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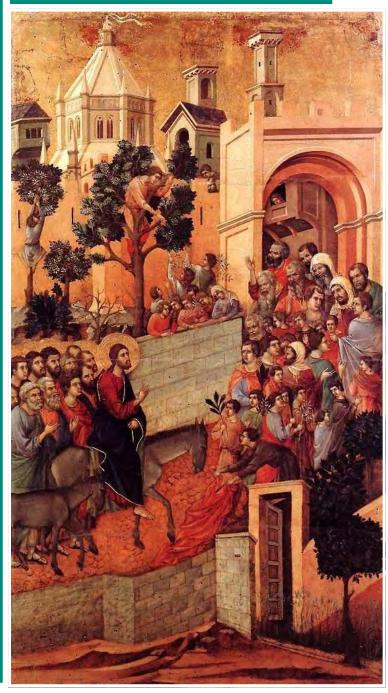
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### **Divine Services**

Eve Sundays & Feast Days 5:00 PM Confessions 6:00 PM Great Vespers Sundays and Feast Days 8:40 AM 3rd and 6th Hour 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy Please check weekly schedule for specific days (last page). Previous Ambos on website. Articles for publication should be submitted to: ambo-theodosius @googlegroups.com APRIL 9, 2023 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

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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 messi- Our Pledge anic 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 shortlived. 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.

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

### **A Note Concerning Envelopes**

Our church envelops will now ship quarterly instead of monthly, so that three months' worth of envelopes will arrive at one time.

### Landscaping Ministry

#### Spring is around the corner!

Consider helping us to cut and edge the grounds around our cathedral, it's a great way of getting some sun and exercise while beautifying the church. Please speak with **Joyce Tabeling** in person or call her at **216 408-7187** 

# **COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

We need more people to help with our weekly coffee hours after Divine Liturgies on Sundays. Please contact **Cathy Weber** (weberc528@gmail.com) if you would like to participate. This is a wonderful way to facilitate fellowship and serve your church family. Perhaps you've already thought about helping out in this way? Then now is the time! Email Cathy, she will answer any questions you might have.



## **Bright Week Young Adult Fellowship Picnic**

Wednesday, April 19th. Our location is TBD, but save the date. Participants are each asked to each bring something. Come and celebrate your Paschal joy with your Orthodox friends!

## VISITATIONS

Fr. Cizmar would like to know who requires visitation. He is eager to visit those who might have gone a long time without visitation for any reason at all. A key duty of a priest's ministry is to visit the sick and confined, those unable to attend the holy services for any reason. His phone number and email address are printed on the front of every Ambo, and are repeated here:

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### BIBLE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

**Sunday, April 9** Genesis 49:1-2,8-12 Zephaniah 3:14-19 Zechariah 9:9-15 Matthew 21:1-11, 15-17 Philippians 4:4-9 John 12:1-18

Monday, April 10 Ezekiel 1:1-20 Exodus 1:1-20 Job 1:1-12 Matthew 21:18-43 Matthew 24:3-35

#### Tuesday, April 11

Ezekiel 1:21-28 (1:1-28,2:1 LXX) Exodus 2:5-10 Job 1:13-22 Matthew 22:15-23:39 Matthew 24:36-26:2

#### Wednesday, April 12

Ezekiel 2:3-3:3 Exodus 2:11-22 Job 2:1-10 John 12:17-50 Matthew 26:6-16 Thursday, April 13 Jeremiah 11:18-12:5, 9-11, 14-15 Exodus 19:10-19 Job 38:1-23; 42:1-5 Isaiah 50:4-11 Luke 22:1-39 1 Corinthians 11:23-32 Matt. 26:2-20; John 13:3-17; Matt. 26:21-39; Luke 22:43-45; Matt. 26:40-27:2 John 13:1-11 John 13:12-17

Friday, April 14

John 13:31-18:1 John 18:1-28 Matthew 26:57-75 John 18:28-19:16 Matthew 27:3-32 Mark 15:16-32 Mark 15:16-32 Matthew 27:33-54 Luke 23:32-49 John 19:25-37 Mark 15:43-47 John 19:38-42 Matthew 27:62-66 Zechariah 11:10-13 Galatians 6:14-18

Isaiah 50:4-11 Romans 5:6-11 Mark 15:16-41 Isaiah 52:13-54:1 Amos 8:9-12 Hebrews 2:11-18 Luke 23:32-49 Jeremiah 11:18-12:5, 9:11, 14-15 Hebrews 10:19-31 John 18:28-19:37 Exodus 33:11-23 Job 42:12-17 LXX Isaiah 52:13-54:1 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:2 Matt. 27:1-38: Luke 23:39-43; Matt. 27:39-54; John 19:31-37; Matt. 27:55-61

Matthew 27:1-56

Saturday, April 15 Ezekiel 37:1-14 1 Corinthians 5:6-8: Galatians 3:13-14 Matthew 27:62-66 Genesis 1:1-13 Isaiah 60:1-16 Exodus 12:1-11 Jonah 1:1-4:11 Joshua 5:10-15 Exodus 13:20-15:19 Zephaniah 3:8-15 3[1] Kings 17:8-24 Isaiah 61:10-62:5 Genesis 22:1-18 Isaiah 61:1-9 4[2] Kings 4:8-37 Isaiah 63:11-64:5 Jeremiah 31:31-34 Daniel 3:1-23; Song of the Three: 1-66 with verses Romans 6:3-11 Matthew 28:1-20

> Sunday, April 16 Acts 1:1-8 John 1:1-17



### ST. GREGORY PALAMAS MONASTERY PILGRIMAGE

Saturday, May 13th. Fr. Joseph and the brotherhood will be welcoming young adult Cleveland area orthodox for a group visit. If you've never been there before: "The Monastery (934 Cr. #2256 Perrysville, 44864) is located in northeast Ohio, about 15 miles east of Mansfield. The regular cycle of monastic worship services (conducted primarily in English) provides a traditional prayer experience which is only possible in a monastery." Details to follow.

### **PRAYER REQUESTS**

#### as of 4/9/2023

Deceased Protopresbyter Srboljub Lawrence Susan Melvin Timm

Special Intentions: Subdeacon Theodore Lentz Subdeacon Igor Gajewsky Subdeacon Roger Pinta Reader Paul Pangrace Reader Frank Tkacz

Stephan Chwalyk Horia Dascalescu (Lavinia's brother) Diane Kearsey (Janice Tkacz's Sister) Janice Tkacz Eleanor Wachovec (friend of Karen Felon) Rachel Ohlin (relative of Tatiana) Erin Zawolowycz Joseph Czajkowski (son of Jerry) Carol Nielsen (Paul Pangrace's sister) Virginia Medvec Jeffrey Parhamovich (brother of Karen Felon) Margaret Parhamovich (sister-in-law of Karen Felon) Margaret Peyton (Cathy's aunt) Jean Woycitzky Thompson (Frank's cousin) Anna Marie Luvison (daughter of Matthew & Katie (Ellis) Luvison) Debra Parhamovich (sister of Karen Felon ) Grace Mary Parhamovich (mother of Karen Felon ) Gayle Vidovich Elizabeth Balasz Christina Hile (Nisi & Cindy's sister) Lonnie Ellis (Husband to Debra Ellis) Robert Martin Prock Andrew (Nephew of Deborah Finley ) Valentina Zawolowycz (mother of Paul Z ) Michael and Nichole Zolikoff and unborn child Mark Francis

> Please submit names to the Prayer List by emailing them to Fr. Jan Cizmar <u>st.theodosiuscathedral@gmail.com</u> Or calling at 1(440) 732-8182 Names remain on the list for 30 days unless requested otherwise.



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# HOLY WEEK 2023

Sunday	MONDAY	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fríday	Saturday
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April 9	April 10	April 11	April 12	April 13	April 14	April 15
Palm Sunday	Great and Holy	Great and Holy	Great and Holy	Great and Holy	Great and	Great and Holy
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Holy Friday	Saturday
9AM Palm					9AM Royal	1PM Vesperal
Sunday Divine	2:30PM 9th Hour	2:30PM 9th Hour	2:30PM 9th Hour	2:30PM 9th Hour	Hours	Divine Liturgy of
Liturgy	+ Typica	+ Typica	+ Typica	+ Typica		Holy Saturday
				3PM Vesperal	3PM Vespers	Blessing of
	3PM	3PM	3PM	Divine Liturgy		Baskets to follow
	Presanctified	Presanctified	Presanctified		7PM Matins	
	Liturgy	Liturgy	Liturgy	7PM Matins	with	10:30 PM
6PM Bridegroom				(Passion	Procession	Nocturnes and
Matins	6PM Bridegroom	6PM Bridegroom	6PM Bridegroom	Gospels)		Paschal Vigil
	Matins	Matins	Matins			
April 16	April 17	April 18	April 19	April 20	April 21	April 22
Holy Pascha	Bright	Bright	Bright	Bright	Bright	Bright
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Fríday	Saturday
	9AM Divine					5:00 Great
	Liturgy					Vespers