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Bulletin for Sunday, April 17, 2022

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## Gospel and Epistle Readings

### Epistle Reading

**Prokeimenon. Fourth Mode. Psalm 117.26,1.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

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

**The reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 4:4-9.**

BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

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### Gospel Reading

#### Palm Sunday

**The Reading is from John 12:1-18**

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros 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, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment 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 as he had the money box 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 Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros 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

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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 comes in the name of the Lord, even 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 him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

## Hymns of the Day

### Apolytikion for Palm Sunday in the First Mode

To confirm the general resurrection before Your Passion, You resurrected Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore imitating the children, carrying the symbols of victory, we cry out to You the Victor over death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One, who comes in the name of the Lord."

### Apolytikion for Palm Sunday in the Fourth Mode

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself to us. Save us, O Son of God, who sat on a donkey's colt.

### Seasonal Kontakion in the Sixth Mode

In heaven upon the throne, on earth upon the colt, \* You were carried, O Christ our God; \* and the praise of the Angels, and the hymns of the children, You received as they cried to You, \* "Blessed are You, the One, who is coming to call Adam back again."

## Services and Events

### Holy Cross/Sts Constantine and Helen Greek Orthodox Church

April 17 to May 1, 2022

#### Sunday, April 17

9:00AM Orthros

10:00AM Divine Liturgy followed by Palm Sunday luncheon

6:00PM Bridegroom Service

#### Monday, April 18

6:00PM Bridegroom Service

#### Tuesday, April 19

6:00PM Bridegroom Service

#### Wednesday, April 20

6:00PM Holy Unction Service

#### Thursday, April 21

7:00AM Holy Thursday Morning - Vespers and Divine Liturgy

6:00PM Holy Thursday Evening 12 Gospels

#### Friday, April 22

3:00PM Vespers of Taking Down from The Cross

6:00PM Lamentations

#### Saturday, April 23

10:00AM Holy Saturday Liturgy

8:00PM Pascha Resurrection Service

#### Sunday, April 24

12:00PM Agape Service, Pot Luck Luncheon, and Egg Hunt

#### Wednesday, April 27

6:00PM Vespers of Paschal Wednesday

6:30PM Pot Dinner celebrating Bright Week

#### Sunday, May 1

9:00AM Orthros

10:00AM Divine Liturgy

## News and Announcements

We welcome Seth Hannah and Hans Schantz to the Orthodox faith. Congratulations to them and their sponsors, Steve Hanna and Milt Theodosatos.

Congratulations to Mike and Futien Meyers on their marriage. We are happy to have them in our community and wish them many happy years.

40 day memorial for Serghei, father of Olga Osadcil. May his memory be eternal!

As in the past, during Great Lent we have a sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall for donations needed during this time, including Holy Week and Easter. We need monetary donations

for palms, flowers for the Epitaphion (Christ's tomb) as well as other needs. You can make a donation in memory of a loved one. The signup sheet is in the Parish Hall. Please make checks payable to the church and give them to Helena Xenofos or Patricia Tiller.

Patricia Tiller is coordinating youth (middle and high school) readers for Holy Wednesday. Please see her if you can read one of the Epistles.

Wanted, a resource for HP 962 XL laser printer cartridges. Please see Patricia Tiller or Fr. Timothy

Prosforo: April 17 Chris Kattos April 23/24 Nitsa Velezis

### **MARK Your Calendars!**

Saturday, May 14th Elementary/Preschool Yard Party at home of Max Hanna and his parents.

Saturday, May 21st. 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy for the Feast of Sts. Constantine and Helen

**Sunday, May 22nd 4:30 p.m. Founders Day celebration**

**Please spread the word and invite former parishioners, relatives and all who might be interested in celebrating our community and the members who made the church what it is today.**

Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>—End of year Sunday school Program and graduate recognition

June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 4- National Young Adult Conference, New York City

July 3 – July 7 Clergy Laity Congress—“ Legacy, Renewal, Unity” New York City

### **Choir Practice**

**Tuesday April 19 from 5:30-6:30pm.**

### **Philoptochos News**

Congratulations to Margaret Watson who will be joining our Philoptochos Board for the next year. We are excited to have you.

We were able to meet our goal for our current to outreach parishioners. Thank you all so much. We also received a check this week which exceeded our need for over \$2,000. We will be placing that in the George Jacovides Fund for future internal outreach.

Pascha Bread (Tsourekia) is in the church hall. Bread will be \$8.00 a loaf and you may pick up this Sunday.

Tsourekia baking was awesome, So many in attendance. Thank you Popi Missios for leading the Team. We will miss your smile and energy but forever in our hearts and welcome back anytime. You will be missed.

We need a bit of assistance with this months outreach. Please see list of needed items for Sharehouse and bring them to place in the blue bins during the month of April. Toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant mens and ladies, baby wipes, shampoo, conditioners, bar soap, kleenex, wash cloths, **new** combs, bandaids, laundry detergents paper towels and cleaning supplies are needed. Monetary donations are accepted. If donating by check make out to Philoptochos and give to one of our chair people for this outreach for April, Diana Dehelean and Marina Brooks. Sharehouse is supported by volunteers from eleven local churches. It provides assistance to those in need.

Palm Sunday Fish Luncheon will be Sunday April 17. Please plan on staying after service for a lovely lunch and fellowship.

Next Philoptochos meeting will be Thursday May 26. Time and place TBD.

### **Prayer List:**

*If you know anyone who is sick, in the hospital, nursing home, rehab center, or shut in, and needs a visit from Father Timothy, please let him know.*

*In our prayers: Dimocho Dimov (father of Gergana), George and Peggy Paraskevas (Staci Jones' parents), James Berros, Vasso, Billie Pangalos, Judy Nowotarski, George Theodosatos, George Gray, Teresa Monestero, Ashly Kersch, Constance Kersch, Nicole Berros, Matthew Stoval, Debbie Tsahakis, Maria*

*Diminova, Pavlos Honderich, David Shular, Jason Bardis, Eikaterini, Karen and James Shelton.*

*Homily 66 on John 12, 2. B#58, p.245., 4th Century*

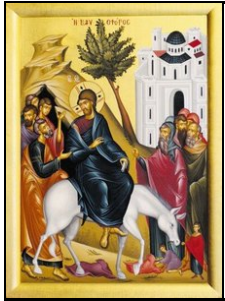
Father Timothy is available to meet with you at the Church office, discussing any questions or just for fellowship. You can contact him by text at 706-627-9257 or by email at dr.cremeens@ggsm.us

Besides, they could not at once have taken in the knowledge of the Kingdom of which He spake; for another Evangelist saith, that they thought the words were spoken of a kingdom of this world. (Matt. xx. 21.)

## Saints and Feasts

### **St. John Chrysostom**

*Homily 66 on John 12, 2. B#58, p.245., 4th Century*



**April 17**

### **Palm Sunday**

On Sunday, five days before the Passover of the Law, the Lord came from Bethany to Jerusalem. Sending two of His disciples to bring Him a foal of an ass, He sat thereon and entered into the city. When the multitude there

heard that Jesus was coming, they straightway took up the branches of palm trees in their hands, and went forth to meet Him. Others spread their garments on the ground, and yet others cut branches from the trees and strewed them in the way that Jesus was to pass; and all of them together, especially the children, went before and after Him, crying out: "Hosanna: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel" (John 12:13). This is the radiant and glorious festival of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem that we celebrate today.

The branches of the palm trees symbolize Christ's victory over the devil and death. The word Hosanna means "Save, I pray," or "Save, now." The foal of an ass, and Jesus' sitting thereon, and the fact that this animal was untamed and considered unclean according to the Law, signified the former uncleanness and wildness of the nations, and their subjection thereafter to the holy Law of the Gospel.

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## Wisdom of the Fathers

But observe the wisdom of the Evangelist, how he is not ashamed to parade their former ignorance. That it was written they knew, that it was written of Him they knew not. For it would have offended them if He being a King were about to suffer such things, and be so betrayed.

### **St. John Chrysostom**