HOLY CROSS
GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH
Sunday, April 9, 2023
Palm Sunday
+ St. Eupsychios of Caesarea
Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Festal (Mt. 21:11-15, 15:17)
Mode of the Week: Festal/Της Εορτής

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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.

Σῶσον Κύριε τὸν λαόν σου καὶ εὐλόγησον τὴν κληρονομίαν σου, νίκης 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!

Upcoming Schedule

Sunday, April 9
9:15am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on Palm Sunday
   Blessing and Procession of the Palms at the end of the Liturgy
1:30pm Bridegroom Orthros (for Holy Monday)

Monday, April 10
7:00pm Bridegroom Orthros (for Holy Tuesday)

Tuesday, April 11
7:00pm Bridegroom Orthros (for Holy Wednesday)

Wednesday, April 12
9:30am Pre-Sanctified Liturgy
6:30pm Orthros for Holy Thursday with Holy Unction

Thursday, April 13
9:30am Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil (Institution of the Mystical Supper)
7:00pm Orthros for Holy Friday (12 Gospels/Passion)

Friday, April 14
9:30am Royal/Great Hours on Holy (Good) Friday
3:00pm Great Vespers of Holy Saturday (Apokathelosis/taking Christ down from the Cross)
7:00pm Orthros for Holy Saturday (Epitaphios Service)

Saturday, April 15
9:30am Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil (Proti-Anastasi)
11:00am 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

Sunday, April 16
12:00pm Agape Vespers on Great and Holy PASCHA
1:00pm Pascha Picnic/Easter Egg Hunt

Friday, April 21
9:30am Orthros
10:30am Divine Liturgy on the Feast of the Life-Giving Spring of the Theotokos
12:00pm Orthodox Book Study

Saturday, April 22
11:00am Greek Spring Fling (until 8:00pm)

Sunday, April 23
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

Tuesday, April 25
7:00pm Parish Council Meeting

Wednesday, April 26
5:45pm Vespers
6:30pm Adult Study Class

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 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) Dani Esquivel

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Epistle Reading

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)

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 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.
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, upon which Christ rode into Jerusalem, signified the unique sign of the King who came. Jesus alone of kings sat upon an unyoked foal, entering Jerusalem with acclamations as a king.


- First Hymn of Palm Sunday (Διον διον Άνωστος, 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, O King of Israel” (John 12:13). This is the radiant and glorious festival of our Lord’s entry into Jerusalem that we celebrate today.

- Second Hymn of Palm Sunday (Θεοτόκος τών Βαπτιστών, 2nd 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 (Τῷ Βαπτιστῶν, 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.”

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, Alex, Chris, Dianna, Keith, Jennie, Dawn, Kenneth, Samuel, Hernandez, Emmanuel, Mary, Adrienne, Kay, Helen, Nikki, Steve, Susan, Austin, Kiley, Garrett, Andy, Heather, Carolina, Maria, Laurie, Lindsey, Randy, Raymond, Marina, Efi, Christine, Ashley

Prayers for those recently reposed:

- Alexie (+18) (March 1)
- Fotis (+16) (March 17)
- Taxis (+March 21)

Prayers for expecting mothers:

- Katia B.

Prayers for military personnel and their families:

- Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aaron "Luke" (March 21)
- Andre 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 (6-8 vs 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 other 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 dapple-black horse. You have a sign of the King who came.

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 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 strewn 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 to the King 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, upon which Christ rode into Jerusalem, signified the unique sign of the King who came. Jesus alone of kings sat upon an unyoked foal, entering Jerusalem with acclamations as a king.

- Holy Wednesday (4/12—Strict Fast):
  John 13:17-20; Matthew 26:16-10

Holy Thursday (4/13—Wine + Oil):

Holy Friday (4/14—Strict Fast):
  1 Corinthians 15:29-38; Matthew 27:46-56

Holy Saturday (4/15—Strict Fast):
  Matthew 27:52-66; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-20

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 Home” (the food) after this afternoon’s service following the Fish Luncheon. Myrrhbearers needed for Holy Week; more info to come. For now, make sure you have your own 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 $5. And you 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 family Sunday School. Please plan on attending so that we can celebrate the feast 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!