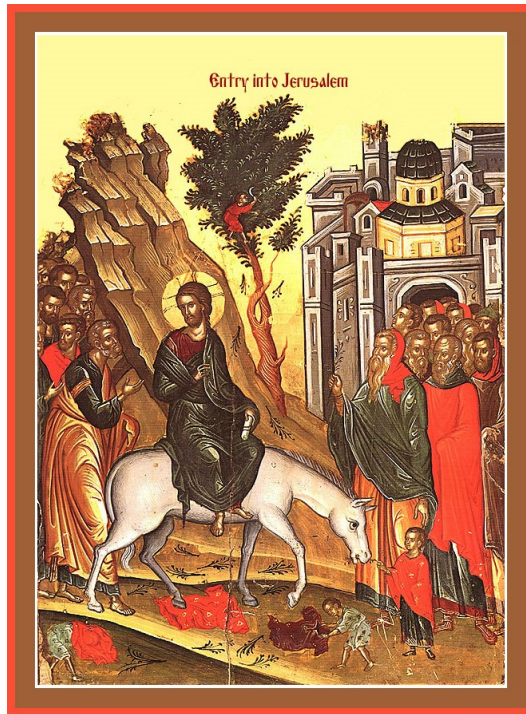


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PALM SUNDAY
ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST
INTO JERUSALEM

April 12, 2020

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WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday: Matins (Orthros) Service 9:00 a.m. Sunday School: Every other Sunday, 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.
Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m. **Church Office Hours:** Tuesday through Friday, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

Divine Liturgy begins at 10:00 a.m. and we should not arrive late. When we do arrive late and the Epistle or Gospel is being read or the priest is preaching the sermon or the Great Entrance is taking place, please **REMAIN** in the Vestibule until it is finished before entering the Church. At the end of the Divine Liturgy please keep your conversation until the "Coffee Hour". **We should leave the Church in silence.**

Important Notice: The reception of Holy Communion is limited to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and recent Confession. Confessions are heard on Sunday mornings during the Matins Service or by special appointment. The Eucharistic Fast begins at midnight on Saturday and ends up with the receiving of Holy Communion. If you are on medication or a young child, you can have a light breakfast before coming to church. If you have any questions, please call Fr. Leonard.

Thank you,

Father Leonard

Prayer Requests and Bulletin News: All prayer requests and articles for the weekly bulletin must be submitted each week by **Noon, Tuesday:** emailed to Fr. Leonard at fatherfaris@comcast.net or call 978-452-4816, otherwise, the requests and articles will be published the following week.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

If anyone is in the hospital it is the duty of the family to inform the priest so that he can visit the patient. Also, if anyone is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, he/she or a family member should contact Fr. Leonard to make arrangements to bring the Sacrament to the shut-in. Fr. Leonard is always happy to bring the Sacraments to those in Hospitals, Nursing Homes or at home. Thank you and God bless!

Troparion of Lazarus Saturday, Tone 1

In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to Thee, the Vanguisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Entrance Hymn

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord: God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us. Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of an ass; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Troparion of Lazarus Saturday, Tone 1 - (Repeated)

Troparion of 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 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.

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 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, these 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 ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass'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.

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ALTAR BREAD

Today's Altar Bread is being offered for the Health and Safety of Gwen Noonan and Alexander & Emma Steele by the Steele and Kett Families. May God bless them all with good health, happiness and long life.

Today's Altar Bread is being offered for the Health and Safety of the Parishioners of St. George and their Families. May God bless them all with good health, happiness and long life.

PALMS

The Palms are donated in loving memory of Bob Maria and for the Health and Safety of the Maria, Rizos, Grillakos and Christopulos Families.

May Bob's memory be eternal and may God bless the Maria, Rizos, Grillakos and Christopulos Families with peace, good health and happiness!



Electronic giving helps parishioners to give more consistently and improves St. George's cash flow. It's fast, simple, and convenient. No more checks, cash, or envelopes. Parishioners, who would like to donate toward candles and cash basket/tray in addition to their pledges, can do so too. Two funds have been added to the online (drop down) funds list: "Light a Candle" fund and "Tray/Basket Cash" fund.

Please go to the following link to make your online donation today.

<https://www.myegiving.com/app/giving/St9999948>

Live streaming through our church Facebook page will POTENTIALLY start on Palm Sunday. Please go to

<https://www.facebook.com/saintgeorgelowell/>

This Week

Beloved in Christ, beginning tonight and continuing until next Sunday morning, Services will be held commemorating the betrayal, suffering and death of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Please look at the Holy Week Services for the particular Services and times. I urge all our faithful to come and walk with Christ as He journeys to Calvary this week for our salvation. Come and experience the immense pain and suffering that He endured for us. Experience the love and compassion He showed for all mankind. Make this Holy Pascha a special Resurrection for all of us!!!

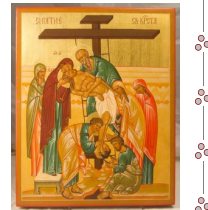
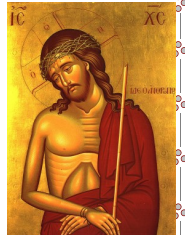
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THIS WEEK

- Mon. 4-13 7:00 pm Bridegroom Matins
- Thu. 4-16 7:00 pm The Service of the Twelve
Passion Gospels with Procession
with the Cross
- Fri. 4-17 7:00 pm Epitaphio Service with
Lamentations
- Sun. 4-19 9:00 am Resurrection Matins
10:00 am Pascha Divine Liturgy

Confessions will be heard either before or after Holy
Week Services.





PALM SUNDAY

The Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem

Hosanna in the highest!
Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord!

These words of praise and adoration, spoken by the people of Jerusalem and Palestine almost 2000 years ago, still echo today in Orthodox Churches throughout the world, as we usher in another Great and Holy week in which we relive the suffering, passion and death of our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, who died so that we may live. This day we carry in procession the palm branches in much the same way as the Jews of old, as they greeted the Man who they considered to be "the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee". On this holy and awesome feast of the entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem, we Christians begin the journey, the pilgrimage that leads us through what one Orthodox theologian calls "bright sadness". For we see, not too far away, our destination. It is the joy of Pascha, the celebration of the Resurrection of our Lord, the entrance into the Glory of the kingdom of God. Because of this week, Christ has transformed death itself, making it a passage, a Passover, a Pascha into the eternal Kingdom. That is why we can say as followers of Christ: "***Christ is risen and life reigneth! Christ is risen and not one dead remains in the grave!***" This is our faith! This we believe and confess to be the truth!



Beloved brothers and sister in Christ, as we are entering the Holiest week of the Christian year let us make that special effort and follow the footsteps of Christ from Jerusalem to Calvary by attending the beautiful and moving Services of Holy Week. Come and participate in the suffering, death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.



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!"

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".

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 an 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.



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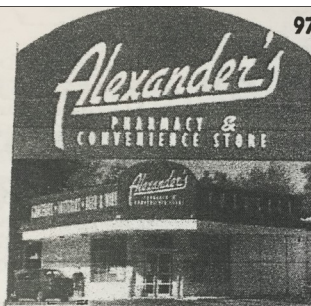
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