



ST. MARY'S HOLY DORMITION

April 9th, 2023 PALM SUNDAY: ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Scripture Readings

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel: John 12:1-18

At that time, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always." Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on 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 these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

Palm Sunday: Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem

On the Sunday before the Feast of Great and Holy Pascha and at the beginning of Holy Week, the Orthodox Church celebrates one of its most joyous feasts of the year. Palm Sunday is the commemoration of the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem following His glorious miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead. Having anticipated His arrival and having heard of the miracle, the people went out to meet the Lord and welcomed Him with displays of honor and shouts of praise. On this day, we receive and worship Christ in this same manner, acknowledging Him as our King and Lord.

APR Birthdays & Anniversaries

- 3rd - Zoe Osburn
- 5th - Anastajia Rozdilski
- 7th - Ryleigh Tunink
- 8th - April Schulte
- 8th - Matt Dawson
- 10th - Merrick Dawson
- 18th - Jack Pyatt
- 18th - Makiya Schulte
- 22nd - Millie Manyik
- 22nd - Jennifer Billmire
- 22nd - Myree Hickman
- 23rd - Sarah Dumler
- 23rd - Logan Jackson
- 25th - Stone Stevens
- 26th - Kail Molner
- 27th - Kristen Burnside
- 29th - Mason Hendrix
- 29th - Malachi Hendrix

HOLY WEEK

- Apr. 10th - Bridegroom Matins (6:00 PM)
- Apr. 11th - Note: There is NO SERVICE This Evening
- Apr. 12th - Holy Unction (6:00 PM)
- Apr. 13th - Vespural Liturgy (8:00 AM)
Matins w/ Passion Gospels (6:00 PM)
- Apr. 14th - Vespers of Holy Friday (4:00 PM)
Matins of Holy Saturday (6:30 PM)
- Apr. 15th - Baptism of Logan Bourg (8:45 AM)
Holy Saturday Liturgy (9:30 AM)
Pascha Services (11:00 PM)
- Apr. 16th - Agape Vespers (10:00 AM)

WISDOM

"He began with a manger and finished with a donkey, in Bethlehem with a manger, in Jerusalem with a donkey."

-St. Ephraim the Syrian

WEEKLY JOKE

I found out today I have a super power. I can cut wood just by looking at it. I saw it with my own two eyes.

WELCOME! IT IS GOOD TO BE HERE!

Call to Action

I never like writing these kinds of messages, especially not in the Bulletin, however it has come to my attention that a few things need to be addressed. Our parish is facing a bit of a problem with our youth and adults not stepping up the way we need them to. From baking bread for Liturgy to running Slavic Fest to keeping the church and hall themselves clean, many of our older members are shouldering the majority of the work in maintaining, cleaning, and taking care of the parish and hall as a whole. These members have served their time and contributed significantly over the years and they shouldn't have to continue to do as much as they get older. As such, as these members age, they become less able to keep up with the demands of these duties, which puts a strain on the community as a whole. This is where everyone else comes in. It is important for all of us who are able to step up and help keep the church clean and volunteer (and even sacrifice a bit of our leisurely time) where it is needed. In doing so, we can take the burden off of our older members while also ensuring that our church remains a vibrant and welcoming place for all who come through its doors. Additionally, it teaches and aids in our salvation by showing God that we love Him and want to be in Communion with him while also gaining a sense of purpose and fulfillment in serving Christ's Church and Community. Now, I do want to point out that there are some who this does not apply to that ARE stepping up and doing their best to ensure our community thrives. This message is specifically to those who could do a little bit more. But at the same time, we need everyone to come together and shoulder this more so that our older members can enjoy a well-deserved break and our church can continue to thrive for generations to come. I truly believe we can all do better and am asking everyone to just prayerfully and thoughtfully commit to helping more where is needed. It should never be a struggle to ask for help, but it has come to that. We can all do better. Let's all do better. In Christ, Fr. Stephen

Bookstore in the Hall

Our bookstore is specifically for our parish. We receive the books from Holy Theophany but we do make money on the books. There are plenty of good books for sale as well as service texts and such. If you are looking for a particular book that we do not have, we can order it at a great price.

Confessions during Holy Week

Fr. Stephen will be available an hour before each service for anyone who still wants to go Confession. He will also gladly do any by appointment.

No Holy Week Service On Tuesday Night

Due to prior engagements of both Fr. Stephen and Mat. Lindsey, we will not be able to have Bridegroom Matins on Tuesday evening.

Friday Services Potluck

As is the custom over the past few years, we will have a light meal after Vespers of Holy Friday before the Matins of Holy Saturday. Please bring something to share.

Tomb Reading

There is a sign up sheet in the Narthex for the reading of the tomb, which occurs after the second service on Friday. Please consider signing up. You do not have to chant when you read nor do you have to speak out loud. Parents, please consider doing this with your kids as well. It will be good for them and you.

Calling Young Myrrh Bearing Women (Holy Friday Vespers)

Like last year, at the Vespers of Holy Friday, we will have the young girls of the parish sprinkle flower petals (a representation of the Myrrh Bearing Women bringing oil and spices) around the tomb of Christ. This happens at the end of the service during the Troparion ("Unto the myrrh-bearing women" Parents, please make every effort to bring your daughters to Holy Friday Vespers for this unique and fulfilling service.

Holy Saturday Readings (NEXT SATURDAY MORNING)

Youth: Don't forget to practice your reading. If you need a new copy, ask Fr. Stephen. Parents: Make sure they work on being loud. Slow is okay. They don't need to chant their reading. They just need to be as loud so everyone can hear them. They will do wonderful, as they always do. God will love it.

Slavic Fest Meeting (April 30th)

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The Come and See Challenge:

Have you brought someone NEW this month?

Have you gone to Great Vespers at least once this month?

When was the last time you went to Confession?

Prayer List

Living:

Abp. Benjamin, Abp. Melchisedek, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Joseph, Anna, Muriel, Meryl, Harold, Vern, Tammy, Daron, Steve, Litsa, Jill, Leilani, child Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Johnny, Jeremy, Preston, Ian, Sabrina with child, Loren, George, Nicole, Mark, Mark, Betty, Alicia, Richard, Marcie, Brenda, Serge, infant Gideon, Iryland, Patricia, Casey, Bruce, Alice, Christina, Danny, Cassi with child, Infant Dominic, Roberta, Leonard, Jerry, Kyriacou, Annabelle, Devin, Georgianna, Morgan with child, Natalie, Wendy, Judy, April with child, Greg, Haily with child

Please say an extra prayer for Fr. Stephen's father, Steve. He is currently dealing with complications with his heart.

Departed:

Kenneth, Tom, Robbie, Harry Peter, Roland, Valarie, Cody

Youth:

Easter Egg Hunt (April 23rd):

Coming up the week after Pascha, we will have our annual Easter Egg Hunt.

Volunteers Needed:

Coffee Hour (2023 List up to end of May in the Hall)

Church Clean Up (2023 List up to May in the Hall. We would love to have people who have never done it before)

St. Ambrose Donations

(Bin in the Hall, please donate)