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### ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM (PALM SUNDAY)

April 9, 2023

#### TROPARION, KONTAKION & PROKEIMENON

##### **Troparion – Tone 1**

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God. Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to Thee, 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 Thee in baptism, O Christ God, we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection. Now we praise Thee and sing: “Hosanna in the highest!// Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

##### **Kontakion – Tone 6**

Sitting on Thy 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 Who comes to recall Adam!”

##### **Prokeimenon – Tone 4**

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. / God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.

*V. O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for His mercy endures forever.*

#### LITURGICAL COMMEMORATION

##### **Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem (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

## **EPISTLE & GOSPEL READINGS**

### **Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9**

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.

### **Gospel: John 12:1-18**

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.

## **SERVICES**

### **Service Schedule for the week of April 9, Holy Week**

**NOTE: The Schedule of Services has been posted on our website and Facebook page.**

**Sunday April 9 – PALM SUNDAY** 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Coffee Hour in Daria Hall. After Divine Liturgy the children will participate in an Easter Egg Hunt on the rectory grounds. Sunday School classes will not be held today, so the children should remain in church after Communion.

**Wednesday April 12** - 6:30 PM Service of Holy Unction (The Sacrament of Holy Oil)

**Thursday April 13 – HOLY THURSDAY** 9:30 AM Vespereal Liturgy; 6:30 PM Matins with reading of the 12 Passion Gospels

**Friday April 14 – HOLY FRIDAY** 2:00 PM Vespers; 7:00 PM Matins with Procession followed by reading of the Psalms

**Saturday April 15 – HOLY SATURDAY** 9:30 AM Vespereal Liturgy

11:30 PM Paschal Vigil with Procession followed by **PASCHA** Divine Liturgy.

After Divine Liturgy, baskets will be blessed in Daria Hall.

**Sunday April 16 – PASCHA** 11:00 AM Vespers followed by blessing of baskets in Daria Hall. Then the Pascha Picnic will be

held on the rectory grounds.  
**Monday April 17 - BRIGHT MONDAY 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy**

## **DONATIONS**

### **Weekly Giving**

April 2 – 157 adults, 23 youth, \$5,775

## **PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There will be a Parish Council Meeting this Tuesday, April 11 at 7:00 PM in the church basement.

*The Ladies Altar Society will be raffling Easter baskets today as follows. Chances are \$1.00 each.*

1. **Boy's Easter Basket** – chances are being sold today, \$1.00 each. **The drawing will be held today.**
2. **Adult fabric-lined Basket** filled with Spring goodies and a Laura Ashley clock– chances being sold today, \$1.00 each. **The drawing will be held today.**

Hard boiled, red-dyed eggs are needed for Pascha. Eggs may be dropped off starting Friday evening – there will be a table and basket in the church basement.

As a reminder regarding Pascha, Divine Liturgy will immediately follow the Paschal Vigil, which starts at 11:30 PM on Holy Saturday, April 15. After Divine Liturgy, baskets will be blessed in Daria Hall. Vespers will be held at 11:00 AM on Pascha Sunday, followed by blessing of baskets in Daria Hall. Then a Pascha Picnic for our parishioners will be held on the rectory grounds. A sign-up sheet is in the back of the church to sign up for the picnic and indicate what food you will bring to share. The church will provide roasted lamb.

St. Thomas Sunday (next Sunday April 23) we will bless the graves at the parish cemetery at 1:00 PM – weather permitting. Please attend to pray for your loved ones. If the weather is not good, the grave blessing will be held on the following Sunday, April 30.

On Saturday April 29 at 9:30 AM, brush and debris at the church picnic grounds will be cleaned. Please plan on helping.

The Ladies Altar Society is creating and publishing the first Parish Cookbook – with your help! **We are interested in your favorite recipes**, ethnic recipes, recipes from your grandparents, parents, children, relatives and friends, and Lenten recipes. They can include Appetizers, Main Meals, Side Dishes, Soup, Salad, Dessert, and Beverages. In addition to recipes, the Cookbook will include a Helpful Hints section. In order for the Cookbook to be a success, we will need many recipes! Each recipe should include your name, who you may have received the recipe from, and your phone number (phone number is only if we have questions and will not be published in the Cookbook). Please give your recipes to Alla Strauss, Melody Stavisky, or Nancy Mitsos. Thank you!

Gallons of spring water are needed for Coffee Hour. Please bring your donation of water to Daria Hall. The water is used for tea and coffee. Thank you!

## **BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

Thomas Plesa – April 14

Stephen Berck – April 15

Nicholas Torrisi – April 18

Anna Chaikivska – April 20

Have a blessed birthday and may God grant you many years!

If you do not see your birthday listed above during your birthday week, please let Darice know and she will add it to the schedule!

## COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE

Please remember the Coffee Hour Helpers do not normally bring any refreshments for Coffee Hour, but are there to assist in setting up for Coffee Hour. The host/hostess is responsible for bringing whatever refreshments they wish to serve – if desserts are needed please let the Helper know ahead of time as there are desserts in the freezer that may be used. Host/Hostess is responsible for setting up in the morning starting at 9:00 AM, with guidance from the Helper, and for cleaning up after Coffee Hour including washing and drying dishes, and taking out the trash. If you have any questions please contact Melody Stavisky, Alla Strauss, or the Helper assigned to your Coffee Hour date. Thank you!

April 9 FAST Nana & Matthew Barrett, Alla Strauss  
April 16 PASCHA – No Coffee Hour  
April 23 Madeleine Sekulich, Mark McDevitt, Nancy Mitsos  
April 30 Fiyori Habtesilasse, Awet Tesfa  
May 7 Betty Kavchok, Nancy Mitsos  
May 14 Nina Schmidt, Alla Strauss  
May 21 Aftan Chowansky, Nina Laushell  
May 28 Christina DiDonato, Francine Brady & Herman Meyer  
June 4 Darice Keyes, Nancy Mitsos  
June 11 Bill & Margie DiCicco, Chris Kasmer, Nina Laushell  
June 18 FAST Timothy & Valeria Srock, Awet Tesfa  
June 25 FAST Alla & Perry Strauss, Christine Waite  
July 2 Alex & Brittani Brasowski, Melody Stavisky  
July 9 Jessica & Blake Kilgore, Darice Keyes  
July 16 ST. VLADIMIR FEAST DAY BANQUET  
July 23 Karina Kotelnicki, Nina Laushell  
July 30 Tyler Burger, Francine & Herman  
Aug. 6 FAST Mihaela & Tiberiu Milosav, Alla Strauss  
Aug. 13 FAST Herman Meyer, Francine Brady  
Aug. 20 Alex & Rebeca Medina, Awet Tesfa  
Aug. 27 Olga & James Bates, Darice Keyes  
Sept. 3 Tahara & Germain Ortiz, Alla Strauss  
Sept. 10 Monia & James Pitra, Darice Keyes  
Sept. 17 Gabriela & Virgiliu Plesa, Nina Laushell  
Sept. 24 ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC  
Oct. 1 Guy Radcliffe, Francine & Herman  
Oct. 8 Mary Reiling, Alla Strauss  
Oct. 15 Lynne Sheedy, Nancy Mitsos  
Oct. 22 Ramazi Shubitize, Awet Tesfa  
Oct. 29 Nina Laushell, Darice Keyes  
Nov. 5 Walter & Tanya Tribbey, Francine & Herman  
Nov. 12 Vera Pschenyczny, Alla Strauss  
Nov. 19 FAST Nancy Mitsos, Darice Keyes  
Nov. 26 FAST Gebrekvistas Amleset, Awet Tesfa  
Dec. 3 FAST Ilonica & Corneliu Balasa, Nina Laushell  
Dec. 10 FAST Victoria Baranava, Nancy Mitsos  
Dec. 17 FAST Paula & Ludwig Koerte, Darice Keyes  
Dec. 24 FAST Father Volodymyr & Matushka Oksana, Alla Strauss  
Dec. 31 Paul & Patti Denko, Francine & Herman  
Jan. 7 '24 Alex Godun, Nina Laushell