

St. George Orthodox Church of Spring Valley

Sunday, April 24, 2016

Palm Sunday

The Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem

Matins: 9:00 AM :: Divine Liturgy: 10:00 AM



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Today's Epistle Reader: Michael Kasap

Today's Holy Bread and Coffee Hour: Sadie Malooley and the Leonard family; fish fry graciously offered by the Malooley family

Next Sunday's Coffee Hour: Easter potluck (*See note on page 5*)

Hymns of the Day, immediately after the Small Entrance:

Entrance Hymn: Blessed is He who cometh in the Name of the Lord: the Lord is God and hath appeared unto us. Save us, O Son of God, who didst sit upon the foal of a donkey; who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

Troparion for St. Lazarus (Tone 1): O Christ God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we, like children, carry the insignia of triumph and victory, and cry to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: 'Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who cometh in the Name of the Lord!'

Troparion for Palm Sunday (Tone 4): 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 that cometh in the Name of the Lord!'

Kontakion for Palm Sunday (Tone 6): Upborne upon the heavenly throne, and seated upon the earthly foal, O Christ our God, receive the praises of angels and the hymns of men, exclaiming before Thee: 'Blessed is He that cometh to restore Adam!'

In place of the Hymn to the Theotokos:

God the Lord hath appeared unto us; let us celebrate the Feast, and let us rejoice and magnify Christ. With palms and branches let us raise our voices unto Him with praise, saying: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, our Savior.

THE EPISTLE

Blessed is He who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (4:4-9)

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice! Let your forbearance be known to all people. The Lord is at hand! Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your petitions be known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, 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 any praise, think about these things. The things which you both learned and received, and heard and saw in me, .these things do; and the God of peace will be with you.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. 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 cometh 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.

Announcements and Upcoming Events

For a full calendar of events and services at St. George, see our website, www.stgeorgeorthodox.org.

- **Today:** Palm Sunday procession, at the end of the Liturgy. *Sunday School children will come up for communion first, as usual, and proceed downstairs. They will come back up to join the rest of the congregation in our outdoor procession.*

See this week's full Holy Week schedule on the back page of the bulletin. The church will be open before and after most services this week for private prayer and the Sacrament of Confession. Please see Fr. Andrew for more details or if you have any questions about specific times.

Our sincerest condolences to **John and Melanie Thompson and their family**, at the passing of John's father **James Thompson** this past week. Fr. Andrew will offer memorial prayers tomorrow morning, April 25, 11am at Valley Memorial Cemetery in Spring Valley. May his memory be eternal!

Please join **George and Mona Kaleel** as they celebrate 60 years in business! An open house will take place Saturday, May 7 starting at 2:00 at their store in Amboy, 226 E. Main St. All are welcome; food and drinks will be provided.

This year's **Parish Life Conference** will be June 22-26 in Livonia, Michigan. Please consider attending this excellent event on behalf of our church!

We are also pleased to announce that **His Grace Bishop Anthony** plans to visit us in Spring Valley, the weekend of October 15 and 16. More information will follow as we draw closer to that date.

Do you have an announcement for the bulletin?

Please contact Fr. Andrew no later than Friday each week for inclusion in the Sunday bulletin.



Birthdays and Anniversaries ~ May God grant you many years!

(Please let Father know if we are missing anyone!)

Jake Malooley, April 25

Sunday Volunteer Schedule

	Holy Bread/Coffee Hour	Epistle Reader
TODAY	Sadie Malooley and the Leonard family	Mike Kasap
Pascha Sunday, May 1	<i>Pascha potluck *</i>	Mark Kerasotes
St. Thomas Sunday, May 8	Memorial for Amelia Malooley	Kenneth Wiltse
Sunday, May 15	Matt and Nan McNatt	George Forsa
Sunday, May 22	George and Mona Kaleel	David Anderson
Sunday, May 29	Kishler, Buss, and Anderson	Matthew McNatt

** Our services for Pascha Sunday begin the night before, at 10pm. It is customary for Orthodox Christians to break the Lenten fast together after the service with meats, cheeses, colored eggs, etc. If you plan to stay, bring something simple to share!*

:: Synaxarion Reading for Palm Sunday ::

On this day in the Holy Orthodox Church, the Sunday of Palms, we celebrate the radiant and glorious festival of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.

Jesus came to Bethany on the Sunday falling before the six days of the Mosaic Passover. On the following day He sent two of His Disciples, who brought Him a donkey on which He sat to enter the city. And when the great multitude heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they immediately took palm branches in their hands and went out to meet Him. All cried, "Hosanna! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, King of Israel!" The branches of palm trees were a symbol of Christ's victory over Satan and Death. And the meaning of "Hosanna" is, "We pray Thee, save." The donkey's colt, which was still an untamed animal, and impure according to the law, as well as Christ's sitting thereon, symbolize the former savagery and impurity of the Gentiles; and their subsequent taming and obedience to the holy law of the Gospel.

By Thine ineffable compassion, O Christ our God, make us victors over the irrational passions, and make us worthy to see Thy tangible victory over death, Thy radiant and life-bearing Resurrection, and have mercy on us. Amen.



"THE COMMEMORATION OF CHRIST'S SAVING PASSION IS AT HAND, AND THE NEW, GREAT SPIRITUAL PASSOVER, WHICH IS THE REWARD FOR DISPASSION AND THE PRELUDE OF THE WORLD TO COME. LAZARUS PROCLAIMS IT IN ADVANCE BY COMING BACK FROM THE DEPTHS OF HADES AND RISING FROM THE DEAD ON THE FOURTH DAY JUST BY VOICE AND COMMAND OF GOD, WHO HAS POWER OVER LIFE AND DEATH."

-- ST. GREGORY PALAMAS

**BIBLE READINGS FOR HOLY WEEK
APRIL 25 – MAY 1**



Holy Monday, April 25:

Exodus 1:1-20 / Job 1:1-12 / Matthew 24:3-35
Matthew 22:15-46, 23:1-39

Holy Tuesday, April 26:

Exodus 2:5-10 / Job 1:13-22 / Matthew 24:36-26:2
John 12:17-50

Holy Wednesday, April 27:

Exodus 2:11-22 / Job 2:1-10 / Matthew 26:6-16

Maundy Thursday, April 28:

Exodus 19:10-19 / Job 38:1-21, 42:1-5 / Isaiah 50:4-11
1 Corinthians 11:23-32 / Matthew 26:2-20

Good Friday, April 29:

Exodus 33:11-23 / Job 42:12-17 / Isaiah 52:13-15, 53:1-12, 54:1
1 Corinthians 1:18-31, 2:1-2 / Matthew 27:1-38
Ezekiel 37:1-14 / 1 Corinthians 5:6-8 and Galatians 3:13-14 / Matt. 27:62-66

Saturday, April 30: The Sabbath of Light

Romans 6:3-11 / Matthew 28:1-20

Sunday, May 1: Great and Holy Pascha

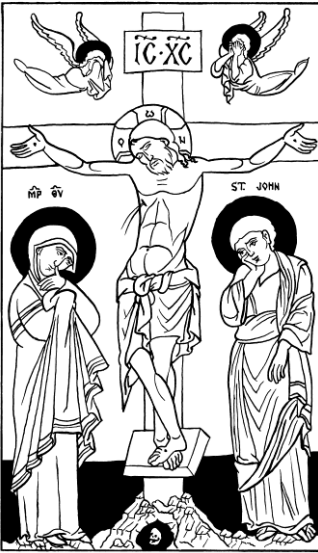
Mark 16:1-8 / Acts 1:1-8 / John 1:1-17
John 20:19-25

**“COME, YE FAITHFUL, LET US RAISE OUR MINDS ON HIGH AND ENJOY THE MASTER’S
HOSPITALITY AND THE TABLE OF IMMORTAL LIFE IN THE UPPER ROOM; AND LET US HEAR
THE EXALTED TEACHING OF THE WORD WHOM WE MAGNIFY!”**

~ HYMN FOR HOLY THURSDAY

HOLY WEEK 2016

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PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND – APRIL 23 AND 24

- Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy, Saturday at 10am
- Palm Sunday Matins, Divine Liturgy, and Procession, Sunday at 9am

HOLY MONDAY AND HOLY TUESDAY – APRIL 25 AND 26

- Bridegroom Matins, Monday and Tuesday at 6pm

HOLY WEDNESDAY – APRIL 27

- Sacrament of Holy Unction, 6pm

HOLY THURSDAY – APRIL 28

- Divine Liturgy of the Mystical Supper, 10am
- Service of the Twelve Passion Gospels, 6pm

GOOD FRIDAY – APRIL 29

- Royal Hours, 10am
- Vespers, 6pm. *At this service, the ladies present will be invited to come forward and remove the icon of Christ from the Cross.*
- Lamentations at the Tomb, 7pm. *During this service, the men present will be invited to come forward and take turns carrying the tomb of Christ.*

HOLY SATURDAY – APRIL 30

- “Sabbath of Light” Divine Liturgy, 10am
- Paschal Vigil and Divine Liturgy, 10pm

PASCHA SUNDAY – MAY 1

- Agape Vespers, 12:00 noon. *Holy Communion will be available for those who may have missed it the night before.*