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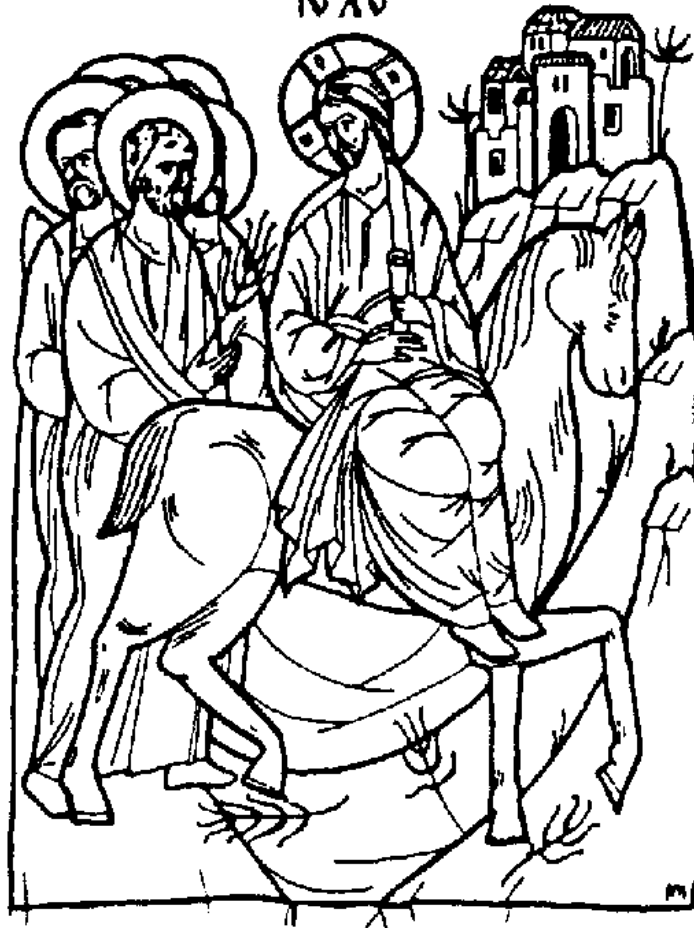
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**GLORIOUS AND BRILLIANT FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM (PALM SUNDAY)**

CHANGES FOR THE PALM SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY

Refrain of Second Antiphon: O Son of God, who rode upon the foal of an ass, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

Entrance Hymn: **Priest:** Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God and hast appeared unto us. **People:** Save us O Son of God, who rode upon the foal of an ass, who sing unto Thee, Alleluia.

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion for Palm Sunday in the First Tone: O Christ God, when thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead before thy passion, thou didst reveal the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we like the children carry palms of victory and triumph and cry to thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord!

Troparion for Palm Sunday in the Fourth Tone: When we were buried with thee in baptism, O Christ God, we became deserving of the resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise thee, crying unto thee: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord!

Kontakion for Palm Sunday Tone 6: Upborne upon the heavenly throne, and seated upon the earthly foal, O Christ our God, receive the praises of angels and the hymns of men, exclaiming before thee, Blessed is he that cometh to restore Adam.

Prokeimenon (Ps. 117:26, 1) Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His mercy endures forever.

Reading from Saint Paul's Letter to the 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.

Alleluia Verses (Psalm 97:1, 3): O sing to the Lord a new song. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of the Lord.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. 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, 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 here, 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 ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass'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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Megalynarion of Palm Sunday (Instead of "It is truly meet...")

God the Lord hath appeared unto us; let us celebrate the Feast, and let us rejoice and magnify Christ; and with palms and branches let us raise our voices unto him with praise, saying, Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord our Savior.

Communion Hymn (Instead of "Praise ye the Lord..."): Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Instead of "We have seen the true light..." we sing, "O Christ God, when thou didst raise Lazarus..." (as above in Tone 1).

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Holy Oblations are offered today by George and Kristen Chala on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary and for Mufid and Salam Samara on the occasion of their wedding anniversary, and by Michael and Charlotte Khoury for their nephew Nathaniel and niece Sophia on the occasion of their birthdays.

Coffee is now available after Liturgy in the parking lot, adjacent to the hall entrance.

Please remember in your prayers: Yuri Sidorenko, Therese Joubran, Jamal El-Sayegh, Tarek Fakhouri, Adib and Nabila Zabaneh, and the suffering people of Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt, Libya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Palestine, Venezuela, Ukraine, and all people afflicted by violence and disease, especially those affected by the Coronavirus.

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Today

Mahmoul orders can be picked up today.

Easter Candles are offered for sale in the church hall for \$10.00 each.

The red dye for Easter Eggs is for sale in our bookstore for \$1.50 each envelope.

On Palm Sunday, the fast of the Church is relaxed to allow fish, wine and olive oil. For Holy Week we keep a strict Lenten fast: We are to abstain from all meat and animal products (including eggs, milk, animal fats, etc.), wine and olive oil, through Holy Wednesday. Oil and wine are allowed on Holy Thursday. On Holy Friday we should eat as little as we possibly can. On Holy Saturday we also fast strictly (though wine is allowed).

***Note:** For Palm Sunday, and all Holy Week and Pascha, there will be Special Teams of Altar Servers. Please see sub-deacon Athanasios for details.*

This Week

Holy Week Services

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday evenings: Bridegroom Matins, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Wednesday Unction, 7:00 p.m.

Holy Thursday

Divine Liturgy, Institution of Holy Communion 10:00 a.m.

Service of the 12 Passion Gospels 7:00 p.m.

Holy Friday

Royal Hours, 9:30 a.m.

Vespers of Taking Down of the Lord's Body from the Cross 3:30 p.m.

Service of Lamentations 7:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday May 1, Vesperal Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Saturday night May 1/ May 2: PASCHA Rush, Procession, Orthros and Divine Liturgy 11:00 p.m.

Next Week

May 2, Great and Holy PASCHA, Agape Vespers, 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday May 4, 10:00 a.m. Bright Tuesday Liturgy for St. Mark (Orthros 9:00 a.m.). When St. Mark Day (April 25) falls during Lent or Holy Week, the celebration is transferred to Bright Tuesday.

Upcoming Services and Events

The 2021 Western Diocese Parish Life Conference will held be online (i.e. not in person) this summer. All the PLCs in the Archdiocese will be held this way, per the directive of Metropolitan Joseph. Details of the online PLC will be forthcoming.

The Entrance of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ into 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 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.

Regarding Church Attendance We have been enabling parish members to sign up for purposes of attending Sunday Divine Liturgy and other services. There is a limited total number of attendees. To sign up, please go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044CABAB29A4FF2-sunday>. Holy Services

will continue being live-streamed at

<https://livestream.com/accounts/13863088/events/9076624?t=1586211820473>

For those attending services, please work diligently to be at church on time. It is a gift to be able to come together again so let's start with "Blessed is the Kingdom" at 10 AM. You are also welcome to join us for Matins at 8:45 AM. All attendees must practice self-distancing, excepting those who live in the same household (no less than 6 ft. separation). Several rows of seats will be "blocked off" to facilitate distancing. Ushers may ask you to move if necessary, to maintain prudent distancing. The wearing of protective masks is highly recommended (except young children). Choir members will not be wearing masks but will practice strict distancing. *If you have symptoms of illness, please stay home. These symptoms include: Fever or chills, Cough, Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, Fatigue, Muscle or body aches, Headache, New loss of taste or smell, Sore throat, Congestion or runny nose, Nausea or vomiting, Diarrhea.* People with serious underlying conditions and the elderly should stay home. These people can schedule Confession and/or reception of Holy Communion by appointment. If you have been exposed to someone with COVID-19, you should not participate in holy services for 14 days.