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Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)

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Troparion – Tone 1

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God. Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death: “Hosanna in the highest!” Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.”

Troparion – Tone 4

When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God, we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection. Now we praise Thee and sing: “Hosanna in the highest!” Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

Kontakion – Tone 6

Sitting on Thy throne in Heaven, carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God, accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing:// “Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam!”

Prokeimenon – Tone 4

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. / God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.

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

Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)

Palm Sunday is the celebration of the triumphant entrance of Christ into the royal city of Jerusalem. He rode on a colt for which He Himself had sent, and He permitted the people to hail Him publicly as a king. A large crowd met Him in a manner befitting royalty, waving palm branches and placing their garments in His path. They greeted Him with these words: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel! (John 12:13).

This day together with the raising of Lazarus are signs pointing beyond themselves to the mighty deeds and events which consummate Christ’s earthly ministry. The time of fulfillment was at hand. Christ’s raising of Lazarus points to the destruction of death and the joy of resurrection which will be accessible to all through His own death and resurrection. His entrance into Jerusalem is a fulfillment of the messianic prophecies about the king who will enter his holy city to establish a final kingdom. “Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass” (Zech 9:9).

Finally, the events of these triumphant two days are but the passage to Holy Week: the “hour” of suffering and death for which Christ came. Thus the triumph in an earthly sense is extremely short-lived. Jesus enters openly into the midst of His enemies, publicly saying and doing those things which mostly enrage them. The people themselves will soon reject Him. They misread His brief earthly triumph as a sign of something else: His emergence as a political messiah who will lead them to the glories of an earthly kingdom.

Our Pledge

The liturgy of the Church is more than meditation or praise concerning past events. It communicates to us the eternal presence and power of the events being celebrated and makes us participants in those events. Thus the services of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday bring us to our own moment of life and death and entrance into the Kingdom of God: a Kingdom not of this world, a Kingdom accessible in the Church through repentance and baptism.

On Palm Sunday palm and willow branches are blessed in the Church. We take them in order to raise them up and greet the King and Ruler of our life: Jesus Christ. We take them in order to reaffirm our baptismal pledges. As the One who raised Lazarus and entered Jerusalem to go to His voluntary Passion stands in our midst, we are faced with the same question addressed to us at baptism: "Do you accept Christ?" We give our answer by daring to take the branch and raise it up: "I accept Him as King and God!"

Thus, on the eve of Christ's Passion, in the celebration of the joyful cycle of the triumphant days of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday, we reunite ourselves to Christ, affirm His Lordship over the totality of our life, and express our readiness to follow Him to His Kingdom: ... that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead (Philippians 3:10-11).

Very Rev. Paul Lazor

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, 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 anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel: John 12:1-18

Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, Why was this fragrant oil 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 had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always." Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on 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 these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

Service Schedule for the week of April 17

Sunday April 17 – **PALM SUNDAY** 9:45 AM Hours, 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by Lenten Coffee Hour in Daria Hall

Wednesday April 20 – 6:30 PM Service of Holy Unction (The Sacrament of Holy Oil)

Thursday April 21 – **HOLY THURSDAY** 9:30 AM Vespereal Liturgy; 6:30 PM Matins with reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels

Friday April 22 – **HOLY FRIDAY** 2:00 PM Vespers; 7:00 PM Matins with Procession followed by reading of the Psalms

Saturday April 23 – **HOLY SATURDAY** 9:30 AM Vespereal Liturgy; 11:30 PM Paschal Vigil with Procession followed by blessing of baskets in Daria Hall

Sunday April 24 – **PASCHA** 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy followed by blessing of baskets in Daria Hall. Everyone is invited to a Pascha meal on the rectory grounds after services.

Monday April 25 – **BRIGHT MONDAY** 9:30 AM Divine Liturgy

Weekly Giving

April 10 – 65 adults, 24 youth, \$3,770

Parish Announcements

There will be FOCA Club meeting today during Coffee Hour.

Weather permitting, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for the parish children today after Divine Liturgy. Please meet outside the church after services. If there is inclement weather today, the Easter Egg Hunt will be held next Sunday.

Father is inviting everyone in the parish to a Pascha meal on the rectory grounds next Sunday after services. You are welcome to bring a food dish or beverages to share, but it is not necessary!

Red dyed, hard boiled eggs will be needed for Holy Saturday Paschal Vigil midnight service as well as Pascha Divine Liturgy. Eggs may be left in the church basement on the small table near the office door starting Good Friday. Thank you.

Anyone interested in purchasing and planting a fruit tree at the picnic grounds, please see Father Volodymyr. Fruit trees include cherry, apple, pear, peach, etc. The tree needs to be 10-12 ft. tall so that the deer will not eat it; they can be purchased at a nursery or Home Depot. Thank you!

Youth and adults of the parish are invited to Bible Study classes during Coffee Hour. The classes are taught by Alan Berck.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Anna Chaikivska – April 20

Have a blessed birthday and God grant you many years!

COFFEE HOUR SCHEDULE – Coffee Hour Preparation Instructions are available in the Daria Hall kitchen

April 17 **FAST DAY** Nina Laushell
April 24 **PASCHA** – No coffee hour
May 1 Fiyori Habatesilasse
May 8 Nina Schmidt
May 15 Tiberiu & Mihaela Milosav
May 22 Anne Cheslock
May 29 Mimi & Alan Berck
June 5 Virgiliu & Gabriela Plesa
June 12 Ekaterina & Stanislav Uritsky
June 19 Christina DiDonato
June 26 **FAST DAY** Nancy Mitsos
July 3 Walter & Tanya Tribbey
July 10 Darice Keyes
July 17 Boryana Dorvil
July 24 Nadja Nowicki & Melody Stavisky
July 31 Svetlana Sosedov
Aug. 7 Mary Reiling
Aug. 14 Corneliu & Ilonica Balosa
Aug. 21 Viktorya Baranova
Aug. 28 Nana & Matthew Barrett
Sept. 4 Vera Pschenyczny
Sept. 11 Karina Kotelnicki
Sept. 18 Nina Shafran