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**Sunday, April 25, 2021**

Palm Sunday

Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem

*Glory Be To Jesus Christ!*

*Glory Be Forever*

Sunday, April 25	9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy – followed by Blessing of Palms and Pussy Willows
Thursday, April 29	6:00 PM – The 12 Gospel Readings
Friday, April 30	5:00 PM – Burial Service
Saturday, May 1	9:30 AM – Vesperal Liturgy
Sunday, May 2	<b>8:30 AM</b> – Nocturns, Matins, Divine Liturgy followed by Blessing of Baskets

**Next Parastas: May**

Candles (April 25):

7-Day Vigils/Altar... For the Health of **Jack O'Shura** offered by Millie O'Shura

Altar Candles... For the Health of **Russell & Geri King** offered by Ted Bogosh

Eternal Lamp... In memory of **Mother, Mary Lutash** offered by Raymond & Mary Jo Danchak

Vigil Crosses ... For the Health of **Marie Skripnek** offered by Ted Bogosh

7-Day Vigils/Tetrapod... For the Health of **Helen Sheers** offered by Ted Bogosh

Decorated Candles/Tetrapod...In memory of **Michael Harb** offered by Jeanne & John Cannon

**Prayer List:** *HEAVENLY FATHER ... Physician of our souls and bodies, Who has sent your only begotten Son to heal every sickness and infirmity, visit us and heal us, Your servants, from all physical and spiritual ailments through the grace of Your Son Jesus Christ; grant to us patience in this sickness, strength of body and spirit, and recovery of health. Lord, You have taught us through Your word to pray for each other that we may be healed. You are the source of healing and to You, we give glory; to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

Matushka Lovey Ropitsky, Matushka Lisa Weremedic,

Andrew Balliet, Michael Birocik, Clark Bogosh, Theodore Bogosh, Cecil Buchanan, Emmalyn Naomi

Buchanan, Evanna Jane Buchanan, Stephanie Chmel, Irene Davis, Ilene Devine, Julia Forte, Olga

Hebda, Peter Holoviak, John King, Claire Kononchuk, Michael Kulick, John Kushnir, Nancy Lorchak,

MaryAnn Macenka, Mary Maholick, Alexandra Miller, Britney Miller, Courtney Miller, Isaac Miller,

Margaret Miller, Mildred O'Shura, Anna Pisko, Melissa Schmitt, Althea Shellock, Olga Sidoriak, Martha

Stafiniak, Joseph Tosca, Martha Teno, Michael Teno, Nancy Vanno, Elizabeth Warcholak, Russell Wishousky, Russell Yallas, & Richard York.

**April Birthdays:** 3- Anna Pisko, 4- Elizabeth Warcholak, 10- Jackie Babinetz, 14- Marie Yurchak, 16- Mary Evetushick, 17- Julie McHugh & Anastasia Babinetz, 22- Amanda Skripnek, 22 - Martha Teno (95), 23- Britney Miller & Anne Ostrosky, 24- Dennis Vavra  
**May Birthdays:** 2- Lynn Sharpe, 17- Russell King, 17- Julia Forte

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.

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## HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST



**J**erusalem was buzzing with excitement that first Palm Sunday. Word from Bethany concerning the miraculous raising of Lazarus from his grave of four days had already reached the ears of the townspeople. Eagerly they awaited the arrival of Jesus, and when He entered the city, seated on a donkey like the rulers of antiquity, their enthusiasm and excitement could not be contained. Palms and branches were spread out in His path. Cries of “Hosanna in the Highest” echoed in the warm Spring air. The King had come!

However, public sentiment in Jerusalem would quickly change. Within days, shouts of “Crucify Him” replaced their words of praise. The branches used for adulation were replaced by the “Tree of the Cross.” The Jews were not ready to follow and support a Leader Who would proclaim that “His Kingdom was not of this world!”

As Orthodox Christians, it is essential that we recognize Christ for what He truly is: **THE SON OF GOD, WHO HAS COME TO SAVE THE WORLD.** This is why we worship Him and acknowledge His blessedness.

The Troparion for this Feast Day profoundly describes the anticipation we experience as we prepare for Pascha: “O Christ God, You confirmed the Resurrection of all before the time of Your passion by raising Lazarus from the dead. Therefore, we as the children of Israel carry the symbols of victory and cry out to You, the Conqueror of Death: “Hosanna in the Highest.” Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”

**ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. Holy Apostle and Evangelist Mark (1st c.). Palm Sunday. Ven. Sylvester, Abbot of Obnora (1379).**

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 a 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.

**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!

**1 Peter 5:6-14 (Epistle, Saint)**

Therefore, humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you in due time, casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you.

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.

Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

By Silvanus, our faithful brother as I consider him, I have written to you briefly, exhorting and testifying that this is the true grace of God in which you stand.

She who is in Babylon, elect together with you, greets you; and so, does Mark my son. Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to you all who are in Christ Jesus. Amen.

### **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.

### **Mark 6:7-13 (Gospel, Saint)**

And He called the twelve to Himself, and began to send them out two by two, and gave them power over unclean spirits.

He commanded them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bag, no bread, no copper in their money belts – but to wear sandals, and not to put on two tunics.

Also, He said to them, "In whatever place you enter a house, stay there till you depart from that place.

And whoever will not receive you nor hear you, when you depart from there, shake off the dust under your feet as a testimony against them. Assuredly, I say to you, it will be more tolerable for Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgment than for that city!"

So, they went out and preached that people should repent.

And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick, and healed them.

### **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.



The Orthodox Church in America  
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The Most Rev. Mark, Archbishop of Philadelphia

April 16, 2021

## *Palm Sunday*

*.Mounted on the throne in heaven, Christ God,  
And on the foal on earth,  
You accepted the praise of the Angels  
And the hymn of the children who cried to you:  
Blessed are you who come to call back Adam.  
(Kontakion for Palm Sunday)*

*Dear to God,*

*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!*

*Your unworthy father 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*