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**Holy Week and Easter Liturgies at
St. John the Evangelist Cathedral**

*Palm Sunday through Easter Sunday
April 9, 2017 – April 16, 2017*

Holy Week begins Sunday, April 9, and concludes on Easter Sunday, April 16. The liturgical celebrations will take place at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, 1007 Superior Avenue. All are invited.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord – 5:30 p.m. Sunday, April 9

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Apostolic Administrator, Celebrant and Homilist

Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the Proclamation of the Passion, and marks the beginning of Holy Week.

Chrism Mass – 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 11

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Apostolic Administrator, Celebrant and Homilist

All diocesan priests, as well as priests of religious communities serving in the Diocese of Cleveland, are gathered to concelebrate with the Bishop and to renew their priestly promises.

During this Mass, Bishop Thomas will bless the Oil of the Catechumens and the Oil of the Sick as well as consecrate the Oil of the Sacred Chrism. These holy oils will be used throughout the Diocese during the coming year in the celebration of the Sacraments.

Thursday of the Lord's Supper (Holy Thursday) – 7 p.m. Thursday, April 13

Reverend Sean Ralph, Cathedral Administrator, Celebrant and Homilist

This Mass commemorates the Last Supper, during which Christ instituted the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, the Sacrament of Holy Orders and gave us His commandment to love one another. After the homily, following the example of Christ who washed the feet of the Apostles at the Last Supper, Father Ralph will wash the feet of various individuals.

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) – 3 p.m. Friday, April 14

Reverend Sean Ralph, Cathedral Administrator, Celebrant and Homilist

The Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion commemorates the Holy Passion and Death of Jesus Christ. The traditional Adoration of the Cross will take place during the Liturgy.

The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night – 9 p.m. Saturday, April 15

Reverend Sean Ralph, Cathedral Administrator, Celebrant and Homilist

The Easter Vigil contains four components: Service of Light (Blessing of the Fire and Lighting of the Paschal Candle), Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of Baptism and the Liturgy of the Eucharist.

After a reflective and intense period of prayer during Lent, the Elect (those who have not been baptized) and Candidates (those who will make a profession of faith in the Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist) will become full members of the Catholic Church. These Sacraments of Initiation are celebrated at parishes throughout the Diocese on this night.

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord – 12:15 p.m. Sunday, April 16

Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Apostolic Administrator, Celebrant and Homilist

On this day of days, we offer Holy Mass as a joyful sacrifice of praise to the Father who raised his Son from the dead!