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Sunday, April 17, 2022
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ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Glory Be to Jesus Christ!

Glory Be Forever!

Services:

Sunday, April 17	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy – Blessing of Palms & Pussy Willows & Coffee Hour 5:00 PM – Bridegroom Service of Holy Week
Monday, April 18	5:00 PM – Bridegroom Service of Holy Week
Tuesday, April 19	5:00 PM – Bridegroom Service of Holy Week
Wednesday, April 20	5:00 PM – Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts, TF Holy Unction
Thursday, April 21	9:30 AM – Vesperal Liturgy (St. Basil) 6:00 PM – The 12 Gospel Readings
Friday, April 22	9:30 AM – Royal Hours 4:00 PM – Holy Friday - Burial Service 6:00 PM – Matins Lamentations
Saturday, April 23	9:30 AM – Holy Saturday – Vesperal Liturgy 8:00 PM – Nocturn
Sunday, April 24	8:30 AM – Matins, Holy Pascha Divine Liturgy followed by Blessing of Baskets with fellowship

We WELCOME all our visitors today! *We want to let you know that we are so glad you came to pray with us. Please come again; join us after the Divine Liturgy in the Church Hall for Coffee Hour. If you do not have a home church, we invite you to become a part of our Church Family.*

Please Note: *Only those Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves may approach the Chalice and receive Holy Communion.*

Fellowship Hour Hosts

April 17	Lena Marie Berezniak
April 24	Paska - Blessing of Baskets and Fellowship
May 1	John Evetushick
May 8	Helen King
May 15	Weremedic's
May 22	Lynn Sharpe
May 29	Lena Marie Berezniak

There is a sign-up sheet for **Coffee Hour** in the vestibule if you would like to host.

Prayer List:

Matushka Lovey Ropitsky, Matushka Lisa Weremedic,

Andrew Balliet, Michael Birosik, Clark Andrew Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Emmalyn Naomi Buchanan, Evanna Jane Buchanan, Stephanie Chmel, Irene Davis, Ilene Devine, Julia Forte, Karen Harkins, Nancy King, John King, Michael Kulick, John & Olga Kushnir, MaryAnn & Paul Macenka, Mary Maholick, Anna Marie Mantey, Mildred O'Shura, Melissa Schmitt, Lynn Sharpe, Althea Shellock, Olga Sidoriak, Mary Simone, Martha Stafiniak, Martha Teno, Michael Teno, Elizabeth Warcholak, Russell Wishousky, Russell Yallas, & Marie Yurchak.

If anyone is in need of a priest, please call Father James Weremedic at 570-645-2772.

Visitation of the Sick and Infirm: If you are going into the hospital for any reason, please inform Fr. James at the Rectory. Emergency Calls: Please call the Rectory (570-645-2772) anytime (day or night) in an emergency.

Candles (April 17)

7-Day Vigils/Altar... In memory of **Helen Macenka** offered by Ted Bogosh

Altar Candles... For the Health of **Marie Skripnek** offered by Ted Bogosh

Eternal Lamp... In memory of **Andrew & Mary Bybel Family** offered by Family Members

Vigil Crosses... In memory of **Joseph Herbert** offered Ted Bogosh

7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod... In memory of **Doris Chromiak** offered by Ted Bogosh

Decorated Candles/Tetrapod- In memory of **Rose (Winsko) Maliniak** offered by Friends

April Birthdays:

4- Elizabeth Warcholak, 10- Jackie Babinetz, 14- Marie Yurchak, 16- Mary Evetushick, 17- Julie McHugh, 22- Martha Teno (96), 23- Britney Miller, 23- Anne Ostrosky, 24- Dennis Vavra

Financials 4/10/22: *Operating Acct:* Candles 115 - Altar Candles 40 - Offerings 1,426
Holy Days 63 – Paska 245 - Donations 200 = Total \$2,089.00. Easter Flowers 105
Please continue to keep filling your church envelopes. Thank you!

WANTED – LENTEN RECIPES

Barbara Birosik is willing to collect and organize Lenten recipes in order to share and preserve our Lenten traditions. The recipes should be given to Barbara Birosik or be put on the Candle stand. Please include the donor's name and telephone number in case there are questions. The recipes will be typed and shared so there is a record of what we can cook for our Lenten meals. The tried, and true recipes we have used over the years will be greatly appreciated.

Please use Amazon Smile when ordering from Amazon.

If you have any Redner receipts, please call or get them to Helen King

Please use your Boyer's card when shopping at Boyers; if you need one call Helen King

Let us begin with those whose ACTIONS speak so loudly that words are not needed:

- * The unnamed woman who anointed Jesus with precious perfume.
- * Barabbas, the prisoner released at the expense of Christ.
- * Simon of Cyrene, who without complaining, endured the painful carrying of the Cross.
- * Women like Mary Magdalene and Salome, who silently observed where their dead Master was laid.

Then there are those who made SIGNIFICANT STATEMENTS, highlighting this drama:

- * Peter, who boastfully said "Even if all are made to stumble, yet I will not be."
- * Judas, whose betrayal is summed up in one word: "Rabbi!"
- * Pontius Pilate, who mockingly asked "Are you the King of the Jews?"
- * The Crowd, who turned on Jesus and screams "Crucify Him!"

Mixed in are the MEMORABLE REMARKS of Jesus:

- * "One of you who eats with Me will betray Me."
- * "Take, eat; This is My Body. This is My Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for many."
- * "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

So many important things occur during this Holy Week. As we observe the Lord's sorrowful suffering, let us carefully listen to the saving words of our Saviour. Let us realize the magnitude of pain our Saviour endured to save us from sin.

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WORDS - SPOKEN AND UNSPOKEN

Holy Week, also referred to as Passion Week, is full of twists and turns. Jesus goes from His triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to being crucified on a Cross amongst common criminals. As our Lord's Passion unfolds, there are many people who are involved. While some characters SILENTLY play out their roles, others make bold VERBAL statements.

April 17, 2022 ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. Palm Sunday.

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. Zosíma, 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).

Troparion — Tone 1

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your passion, / You did confirm the universal Resurrection, O Christ God! / Like the children with the palms of victory, / we cry out to You, O Vanquisher of death: / Hosanna in the Highest! / Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!

Troparion — Tone 4

When we were buried with You in Baptism, O Christ God, / we were made worthy of eternal life by Your Resurrection! / Now we praise You and sing: / Hosanna in the highest! / Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!

Kontakion — Tone 6

Sitting on Your throne in heaven, / carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God! / Accept the praise of angels and the songs of children who sing: / Blessed is He that comes to recall Adam!

Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the celebration of the triumphant entrance of Christ into the royal city of Jerusalem. He rode on a colt for which He Himself had sent, and He permitted the people to hail Him publicly as a king. A large crowd met Him in a manner befitting royalty, waving palm branches and placing their garments in His path. They greeted Him with these words: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel! (John 12:13).

This day together with the raising of Lazarus are signs pointing beyond themselves to the mighty deeds and events which consummate Christ’s earthly ministry. The time of fulfillment was at hand. Christ’s raising of Lazarus points to the destruction of death and the joy of resurrection which will be accessible to all through His own death and resurrection. His entrance into Jerusalem is a fulfillment of the messianic prophecies about the king who will enter his holy city to establish a final kingdom. “Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass” (Zech 9:9).

Finally, the events of these triumphant two days are but the passage to Holy Week: the “hour” of suffering and death for which Christ came. Thus the triumph in an earthly sense is extremely short-lived. Jesus enters openly into the midst of His enemies, publicly saying and doing those things which mostly enrage them. The people themselves will soon reject Him. They misread His brief earthly triumph as a sign of something else: His emergence as a political messiah who will lead them to the glories of an earthly kingdom.

Our Pledge

The liturgy of the Church is more than meditation or praise concerning past events. It communicates to us the eternal presence and power of the events being celebrated and makes us participants in those events. Thus the services of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday bring us to our own moment of life and death and entrance into the Kingdom of God: a Kingdom not of this world, a Kingdom accessible in the Church through repentance and baptism.

On Palm Sunday palm and willow branches are blessed in the Church. We take them in order to raise them up and greet the King and Ruler of our life: Jesus Christ. We take them in order to reaffirm our baptismal pledges. As the One who raised Lazarus and entered Jerusalem to go to His voluntary Passion

stands in our midst, we are faced with the same question addressed to us at baptism: "Do you accept Christ?" We give our answer by daring to take the branch and raise it up: "I accept Him as King and God!"

Thus, on the eve of Christ's Passion, in the celebration of the joyful cycle of the triumphant days of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday, we reunite ourselves to Christ, affirm His Lordship over the totality of our life, and express our readiness to follow Him to His Kingdom:

... that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead (Philippians 3:10-11).

Very Rev. Paul Lazor

Philippians 4:4-9 (Epistle)

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand.

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things.

The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

John 12:1-18 (Gospel)

Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil.

But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always."

Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!"

Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt." His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.



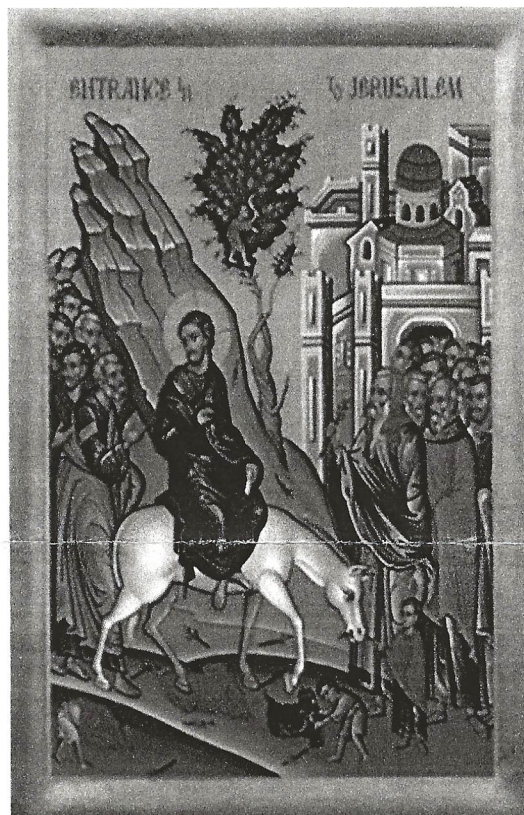
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DIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA AND EASTERN PENNSYLVANIA
The Most Rev. Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia

April 17, 2022

Palm Sunday

Dear to God,

Blessed Feast! Peace and blessings as we celebrate the glorious Feast of Palm Sunday. May the Lord bless and strengthen you day by day as we follow our Lord to His voluntary suffering, the Cross, the Grave and the Empty Tomb. As we gather for these blessed Services, we stand together before the Lord. I am reminded of the words of St Paul, that Christ endured the shame of the Cross for the joy that was set before Him. May we each look beyond the cross we have taken up and rejoice in Christ's Life Giving Passion and Holy Resurrection.



Yours in Christ,

+ Mark

+MARK, Archbishop of Philadelphia and the Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania



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"Thou hast made us for Thyself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it finds its rest in Thee." Augustine