling all people, of all races, and all languages to be healed and saved in the Body of Christ!

While we prioritize the spiritual life in our parish, we also joyfully continue to make a number of physical improvements to our downtown church. The domes were recently repainted a beautiful gold. In the spring the bell-towers and dome bases will be repainted, and the soffit and fascia will be repaired as well. Thanks to a donor who has



sponsored restoring the front brick, we also will start the project of repairing the aging brick all around the church. We still need others to kindly step up to enable us to fix the remaining brick around the building. Additionally we will repair and install lighting on the domes and the church, plant flowers and landscaping, and generally beautify the church exterior. Our church is a peaceful sight in the midst of urban chaos!

For the interior of our beloved temple, we continue to make needed improvements. Our hope this spring and summer is to replace carpeting, paint, and touch up in the entryway. In addition, we will plan for the acquisition of canvas-print icons for the ceiling of the church nave. Installing icons is the last remaining project that will "finish up" our church. More details to come on this!



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PARISH PULSE

TEA TIME

SPPOC's St. Xenia Women's Group hosted a Russian Tea Party on Thursday, January 24, 2019 to celebrate the feast day of St. Xenia. An akathist to St. Xenia was served prior to fellowship. The ladies each brought their favorite tea cup to use for this special occasion.



PASCHA BREAD SALE

On Palm Sunday, April 21, the St. Xenia Women's Group will offer for sale Pascha Bread. Cost is \$15 per loaf. All proceeds will go to help fund the building of the new St. Xenia chapel in Payson.

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Perhaps the most exciting event in the life of our parish is our recent purchase of a beautiful 5+ acre lot of land in the quiet town of Payson, UT. This property is intended for the building of our second church campus, or as we refer to it — the "country church." The Payson parish will serve our folks who live in the south valley and Utah County, and who currently drive a long way to our downtown parish. At the direction of our beloved Metropolitan Joseph, we will remain one, united Community with two parish campuses. "Saints Peter and Paul — Downtown" and "Saints Peter and Paul — Payson." A beautiful, thriving city church in the city center close to the University and capitol, coupled

with a beautiful country church about 55 minutes south where so much new growth is taking shape. Glory to God!

The country church will reduce the swelling and discomfort downtown, thus making it more conducive to being once again a more intimate, family-like community. Additionally, the new location will have a rural feel, with a playground and a place for the kids to run — all things that unfortunately are not possible downtown. We also will have the first-ever Orthodox Christian cemetery in Utah on the new property! We are overjoyed at this blessing!

Currently, we have finished the architectural plans and have gone through the city approval process to begin building the first chapel on the Payson

property. We hope to break ground this spring. We have had one significant donation that will enable us to start the project. As with many undertakings like this, unexpected site improvement costs have left us in serious need of funds. To make our dreams for this project a reality, we will require additional substantial donations, along with what everyone else is able to continue to sacrifice in addition to their usual tithe. Please help us achieve these noble goals and give generously! To donate, or get more information on the new property, please go to SPPOC.org.

We give thanks to God for all of His abundant blessings in our community — it is simply humbling and awe-inspiring, and as your priest it's a dream come true!

All My Love in Christ,

+ *Fr. Justin*

Rev. Fr. Justin Havens
Head Priest



PARISH PULSE

MARRIAGE

Michael & Anna Moore
February 2, 2019

BIRTHS

Colter Pendley
Born March 20, 2019

Michael Paul Heidebrecht
Born March 29, 2019

BAPTISMS

Michael Hermosillo
January 5, 2019

Nico Wilson
February 10, 2019

MEMORY ETERNAL

+Sr Ruth Hargadine (Martha)
February 18, 2019



YOUTH ACTIVITIES

JESSE TREE

Last year in Sunday school, we began the Nativity fast with preparing ornaments for a Jesse Tree for each family of Sunday school age children. The Jesse Tree readings were mostly from the Old Testament and pointed to Christ and Nativity. This project is a unique way in which we may help our children to learn the stories of and understand the importance of the Old Testament.

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

The children of our parish performed "Journey to the Promised Land" for their

Christmas Pageant, held Friday, December 28, 2018. The story is about Moses and how, with God's help, he freed the Children of Israel from Pharaoh and journeyed to the Promised Land. In spite of only having four rehearsals, the performance was a huge success! Preparing for the pageant was a lot of fun, as well as a good opportunity for fellowship. Because role playing is a great way for children to learn the stories from the Bible, we hope to be able to do more activities of this sort where they can participate in fellowship and create stronger friendships among themselves.



ADULT EDUCATION

2018 NATIVITY RETREAT

On Saturday, December 1, 2018, our parish hosted a Nativity Retreat attended by 75 faithful. *The Inner Heaven of Man: The Healing of the Heart, Mind, and Will according to St. Nikolai of Žiča* was presented by the Very Reverend Father John Finley, of St. Athanasius Orthodox Church, Santa Barbara, California. For those of you who missed the retreat, or who would like to hear it again, a recording is available to listen to on our website at sppoc.org/news/.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY

SPPOC bible study for men, taught by Father Justin, takes place Tuesdays at 7 AM. At 9 AM on Tuesdays, Father Paul teaches bible study for women. Each group alternates between the gospel of John and topics of interest or subjects they wish to learn in more detail. They often discuss articles on theology or religion or watch videos about holy elders, monasteries, and such.

PASCHA DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who is so kind and generous to our parish! We are blessed by the support you bestow on us! We kindly request that you please consider the needs of our growing community, particularly our *SPPOC Capital Campaign Fund*, in your charitable giving this holy season. A small offering envelope is enclosed for your convenience.