

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2009 ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM (Palm Sunday).
St. Basil the Confessor, Bishop of Parium (8th c.). Hieromartyr Zeno, Bishop of Verona (ca. 260). Ven. Isaac the Syrian, Abbot of Spoleto (550). Monk Martyrs Menas, David, and John, of Palestine (7th c.). Ven. Anthusa the Virgin, of Constantinople (801). Ven. Athanasia, Abbess, of Aegina (860). Ven. Acacius the Younger, of Kavsoalyvia (Mt. Athos—1730).

FIRST ANTIPHON

I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Because He inclined His ear to me; therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

I suffered distress and anguish, then I called upon the Name of the Lord. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

SECOND ANTIPHON

I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted." **O Son of God, who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee: "Alleluia!"**

What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has given me? **O Son of God, who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee: "Alleluia!"**

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call on the Name of the Lord. **O Son of God, who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee: "Alleluia!"**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people. **O Son of God, who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee: "Alleluia!"**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change didst become man and wast crucified, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!

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!”

Let the house of Israel say: for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

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!”

Let the house of Aaron say: for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

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Let all those who fear the Lord say: for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

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!”

Deacon: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Priest: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

TROPARIA

(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!”

(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!”

The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone: 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!

THE READING FROM THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL TO THE PHILIPPIANS (4:4-9)

Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Alleluia, Tone 1

v: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

v: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN (12:1-18)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment 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 as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)

God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! / Celebrate the feast and come with gladness! /

Let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, / singing: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

COMMUNION HYMN

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

After "The blessing of the Lord be upon you..." we will process outside (weather permitting) with our palms and pussywillows.

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 a earthly sense is extremely short-lived. Jesus enters openly into the midst of His enemies, publicly saying and doing those things which most 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*

April 12, 2009

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH & BLESSINGS OF

Baby Bella, Gloria Zelenko, Eva Elieff, David & Bruce Piechowski,
Sharon & John G.....Phil & Barbara Brown
Health of Angelo Panoff.....Christine & Family
Health & Blessings Olga Haw & Family, Mary Harrison, Olga Elavich,
Families of Oginsky, Miculka & Kuptz, Sick & shut-ins of St. Nicholas.....Anne Smith
Special Intention Maggie, Nancy & Ken Laycock, Diane, Art Zambito
& Family, Gloria Zelenko, Cynthia Brooke, Helen & Doug Phillips,
Jaxon Cords, Anne Smith.....Anne Smith
Katherine Panoff on her 17th birthday (March 18).....Her Family
Evdokia Ponomarenko.....Lucy Hogg
God's blessings for Gloria.....John
Good health of Stella Kantor.....Johnny & Jo Ann
David Tome, Mary Harrison, John & Gloria Zelenko, Rosemary Vuckovich,
Anna Branoff, Anne Smith, Walter Sudia, Ted Weston, My family & friends.....J. Tome
Happy Birthday & God's blessings Barbara Brown, Elaine Most,
Happy Anniversary & God's blessings Phil & Barbara Brown,
Millie & Larry Bladecki, Charles & Marilyn Jenkinson,
Congratulations Charles Jernigan grandson of Dennis & Sharon Jernigan
on your baptism on Lazarus Saturday.....Anne Smith
Health & Blessings Christopher Hogg.....Lucy Hogg
Health & Blessings Charles Joseph Jernigan on his Baptism.....Da & Nana

CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE

Judi Landsman, Scott Weston, Richard Piechowski.....Phil & Barbara Brown
Christine Marie Stathopoulos.....Paul & Kelly Panoff &
Family
Carl Smith & our son, Douglas Oginsky-Memory of Birthday,
Mary Eckert-Memory of Birthday,
Matushka Vera Znamensky-Memory of Birthday.....Anne Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas. Please, join us for coffee and donuts in the parish hall following the veneration of the cross.

If you ordered baked goods from St. Catherine's League, please remember to pick your order up today before going home.

Parish Council meets today in the conference room following the veneration of the Cross.

Parish Office Hours during Holy Week; Monday: Regular Hours (9am – 3pm), Tuesday & Wednesday: 9-10am & 11am-3pm, Thursday 10am-2:45pm. The Parish Office will be CLOSED on Holy Friday.

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Schedule of services for the week of April 12;

GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

Monday, April 13

6:00 pm

GREAT AND HOLY MONDAY

Presanctified Divine Liturgy followed by Lenten potluck

Tuesday, April 14

10:00 am

6:00 pm

GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY

Bridegroom Matins

Presanctified Divine Liturgy followed by Lenten potluck

Wednesday, April 15

10:00 am

6:00 pm

GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY

Bridegroom Matins

The Sacrament of Holy Unction for the forgiveness of sins and the healing of soul and body.

Thursday, April 16

9:00 am

3:00 pm

6:00 pm

GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY – The Mystical Supper and the Institution of the Holy Eucharist and the betrayal by Judas

Betrayal Matins

Vespers and Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great

Passion Matins with the Twelve Passion Gospels, procession and veneration of the Holy Cross

**The Holy Tomb of our Lord will be set up after Royal Hours service on Friday morning.
All are invited to help.**

Friday, April 17

9:00 am

3:00 pm

7:00 pm

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

Royal Hours

Great Vespers – the descent from the Cross and the placing of the Holy Shroud in the tomb

Jerusalem Matins with Lamentations and Procession

Saturday, April 18

10:00 am

12:00 pm

10:30 pm

11:00 pm

12:00 am

GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY

Vespers and Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great

Simple Blessing of Paschal Foods

Nocturnes

Resurrection Procession and Matins

Paschal Liturgy followed by the Solemn Blessing of Paschal Food Baskets in the Parish Hall

Sunday, April 19

11:00 am

HOLY PASCHA – THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR
JESUS CHRIST

Paschal Vespers followed by procession

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for all of the children in attendance, following the Vesper service on Sunday, April 19.