



HOLY CROSS

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

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Sunday, April 9, 2023

Palm Sunday

+ St. Eupychios of Caesarea

Eothinos/Orthros Gospel: Festal (Mt. 21:1-11, 15:17)

Mode of the Week: Festal/Της Εορτής

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Orthros



Divine Liturgy



Upcoming Schedule

<i>Today, April 9</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on Palm Sunday Blessing and Procession of the Palms at the end of the Liturgy Philoptochos Palm Sunday Luncheon after the Liturgy 1:30pm Bridegroom Orthros (for Holy Monday)
<i>Monday, April 10</i>	7:00pm Bridegroom Orthros (for Holy Tuesday)
<i>Tuesday, April 11</i>	7:00pm Bridegroom Orthros (for Holy Wednesday)
<i>Wednesday, April 12</i>	9:30am Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6:30pm Orthros for Holy Thursday with Holy Unction
<i>Thursday, April 13</i>	9:30am Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil (Institution of the Mystical Supper) 7:00pm Orthros for Holy Friday (12 Gospels/Passion)
<i>Friday, April 14</i>	9:30am Royal/Great Hours on Holy (Good) Friday 3:00pm Great Vespers of Holy Saturday (Apokathilosis/taking Christ down from the Cross) 7:00pm Orthros for Holy Saturday (Epitaphios Service)
<i>Saturday, April 15</i>	9:30am Vespers Liturgy of St. Basil (Proti-Anastasi) 11:00pm Resurrection Service for Great and Holy PASCHA (until approx. 1:30-2:00am) - followed by communal meal to break the fast in the Parish House
<i>Sunday, April 16</i>	12:00pm Agape Vespers on Great and Holy PASCHA 1:00pm Pascha Picnic/Easter Egg Hunt
<i>Friday, April 21</i>	9:30am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Life-Giving Spring of the Theotokos 12:00pm Orthodox Book Study
<i>Saturday, April 22</i>	11:00am Greek Spring Fling (until 8:00pm)
<i>Sunday, April 23</i>	9:15am Orthros 10:30am Divine Liturgy on Thomas Sunday/Feast of St. George Sunday School for the Youth after Holy Communion Coffee Fellowship in the Parish House after the Liturgy
<i>Tuesday, April 25</i>	7:00pm Parish Council Meeting
<i>Wednesday, April 26</i>	5:45pm Vespers 6:30pm Adult Study Class
<p>Upcoming Epistle Readers: (4/16) George Saratsiotis, Richard Stewart; (4/23) Pete Tsamolias, Cheryl Schwartzkopf Upcoming Ushers: (Holy Week) See Emails; (4/21) TBD; (4/23) Cristina+Jim L.; (4/30) John A., Charles G. Upcoming Video Operators: (Holy Week) See Emails; (4/21) Joanna P.; (4/23) Cristina L.; (4/30) Gray Y./David N. Upcoming Fellowship Hosts: (4/16) Pascha Picnic (Parish Council); (4/23) Maria Mahoney; (4/30) Danai Esquivel</p>	

Our Parish Hymn of the Holy Cross of Christ:

Save, O Lord, save your people and bless Your inheritance. Give victory to those who battle evil and protect us all by Your Holy Cross.

Σώσον Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκας τοῖς βασιλεῦσι κατὰ βαρβάρων δωρούμενος καὶ τὸ σὸν φυλάττων διὰ τοῦ Σταυροῦ σου πολίτευμα.

To our Visitors and Guests: We extend a **warm welcome** to all worshiping with us today! While Holy Communion, following ancient practice, is reserved for Orthodox Christians, non-Orthodox may receive the blessed bread (antidoron) offered at the conclusion of the service.

Please join us in the Parish House after the Divine Liturgy for Coffee Fellowship!

Epistle Reading

*Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν
ὀνόματι Κυρίου.*

*Στίχ. Ἐξομολογεῖσθε τῷ Κυρίῳ,
ὅτι ἀγαθός, ὅτι εἰς τὸν αἰῶνα τὸ
ἔλεος αὐτοῦ.*

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*Πρὸς Φιλιππισίους Ἐπιστολῆς
Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα.*

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Ἀδελφοί, χαίρετε ἐν Κυρίῳ πάντοτε· πάλιν ἐρῶ, χαίρετε. Τὸ ἐπιεικὲς ὑμῶν γνωσθήτω πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις. Ὁ Κύριος ἐγγύς. Μηδὲν μεριμνᾶτε, ἀλλ' ἐν παντὶ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ δεήσει μετὰ εὐχαριστίας τὰ αἰτήματα ὑμῶν γνωρίζεσθω πρὸς τὸν Θεόν· καὶ ἡ εἰρήνη τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡ ὑπερέχουσα πάντα νοῦν φρουρήσει τὰς καρδίας ὑμῶν καὶ τὰ νοήματα ὑμῶν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Τὸ λοιπόν, ἀδελφοί, ὅσα ἐστὶν ἀληθῆ, ὅσα σεμνά, ὅσα δίκαια, ὅσα ἀγνά, ὅσα προσφιλή, ὅσα εὐφήμα, εἴ τις ἀρετὴ καὶ εἴ τις ἔπαινος, ταῦτα λογίζεσθε· ἃ καὶ ἐμάθετε καὶ παρελάβετε καὶ ἠκούσατε καὶ εἶδετε ἐν ἐμοί, ταῦτα πράσσετε· καὶ ὁ Θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης ἔσται μεθ' ὑμῶν.

*Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord.*

*Verse: Give thanks to the Lord,
for He is good; for His mercy
endures forever. (Ps. 117)*

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*The reading is from Paul's
Letter to the Philippians. (4:4-9)*

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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.

The Holy Gospel Reading according to St. John (12:1-18)

Palm Sunday

Πρὸ ἕξ ἡμερῶν τοῦ πάσχα ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς Βηθανίαν, ὅπου ἦν Λάζαρος ὁ τεθνηκώς, ὃν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐποίησαν οὖν αὐτῷ δείπνον ἐκεῖ, καὶ ἡ Μάρθα διηκόνει· ὁ δὲ Λάζαρος εἷς ἦν ἐκ τῶν ἀνακειμένων σὺν αὐτῷ. ἡ οὖν Μαρία, λαβοῦσα λίτραν μύρου νάρδου πιστικῆς πολυτίμου, ἠλείψε τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ καὶ ἐξέμαξε ταῖς θριξίν αὐτῆς τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ· ἡ δὲ οἰκία ἐπληρώθη ἐκ τῆς ὀσμῆς τοῦ μύρου. λέγει οὖν εἷς ἐκ τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, Ἰούδας Σίμωνος Ἰσκαριώτης, ὁ μέλλων αὐτὸν παραδιδόναι· Διατί τοῦτο τὸ μύρον οὐκ ἐπράθη τριακοσίων δηναρίων καὶ ἐδόθη πτωχοῖς; εἶπε δὲ τοῦτο οὐχ ὅτι περὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ἔμελεν αὐτῷ, ἀλλ' ὅτι κλέπτῃς ἦν, καὶ τὸ γλωσσόκομον εἶχε καὶ τὰ βαλλόμενα ἐβάσταζεν. εἶπεν οὖν ὁ Ἰησοῦς· Ἄφες αὐτήν, εἰς τὴν ἡμέραν τοῦ ἐνταφιασμοῦ μου τετήρηκεν αὐτό. τοὺς πτωχοὺς γὰρ πάντοτε ἔχετε μεθ' ἑαυτῶν, ἐμὲ δὲ οὐ πάντοτε ἔχετε. Ἔγνω οὖν ὄχλος πολὺς ἐκ τῶν Ἰουδαίων ὅτι ἐκεῖ ἐστί, καὶ ἦλθον οὐ διὰ τὸν Ἰησοῦν μόνον, ἀλλ' ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἴδωσιν ὃν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐβουλεύσαντο δὲ οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἀποκτείνωσιν, ὅτι πολλοὶ δι' αὐτὸν ὑπήγον τῶν Ἰουδαίων καὶ ἐπίστευον εἰς τὸν Ἰησοῦν. Τῇ ἐπαύριον ὁ ὄχλος πολὺς ὁ ἐλθὼν εἰς τὴν ἑορτήν, ἀκούσαντες ὅτι ἔρχεται Ἰησοῦς εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα, ἔλαβον τὰ βραβία τῶν φοινίκων καὶ ἐξῆλθον εἰς ὑπάντησιν αὐτῷ, καὶ ἐκραύγαζον· Ὡσαννά· εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου, ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. εὐρῶν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὀνάριον ἐκάθισεν ἐπ' αὐτό, καθὼς ἐστί γεγραμμένον· Μη φοβοῦ, θύγατερ Σιών· ἰδοὺ ὁ βασιλεὺς σου ἔρχεται καθήμενος ἐπὶ πῶλον ὄνου. Ταῦτα δὲ οὐκ ἔγνωσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ τὸ πρῶτον, ἀλλ' ὅτε ἐδοξάσθη ὁ Ἰησοῦς, τότε ἐμνήσθησαν ὅτι ταῦτα ἦν ἐπ' αὐτῷ γεγραμμένα, καὶ ταῦτα ἐποίησαν αὐτῷ. Ἐμαρτύρει οὖν ὁ ὄχλος ὁ ὢν μετ' αὐτοῦ ὅτε τὸν Λάζαρον ἐφώνησεν ἐκ τοῦ μνημείου καὶ ἤγειρεν αὐτὸν ἐκ νεκρῶν. διὰ τοῦτο καὶ ὑπήντησεν αὐτῷ ὁ ὄχλος, ὅτι ἠκούσαν τοῦτο αὐτὸν πεποιηκέναι τὸ σημεῖον.

Six days before 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 donkey and sat upon 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 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.

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Bulletin for the week of April 9, 2023

Ushers on Duty: Jim Lekas, Cheryl+Erick Schwartzkopf

Video: Natalia S.

Altar Servers: All Adult/Youth Servers

Epistle Readers: Aleca Hortman (Greek), Angelika Passias (English)

Fellowship Host (Thank You!): Philoptochos Luncheon



Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ Palm Sunday

On Sunday, five days before the Passover of the Law, the Lord came from Bethany to Jerusalem. Sending two of His disciples to bring Him a foal of an ass, He sat thereon and entered into the city. When the multitude there heard that Jesus was coming, they straightway took up the branches of palm trees in their hands, and went forth to meet Him. Others spread their garments on the ground, and yet others cut branches from the trees and strewed them in the way that Jesus was to pass; and all of them together, especially the children, went before and after Him, crying out: "Hosanna: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel" (John 12:13). This is the radiant and glorious festival of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem that we celebrate today.

The branches of the palm trees symbolize Christ's victory over the devil and death. The word Hosanna means "Save, I pray," or "Save, now." The foal of an ass, and Jesus' sitting thereon, and the fact that this animal was untamed and considered unclean according to the Law, signified the former uncleanness and wildness of the nations, and their subjection thereafter to the holy Law of the Gospel.

+ The Holy Martyr Euphrosinos of Caesarea (+362)

+ The Devout Badimos the Archimandrite and his seven disciples (+379)

+ The Holy Martyrs who died in captivity in Persia

+ The Holy Martyr Abdiel

+ The Holy Newly Revealed Martyrs Raphael, Nicholas, and Irene (+1463)

By the intercessions of Your Saints, O God, have mercy on us and save us. Amen.

Variable Hymns of the Day in the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (page 8 in the Pew Book):

- First Hymn of Palm Sunday (Την κοινήν Ανάστασιν, 1st Mode):

To confirm the general resurrection before Your Passion, You resurrected Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore imitating the children, carrying the symbols of victory, we cry out to You the Victor over death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One, who comes in the name of the Lord." (Sung before and after the Small Entrance)

- Special Entrance Hymn (Ευλογημένος ο ερχόμενος, 2nd Mode):

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself to us. Save us, O Son of God, who sat on a donkey's colt. We sing to You, Alleluia.

- Second Hymn of Palm Sunday (Συνταφέντες σοι, 4th Mode):

We were buried with You through Baptism, O Christ our God, and thus by Your Resurrection we have been granted immortal life, and extolling You we cry aloud, "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One who comes in the name of the Lord."

- Hymn of the Holy Cross is not sung today.

- The Kontakion of Palm Sunday (Τω θρόνω εν ουρανῶ, 2nd Mode):

In heaven upon the throne, on earth upon the colt, * You were carried, O Christ our God; * and the praise of the Angels, and the hymns of the children, You received as they cried to You, * "Blessed are You, the One, who is coming to call Adam back again."

Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

This Week's Daily Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:

Palm Sunday (4/9—Fish+Wine+Oil): Matthew 21:1-11, 15-17; Philippians 4:4-9; John 12:1-18

Holy Monday (4/10—Strict Fast): Matthew 21:18-43; Matthew 24:3-35

Holy Tuesday (4/11—Strict Fast): Matthew 22:15-46, 23:1-39; Matthew 24:36-51, 25:1-46, 26:1-2

Holy Wednesday (4/12—Strict Fast): John 12:17-50; Matthew 26:6-16

Holy Thursday (4/13—Wine+Oil): Luke 22:1-39; I Corinthians 11:23-32; Matthew 26:1-20; John 13:3-17; Matthew 26:21-39; Luke 22:43-44; Matthew 26:40-75, 27:1-2

Holy Friday (4/14—Strict Fast): I Corinthians 5:6-8; Matthew 27:62-66

Holy Saturday (4/15—Strict Fast): Matthew 27:62-66; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-20

Prayer Requests:

Metropolitan Alexios, Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish), Fr. Angelo, Panteleimon, Michael, Eve, Kassiani, Michael, Dimitrios, Georgia, Pavlos, Pete, Jill, Betty, David, Chris, Irene, Valerie, Alexi, Chris, Dianna, Keith, Jeannie, Dawn, Kenneth, Samuel, Hermione, Emmanuel, Mary, Adrienne, Kay, Helen, Nikki, Sedky, Mena, Austin, Kiley, Garrett, Andy, Heather, Carolina, Maria, Laurie, Lindsey, Randy, Raymond, Marina, Effie, Christina, Ashley

Prayers for those recently reposed:

Alexie (+March 5), Jane (+March 17),
Tasos (+March 21)

Prayers for expecting mothers:

Katina B.

Prayers for Military Personnel and Their Families:

Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aaron Vrahiotes, Aleksander Zajac

Prayers for our Catechumens and Inquirers into the Orthodox Church:

Nate, Chad, Alexander, and pray for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

St. Cyril of Jerusalem on the Lord's Entry into Jerusalem (vis-à-vis the entry of Kings of that age): "Kings are many; of which do you speak, O Prophet? Give us a sign which other Kings have not. If you say, A king clad in purple, the dignity of the apparel has been anticipated. If you say, Guarded by spear-men, and sitting in a golden chariot, this also has been anticipated by others. Give us a sign peculiar to the King whose coming you announce.

And the Prophet makes answer and says, Behold! Your King comes unto you, just, and having salvation: He is meek, and riding upon an ass and a young foal, **not on a chariot**. You have a **unique sign** of the King who came. Jesus alone of kings sat upon an unyoked foal, entering into Jerusalem with acclamations as a king."

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!

April 10: Jim Lekas

April 15: Leo Economopoulos

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!

April 11: Effie Morris

April 12: Christine Nicholas

Anniversaries—Congratulations!

April 13: Betty and Spencer Maxwell

(If you have a celebration that did not make it into the bulletin, please e-mail Fr. Theodore!)

Announcements:

* **Shut-Ins:** If you know of anyone who is unable to come to the Church because of illness, age, or any other reason, please contact Fr. Theodore so that he can visit with them, pray with them, and administer to them the Holy Mysteries.

* **YOUTH:** GOYAns, per Sofia's request, please stay to help take the palms down in prep for this afternoon's service following the Fish Luncheon. **Myrrh-bearers** needed for Holy Week; more info to come. For now, make sure your young ladies have their modest all-white dresses ready to wear. **Egg Hunt** on Pascha after Agape Vespers! **Spring Fling** gyro sale is counting on the GOYAns for their help! Sign up link is in the email from the office.

* **Coin Boxes** to support the work of OCMC (Orthodox Christian Mission Center) are available for pick up in coffee hour (room where the food/coffee is). These will be collected after Pascha.

* **Philoptochos:** Palm Sunday Philoptochos Luncheon will be taking place after Liturgy today! Please plan on attending! Suggested donation \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 3 years and up. Tsourekis will be on sale in the Parish House (\$10/\$20).

* **Pascha/Easter:** An email has been sent with details regarding the Easter Lily Dedication (for both those living and those reposed) along with the Easter Egg Hunt and Pascha Luncheon next Sunday, April 16 after the Agape Vespers. Please plan on attending so that we can celebrate the greatest day of the Church year together as a Church Family! Kali Anastasi!

* If you are interested in the mystery of **Holy Confession** before Pascha, please contact Fr. Theodore soon as possible to schedule!