

ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM
(PALM SUNDAY)



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PALM SUNDAY

Epistle: Phillipians 4:4-9

Gospel: John 12: 1-18

SATURDAY 6:00PM Health of Joseph Bodnar – Dan and Loretta Bodnar

PALM SUNDAY March 20, 2016

9:00AM (Ukrainian) For the Parishioners

11:00AM Special Intention: Health of Greg Neff – Jean Lakomski

12:30PM Easter Egg Hunt and Ice Cream Social

Holy Week Services:

Holy Monday 5:30PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Holy Wednesday 5:30PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Anointing/Healing Service

Holy Thursday 6:00PM Twelve Gospels

Holy and Good Friday : Day of Strict Fasting

Adoration scheduled from 7:00PM- 12:00midnight

5:30PM Divine Liturgy with Vespers

For the Feast Of the Annunciation on Good Friday.

9:00PM Jerusalem Matins

Holy Saturday *Adoration Scheduled from 8:00AM-6:00PM*

12:00 noon Liturgy of St Basil

1:30PM Blessing of Easter Baskets

6:00PM Resurrection Matins

Liturgy of Resurrection (English)

EASTER SUNDAY:Resurrection of our Lord Jesus from the dead!

7:30AM Resurrection Matins

Liturgy of the Resurrection (Ukrainian)

11:00AM Liturgy of Resurrection (English and Slavonic)

PALM SUNDAY : HOLY WEEK

"Come together all you children of the New Israel which is the Church of the Gentiles! Let us proclaim with the prophet Zecharias: "Rejoice and exalt O Daughter of Zion! Shout for joy O Jerusalem! Behold your King is coming to you, meek and riding upon the donkey's colt and bringing salvation! Feast like the children, bearing green fronds and branches in your hands and singing to Him a hymn of praise: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes, the King of Israel!"

During this Great and Holy Week, Christ is followed in every moment that witnessed his Passion and death, and preceded his Resurrection. The last hours of Jesus are relived and his teaching and last will is received: that we love one another and be united to Him and in Him, so that we may be witnesses in his real presence through the Holy Spirit .

Holy Monday and Wednesday there is the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts which commemorates the story of the Bridegroom (Matthew 25:1-13) and Joseph, who was sold into bondage in Egypt but remained faithful to God. He is the prototype of Christ, persecuted by his own people and delivered to foreigners, but raised up by God to be the King and Master of all nations. Wednesday's readings remember Mary Magdalene, and how she washed the Lord's feet with her tears of love and repentance, and anointed them with oil perfume. (Luke 7:36-50)

We are anointed with oil after services in remembrance of that action of salvation brought by love and returning to God.

Great and Holy Thursday we celebrate the institution of the Eucharist at the Last Supper. (Matthew 26: 1-75) together with His love and humility as he washed the feet of his followers. ***The Passion Gospels*** are read in the evening to prepare us for Good Friday.

Holy & Good Friday we commemorate the Passion and death of Jesus and also the feast of the Annunciation.. During vespers the story of the crucifixion is read and the body of Jesus is carried in procession to the tomb . Vigil is kept at the grave in the joyful expectation of Resurrection.

After the darkness and repentance of Lent we enter into the light of life as children of God in the Resurrection! Easter is the time of rejoicing! We offer one another the kiss of peace, confirming our Lord's commandment to love one another! Celebrating the end of the enmity between God and man, being reconciled to God through Jesus, by his conquering death by death.



PALM SUNDAY

— HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST —

First Antiphon:

I love the Lord, because He listened to my voice in supplication.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.
For He turned an ear to me on the day I called.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.
I was caught by the cords of death; the snares of Sheol had seized me.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.
I felt agony and dread, and I called on the name of the Lord.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Third Antiphon:

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

Troparion: O Christ our God, You confirmed the resurrection of all before the time of Your passion by raising Lazarus from the dead. Therefore, we, as the children of Israel carry the symbols of victory and cry out to You, the Conqueror of Death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Let the house of Israel say: His love endures forever.

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Let the house of Aaron say: His love endures forever.

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Entrance Hymn:

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless You from the house of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Troparion (4): We have been buried with You through baptism, O Christ our God, and we have become worthy of immortal life by Your resurrection. So we cry out to You: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Now and for ever and ever: Amen.

Kontakion (6): In heaven You are carried upon a throne; on earth You rode upon a colt, O Christ our God. You received the praise of Angels and the hymns of children crying out to You: Blessed is He Who came to restore Adam.

Prokimenon:

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

Verse: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His love endures forever.

Epistle: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians (Phil 4,4-9)

Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Alleluia Verses

: Verse: Sing a new song to the Lord, for He has worked wonders.
All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia,

. Gospel: (Jn 12,1-18)

Six days before Passover Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. They gave a dinner for him there; and Martha served, while Lazarus was one of those reclining at table with him. Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair; the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. Then Judas the Iscariot, one [of] his disciples, and the one who would betray him, said, "Why was this oil not sold for three hundred days' wages and given to the poor?" He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief and held the money bag and used to steal the contributions. So Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Let her keep this for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." The large crowd of the Jews found out that he was there and came, not only because of Jesus, but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. And the chief priests plotted to kill Lazarus too, because many of the Jews were turning away and believing in Jesus because of him. On the next day, when the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, [even] the king of Israel." Jesus found an ass and sat upon it, as is written: "Fear no more, O daughter Zion; see, your king comes, seated upon an ass's colt." His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him. So the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from death continued to testify. This was [also] why the crowd went to meet him, because they heard that he had done this sign

It is truly right...

O My soul, extol the Lord Who sat upon the colt

. **Hirmos:** God the Lord has appeared to us. Let us celebrate the Feast, and let us rejoice and extol Christ. With palms and branches in hand, let us raise our voices to Him in praise, saying: Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord, our Savior.

Communion Verse:

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

Weekly Income - \$ 1624.00 Thank you for your generosity & support

Eternal Light & Altar Candles : In memory of +Diane O'Connor- Jean Lakomski

TOWER REPAIR

We have entered into contract with Fania Roof Company of Allentown for the repair of our church tower. The fabrication of the louvers will take 8-10 weeks, so we are looking to begin the project in the spring. The tower repair will correct the leak in the ceiling of the choir loft , replace the louvers which have deteriorated, with aluminum louvers, and repair the concrete and brick pointing . .

Roof Repair: Memorial Account Donations :

\$500.00 In memory of +Walter & Catherine Pasternak- Pasternak Family

Please remember to pray for the sick and all those who have requested our prayers

Helen Terleski	Teodozia Sroka	Catherine Kutzler	Olga Turczyn
Mae Kulczyzcki	Sophie Troyan	Jean Lakomski	Michael Trusz
Michael Horon	Peg Hutnik	Richard Suter	John Vedomsky
Olga Bryksa	Julian Trusz	Michael Sidlar	Walter Kiniuk
Joseph Bodnar	Lillian Opp	Frank & Betty Maitski	Sarah Shanks
Kim Lightcap	Gregory Neff	Karen Bakros	Stephen Terleski
Margaret Dashe	Helen Potak	Anna Drozd	Olga Trusz
Robert Leiby	Mary Heverling	Michael Horon	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES: Good Friday 5:30PM: All children are asked to participate in the Good Friday procession with the Holy Shroud . Please arrive early enough to prepare. Thank you

CHURCH CLEANING DECORATING FOR EASTER

We will be cleaning and decorating the church for Easter on Thursday evening after the Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels, all are invited to come and join with us as we prepare our church and assemble the burial tomb to celebrate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of our Lord.

All are welcome.

KOBASA SALE

The Ukrainian American Veterans Post 42 . Orders will be ready for pick up after services on Palm Sunday. Thank you for your support of our Ukrainian American Veterans. Happy Easter!

SPAGHETTI DINNER: April 10

We will be having our Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday April 10. Tickets are \$10.00 Children \$6.00 Dinner will include Spaghetti & Meatballs, salad, roll, beverage and dessert. Please sign up at the vestibule of the church or help us in selling some tickets .

Thank you.

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONER

We welcome into our parish community, *Lawrence and Catherine Birgl* of Saylorsburg, PA who have chosen to join our church. We hope they find our community a place where their spiritual talents and needs can be satisfied. May God grant them many healthy happy years with us! **MNOHAYA LITA**

PASKA'S CAN BE PICKED UP IN THE CHURCH HALL AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGIES THIS WEEKEND> Thank you

PYROHY SALE

Our Pyrohy sale for April will be held on April 12-13. Pyrohy are \$6.00 a dozen. Orders can be placed on the order sheet in the vestibule of the church or by calling the rectory office at 610-252-4266. Thank you.

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to Chrissy Mattes, Sherry Belfy, Judy Palinkas, Joann Fulmer and Donna Sldlar for their organization and preparation for our **Annual Easter Egg Hunt** for our children and grandchildren. Special thanks to all those who donated candy and gifts; and to all those who supported our project by registering their children.

ALTAR SERVERS

All altar servers are asked to participate in the Good Friday services at 5:30PM. And for Resurrection services at Easter. Your service to the altar of Jesus helps in the celebration of your faith and shows your love and dedication. Thank you.

ICE CREAM SUNDAE SOCIAL

There will be an ice cream sundae social after the Divine Liturgy this Palm Sunday, beginning at 12:00 noon. Afterwards beginning at 12:30PM, we will have the Easter Egg hunt for the children. Children's ice cream sundaes are free.. Adults \$2.50

Thank you.

Holy Wednesday focuses on our need for the healing and forgiveness that comes into our lives when we establish a relationship with God through Jesus Christ. We celebrate the **Sacrament of Holy Unction**. We confess our sins and seek to be reconciled with God. The priest anoints us with Holy Oil that we may be healed physically and spiritually. (Epistle readings: James 5:10-16, Romans 15:1-7, I Corinthians 12:27-31-13:1-8, II Corinthians 6:16-18;7:1, II Corinthians 1:8-11, Galatians 5:22-6:2, I Thessalonians 5:14-23. Gospel readings: Luke 10:25-37, Luke 19:1-10, Matthew 10:1, 5-8, Matthew 8:14-23, Matthew 15:21-28, Matthew 9:9-13.)

Holy Thursday Evening is when we have the service of the 12 Gospel Readings which relate the events of Jesus' Holy Passion, and His last instructions to the Disciples. The Gospel readings witness for us the betrayal and arrest of Jesus, His trial and conviction, and finally His torture, crucifixion and death.. After this the congregation is invited to come and light candles at the foot of the Cross.

Holy Friday is a day of mourning, fasting and prayer. On this day, Our Lord went to the Cross and died to take away our sins. The power of death and the reality of evil rule the world on this dreadful day. Yet, Jesus Christ's death marks the beginning of His -- and our -- victory over death's power.

Taking Down from the Cross is on Friday afternoon. In this vesper service we are witnesses to the undeserved suffering of Christ, to his terrible passion and death. We remember through a moving liturgical procession the faithfulness and love of Joseph of Arimathea who tenderly removed Christ's body from the cross, wrapped it in clean linen, and carried it to his own unused tomb for burial. (I Corinthians 1:18-2:2; Matthew 27:1-38, Luke 23:39-43; Matthew 27:39-54, John 19:31-37; Matthew 27:55-61)

Hymns of Lamentations: Jerusalem Matins at 9:00PM Friday evening. We lament Jesus' undeserved death for our salvation. With both sorrow and joy we sing the Lamentations (Praises) to Him who is symbolically buried, yet Who we already know is the Risen Lord and Giver of Life. Ezekial 37:1-14; I Corinthians 5:6-8; Galatians 3:13-14; Matthew 27:62-66)

Holy Saturday is a day of strict fasting but one of hope and waiting. The **Divine Liturgy of St. Basil** (12:00noon) anticipates the Resurrection. This day celebrates Christ's descent into Hades where he preached the Good News to all mankind, from Adam and Eve on. The joy and the Good News is commemorated through the lighting of the Paschal Candle t at a particular time in the Divine Liturgy. Anticipating Christ's victory over the power of death we sing, Arise, O God, judge the earth. for to thee belong all the nations. (Romans 6:3-11 and Matthew 28:1-20)

PASKA BAKE SALE THIS WEEK

Special thanks to all those who came to help at our Paska Bake Sale. Special thanks to John Drozd Jr for his spearheading this project. It welcomes many into the traditions of our church and Easter season. Special thanks to John Drozd Jr, Kathy Sargent, Karen Clark, Tom Brenner, Fr Dan, Paulette Bellis, Donna Sldalr , Joann Fulmer, Judy Palinkas, Donna Hale, Marlene Lightcap, Heather Hill, and all those who supported our fundraiser and purchased Paska! Enjoy! Christ Is Risen!

EASTER FLOWER memorials: There are envelopes in your donation box for anyone wishing to donate an Easter flower in memory of their family.

CHOIR PRACTICE

There will be a practice on Monday evening March 21 after the Presanctified Liturgy. We will be going over the services for Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Please come and join us and help us to celebrate these wonderful services with joy and song! All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Thank you

FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION AND GOOD FRIDAY

The feast of the Annunciation : the angel Gabriel announcing the Good News to Mary and her saying "yes" to God , is central to the coming of the Savior into our world. Therefore this feast is given the highest of honors and a Divine Liturgy is always celebrated for this feast *even if it falls on Good Friday.*

The Feast of the Annunciation falls on Good Friday. Instead of the traditional vespers burial service for Good Friday , we begin with Vespers and go into the Divine Liturgy. At the end of the Liturgy, before the final blessing the Shroud is brought out and carried around the church in procession and placed in the tomb. There are books for us to be able to participate.

There will be an adoration schedule posted in the vestibule of the church, Please try to maintain the solemnity and safety of this time by your honoring your time slot. The time of adoration is like a public viewing for Jesus. We are his family and we stand vigil at his body.

Adoration times will be from 7:00PM – 12 midnight Good Friday
8:00AM- 6:00PM Holy Saturday

SPECIAL THANKS to all those who donated pussywillows for our Palm Sunday service. We use them in our tradition since it was the first plant that bloomed in the Spring . Therefore the term "Flowery Sunday" is also used in reference to Palm Sunday, since whatever was blooming at the time was brought in to church to be blessed in remembrance of Jesus' Entry into Jerusalem. Also Special thanks to all those who helped bundle the willows and Palms together for our service! Great job!

FASTING: Good Friday is a day of strict abstinence: No meat or dairy products. Holy Saturday is a simple abstinence from meat.

Vigil at the Tomb

Good Friday,

- 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Terleski, Betty; Morykan; Suter, Jean Lakomski
Olga Bryksa, Betty Maitiski
- 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Bodnar; Frable; Karen Clark, Kaczmar
I Leczko
- 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Hale; Bellis; Sargent; Michtchak; Wichryk
Martinez, Aga, Tyma
- 9:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Thatcher; Sidlar; Balaziuk; Mirchuk, Savkanitch
Shevtziv Stefurak
- 10:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. Hutnik, Jack; Wright, Greg Sidlar
Stoken
- 11:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. Drozd, John Jr; Wujkiw Fr Dan Bloom

Holy Saturday,

- 8:00a.m. – 9:00a.m. Bogusky, John; Lightcap; Kucynda, Steele
- 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Trusz; Zuk LaChance, Heather Hill
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Fulmer; Mattes; Bellfy; Wynne; Palinkas
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Atherholt; Paskewicz; Leiby ;Hoagland
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m. LITURGY
1:30 p.m. **BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS**
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Leciston; Bragg; Morykan;
Kramer Hutnik,
- 3:00p.m. -- 4:00p.m. Tomori Sharpless Poleschuk Lisa
Sponopolous, Birgl
- 4:00p.m - 5:00p.m. ; Stoken; Sroka; Hacker, Dunigan

Prayer for the Jubilee Year of Mercy

Lord Jesus Christ / You have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father/ and have told us that whoever sees You sees Him. / Show us your face and we will be saved/ Your loving gaze freed Zaccheus and Matthew from being enslaved by money./ the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things/ made Peter weep after his betrayal and assured Paradise to the repentant thief/ Let us hear , as if addressed to each one of us , / the words you spoke to the Samaritan woman/ " If only you knew the gift of God!" / You are the visible face of the invisible Father./ of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy./ Let the Church be your visible face in the world/ its Lord Risen and glorified!" / You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness/ in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error/ Let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved and forgiven by God./ Send your Holy Spirit and consecrate everyone of us with His anointing./ so that the Jubilee Year of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord./ And your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed/ and restore sight to the blind. We ask this through the intercession of the Mother of God and all the saints Amen

Accompanying Christ

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.

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.

St. Andrew of Crete

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