



April 5th, 2026
Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem
Palm Sunday

Scripture Readings

Philippians 4:4-9 (Epistle 247)

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.

John 12:1-18 (Gospel 41)

Then, 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.

Many Years!

newly illumend!

Vladimir (Cody), Olivia,
 Christopher and James (Milo)

birthdays

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
 30th - Lilah Nelson

Calendar

April 6th Tuesday, 6:30p
 —Bridegroom Matins

April 8th Wednesday, 6:30p
 —Bridegroom Matins

April 9th Thursday, 9:30a/6:30p
 —Vespertal Lit. Mystical Supper
 —Matins w/Passion Gospels

April 10th Friday, 9:30a/3:30p/6:30p
 —Royal Hours
 —Vespers Burial w/Shroud
 —Matins with Lamentations

April 11th Saturday, 9:30a/11:30p
 —Vespertal Liturgy, Harrowing
 of Hades
 —Paschal Nocturnes, Matins,
 and Divine Liturgy of Pascha!

April 12th Pascha Sunday!, 4:00p
 —Agape Vespers

Palm Sunday

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 a 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).

Very Rev. Paul Lazor

Troparion | Tone 1 (Palm Sunday)

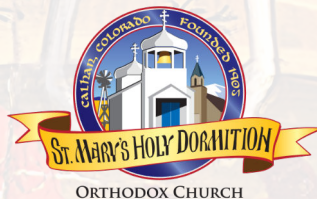
By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God. Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord."

Troparion | Tone 4 (Palm Sunday)

When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God, we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection. Now we praise Thee and sing: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

Kontakion | Tone 6 (Palm Sunday)

Sitting on Thy throne in Heaven, carried on a foal 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!"



Prayer List

Living: Met. Tikhon, Abp. Benjamin, Bp. Vasily, Fr. Andreas, Fr. Anthony, Fr. Zechariah, Fr. Dennis, Fr. Silouan, Mother Cassiana, Dcn. Herman Combs & Family, Dcn. Tikhon Krueger & Family

Carol, Charlie, Anita, Chad, Jan, Harold, Libbie and the Infant Lawrence, Toni Dell, Tyler, David, Victor, Kyla, Tony, Diane, Betty, Muriel, Child Gerhard & Meryl, Tammy, Litsa, Lilliana, Carl, Christina, Lindy, John, Alicia, Patricia, Danny, Jerry, Roberta, Wendy, Judy, Jill, Beverly, Infant Dominic, Joseph, Jackie Joan, Trisha, Lee, Carol, Ethan, infant AdaLynn, Nauvlet, Austin, Brian, Josh, Mother Magdalena, Kodiak, Miriham, Cheri, infant Gus, April, Madalyn, Makenzie, MaKiya, Hannah, Haylee, Keith, Samantha, Christina, Jake, Jetlyn, Lauren, Bob, Georgianna, Clint, Murl, Carolyn, Millie, child Charlotte, Cathy.

Departed: Jack

Those with child: Mka. Lindsey

Those who are confined: Basil, Hannah, Theodore

Commemorations

Martyrs Agathopodes the Deacon and Theodulus the Reader at Thessalonica, Venerable Publius of Egypt, Saint Theonas of Egypt, Saint Simeon of Egypt, Saint Phorbinus of Egypt, Venerable Mark the Anchorite of Athens, Saint Plato the Confessor of Studion, Venerable Theodora of Thessalonica, Translation of the relics of Saint Job, Patriarch of Moscow and All Russia, Icon of the Mother of God of Kasperov, Martyr Claudius and those with him, Martyr Hypomone

Many Years!

We are overjoyed to welcome Vladimir (Cody), Olivia, Christopher, and James (Milo) into our parish family at St. Mary's Holy Dormition Orthodox Church — welcome home!

It warms our hearts to see you all illumined in Christ and now part of our spiritual household. We are especially grateful for the loving guidance of your Godparents, John (from the Greek Paris) and Patrick, who stood with you on this beautiful day.

We've already celebrated some wonderful new illumined souls just last week, and it is a great blessing to keep welcoming more into the faith and into our parish community. We look forward with so much gladness to growing together, supporting one another, and serving Christ side by side as one family.

It is truly good to have you with us! May God grant you many, many years!