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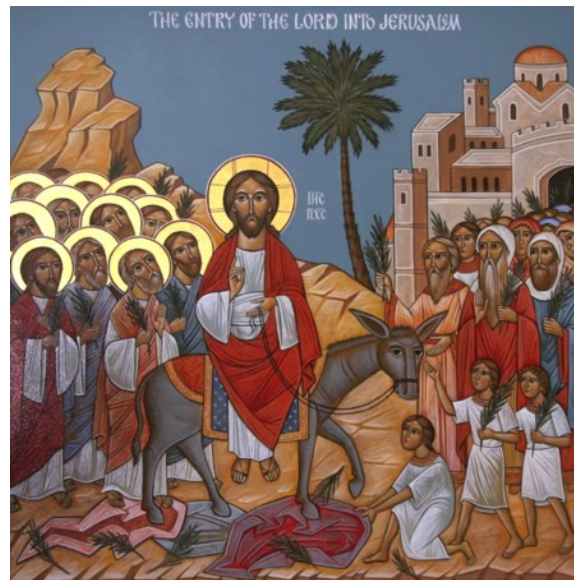
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DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

Sunday, April 17, 2022

FEAST OF PALM SUNDAY: ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM



WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS!

We are glad you are with us this morning.

Please join us on the patio after the Liturgy for Coffee Hour.

We'd love to meet you!

We welcome children of all ages in our worship.

“Let the little children come unto Me for of such is
the Kingdom of Heaven.” Luke 18:16

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, April 17 — PALM SUNDAY

9:00 a.m.	Matins
9:00 a.m.	Religious Education for ages 6-12
10:00 a.m.	Divine Liturgy
11:30 a.m.	Teen Religious Education
11:45 a.m.	POTLUCK LUNCHEON
12:30 p.m.	Adult Catechism: "Prayer of the Heart"
5:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
6:00 p.m.	Bridegroom Matins

HOLY WEEK

Monday, April 18

5:15 p.m.	St. Xenia Prayer Ministry—Akathist by Zoom
6:00 p.m.	Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday, April 19

8:30 a.m.	Presanctified Liturgy
6:00 p.m.	Bridegroom Matins

Wednesday, April 20

8:30 a.m.	Presanctified Liturgy
6:00 p.m.	Holy Unction

Thursday, April 21

8:30 a.m.	Institution Liturgy
10:00 a.m.	Showers of Blessing
6:00 p.m.	Matins with Twelve Passion Gospels

Friday, April 22

9:00 a.m.	Royal Hours
2:00 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
3:00 p.m.	Burial Vespers
7:00 p.m.	Matins with Lamentations

Saturday, April 23

8:30 a.m.	Vesperal Liturgy/ Baptisms
10:45 a.m.	Reception honoring the Newly Illumined

THURSDAY SHOWERS OF BLESSING HOSPITALITY TEAM

April 21	M. Loulias/D. Franzen
April 28	M. Loulias/K. Gomez
May 5	D. Alexander/D. Washburn
May 12	F. Young, S. Saunders

Sunday, April 24 — PASCHA

5:00 a.m.	Paschal Procession/Matins
6:15 a.m.	Paschal Liturgy/Blessing of Baskets
8:00 a.m.	Pascha Break-fast on the Patio Egg Hunt for the kids
9:15 a.m.	Agape Vespers with Gospel read in many languages

SUNDAY MORNING MINISTRIES SCHEDULE

EUCCHARIST BREAD

April 16	Meyer (Lazarus Sat. Liturgy)
April 17	Kern
April 24	Fr. Nicholas (Pascha)
May 1	Sieck
May 8	Tinyayeva

READERS

April 16	Lange (Lazarus Liturgy)
April 16	Gish (Vespers)
April 17	Butler
April 19	Alexander
April 20	Meyer (a.m.), Kern p.m.
April 21	Washburn
April 22	Gish (Vespers), Lange (Lamentations)
April 23	Kern, Gish, Butler, Lange
April 24	Butler
May 1	Meyer
May 8	Washburn

GREETERS

April 17	P. Cocores/M. Loulias
April 24	PASCHA
May 1	G. & L. Hoppe
May 8	H. Lange/D. Washburn

USHERS

April 17	D. Washburn/K.L. King
April 24	D. Meyer, M. Loulias
May 1	P. King, J. King
May 8	D. Alexander/C. Berari

COFFEE HOUR HOSTS

April 17	PALM SUNDAY POTLUCK
April 24	PASCHA BREAKFAST
May 1	D. McCalmont
May 8	P. Cocores/M. Loulias

TO SIGN UP: <https://bit.ly/SAOCoffeehour>

HOLY COMMUNION

In the Orthodox Church, the sacrament of Communion is offered only to Orthodox Christians who have prepared to receive. Non-Orthodox believers and others **may approach the chalice for a blessing and the blessed bread instead of the Eucharist.** So that the priest is aware of this, please just say,
“Father, bless” when you get to the chalice.

THE DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

BLESSING OF THE PALMS

Troparion for Palm Sunday

O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism, we became deserving of Thy Resurrection to Immortal Life. Wherefore we praise Thee, crying: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.

FIRST ANTIPHON verses with refrain: (Psalm 114/115)

Vs. I am well content: for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Vs. Tribulations and sorrow have I found; and I called on the name of the Lord. [Refrain]

Vs. Glory...now & ever... [Refrain]

[The children will line up in the back of the church for the procession.]

SECOND ANTIPHON verses & refrain (Psalm 115/116)

Vs. I believed, therefore have I spoken: But I have been humbled exceedingly.

**Refrain: O Son of God, Who sat on a colt, save us who sing to Thee,
Alleluia.**

Vs. What shall I render to the Lord for all He has rendered to me? [Refrain]

Vs. My vows will I pay unto the Lord, in the presence of His people. [Refrain]

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Only Begotten Son and immortal Word of God who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, who without change didst become man and wast crucified, O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: save us!

THIRD ANTIPHON with Troparion Refrain – Psalm 117/118

Verse:

O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

Refrain:

**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 who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Verse:

Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

Refrain: By raising Lazarus...

As the clergy walk in procession with the children, we sing the following festal hymns:

Troparion of Lazarus

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 who comes in the name of the Lord.

Kontakion of Palm Sunday

Sitting on Thy throne in heaven;
carried on a colt 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.

As the children line up in two rows in the center aisle, we sing:

Troparion for Palm Sunday

O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism,
we became deserving of Thy Resurrection to Immortal Life.
Wherefore we praise Thee, crying: Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord.

The children place their palms on the floor.

Priest: For holy art Thou...
Deacon: and unto ages of ages.
People: Amen.

The clergy enter the altar.

TRISAGION HYMN

Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, Have mercy on us. (3 times)
+Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Holy Immortal have mercy on us.
Deacon: With strength!
People: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have mercy on us.

Prokeimenon before the Epistle

Tone 4

Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.

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

THE EPISTLE READING

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 before the Gospel**Tone 1**

Chanter: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**Verse:** O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!**Verse:** All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**THE GOSPEL READING****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 comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon 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 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.

LITURGY OF THE FAITHFUL**Hymn to the Mother of God (Meglynarion)**

God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Celebrate the Feast and come with gladness!

Let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, singing: Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Communion Hymn

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

Instead of “We have seen the true light . . .” we sing the Troparion for Lazarus

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 who comes in the name of the Lord.

Thanksgiving Prayers after Communion

At the end of the Divine Liturgy, we offer the prayers of thanksgiving for having received the Body and Blood of Christ. These beautiful prayers help us to reflect on the mystery in which we have just partaken, and prepare us for our transition back into the “world.” We invite you to listen to these beautiful prayers during and after the veneration of the cross at the end of the service, and **ask that you show courtesy to those who are remaining to hear the prayers in their entirety by waiting until the blessing of the food at Coffee Hour to eat and socialize.**

A message from Fr. Symeon...

Making a Lenten Confession:

The Church teaches us to ready ourselves for Pascha by making a confession during Great Lent and to do so before Holy Unction on Holy Wednesday evening. Use the *ascesis* and time of Lent to prepare yourself to make a confession. Please contact Fr. Symeon, Fr. Nicholas, Fr. John Carrillo, or Fr. John Finley to schedule a time to make your lenten confession.

Please note that the opportunity for confession during Matins on Sunday will be limited, a priest may or may not be available, and needs to return to the Altar by the Great Doxology. Regular confession availability will be kept after Great Vespers on Saturdays, however, all other confessions should be made by appointment.

Note about Communion:

If you are going to partake of the precious body and blood of Jesus Christ, please stand in line with your arms crossed right over left on your chest and when you are about to partake say, “The servant of God...” and your baptismal name. The safest way to partake of Holy Communion is for the communicant to close their mouth fully on the spoon. This avoids nearly all possibility of accidents. However, if you prefer not to partake in this way, open your mouth wide and tilt your head back and the priest will turn over the spoon in your mouth to give you Communion.

The feast of Christ's triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, Palm Sunday, is one of the twelve major feasts of the Church. On this day, the Church celebrates Jesus' triumphal entrance into Jerusalem on the back of a young donkey in the days before the Jewish Passover and after the miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead. The biblical description of Palm Sunday is mentioned in all four Gospels (Mark 11:1-10; Matthew 21:1-11; Luke 19:28-38; and John 12:12-18). The church building continues to be vested in resurrectional splendor, filled with hymns which continually repeat the Hosanna offered to Christ as the Messiah-King who comes in the name of God the Father for the salvation of the world. At Matins, palm branches are blessed which the people carry throughout the liturgy as the sign of their own glorification of Jesus as Saviour and King. We take these blessed palms home to adorn our icon corners throughout Holy Week and the rest of the year.

SERVICES OF HOLY WEEK 2022

(Finish times are approximate.)

Palm Sunday, 4/17	Bridegroom Matins	6:00—7:15 p.m.
Monday, 4/18	Bridegroom Matins	6:00—7:15 p.m.
Tuesday, 4/19	Presanctified Liturgy Bridegroom Matins	8:30—9:45 a.m. 6:00-7:20 p.m.
Wednesday, 4/20	Presanctified Liturgy Holy Unction	8:30—9:45 a.m. 6:00-7:40 p.m.
Thursday, 4/21	Institution Liturgy Matins with 12 Passion Gospels	8:30—9:45 a.m. 6:00-8:30 p.m.
Friday, 4/22	Royal Hours Burial Vespers Lamentation Matins at the tomb and procession outside with the bier All-night Vigil	9:00-11:00 a.m. 3:00-4:00 p.m. 7:00-8:50 p.m. 9:00 p.m.-6:00 a.m.
Saturday, 4/23	Vesperal Liturgy celebrating Christ's Victory over Hades and Baptisms of Catechumens	8:30 a.m.-10:15 a.m.
Sunday, 4/24	Paschal Procession, Matins Liturgy, Blessing of Baskets Break-fast, Egg Hunt Agape Vespers	5:00—6:00 a.m. 6:00—8:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m. Approx. 9:30-10:15 a.m.

PASCHA CELEBRATION

Sunday, April 24, 2022

- 5:00 a.m. Paschal Procession & Rush (Matins) Service
- 6:15 a.m. Paschal Liturgy and Blessing of Meat, Cheese and our Baskets
- 8:00 a.m. Break-fast on the patio — Bring your own Pascha basket.
The church will provide:
Pascha eggs
Meats (breakfast sausage, bacon and ham)
Pascha cheese
Bread
Strawberries
Coffee, tea, hot cocoa, juice, chocolate milk, water
- Sorry...no buffet table this year for sharing food items.
- 8:30 a.m. Egg Hunt for the kids in the field behind the church
- 9:15 a.m. Agape Vespers with the Gospel read in many languages



NO PICNIC AT THE PARK THIS YEAR.

PARENTS: For the egg hunt

- Please bring **one dozen FILLED PLASTIC EGGS** for each child (preschool through Grade 6) who will be participating.
- Bags will be provided for the kids to use when collecting eggs.
- Filled eggs need to be brought to the church **no later than 6:00 a.m. on Pascha morning**. There will be a cart in the hallway near the church office where you can drop off eggs throughout Holy Week.
- **Please mark the filled eggs according to the age of your child: Preschool/Kindergarten, Grades 1-3, or Grades 4-6.**

Questions? Contact Christie Robinson:
christie.d.robinson@gmail.com

If you do not have children participating but would like to donate eggs for the hunt for children who might be visiting that day, or for a particular family in the parish, your donations are welcome! Please let Christie know.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please pray for our catechumens, who are preparing to be received into the Orthodox Faith.

- Tatiana Calhoun
- Brett & Laura Eberhard and their daughters Madison and Taylor
- Kaleigh Flores

To be received on Holy Saturday morning, April 23rd:

- Jason & Melissa Wayne and their daughters Adora, Atalya and Athena

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT of our Lenten collection of food items for the Food Bank of Santa Barbara! Today is the last day to bring food items to be taken to the Food Bank. If you used one of the coin collection boxes during Lent for alms, we ask that they be returned to the church office by Pascha. Cash donations are still welcome. Checks should be made out to St. Athanasius with a memo: "Food for Hungry People," and put in the tithe box.

THE SIGN-UP LIST FOR HOLY FRIDAY VIGIL is out in the hallway . We keep vigil all night at the tomb of Christ, reading the Psalms, until the clergy arrive to prepare for the Vesperal -Liturgy of Holy Saturday morning. Some of our teens will be spending the night at the church on Holy Friday to participate in the All-night Vigil.

CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK

Wedding Anniversaries

4/22 Owen J. & Monica Finley

Birthdays

4/15 Hunter Scott Braun (WE MISSED IT LAST WEEK!)

4/17 Giana Grace Brunner, Adriana (de Bruin) Malik

4/19 Dn. Richard Easbey

4/21 Carla Brunstead

4/22 Dn. Gary Braun, Elias Hedges

4/23 Cheryl Fisher

Patronal Feast Days

4/18 St. Athanasia the Wonderworker

Asia Ballew

4/23 St. George the Great Martyr

Richard Ballew

PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer requests received through the parish office will be printed in the bulletin and will be prayed for during the litanies at the daily services. Prayer requests received in the box at the church will be prayed for quietly at the altar at all services. Prayer requests remain for 40 days unless requested otherwise.

Send prayer requests for the bulletin to: office@stathanasius.org.

Please pray for the health of:

Metropolitan JOSEPH
Mother Victoria
Met. Paul & Abp. John
Fr. Markos
Fr. Jon B.
Dn. Richard E.
Kh. Diane C.
Greg & Margaret Y.
Hoppe Family in Albania
Joseph Wm. B. in Kenya
Duane F.
Richard and Susan B.
Monsignor J. Yanek
Bob N.
Kh. Melissa H.
Cole K. (military)
Jeremiah H. (Airforce Academy)
Lauren & Fernando J. (military)
Chase K. (military)

Nick & Kristine J. (military)
Connor V. (military)
Steve T.
Bev R.
Phyllis M.
Scott L.
Abp. Benjamin
Kris F.
Temmo K.
Sarah B.
Coleman Family (Lori, Abby, Matt)
Jerry J.
Chuck S.
Mat. Trudi & Richter Family
Linda Gish & Family
Kevin F.
Debbie S.
Steve H.
David L.

Joanne R.
James A.
Dn. John & Fay Y.
Zachary B.
Samantha & Chris N. & Family
Lander and Washburn Families
Bob
Lance. S.
Obadiah
Julianna B.

The Ethiopian Orthodox Church
The Church & people in Lebanon
All those suffering and
in danger in Ukraine,
Africa, and the Middle East

Please pray for the raising up and support of long-term missionaries from our parish.

For repose of the souls of: Kaelynn, Bill

ST. ATHANASIUS CHURCH BOOKSTORE

The church bookstore is located in the foyer of the fellowship hall - two enclosed cabinets containing items that are FOR SALE. One cabinet holds icons, crosses, incense, prayer ropes, etc. The bookshelf has books for sale, arranged alphabetically by book title. Children's books are on the bottom shelf. See Terri Speier if you are looking for jewelry such as a cross or chain. Payment should be made at time of purchase and placed in brown lockbox on wall next to Fr. Nicholas' office. Make checks payable to **S.A.O.C. Bookstore**. (The pamphlets in the rack are FREE, as are the 12-month liturgical calendars.)

All proceeds go to the parish Temple Fund.

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

Palm Sunday 2022

To be read from the pulpit and printed in the bulletin.

Brother Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, and Beloved Faithful in Christ:

Joyous festal greetings to you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ! Today we celebrate the triumphal entry of Him who came “in the name of the Lord” to redeem us (Matthew 21:9). We enter the commemoration of His sufferings with shouts of victory, for we know that the forces of evil are no match for Him. Yet let us be careful to cling to our Faith and remain faithful to our King, not imitating the treachery of those who shout “Hosanna” today and then “Crucify Him” on Friday. Instead, let us continue to shout in praise of Him even as He leads us down the road to Golgotha, and let us be willing to suffer there with Him so that we might also be raised with Him.

As has been our custom for many years, today we remember our Father in Christ, Patriarch JOHN X, and all our brothers and sisters of the Patriarchate of Antioch, especially those in its historic homeland of the Middle East. Christians there know the path of suffering better than most of us, as they have endured decades of wars, leading to countless deaths, crippling destruction, and economic collapse. Yet they do not give up, but through the humanitarian work of our patriarchate, they continue to minister compassionately to the needs of those around them, caring for Christ by caring for “the least of these” (Matthew 25:40).

Once again, I ask you to donate generously in support of our patriarchate and its humanitarian work. Through our gifts we show our solidarity with those who are keeping the Christian Faith alive in these apostolic and historic places by practicing the love that defines followers of our Lord Jesus (John 13:35). By helping them, we share in this beautiful work and show that Christ’s love still burns within our own hearts.

Wishing you all a deeply meaningful Holy Week and a glorious Pascha, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Metropolitan Joseph".

+JOSEPH
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch” (Acts 11: 26)

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