

The Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem – Palm Sunday

Soon after the raising of Lazarus, six days before the Jewish Passover, Jesus Christ made a triumphal entry into Jerusalem to show that He was the true Christ the King and was going to death voluntarily.

When He drew near to Jerusalem, the Saviour looked upon it with sorrow. He knew that the people would reject Him, their Saviour, and that Jerusalem would be destroyed. Jesus Christ wept over it and said, "If you have known, even you, at least in this day, the things which belong unto your peace! But now they are hid from your eyes;" — that is, you stubbornly close your eyes to all of God's favour bestowed on you. "For the days shall come upon you when your enemies will cast up a bank about you, and surround you, and hem you in on every side, and dash you to the ground, you and your children with you, and they will not leave one stone upon another because you did not know (did not want to acknowledge) the time of your visitation (the time when the Lord visited you)."

When Jesus Christ entered Jerusalem, the entire city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?"

The crowds answered, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee," and told them about how He had called Lazarus forth from the tomb and raised him from the dead.

Jesus entered the Temple and again, as in the first year of His teaching, drove out all who sold and bought in the Temple, saying to them "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of robbers."

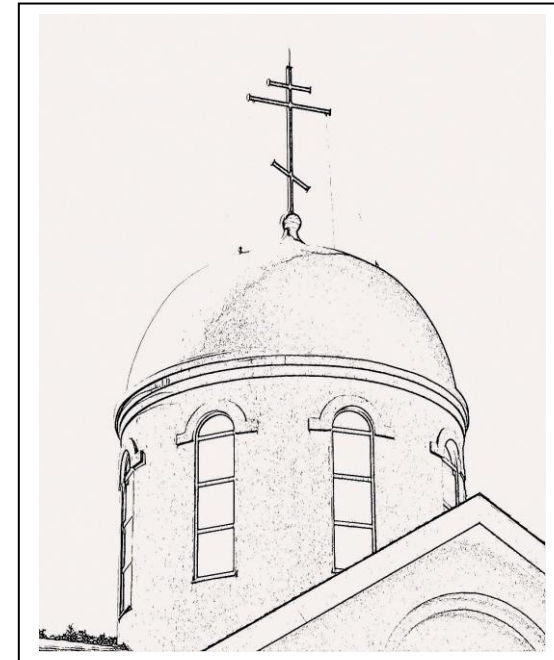
The blinds and the lames came to Him in the Temple, and He healed them. The people, seeing the wonderful things Jesus Christ did, began to praise Him even more. Even little children being in the Temple cried out, "Hosanna to the Son of David."

The chief priests and the scribes were indignant and they said to Him, "Do you hear what they are saying?"

Jesus Christ said to them, "Yes, have you never read: 'Out of the mouths of babes and sucklings hast Thou perfected praise'?" (Ps. 8:3). Jesus Christ taught daily in the Temple; and when evening came, He went out of the city. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people sought an opportunity to destroy Him, but they could not, for all the people were very anxious to hear Him.

The triumphant Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem is celebrated by the Holy Orthodox Church on the last Sunday before the bright feast of Pascha. This is one of the great feasts, and it is also called Palm Sunday because on this feast during the All-night Vigil service, or at Matins, blessed branches of palms, pussy willows, or other early spring growth are distributed to the faithful. In ancient times, the king was met with green branches when he was returning in triumph after victory over his enemies. And we holding in our hands the branches of the first blossoms of spring glorify the Saviour as the Victor over death because He raised the dead and on this very day entered Jerusalem to die for our sins and to rise again thereby saving us from eternal death and eternal torment. The branches serve for us then as a symbol of the victory of Christ over death and should remind us of the future resurrection of all of us from death.

WEEKLY



BULLETIN

Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you!

Troparion of the Annunciation to the Theotokos

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April 17, 2022

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM - Palm Sunday

Tone 2. Hieromartyr Simeon, Bishop in Persia, and those with him: Martyrs Abdechalas and Ananias—Presbyters, Usthazanes, Fusicus (Pusicius), Ascitrea, Azades the Eunuch, and many others (344). St. Acacius, Bishop of Melitene (ca. 433). Ven. Zosima, Abbot of Solovétsky Monastery (1478). Uncovering of the Relics of Ven. Alexander, Abbot of Svir (1641). Martyr Adrian of Corinth (251). St. Agapitus, Pope of Rome (536). Repose of Ven. Makarios of Corinth (1805).

Today's Readings:

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 **Gospel:** John 12:1-18

Upcoming Service Schedule:

Today – **11:30am Bridegroom Matins**

Monday – **6:00pm Bridegroom Matins**

Tuesday – **6:00pm Bridegroom Matins**

Wednesday – **9:00am Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts**

Wednesday – **6:00pm Holy Unction**

Thursday – **9:00am Vespers w/Liturgy of St. Basil the Great**

Thursday – **6:00pm Matins of Holy Friday w/12 Gospels**

Friday – **2:00pm Vespers of Great and Holy Friday**

Friday – **6:00pm Matins of Holy Saturday w/Lamentations**

Saturday – **9:00am Holy Saturday Vespers w/Liturgy of St. Basil the Great**

Saturday – **11:30pm Vigil and Divine Liturgy for HOLY PASCHA**

Sunday – **11:00am Vespers of Pascha**

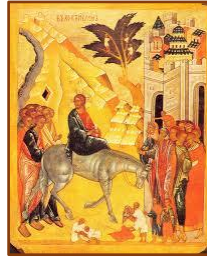
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Special Prayers

We pray for all our parish family members, but we pray especially for those who are ill and afflicted. Among them are **Fr. Sergius Kuharsky, Zoran Pejovic, Lidia Zemlanicky, Ingrid Kopec, Betty James, Manya Shark, Deryl Tczap, George Stavrou, Rdr. John Economou, Linda Washenko, Margaret Makara, Eileen Zamerovsky, and Dorothy Studier.**



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We are happy that you have joined us for worship today and hope that you will join us for coffee hour after the service. Please note that **reception of the Holy Eucharist** is only for baptized members of the Orthodox Church who have prepared with prayer, fasting, and periodic confession. You are encouraged to receive the blessed bread that is **offered at the end of the service and which may also be offered to you by one of your neighbors during Communion.**

Annunciations

TODAY – There is **no Church School** today or next Sunday.

TODAY – **Blessed Palms and willows** will be distributed after the Divine Liturgy.

TODAY – After a short break after Divine Liturgy, the **Bridegroom Matins** of Holy Monday will be served.

TODAY – A **Grave Watch sign-up sheet** is located in the narthex. Please consider taking a 2-hour slot to keep vigil at the Tomb of Our Lord after His burial.

TODAY – **Dessert Rolls** in various flavors are available for sale at \$15 each. Please see Cathy Berger or Olga Pasick to make your purchases.

Please consult the **Holy Week and Pascha schedule** located on the opposite page. As we enter into the most **solemn time of Holy Week**, please take advantage of the opportunities the Church gives us to participate in Our Lord's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. Please come to as many services as you are able.

Father Gary will hear **confessions** on Holy Monday and Holy Tuesday from 5-5:45pm and immediately after the evening services through Holy Tuesday. Except for extreme exceptions, **NO confessions** will be heard after Holy Tuesday evening.

Pascha baskets will be blessed in the Parish Hall early Sunday morning after the Paschal Divine Liturgy and after the Vespers of Pascha later Sunday morning.

At the Vespers of Pascha on Sunday morning, we will read the Gospel lesson (John 20:19-25) in as many languages as possible. A **sign-up sheet** is located in the narthex for those willing and able to read the Gospel in a different language

An **Easter egg hunt** will be held following the Vespers of Pascha on Sunday morning (weather permitting). All children are welcome to participate in this annual event.

Condolences to Laura MacMillan, whose husband Jim recently passed away. May God give her great comfort!

Grocery Gift Cards are available for purchase. Please contact Matushka Mary by email (matmaryb@gmail.com) or by phone at (848) 333-7075 to make arrangements.

MANY YEARS

Birthdays this week

Today – Debbie Anderson

Friday – Jason Price

Saturday – Kathy Diaz

Wedding Anniversaries this week

Tuesday - Marko & Amanda Tesla

**Please pray for vocations
to the Holy Priesthood!**

*We continue to pray for peace in Ukraine,
for the withdrawal of Russian troops from
that land, and for the wellbeing of the
Ukrainian people. Lord, have mercy!*