Sunday, April 28, 2024
Palm Sunday
The Holy Nine Martyrs of Kyzikos
Eothinon/Orthros Gospel: Festal (Matthew 21:1-11,15-17)
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.

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Upcoming Epistle Readers: (Holy Week+Pascha) See Email; (5/12) George Saratsiotis, Panos Drakopoulos
Upcoming PC Member On-Duty: (Holy Week) See Email; (5/5) Sarah Drakopoulos; (5/12) Melanie Moye
Upcoming Ushers: (Holy Week+Pascha) See Email; (5/5) Norm + Eleni A.; (5/8) OPEN; (5/12) Cleo B., Melanie M.
Upcoming Video Operators: (Holy Week+Pascha) See Email; (5/6) OPEN; (5/12) Natalia S.; (5/19) Cristina L.
Fellowship Hosts: (5/5) Pascha Picnic; (5/12) Maria Bronisevsky; (5/19) Sarah Drakopoulos; (5/26) Maria McCluskey

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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

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. (Psalm 117)

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

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I 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 (12:1-8)

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 the people at the 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, Simon's son, 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 it remain with me 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!” So Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; and the disciples spread their clothes over its back. When 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 that he had done this sign.
Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

+ Palm Sunday—The Triumphal Entry to Jerusalem
  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 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: 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,” who sat on a donkey's colt. We sing to You, Alleluia.

+ The Holy Nine Martyrs of Kyzkos: Theogonis, Rufus, Antipater, Theosticho, Onymerus, Magnus, Theodotos, Theoctistos and Philomeno (+286)
  These holy martyrs, who were from various regions, suffered martyrdom together when they were beheaded in Cziczas, a city in Asia Minor on the southern coast of the Sea of Marmara.

+ Our Devout Father Memnon the Wonder-worker (+6th Century)
+ Our Devout Father Afxivios, Bishop of Soli, Cyprus (+304)
+ The Holy Martyr Tibald of Pannonia (+304)

Today our Holy Orthodox Church commemorates:

• Palm Sunday (Typ xovoy Avtaraov, First 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.” After and before the Small Entrance. Greek text found in large hymnal on pg. 144.

• Entrance Hymn (Ελυθεριανισθεν το αγαθονα, Second Mode):
  Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself to us. The Lord, and He showed forth His glory. The Lord, and He revealed Himself to us. We sing to You, Alleluia.

• Another hymn of Palm Sunday (Συγκατεκαθαρισθεν ου, Fourth 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 come to the name of the Lord.” (Greek text found in large hymnal on pg. 148)

• Hymn of the Holy Cross is not sung today.

• The Kontakion of Palm Sunday (Το Βάπτισμον εν οξεπρεπε, Plagal of the Second 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.” (Greek text found in large hymnal on pg. 272)

Variable Hymns of the Day in the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom (pg. 8 in the Small Book/pg. 37 in the Hymnal):

This Week’s Daily Scripture Readings and Fasting Guidance:


Holy Wednesday (5/1—Strict Fast): John 12:17-50; Matthew 26:16-17


Holy Friday (5/3—Strict Fast): 1 Corinthians 5:6-8; Matthew 27:52-66; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-20

Prayer Requests:

Fr. Symeon (mission priest supported by our parish)
Panteleimon, Michael, Kassiani, Dimitrios, Georgia, Pavlos, Maria, Roxy, Renee, Valerio, Bianca, Gary, Jeanie, Dawn, Kenneth, Hermione, Mary, Kay, Helen, Nikki, Mena, Austin, Keyle, Garrett, Carolina, Maria, Laurie, Lindsey, Robert, Marina, Efie, Christina, Ashley, Foster, Peggy, Lynn, Dimitri, Stelianos, Brian, Vassilios, Bessie, Katerina, Link, Bill, Virginia, Karl, Colin, Mitch, Rinne, Michael, Christian

Prayers for those recently reposed:
Jeffrey (+March 23), Audrey (+April 2), Kathy (+April 26)

Prayers for expecting mothers:
Julie G. (+April 26)
Maryyah S.

Prayers for Military Personnel and Their Families:
Aubriana Butchko, Kyle Glotzbach, Robert Ice, Aaron Vrachos, Aleksander Zajac

Prayers for our Catechumens and Inquirers into the Orthodox Church:
Bobha, Bozana, Mary, and prayer for those who are seeking Christ and His Church!

Weekly Wisdom of the Fathers:

St. John of Kronstadt on the Cross and our Lord’s Passion:*In the cross, like light in the sun, is concentrated the Love of God Almighty for the world and men: in the cross is the whole power of God Almighty and the whole power of God the Father, and the whole power of God the Holy Spirit for us, how would He not, with His love, give everything to us... Thus the cross, which we use during prayer, is a token of God’s great mercy to us, and an answer to our prayers. The cross is also a weapon for the banishment of spiritual enemies and worldly passions.

Our Devout Father Afxivios, Bishop of Soli, Cyprus

Guidance, Prayer Requests, and Announcements

Upcoming Celebrations This Week

Name Days—Chronia Polla, Many Years!
April 29: Wyatt “Jason” Morris
April 30: Mina Stewart

Birthdays—Happy Birthday!
April 29: George Lane, Maria Murphy, Eleni Saratsiotis
April 30: Despina Passias
May 2: Volos, Mary Kanounis
May 3: Dragos Filimon, Tennessee Morris, Mary Klaire Zoumbous
May 4: Sarah Atanasio, Mathews

Annyiversaries—Congratulations!
April 28: Ray and Helen Vardy

(Please contact Fr. Theodore by phone or email ASAP if you are interested in Holy Confession before Pascha—the days are running short!)

Kali Anastasi, a blessed Holy Week to us all!