



# Weekly Bulletin

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<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Apr 9</b>	<i>Palm Sunday / Tone 2 / The Lord's Triumphal entry into Jerusalem</i> 9:00 am Church School 10:00 am Divine Liturgy / Procession Coffee Hour 5:30 pm Bridegroom Matins of Holy Monday
Beginning of Holy Week		
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Apr 10</b>	<i>Great &amp; Holy Monday</i> 6:30 pm Bridegroom Matins of Holy Tuesday
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Apr 11</b>	<i>Great &amp; Holy Tuesday</i> 6:30 pm Bridegroom Matins of Holy Wednesday
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Apr 12</b>	<i>Great &amp; Holy Wednesday</i> 6:30 pm Matins of Holy Thursday
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Apr 13</b>	<i>Great &amp; Holy Thursday</i> 10:00 am Liturgy of the Mystical Supper 6:30 pm Matins of Holy Friday / 12 Passion Gospels
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Apr 14</b>	<i>Great &amp; Holy Friday</i> 6:30 pm Burial Vigil / Reading at the Tomb begins
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Apr 15</b>	<i>Great &amp; Holy Saturday</i> 10:00 am Vespertal Liturgy / Blessing of Baskets / Vigil at the Tomb continues 11:30 pm Nocturns
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Apr 16</b>	<i>Great &amp; Holy Pascha / The glorious Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ</i> Readings: Acts 1:1-8 John 1:1-17 12:00 am Procession / Matins / Liturgy / Blessings / Reception 12:00 pm Paschal Vespers / Egg Hunt

**ATTENDANCE / STEWARDSHIP / Apr 2**

Attendance	138
Operating	\$4,986.00
Maintenance	175.00
OCA Assessments	599.00
Charities	100.00
Alms	1,005.00
Uganda	105.00
Deanery	20.00
Flowers	160.00
IOCC	100.00

**NEWLY BAPTIZED**

We welcome Joseph, Venessa, Lillith & Vasili Pohl and Collin Urbania who received Holy Illumination yesterday. May God plant them firmly in His Vineyard and bless and keep them for many years.

**VIGIL AT THE TOMB**

The sign-up is posted for those who wish to read at the Lord's Tomb beginning Holy Friday evening following the Burial Service.

**SPECIAL CONCERNS FOR PASCHA**

If you are unable to be at the Midnight Services for Pascha on Holy Saturday night, please be in attendance at the Saturday Liturgy at 10:00 am for Holy Communion. Baskets will be blessed afterward for those not attending the Midnight Services. Also, confessions will be heard any time for college students as they make their way home.

**PRAYER CORNER + + + + +**

Perry (Capitan), Julian, Sarah Crivella, Joella (Lu-Ann D's dghtr), Paris Santone (Debbie C's nephew),

## Celebrating our 50th Anniversary

Anna Como, Barb (Renda frnd), Nick Covelli, David Campbell (Deb's bro), Norma K, George H, (Maryann S's frnds), the suffering Christians in Ukraine and the Middle East.

**Birthdays:** Leonard Heim IV, Ben Sherman (4/8-10), Anastasia Kingsbury (4/14).

**Expecting:** Stephen & Rebecca, Maxim & Mindy, Collin & Laiken, Patrick & Elizabeth, David & Maria.

**Newly Illumined:** Joseph, Mary, Eve, Vasili, Collin.

**Our Missionary:** Scott.

# Palm Sunday

by Fr Paul Lazor

Palm Sunday is the celebration of the triumphant entrance of Christ into the royal city of Jerusalem. He rode on a colt for which He Himself had sent, and He permitted the people to hail Him publicly as a king. A large crowd met Him in a manner befitting royalty, waving palm branches and placing their garments in His path. They greeted Him with these words: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel! (John 12:13). This day together with the raising of Lazarus are signs pointing beyond themselves to the mighty deeds and events which consummate Christ's earthly ministry. The time of fulfillment was at hand. Christ's raising of Lazarus points to the destruction of death and the joy of resurrection which will be accessible to all through His own death and resurrection. His entrance into Jerusalem is a fulfillment of the messianic prophecies about the king who will enter his holy city to establish a final kingdom. "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass" (Zech 9:9). Finally, the events of these triumphant two days are but the passage to Holy Week: the "hour" of suffering and death for which Christ came. Thus the triumph in an earthly sense is extremely short-lived. Jesus enters openly into the midst of His enemies, publicly saying and doing those things which mostly enrage them. The people themselves will soon reject Him. They misread His brief earthly triumph as a sign of something else: His emergence as a political messiah who

will lead them to the glories of an earthly kingdom. Our Pledge The liturgy of the Church is more than meditation or praise concerning past events. It communicates to us the eternal presence and power of the events being celebrated and makes us participants in those events. Thus the services of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday bring us to our own moment of life and death and entrance into the Kingdom of God: a Kingdom not of this world, a Kingdom accessible in the Church through repentance and baptism. On Palm Sunday palm and willow branches are blessed in the Church. We take them in order to raise them up and greet the King and Ruler of our life: Jesus Christ. We take them in order to reaffirm our baptismal pledges. As the One who raised Lazarus and entered Jerusalem to go to His voluntary Passion stands in our midst, we are faced with the same question addressed to us at baptism: "Do you accept Christ?" We give our answer by daring to take the branch and raise it up: "I accept Him as King and God!" Thus, on the eve of Christ's Passion, in the celebration of the joyful cycle of the triumphant days of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday, we reunite ourselves to Christ, affirm His Lordship over the totality of our life, and express our readiness to follow Him to His Kingdom:... that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead (Philippians 3:10-11).