

From the Divine Office for Palm Sunday

Glory to You, O Christ, who are seated upon the heights upon Your throne; and whom we now await with Your precious Cross. Therefore, the daughter of Sion is glad, and the nations of the earth rejoice exceedingly. The children hold branches and the disciples spread their garments along the way; and all the inhabited earth is taught to cry aloud to You: "Blessed are You, O Savior: have mercy on us!" (Vespers)

Before Your voluntary Passion, O Christ God, You gave us all an assurance of the general resurrection: for at Bethany You raised up Lazarus who had been dead for four days, by Your almighty power. As Giver of Light, O Savior, You gave sight to the blind. With Your disciples, You entered the Holy City seated upon a foal of a donkey, as though upon the Cherubim. Thus You have fulfilled the preaching of the prophets. The children of the Hebrews with palms and branches came to meet You. Therefore, we also, bearing palms and branches, cry aloud to You in thanksgiving: "Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord!" (Orthros)



**SIXTH SUNDAY OF GREAT LENT
PALM SUNDAY
MARCH 28, 2021**



TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM

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Antiphon

1. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for his mercy endures forever.

O Son of God, who rode upon a donkey's foal, save us who sing to You, Alleluia!

2. Let the House of Israel say: He is good, for his mercy endures forever.

Khallisna YabnAllah, ya man rakiba 'ala 'afwin, nahnu murannimeena Laka. Haleloueya.

3. Let those who fear the Lord say: He is good, for his mercy endures forever.

O Son of God, who rode upon a donkey's foal, save us who sing to You: Alleluia!

Entrance Hymn

Priest: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; the Lord is God and He has appeared to us.

All: O Son of God who rode upon a donkey's foal, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

Troparion of Lazarus (Tone 1) twice

O Christ God, when You raised Lazarus from the dead before the time of Your Passion, You confirmed the future resurrection of all. We too, like the children of old, carry before You the symbols of victory and cry out to You, O Conqueror of Death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Troparion of the Palm Sunday (Tone 4)

We have been buried with You in Baptism, O Christ our God, and we merited eternal life through Your Resurrection. Wherefore, we cry out to You, singing a hymn of Praise: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

Kondakion (Tone 6)

O Christ God, enthroned in Heaven and on earth riding upon a colt, You have accepted the praise of the Angels and the hymns of the children who were crying out to You: "Blessed are You who come to restore Adam!"

BLESSING OF PALMS

P: Let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

P: Lord, our God, You are seated upon the throne of the Cherubim, and by your sublime power You have sent your Only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to save the world by his Crucifixion, Burial and Resurrection. And when He entered Jerusalem to suffer Crucifixion of his own free will, the people sitting in darkness and in the shadow of death took branches of olive and palm trees as symbols of victory and proclaimed beforehand his Resurrection. Therefore, O Lord, as we imitate these same people, preserve and keep us while we carry in our hands palms and branches of trees on this blessed day. And like the crowds and children who cried to You: Hosanna, make us worth through our praises, chants and spiritual hymns of the glorious Resurrection on the third day by the same Jesus Christ our Lord, with Whom You are blessed together with your all-holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

All: Amen.

P: These palms are blessed by the sprinkling of holy water in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen. *This is repeated three times.*

P: Peace be to all.

All: And to your spirit.

D: Bow your heads to the Lord. *(All bow their heads.)*

All: To You, O Lord.

P: O Lord, our Almighty God, Who by the ark of your servant Noah the Just, have shown clearly the image of the unique Church and, by the dove carrying an olive leaf, have announced the all-holy Spirit, You have received the children of the Hebrews carrying branches of olive and palm trees and singing: Hosanna. We also cry to You: Hosanna, blessed is He Who comes with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

All: Amen. *(All raise their heads.)*

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DIVINE LITURGY INTENTIONS

Today Health & Salvation of our families and friends

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April 11 Health & Well-being of Abbott Xavier Connelly OSB. Requested by Tom Syseskey

+**Kasper Kfoury.** Requested by Antoinette Arraj & Family.

+ **Raymond Yanni.** Requested by Mae Yanni & Family

April 18 +**Kasper Kfoury.** Requested by Marilyn & Zenon Tencza

April 25 +**Joseph Mirante, Jr.** Requested by Sadie Mirante

+**Kasper Kfoury.** Requested by Karen & Antonio Solitro and Michael & Virginia Mischitell

Last Week's Collection

Regular	\$2,585
Candles	\$ 20
Easter Flowers	\$ 130
Stole	\$ 180
Diocesan	\$ 56
Donation	\$ 500
Total	\$3,471



Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord, Blessed is the King of Israel St. Andrew of Crete

Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. Today He returns from Bethany and proceeds of His own free will toward His holy and blessed Passion, to consummate the mystery of our salvation. He who came down from heaven to raise us from the depths of sin, to raise us with Himself we are told in Scripture, “above every sovereignty, authority and power, and every other name that can be named,” now comes of His own free will to make His journey to Jerusalem. He comes without pomp or ostentation. As the Psalmist says, “He will not dispute or raise His voice to make it heard in the streets.” He will be meek and humble, and He will make His entry in simplicity.

Let us run to accompany Him as He hastens toward his Passion and imitate those who met Him then, not by covering His path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before Him by being humble and by trying to live as He would wish. Then we shall be able to receive the Word at His coming, and God, whom no limits can contain, will be within us.

In His humility Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world and He is glad that He became so humble for our sake, glad that He came and lived among us and shared in our nature in order to raise us up again to Himself. And even though we are told that He has now ascended above the highest heavens - the proof, surely, of His power and Godhead—His love for man will never rest until He has raised our earthbound nature from glory to glory, and made it one with His own in heaven.

So let us spread before His feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in His grace, or rather, clothed completely in Him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before Him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of Baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the Conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of His victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children’s holy song: “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the King of Israel.”

HOLY WEEK/PASCHA LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

MON 3/29, 6PM - BRIDEGROOM SERVICE

TUE 3/30, 6PM - ANOINTING SERVICE

**WED 3/31, 6PM - VESPERS/LITURGY OF ST. BASIL
COMMEMORATING THE LAST SUPPER**

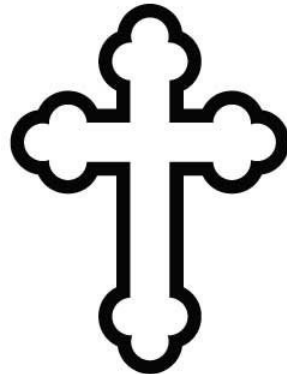
THU 4/1, 6PM - CRUCIFIXION SERVICE

FRI 4/2, NOON - VESPERS/DESCENT FROM THE CROSS

FRI 4/2, 6PM - EPITAPHIOS SERVICE

SAT 4/3, 9PM - HAJMEH, ORTHROS & DIVINE LITURGY FOR PASCHA

SUN 4/4, 10AM - DIVINE LITURGY FOR PASCHA



Prokimenon

Reader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and He has appeared to us.

People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and He has appeared to us.

Verse: Sing to the Lord, for He is good, for his mercy endures forever.

People: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and He has appeared to us.

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People: God is the Lord and He has appeared to us.

Epistle: **Philippians 4:4-9**

Alleluia Verses

Sing to the Lord a new song; for the Lord has done wonderful works.

Verse: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Gospel: **John 12:1-18**

Special Petitions for the Ecumenic Prayer (Inserted after the third petition)

- For all your people who have proven positive with the coronavirus, that they may be restored to full health and offer you their praise and thanksgiving, we pray to you, Lord, hear us and have mercy.
- For all those who have died as a result of the coronavirus that they may be granted rest with the Saints and the mercy of God in the Heavenly Kingdom, we pray to You, Lord, hear us and have mercy.
- For doctors, nurses, and all in health care, risking their lives to minister to those afflicted with the coronavirus, that they remain safe, and in good health as they serve others, we pray to You, Lord, hear us and have mercy.
- For all your people in Lebanon who were hurt during the disastrous explosion, that they may be restored to full health, and for those who died that they may be granted rest among the Saints, we pray to You, Lord, hear us and have mercy.
- For peace throughout the Middle East, especially in Lebanon, Syria, Palestine, and Iraq, we pray to You, Lord, hear us and have mercy.

Hirmos of the Feast (Tone 4)

The Lord is God and He has appeared to us! Let us celebrate and rejoice! Come, let us glorify Christ, and with palms and branches sing to Him canticles of praise: Blessed is He whomes in the name of the Lord, our Savior!