

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Слава Иисусу Христу!

St. Mary ~ Holy Protection
Byzantine Catholic Church
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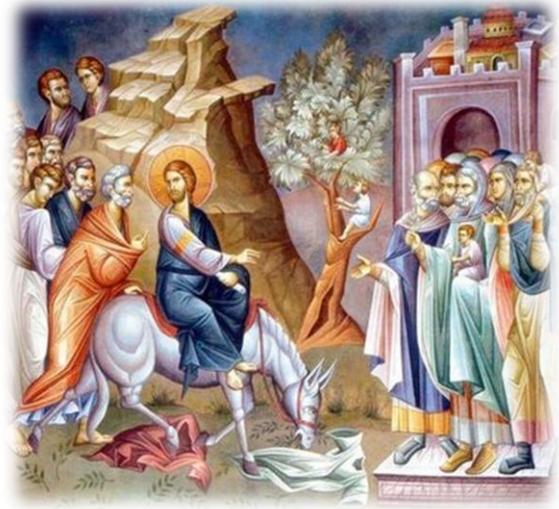
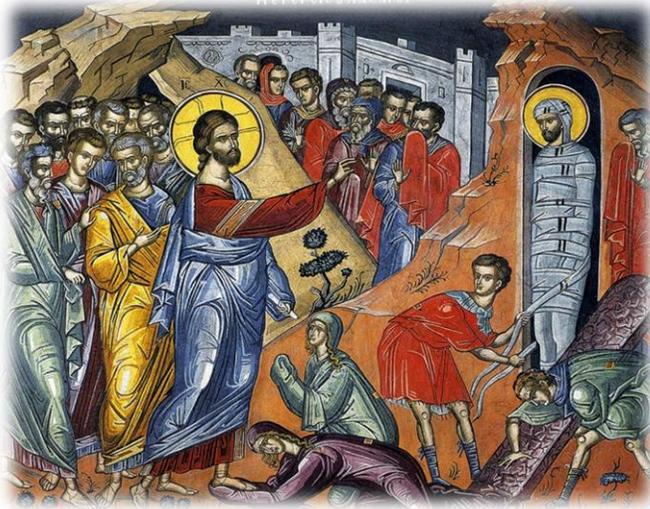
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5 APRIL 2020 / 7528 PALM (FLOWERY) SUNDAY

Epistle: Philippians 4:4–9

GOSPEL: John 12:1-18



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COLLECTION

Adults: \$1145
Candles: \$18

Children: \$6
Eastern Europe: \$50

Flowers: \$45
TOTAL: \$1264



PALM SUNDAY TROPARION: Christ our God, before Your Passion You confirmed our common resurrection when You raised Lazarus from the dead. Therefore, like the children, we carry the symbols of victory and cry out to You, the Victor over death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

PALM SUNDAY KONTAKIA: Through baptism we were buried with You, O Christ our God, and we have become worthy of immortal life by Your resurrection. therefore, we raise our voices in praise to You: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He Who come in the name of the Lord.

In heaven You are seated on a throne; but on earth upon a colt, O Christ our God. You accepted the praise of angels and the song of the children crying out to You: Blessed is He Who come to restore Adam.

MAGNIFICATION & IRMOS: Extol, O my soul, the Lord seated on a colt. The Lord is God and has revealed Himself to us. Prepare the festival! Come, and with great rejoicing, let us extol Christ. With palms and branches in our hands, let us sing His praises: Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord our Savior.

AMBON PRAYER «LAZARUS SATURDAY»

O Christ our God, by Your voice You freed Lazarus from the chains of death and brought him to life. Bring us to life for we are dead in sins, give us a lie that cannot be taken away. Make us Your heirs and give unending life to those who hope in You. For You are our life and resurrections, and glory is Your due, together with Your immortal Father, and Your all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto the Ages of Ages. Amen.

AMBON PRAYER «PALM SUNDAY»

O Christ our God, we sing of Your humility beyond our understanding, for though You were enthroned in heaven and had earth for a footstool, You did not think it beneath Your dignity to become flesh from the holy Virgin, to be born as a man, and to lie unnoticed in the manger as a newborn baby. You even sat upon a colt and willingly endured suffering for us. The heavenly powers sing unceasing hymns to You as God, but now a new hymn is sung to You on earth. You instructed the simple multitude by perfecting praise from the mouths of infants and children. You taught those slow in speech to tell of glory in heaven and peace on earth. Now also accept the songs of us, Your unworthy servants, who sing to Your victory over death. Bless those who proclaim, «You come in the name of God, without entirely abandoning the glory of the Father, and You will come again to judge the whole world in justice.» Make us worthy to receive You in Your coming. Arms us for a victorious struggle against passions, and crown us with virtue in return for our palms and branches, that we may become heirs of You Kingdom and joyfully meet You when You come upon the clouds in glory. For You love mankind, and are glorified, together with Your eternal Father, and You all-holy, good, and life-creating Spirit, now and ever and unto the Ages of Ages. Amen.



Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord; blessed is the King of Israel.

Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. Today He returns from Bethany and proceeds of His own free will towards 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 towards 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.*

From the discourse "On the Palm Branches" by Saint Andrew of Crete, Bishop



SIXTH WEEK OF THE GREAT FAST: During this week, we go from the Canon of Lazarus, the poor man ignored at the gates of Dives' house, and follow Christ on His way to Bethany to give life to His friend Lazarus the promise of the resurrection to all. On Friday, April 3, the day before Lazarus Saturday, the Fast of Forty Days, which began on the Monday after Forgiveness Sunday, ends and the Fast of Great and Holy Week begins. At Vespers this week, the story of Joseph and his brothers is read.

In origin the 40 Day Fast seems to be an imitation of the forty-day fast Jesus made after His baptism in the Jordan. In Egypt, it prepared the catechumens for the reception of baptism on the 40th day after Theophany. Today it is done immediately before Pascha and concludes with a day of baptism on Lazarus Saturday. The Trisagion is replaced with «All you who have been baptized into Christ...» a reminder that Lazarus Saturday was once a day of baptism like Theophany. Today, the baptism of catechumens takes place during the Paschal Vigil on the night of Great and Holy Saturday.

The Great and Holy Week Fast remains as a period of six days of even more intense penance as an immediate preparation for Pascha, perhaps originating in the Jewish Week of Unleavened Bread, which was understood as a period of fasting. The Paschal / Passover Fast of Great and Holy Week is, therefore, more ancient than that of the Great Forty-day Fast.



~ ANNOUNCEMENTS ~

PALMS AND PUSSY WILLOW BRANCHES WILL BE BLESSED SUNDAY MORNING. THEN DURING THE REGULAR LITURGY TIME SLOT, PRISHIONERS ARE ASKED TO DRIVE UP TO THE GARAGE, POP OPEN THEIR TRUNK WHERE FATHER WILL PLACE THEM. MAKE A U-TURN TO EXIT THE PARKING LOT.

FROM MCI DIRECTOR FR. DEACON JEFF MIERZEJEWSKI: At the request of Bishop Milan of Parma, I am posting a version of the complete people's book for the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. It is not *quite* the same as the published one, since the page layout was changed, but it should help the faithful who participate in the Presanctified from home via live-streaming.

The **People's Book for the Divine Liturgy** is also available as a PDF:

<https://mci.archpitt.org/servicebooks/DivineLiturgies.pdf>

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