



**He Is Risen! The Lord had Risen Indeed!**

**St. Matthias'**  
**Episcopal Church**  
 Fellowship, Community and  
 Faith

**April 2023**

## What's Happening

Fr. Dexter Lesieur

We have an action-packed April planned. Holy Week begins with:

Palm Sunday, April 2nd, 10:30am



Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and Jesus' Passion on the cross. Palm branches will be distributed and waved during the procession. The liturgy of the palms will start outside the church then we'll process into the church. For the Passion gospel, some folks in the congregation will have specific roles to read with the congregation taking the part of the crowd.

Tenebrae, Wednesday, April 5th, 6:00 pm

The service is centered around psalms, readings from Lamentations, and responsories. There are fifteen lighted candles. One candle is extinguished as each of the fourteen appointed psalms is completed. The fifteenth candle, symbolic of Christ, is left lighted at the end of the final psalm. But it is carried away to be hidden, which signifies the apparent victory of the forces of evil. A sudden loud noise is made at the end of the service, symbolizing the earthquake at Christ's death. The lighted candle is then restored to its place, suggesting Christ's eventual triumph.

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Maundy Thursday, Thursday, April 6th, 5:00 pm

It comes from the Latin *mandatum novum*, "new commandment," from John 13:34. The ceremony of washing feet was also referred to as "the Maundy." Maundy Thursday celebrations also commemorate the institution of the eucharist by Jesus "on the night he was betrayed. Following this, the altar is stripped and all decorative furnishings are removed.

Good Friday, April 7th, 12:00 pm

We'll commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus. It's a day of fasting and special acts of discipline and self-denial. The liturgy of the day includes John's account of the Passion gospel, a solemn form of intercession known as the solemn collects.

Easter Sunday, April 9th, 10:30 am

Holy week culminates with the feast of Christ's resurrection. We will joyfully acclaim throughout the Easter Season, The Lord is risen, the Lord is risen indeed in celebration of the mystery and miracle of Easter. We will have a flowering of the cross and an egg hunt for the children after the service.



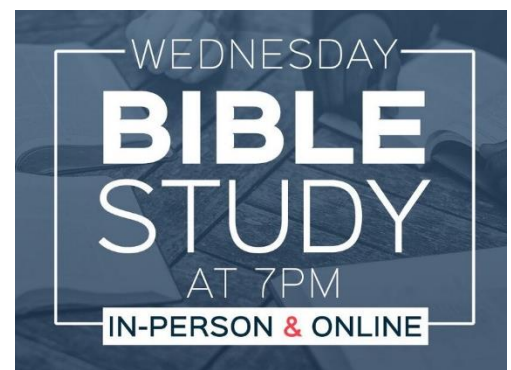
Our improvements continue. We've installed speakers on stands for the front of the altar and replaced the aged altar chairs and kneelers. We'll donate the old items to the Diocese. We delivered lots of clothing and other items to the Hospice Thrift store and backpacks to H.A.N.K.

We started handing out St. Matthias T-shirts. If you would like one, please get us your size and we will get one ordered for you.



We're only 1 month away from our St. Matthias 50th anniversary, May 7, 2023, with Rt. Rev. Bishop High. Checklists are posted in the Parish Hall for anyone who would like to help by signing up.

Everyone's invited to join our Wednesday evening Prayer/Compline at the church at 6pm followed by our Bible Study at 7pm in the Parish Hall. We'd love to have you join our group of 10 folks participating either in person or online.



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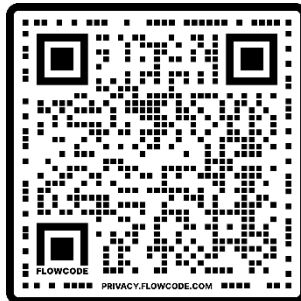
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<https://www.fellowshiponegiving.com/App/Form/d9b59938-5252-4e7f-8828-75939fd5be8c>

On the back of our new contact cards is this QR code. When scanned this is what links you can access.



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# April 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 HE 10:30 am Palm Sunday	3 Cassandra Eads (BD)	4	5 Tenebrae 6 pm Bible Study 7 pm	6 Maundy Thursday w/foot washing, 5 pm	7 Good Friday Service 12 noon	8 Stephen & Stacey V (A) Lance & Jenni Hagdorn (A)
9 He is Risen! HE 10:30 am Easter Egg Hunt after the service	10 Nick & April Lesieur (A)	11	12 EP 6:00 pm Bible Study 7 pm	13 Sandra Pace (BD)	14	15 Janet Fenton (BD) Tom & Joyce Gill (A)
16 HE 10:30 am Noisy Offering	17 Life Skills Board Meeting 7 pm	18	19 EP 6:00 pm Bible Study 7 pm	20	21	22 Robert Pace (BD)
23/30 HE 10:30 am	24	25	26 EP 6:00 pm Bible Study 7 pm	27	28 OT Puente (BD)	29
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Legend: Legend: HE = Eucharist, EP = Evening Prayer, BD = Birthday, A=Anniversary