

THE ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

The Word of God Who has no beginning:
the Father's co-eternal Son,
today comes to the city of Jerusalem,
enthroned on a dumb beast, the foal of an ass.
The Cherubim are afraid to gaze upon Him,
yet the children honor Him with palms and branches.
The Spirit inspires their song of praise:
"Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna to David's Son,
Who has come to save mankind from error!"

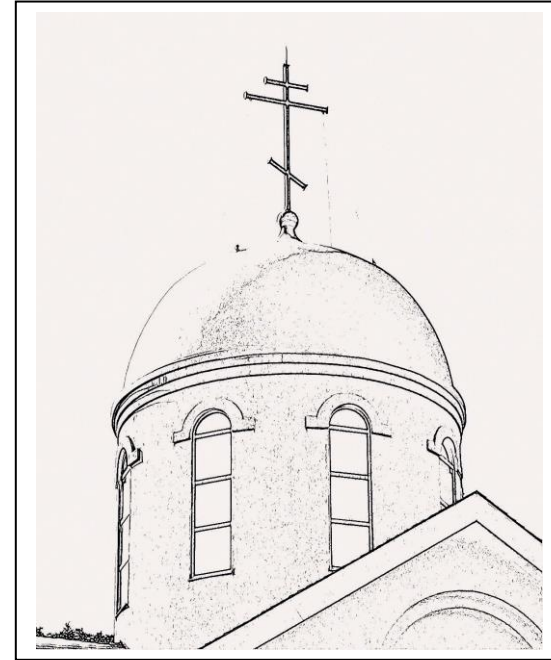
Six days before the feast of Passover,
Thy voice resounded in the depths of hell, O Lord,
raising Lazarus who had been dead four days.
Then the children of the Hebrews danced and sang:
"Hosanna to our God! Glory to Thee!"

Thou hast entered the Holy City, O Lord,
riding on the colt of an ass,
hastening to Thy Passion,
that the Law and the Prophets might be fulfilled.
The Hebrew children greeted Thee with palms and branches,
heralding Thy victorious Resurrection.
Blessed art Thou, O Savior! Have mercy on us!

Six days before the feast of Passover
Jesus came to Bethany.
He restored Lazarus to life,
announcing the coming resurrection.
Martha and Mary met Him, crying:
"Lord, if Thou hadst been here, our brother would not have died!"
But Jesus answered them,
"Have I not already told you:
If anyone believes in Me,
even if he dies, he shall live?
Show Me the place where you buried him."
Then the Creator of all cried out to him: "Lazarus, come forth!"

Litya at Great Vespers

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 28, 2024

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Palm Sunday

Tone 6. Apostles Jason and Sosipater of the Seventy, the Virgin Kerkyra, and those with them (1st c.). Martyrs Dada, Maximus, and Quinctilian, at Dorostolum (286). St. Cyril, Bishop of Túrov (1183).

Today's Readings:

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

Upcoming Service Schedule:

Today – 12noon Bridegroom Matins

Monday – 9:00am Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

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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 – 10:00am 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

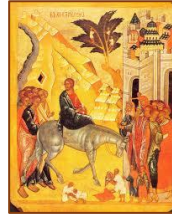
Next Sunday's Readings:

Epistle: Acts 1-18 *Gospel:* John 1:1-17

Special Prayers

We pray for all our parish family members, but we pray especially for those who are ill and afflicted. Among them are **Mary Herelick, Zoran Pejovic, Betty James, Manya Shark, Deryl Tczap, Mary Tczap, George Stavrou, Margaret Makara, Dennis & Ann Marie Gahr, Michael Getmanov, Alan Diaz, Mary Ann Sivilic, and Lori Ratushnuk.**

We are happy that you have joined us for worship today and hope that you will join us for Coffee Hour after the veneration of the Cross. **The 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.



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*Please pray for vocations to the
Holy Priesthood!*

Annunciations

TODAY – Please join us for **Coffee Hour** in the Parish Hall after the Veneration of the Cross. **Team #4** is in charge.

TODAY – **Church School** class will be held during Coffee Hour.

TODAY – The **Lenten Food Drive** ends today. Many thanks to project coordinator Martha Christos and all who participated in this effort of love.

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

TODAY – After a brief Coffee Hour following Divine Liturgy, the **Bridegroom Matins** of Holy Monday will be served.

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

TODAY – The **May Parish Calendar** is available on the parish website.

TODAY – **Dessert Rolls** are available for sale. Please see Cathy Berger or Olga Pasick to make your purchases. These are great items to place in your Pascha basket!

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, Tuesday and Wednesday from 5-5:45pm and immediately after the evening services. Except for extreme exceptions, NO confessions will be heard after Holy Wednesday 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

MANY YEARS

Birthdays this week:

Monday – Stephen Chidylo

Wednesday – Olga Kornafel

Friday – Betty James

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