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Palm Sunday

8:30am: Orthros

10am: Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Hymns of the Day

Second Antiphon

Save us, O Son of God, who sat on a donkey's colt. We sing to You, Alleluia.

Σῶσον ἡμᾶς Ὡς Θεοῦ, ὁ ἐπὶ πώλου ὄνου καθεσθείς, ψάλλοντάς
σοι, Ἀλληλούϊα.

Apolytikion of Palm Sunday in the 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.”

Ἀπολυτίκιον τῆς ἐορτῆς. ᾠδὴ α΄.

Τὴν κοινὴν Ἀνάστασιν πρὸ τοῦ σοῦ Πάθους πιστούμενος, ἐκ νεκρῶν ἡγείρας τὸν Λάζαρον, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός· ὅθεν καὶ ἡμεῖς ὡς οἱ Παῖδες, τὰ τῆς νίκης σύμβολα φέροντες, σοὶ τῷ Νικητῇ τοῦ θανάτου βοῶμεν· Ὡσαννά ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

Another Apolytikion of the Feast in the 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 comes in the name of the Lord.”



Kontakion of Palm Sunday in the Plagal 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.”

Hymn to the Theotokos in the Fourth Mode

God is the Lord, and He appeared to us. * O Christians, appoint a feast, and with exultant joy * come and let us magnify the Christ, * waving our palm-leaves and branches, crying aloud in hymns: * “Blessed is the One who comes * in the name of the Lord our Savior.”

Communion Verse

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

Εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου. Ἀλληλούϊα.

Gospel and Epistle Readings

Epistle Reading

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.

Gospel Reading

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, 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 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.

Saints and Feasts

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.

Wisdom of the Fathers

“The commemoration of Christ’s saving passion is at hand, and the new, great spiritual Passover, which is the reward for dispassion and the prelude of the world to come. Lazarus proclaims it in advance by coming back from the depths of Hades and rising from the dead on the fourth day just by the voice and command of God, who has power over life and death. By the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, children and simple people sing praises in advance to the Redeemer from death, who brings souls up from Hades and gives souls and bodies eternal life.

“Let us all, young and old, rulers and subjects, be childlike in innocence, that God may empower us to make a public show of the trophies, and carry aloft the symbols of victory, not just of victory over the evil passions, but over visible and invisible enemies, and may we find the grace of the word to help in time of need. The Young colt which the Lord deigned to ride for our sake prefigured, although it was only one, the Gentiles’ obedience to Him and we, governors and governed alike, are all Gentiles come from them.

“Before His saving passion, when the Lord entered the earthly Jerusalem, not just the people, but also the true rulers of the Gentiles, the Lord’s apostles, spread their garments in His way. In the same manner, let us all, rulers as well as subjects, lay down our natural garments before Him, by making our flesh and its impulses subject to the spirit, that we may be made worthy not only to see and worship Christ’s saving passion and holy resurrection, but to enjoy communion with Him.”

- Gregory Palamas, *Homily* 15 “On Palm Sunday” §§1, 11, 13

Parish Information

Orthodox Christianity 101

Our Orthodox Christianity 101 class meets on Sundays, following coffee hour. This class is intended for catechumens, inquirers, and anyone who is interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith.

Youth Church School

Church School for our kids takes place on **Sunday mornings**, immediately following Holy Communion. Please allow Church School kids and their teachers to come forward for Holy Communion first. We have two classrooms: one for elementary-aged kids and one for middle-school and up.

Byzantine Chant Classes

Byzantine chant classes take place on **Saturdays at 4pm**. If you are interested in learning and helping out, please feel free to attend!

Men's Breakfast

Our next Men's Breakfast will take place on Saturday, **May 3 at 8am**. Feel free to invite a friend!

Ladies' Potluck Luncheon

Our Ladies' Potluck Luncheon group meets on the second Thursday of each month! The next luncheon will take place in the Church hall on **Thursday, May 8** at 12pm.



This Week at St. Nicholas

- Sunday, April 13: 6pm Bridegroom Orthros
- Monday, April 14: 6pm Bridegroom Orthros
- Tuesday, April 15: 6pm Bridegroom Orthros
- Wednesday, April 16: 3pm Holy Unction, 6pm Bridegroom Orthros
- Thursday, April 17: 9am Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, 6pm Twelve Passion Gospels
- Friday, April 18: 9am Royal Hours, 3pm Unnailing Vespers, 6pm Lamentations Orthros
- Saturday, April 19: 9am Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (First Resurrection), **11:30pm Paschal Vigil and Divine Liturgy**
- Sunday, April 20 **Great and Holy Pascha:** 11am Agape Vespers, 12pm Parish Picnic