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**Sun. 12 Apr. (Mar. 30)** Sixth Sunday of the Great Lent. PALM SUNDAY. THE ENTRY OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM. Ven. John (Climacus) of Sinai, author of The Ladder (649). Prophet Joad (10th c. BC ). Holy Apostles Sosthenes, Apollos, Cephas, Caesar, and Epaphroditus, of the Seventy (1st c.). St. Eubula, mother of St. Panteleimon (304). Ven. John the Silent (558). Ven. Zosimas, bishop of Syracuse (662)

***Mt. 21:1-11, 15-17 Phil. 4:4-9; Jn. 12:1-18***

***9:00 AM Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom***

**Liturgical Meneion & Scripture Readings For The Passion Week**

**(LIVESTREAM OF SERVICES ON FACEBOOK)**

**Mon. 13 Apr. GREAT MONDAY** **(Fast Day)**. ***Mt. 21:18-43; Mt. 24:3-35***

**Tue. 14 Apr. GREAT TUESDAY (Fast Day). *Mt. 22:15-23:39; Mt. 24:36-26:2***

**Wed. 15 Apr. GREAT WEDNESDAY (Fast Day)**. ***Jn. 12:17-50; Mt. 26:6-16***

***6:00 PM Presanctified Liturgy***

**Thu. 16 Apr. GREAT THURSDAY. THE MYSTICAL SUPPER (Fast Day).**

***Lk. 22:1-39 1 Cor. 11:23-32 Mt.26:1-20 Jn.13:3-17  
Mt.26:21-39 Lk.22:43-45 Mt.26:40 - 27:2 Mt.26:6-16***

***6:00 PM Matins & Reading of 12 Passion Gospels***

**Fri. 17 Apr. GREAT FRIDAY (Strict Fast. Total Abstinence)**.

***Readings of 12 Passion Gospels and Royal Hours***

***9:00 AM Royal Hours (1st, 3rd, 6th & 9th)***

***6:00 PM Vespers & Placing the Holy Shroud in the Tomb***

**Sat. 18 Apr. GREAT SATURDAY (Fast Day).**

***1 Kor. 5:6-8; Gal. 3:13-14; Mt. 27:62-66 Rom. 6:3-11; Mt. 28:1-20***

***9:00 AM Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great***

**Sun. 19 Apr. THE BRIGHT RESURRECTION OF CHRIST. THE PASCHA OF THE LORD.**

***Acts 1:1-8 Jn. 1:1-17 Jn. 20:19-25***

***6:00 AM Midnight Office***

***6:30 AM Procession & Paschal Matins***

***8:00 AM Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom & Blessing of Paschal Foods***

**Holy Thursday**

On this day we commemorate the washing of the disciple's feet, the institution of the Holy Eucharist (the Last Supper), the agony in the Garden of Gethsemane, and the betrayal of Christ by Judas. In certain cathedrals and monasteries a special Service is celebrated in which the Bishop (or Abbot), taking the place of Christ, washes the feet of the priests, representing the Twelve Apostles. In addition, the Holy Chrism is consecrated on this day by the various Patriarchates and Autocephalous Churches.

**Holy Friday**

On this day we commemorate Christ's suffering and death. The Matins Service is characterized by the reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels which relate events connected with the final hours from the Last Supper to the Lord's Crucifixion, Death and Burial. That morning the more solemn Royal Hours are said, and at the Vespers Service sung that afternoon, the Burial Shroud is brought out in a solemn procession and placed in a specially prepared place (the Grave) for veneration. On this day neither the full Liturgy (except if the Feast of the Annunciation falls on this day) nor that of the Presanctified Gifts is celebrated.

**Holy Saturday**

On this day we commemorate the burial of Christ and His descent into Hell. At the Matins Lamentations Service the Praises are sung before the Burial Shroud in the center of the church and culminates in a solemn procession with the Holy Shroud around the church. On Holy Saturday the Vespers with the Liturgy of St. Basil is celebrated with the reading of fifteen Old Testament lessons which refer to Passover, the Resurrection and Baptism. At this time the liturgical vestments and furnishings are changed to white. [Here we must remember that in the ancient Church the Catechumens were baptized on this day, which accounts for the singing of "As many as have been baptized into Christ..." instead of the Trisagion at the Liturgy, and the changing of the liturgical colors to white-the Baptismal colors.

**PROPERS FOR LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM**

***Antiphon One, Tone 1***

*Verse 1:* I am filled with love, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication.

*Refrain:* Through the prayers of the Birth-Giver of God, Savior, save us.

*Verse 2:* The anguish of death encompassed me; the perils of Hell beset me.

*Refrain:* Through the prayers…

*Verse 3:* I found tribulation and anguish and I called upon the Name of the Lord.

*Refrain:* Through the prayers…

*Verse 4:* I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

*Refrain:* Through the prayers…

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

*Refrain:* Through the prayers…

***Antiphon Two, Tone 2***

*Verse 1:* I believed and therefore I have spoken, but I was sore troubled.

*Refrain:* Son of God, Who was carried on the colt of a donkey, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.

*Verse 2:* What shall I give to the Lord, for all that He has given me?

*Refrain:* Son of God…

*Verse 3:* I will take the cup of salvation and I will call upon the Name of the Lord.

*Refrain:* Son of God…

*Verse 4:* I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people.

*Refrain:* Son of God…

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.

Only Begotten Son and Word of God…

***Antiphon Three, Tone 1***

*Verse 1:* Give thanks to the Lord, for He is Good; for His mercy endures forever.

*Tropar:* Giving us assurance of the general resurrection…

*Verse 2:* Let the House of Israel now confess that He is Good, for His mercy endures forever.

*Tropar:* Giving us assurance of the general resurrection…

*Verse 3:* Let the House of Aaron now confess that He is Good; for His mercy endures forever.

*Tropar:* Giving us assurance of the general resurrection…

*Verse 4:* Let all who fear the Lord now confess that He is Good; for His mercy endures forever.

*Tropar:* Giving us assurance of the general resurrection…

***Entrance Hymn:***

Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. We bless You from the House of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.

***Tropar of the Feast, Tone1***

Giving us assurance of the general resurrection before Your Passion, O Christ our God, You raised Lazarus from the dead. Therefore, we too, like the children, carry the symbols of victory and cry out to You, the Conqueror of Death: Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

***Tropar of the Feast, Tone 4***

Christ our God, we have been buried with You through Baptism. Therefore, we have become worthy of immortal Life through Your Resurrection. We cry out to You chanting a Hymn of praise: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord.

**Now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen.**

***Kondak of the Feast, Tone 6***

Seated in heaven upon Your throne and on earth upon a colt, Christ our God, You accepted the praise of the angels and the songs of the children who cried out to You: Blessed is the One Who comes to restore Adam.

***Prokimen of the Feast, Tone 4***

Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord; God is the Lord, and He has appeared to us.

*Verse:* Give thanks to the Lord, for He is Good, for His mercy endures forever.

***Alleluia Verses in Tone1***

Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

***Instead of “It is right in truth…”***

Magnify, my soul, the Lord Who sat upon a colt.

***Irmos, Tone 4***

The Lord has appeared to us, let us keep the feast together. Come with great rejoicing, let us magnify Christ with palms and branches. Let us cry aloud: Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord, Our Savior.

***Communion Hymn:***

Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. Alleluia (3X)

**BIRTHDAYS:**

**12 Apr…**Janelle Kroboth, Lesya Semonovych

**17 Apr…**Martha Sawarynski

**MNOHAYA LITA! MANY YEARS!**

**NECROLOGY:**

**12 Apr…**John Roman ’33

**13 Apr…**Theodosia Gontar ’83, Olexander Reminniy ’12

**14 Apr…**John Shusinskie ’52, Nicholas Gill ’67, Harry Kovalchuk ’83. George Kovalchuk ’95. Paul Kochenash ’99,

Archbishop Orest ’81, Volodymyr Pypiuk ’72

**15 Apr…**Anne Yaremchuk ’01

**17 Apr…**Joakim Kraschuk ’30, Russell Kowalyshyn ’88

Anna Yost ’03, Jaroslava Zawierucha ’12

**19 Apr…**Gregory Gul ’30, Olga Sokalsky ’92

**VICHNAYA PAMYAT! MEMORY ETERNAL!**

# PALM SUNDAY

*By Rev. D. George Worschak*

“Hosanna, blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.” (John 12:13) Today we recall Our Lord’s triumphant entry into the holy city of Jerusalem. Jesus the day before had performed the miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead. Lazarus, His friend, was dead for four days. Martha, the sister of Lazarus, remarks to Jesus that there is already a stench. Jesus tells Martha: “Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?” (John 11:40) They then take away the stone from the tomb. Jesus then Jesus cried out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”. (John 11:43) They untied Lazarus and he began to walk. Many of the Jews who had come to Mary and seen what he had done began to believe in Jesus. The next day a great crowd had come to the holy city of Jerusalem not only to celebrate the feast of the Passover but also because they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, The crowd with palm branches in their hands went out to greet the Lord as He entered, riding on a donkey. The crowd cried out: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel.” (John 12:13) This indeed was a joyous day in the earthly life of Our Lord, but also for the history of the Chosen People of God, Israel. The One of Whom the Prophets long ago foretold is acknowledged by His people as the Messiah. The palm branches they hold in their hands are a sign and symbol of victory. Many people had taken off their garments and placed them before the Lord. They understood that He, Jesus, is the One who will redeem them from the clutches of sin and death and open wide the gates to the eternal Kingdom of Heaven. Not all bystanders shared the same joy and exuberance, but rather were plotting a way to kill Jesus. The Pharisees present were saying to one another, Look, the whole world has gone after Him.” The High priest Caiaphas in a meeting of the Sanhedrin had earlier stated: “If we leave Him alone, all will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our land and our nation.” (John 11:48) They thought that it would be better for one man to die than the whole nation perish. (John 11:50) Their jealousy and envy was able to days later to change the shouts of joy to those anger: “Crucify Him, crucify Him!” We Christians acknowledge Jesus as Our Lord and Savior. We believe that He through His Passion, Death on the Cross and Resurrection has saved us from the terrible powers of sin, death and evil. We believe that we, if we but remain faithful to Christ and His Gospel message of Love and Truth shall one day be deemed worthy into the eternal Kingdom of God, Heaven.

We thank to **Linda Winters** for coming and singing in the church during this difficult time.

We thank to **Walter Seremula** for cutting down the pussy-willows for our church.

**2020 ESSAY CONTEST.** Let's participate! **https://uolofusa.org/essaycontest**

**The Youth of our Parish are collecting funds for the Ukrainian Orthodox Church of the USA** as part of the Great Lent Giveaway 2020. You can participate by our Facebook page. Thank you for your generous donations!

**Regarding to the situation and with blessing of our Hierarchs, Sunday School, Pierogi making and Church Studies, ARE CANCELLED. All the Services are served behind the closed doors.**

**We are going to distribute blessed willows the very first Sunday, when we will be able to come back to the Church. it becomes a symbol of our own triumphant entrance - our return into our beloved parish temples following safe passage through the pandemic threat to our lives.**

**Please keep prayers for the blessing of Paska and baskets for the next Sunday. You can do that on your own, about the same time as the church service – 9:30 AM.**

**WE PRAY FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING of all, who may encounter the virus at any time (such as doctors and first responders).** Also we pray of the ill-afflicted: Gregory, Lubov Slonova, Chet Bohanek, William Savitz, Catherine Kochenash, Vladimir & Emma Krasnopera, Brendan Phillips, Jessie Hnatow, Jessica Meashock, Adam Hewko, Betty Hendrickson, Andrew Thaxton, Michelle Pierzga, Susan Ferretti, Carole Zarayko, Mariana Goshow, Judy Albright, Rob Hewko, Daniel Kochenash, Christopher Mack, Norman Betrous.