

Holy Week

Sunday, April 17. **Palm Sunday**. Fish, Wine, and Oil.
Divine Liturgy: 9:30 a.m. Vespers: 3:00 p.m.
Bridegroom Matins: 5:00 p.m.

Monday, April 18. Great and Holy Monday.
Hours, Typical Psalms & Presanctified Liturgy: 8:00 a.m.
Bridegroom Matins: 4:00 p.m.

Tuesday, April 19. Great and Holy Tuesday.
Hours, Typical Psalms & Presanctified Liturgy: 8:00 a.m.
Bridegroom Matins: 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 20. Great and Holy Wednesday.
Hours, Typical Psalms & Presanctified Liturgy: 8:00 a.m.
Bridegroom Matins: 4:00 p.m.

Thursday, April 21. Great and Holy Thursday.
Hours & Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great: 8:00 a.m.
Matins w/ reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels: 7:00 p.m.

Friday, April 22. Great and Holy Friday.
The Royal Hours: 8:00 a.m.
Great Vespers and placing of the Plashchanitsa: 3:00 p.m.
Matins, Lamentations & the Procession: 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, April 23. Great and Holy Saturday.
Hours, Typical Psalms & Vesperal Liturgy of
St. Basil the Great: 8:00 a.m. Nocturn: 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 24. **Holy Pascha!**
Procession, Matins & the Divine Liturgy of St. John
Chrysostom: 12:00 a.m. Midnight Agape Vespers: 4:00 p.m.

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**PALM SUNDAY AND
HOLY WEEK**

The Entry of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

The immediate cause of the public celebration which accompanied the entry of the Lord into Jerusalem was, according to the Gospel of St. John, the raising of Lazarus, when "much people that were come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him" (John 12: 12, 13.) A palm branch is a symbol of joy and feasting. The Jews used them to welcome people of high rank; as a symbol of valor it was also given to reward conquerors. The spreading of garments, according to the Bible (Kings 9:13,) is the attribute of an anointed king. And since the Saviour is the Anointed whose "kingdom is not of this world" (John 18: 36) the garments are spread before Him by children instead of by adults, who welcomed Him as the Anointed One for the earthly kingdom. Thus the solemn Entry into Jerusalem, which is at the same time the Journey of the Saviour towards voluntary passion and death, is an image of the installation of the King of Glory in His Kingdom. Jerusalem itself is the image of the blessed Kingdom of God, the heavenly Jerusalem. This is why it is represented on the icon as so festive and attired. (*The Meaning of Icons*, L. Ouspensky.)

Saint Isaac the Syrian: A Prayer during Holy Week.

O Lord Jesus Christ, our God, Thou that didst weep over Lazarus, and shed tears of sorrow and compassion for him, accept the tears of my bitterness. By Thy Passion, cure my passions. By Thy wounds, heal my wounds. By Thy Blood, purge my blood; mingle the fragrance of Thy life-creating Body with my body. Let the gall Thou didst drink at enemies' hands sweeten my soul from the bitterness which the foe has given me to drink. Let Thy Body, O Lover of men, which was stretched on the Tree of the Cross, extend toward Thee mine intellect which is dragged evilly downward by demons. Let Thy Head, which Thou didst bow on the Cross, raise up my head, which is buffeted by mine adversaries. Let Thine all-holy Hands, which were nailed to the Cross by the unbelieving Jews, lead me out of the abyss of perdition to Thee, as Thine all-holy Mouth hath promised. Let Thy Countenance, which received blows and spittings from accursed men, brighten my countenance, which is stained with iniquities. Let Thy Soul, which on the Cross Thou didst commend to Thy Father, guide me to Thee by Thy grace. I have not a mournful heart wherewith to seek Thee, I have no

repentance, I have no compunction, which bring children into their proper inheritance. O Master, I have not a comforting tear. My mind is darkened by the affairs of this life, and hath no strength to look steadfastly toward Thee with groaning. My heart is grown cold from the multitude of temptations, and cannot warm herself with tears of love for Thee. But Thou, my Lord and God Jesus Christ, the Treasury of good gifts, grant me thorough repentance and a sorrowing heart, that with all my soul I may go forth to seek Thee. For without Thee, I am a stranger to all that is good. Therefore, O Good One, freely grant me Thy grace. Let the Father, Who hath timelessly and everlastingly brought Thee forth from His bosom, renew in me the features of Thine image. I have forsaken Thee, do not forsake me. I have gone out from Thee, come out to seek me, and lead me up to Thy pasture, and number me among the sheep of Thy chosen flock, and nourish me with them on the verdure of Thy Divine Mysteries; for their pure heart is Thy lodging-place, and therein is the illumination of Thy revelations clearly beheld, which is the comfort and refreshment of those who for Thy sake have travailed in afflictions and every kind of outrage. May we also be deemed worthy of this illumination by Thy grace and love for man, O our Saviour Jesus Christ, unto the ages of ages.

Announcements

1. If anyone wants to help with preparation for Great and Holy Pascha please see Fr. Nicodemus or Fr. Sergius (we especially need help on Holy Saturday to help set up and prepare for the meal.) Thank you!
2. There will be a basket at the back of the Church for those who wish to donate for Paschal Flowers.
3. Holy Week begins tonight with the Mission Bridegroom Matins at 5:00 p.m. If anyone would like to help serve and clean up please call or see Fr. Sergius.
4. If you would like to assist in the Monastery Renovation project and purchase a window (there are 11 left) the cost is 350.00 per window.
5. The Food and Clothing pantry will be closed for Holy Week and Bright Week.
6. If anyone is interested in helping serve/prepare food on the Friday and Saturday of Memorial Day please see Fr. Sergius. Thank you for your support and interest!