



## ST. ATHANASIUS ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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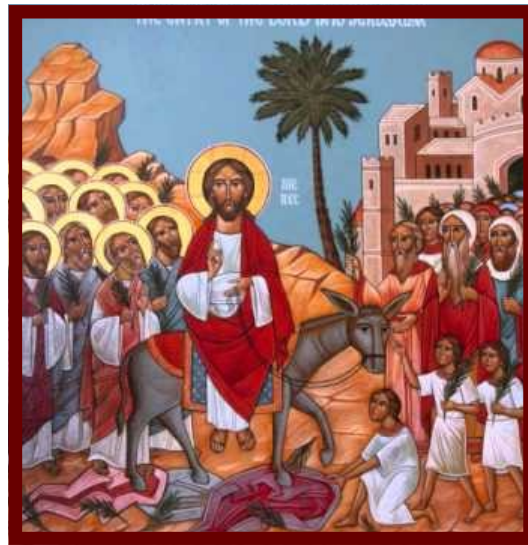
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## **DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

Sunday, April 12, 2020

### **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.

If you are not Orthodox, we invite you to partake of the blessed bread during Communion.

Please join us at 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***

All Holy Week services will be live-streamed on Facebook except for Wednesday evening.

<https://www.facebook.com/StAthanasiusOrthodoxChurch/>

All services will be attended by a minimal number of clergy and chanters only.

### **Sunday, April 12—PALM SUNDAY** **LIVE-STREAMED ON FACEBOOK PAGE**

9:00 a.m. Matins  
10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy

### **Monday, April 13—HOLY MONDAY** **LIVE-STREAMED ON FACEBOOK PAGE**

6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins

### **Wednesday, April 15—HOLY WEDNESDAY**

6:00 p.m. Vespers-Liturgy  
(Institution Liturgy)

### **Thursday, April 16—HOLY THURSDAY** **LIVE-STREAMED ON FACEBOOK PAGE**

6:00 p.m. Matins/12 Passion Gospels

### **Friday, April 17—HOLY FRIDAY** **LIVE-STREAMED ON FACEBOOK PAGE**

6:00 p.m. Burial Vespers/Lamentations

### **Saturday, April 18—HOLY SATURDAY** **LIVE-STREAMED ON FACEBOOK PAGE**

9:00 a.m. Vespers Liturgy —  
Christ's Descent into Hades

### **Sunday, April 19—PASCHA** **LIVE-STREAMED ON FACEBOOK PAGE**

5:30 a.m. Rush Service/Matins and  
Paschal Liturgy

### **Please note:**

**The latest memo from Metropolitan JOSEPH** has mandated that only those conducting the services may be permitted in the building until further notice.

There will be no confessions heard or Eucharist distributed during Holy Week.

If an emergency situation arises, please call Fr. Nicholas.

Our Metropolitan encourages us to do our best to make our homes a "little church," and as much as we are able, to observe the Passion and celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord!

**At the conclusion of Matins, we sing the Great Doxology  
followed by the Matins Dismissal Troparion.**

## **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]

### **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.

**Refrain:** By raising Lazarus...

**Verse:** Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

**Refrain:** By raising Lazarus...

**LITTLE ENTRANCE**

**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.

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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.

**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.

### **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.

**SOME RESOURCES**  
as we prepare for Palm Sunday and Holy Week

- **Read Fr. Alexander Schmemmann's "Liturgical Explanation for the Days of Holy Week"**

[http://ww1.antiochian.org/sites/default/files/holy\\_week-a\\_liturgical\\_explanation.pdf](http://ww1.antiochian.org/sites/default/files/holy_week-a_liturgical_explanation.pdf)

- **Listen to Fr. Ted Paraskevopoulos speak on the Feast of Palm Sunday**

[https://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/isermon/palm\\_sundayself-delusion](https://www.ancientfaith.com/podcasts/isermon/palm_sundayself-delusion)

- **Listen to the beautiful traditional processional Palm Sunday hymn, "Rejoice, O Bethany!" (Boston Byzantine Choir)**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rju5GyVtfnQ>

***CELEBRATIONS THIS WEEK***

**Wedding Anniversaries**

4/15 Robert & Leslee Kinman

**Birthdays**

4/12 Gabriel Speier  
4/14 Olga Marie Gabrie  
4/15 Corie Sieck, Ysabella Madrigal  
4/16 Maria Butler, Nicholas Butler  
4/17 Giana Grace Brunner, Adriana deBruin

**Patronal Feast Days**

4/11	St. Lazarus of Four Days (Lazarus Saturday)	Jeremiah Hoppe
4/16	St. Galena	Paige Zidek
4/18	St. Athanasia	Athanasia (Asia) 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](mailto:office@stathanasius.org).**

**Please pray for the health of:**

Metropolitan JOSEPH  
Mother Victoria  
Met. Paul & Abp. John  
Fr. Jacob  
Mother Christophora  
Fr. Jon B.  
Joseph 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.  
Zac B.  
Kh. Carla Z.

Vanessa K. and son Anthony  
Monsignor J. Yanek  
Ryder H.  
Kent F.  
Bob N.  
Fr. Jon-Stephen H.  
Cole K. (military)  
Jeremiah H. (Airforce Academy)  
Lauren K. (military)  
Chase K. (military)  
Jeff H.  
Steve T.  
Bonita M.  
Olga Marie G.

Dn. John Y.  
Azalea, Dahlia, Dominic, Rose  
Roger R.  
Glenn F.  
Loretta V.  
Elliott and Family  
Mitch D. Sr.  
The Ethiopian Orthodox Church  
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:**

Jeff H. Fuddah S., Elder Pavlos of Sinai,  
All who have died in the conflicts in Ukraine Africa & the Middle East

**ABOUT OUR PRAYER LISTS:**

Prayer requests in the bulletin are prayed out loud during the deacons' litanies and should be submitted to the church office—[office@stathanasius.org](mailto:office@stathanasius.org).

Prayer requests put into the **wooden box in the narthex** will be said silently at the altar at most services. During the **Great Entrance of the Divine Liturgy**, only Orthodox Christians are commemorated, and that list is comprised of the sick, those celebrating special occasions listed in the bulletin, and those who prepared the Eucharist bread. (Others are prayed for during the Preparation of the Bread and Wine for Communion).

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**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 Building Fund.**

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