

# ST. JAMES ORTHODOX CHURCH

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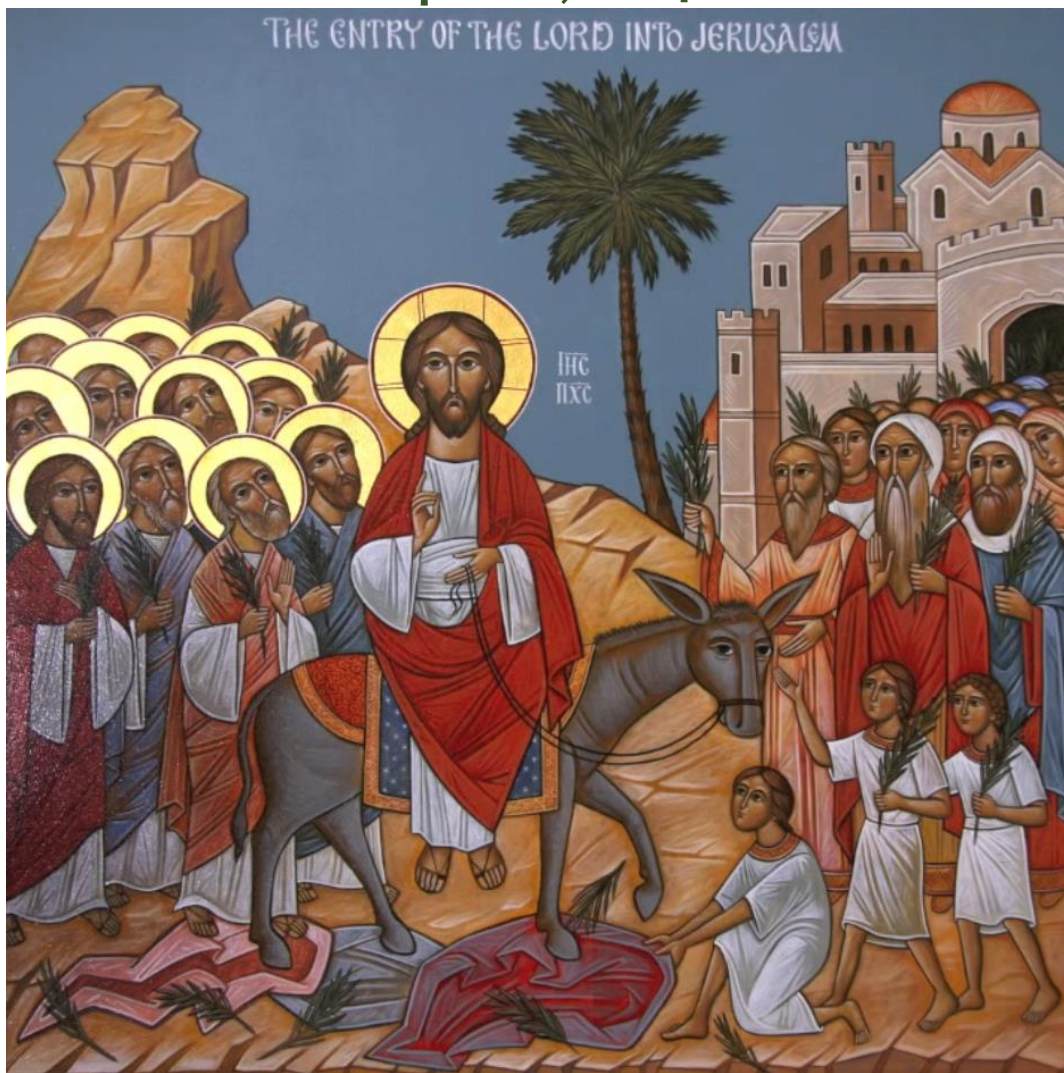
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Saturday Great Vespers @ 4:00 p.m. :: Sunday Orthros @ 9:00 a.m. & Divine Liturgy @ 10:00 a.m.



## April 28, 2024





## ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM



### DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

#### APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY

##### tone 1

In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

#### APOLYTIKION OF PALM SUNDAY TONE 4

As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God, so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

#### KONTAKION OF PALM SUNDAY TONE 6

To thee, the Champion Leader, do I offer thanks of victory, O Theotokos, thou who hast delivered me from terror; but as thou that hast that power invincible, O Theotokos, thou alone can set me free: from all forms of danger free me and deliver me, that I may cry unto thee: Hail, O Bride without Bridegroom.



#### WELCOME!

We welcome all our visitors and are eager to share our faith with you! Please join us for coffee hour and take a few moments to fill out the VISITORS INFORMATION CARD that is found in the narthex

*As a friendly reminder, only Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared themselves through fasting, prayer, and recent confession may approach the Holy Chalice to receive Holy Communion.*

*Confession is available after Divine Liturgy, as well as before or after Vespers on Saturday evenings. You can also Contact Fr. Steven to set up an appointment.*



## THE EPISTLE READING

*Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.*

*O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (4:4-9)**

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice! Let your forbearance be known to all people. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think about these things. The things which you both learned and received, and heard and saw in me, these things do; and the God of peace will be with you.

## THE GOSPEL READING

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

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died 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 Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox 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 Jesus 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 cometh in the Name of the Lord, 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 Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

## SCHEDULE FOR THIS WEEK

**TODAY! Palm Sunday Luncheon followed by first Bridegroom Orthros at 1:30 PM**

**The Holy Week Schedule is displayed in the church and hall, and on our website!**

**REMEMBER, O LORD: The Catechumens: Olga, Nicholas, Gabriel, Anthony, Marina, Gabriel, Elias; Suffering Orthodox Christians of Ukraine and Palestine; Andrew, Theodore, Elizabeth, Sarah, Mary, Carmen-Mariana, David-Michael, Robert-Gabriel, Kenneth, Rosetta, Cecelia, Mandi, Evan, Sarina, Shelby, Leo, Tamara, Photini, Joey, John, Megan, Brittany, Samuel, Edward, Helen, Angelina, Thomas, Jeremiah, Elizabeth, Randy, Megan, Lindsey, Susan, Joshua, Clint, Michael, Lilah, Ellen, Pam, Anastasia, Marino, Kristen, Brendan, Jerome, Nectarios, Nelia, Roger, Leah, Joe, Gabriel, Spenser, Panayiota, Graham, Jeanette, Crystal, Franny, Maria, Shirley, Benjamin, Anne, Russell, Mitzi, Pam, Susan, Cindy, Dan, Juan, Josh, Hollie and family, Melinda, Pasquale, Crystal, Patricia, Michael, Elaine, Corly, Thomas, James, Pani Sue, Priest Frederick, Penelope, Sheryl, Tina, Logan, Thomas, Basil, Mary, Jacob, Chloe, Patti, John, Diana, Barbara, Joy, Mary, Helen, All Orthodox who perished in Ukraine and Palestine, Newly-departed: Priest Andrew**  
**PLEASE REMEMBER ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF ST. JAMES**

Behold, the Bridegroom cometh  
in the middle of the night,  
and blessed is that servant  
whom He shall find watching;  
and again unworthy is he whom  
He shall find heedless.  
Beware, therefore, O my soul,  
lest thou be overcome with sleep,  
lest thou be given up to death,  
and be shut out from the Kingdom.  
But rouse thyself and cry:  
Holy, Holy, Holy art Thou, O God,  
through the Mother of God,  
have mercy on us.

Troparion for the Service of the Bridegroom  
Palm Sunday Evening



*If you have any questions or comments, or if you would like more information about the Orthodox Faith, please contact Fr. Steven*

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