

**Pray for the Sick, Recovering, and Shut-Ins:**



**Theresa Glagola at Sundale**

**Keep all our ailing and healing parishioners in our prayers every day.**

Please let Father Kyp know to include any family and parish members who are ill, hospitalized, or need a visit for blessing, anointing, confession, or request of prayers. Kindly call Father Kyp at (724) 953-6835 Thank You.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY WISHES** go to:

**Owen Moore** on Apr. 1st

May God bless you with Peace, Health, and Happiness!  
For many happy and blessed years!



Sanctuary Candles Intention is for + **Ted, Mary and William Eldridge**



In the Eastern Church, the various prayers for the departed have as their purpose: to pray for the repose of the departed; to comfort the living; and to remind those who remain behind of their own mortality, and the brevity of this earthly life.



**Offertory Collection for Mar. 22nd, 2026**

Envelope Offerings	Loose Offerings	Candles	Feast Day	Building Fund		Total
\$290	\$54	\$33	\$95	\$100		\$572

Church Attendance for Sunday was: 22

**Fifth Sunday of the Great Fast**

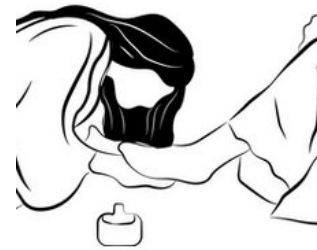
Phil 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry 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 surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.



Jn 12:1-18

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor 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 because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus.



The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him.



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*Holy Mystery of Reconciliation:* After Liturgy or by appointment

*Holy Mystery of Anointing:* prior to surgery or whenever requested

*Holy Mysteries of Baptism and Chrismation:* Arrange with Father Kyp

*New Parishioners:* Welcome! Please see Father for registration



## DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR MAR 29th to APR 3rd, 2026

<b>Sunday</b> <b>Mar 29th</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b> – pg 235 Readings: Phil 4:4-9; Jn 12:1-18 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Mar 31st</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Great &amp; Holy Tuesday</b> <b>Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts &amp; Holy Anointing</b> Readings: Ex 2:5-10; Job 1:13-22; Mt 24:36-26:2 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
<b>Thursday</b> <b>Apr 2nd</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Great &amp; Holy Thursday - Vespers &amp; Divine Liturgy</b> Readings: Is 50:4-11:1; 1 Cor 11:23-32; Mt 26:2-20; Jn 13:3-17; Mt 26:31-39 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
<b>Friday</b> <b>Apr 3rd</b> <b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Great &amp; Holy Friday - Entombment Vespers</b> Readings: Is 52:13-54:1; 1 Cor 1:18-2-2; Mt 27:1-38; Lk 23:39-44; Mt 27:39-54; Jn 19:31-37; Mt 27:55-61
<b>Sunday</b> <b>Apr 5th</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Resurrection of Our Lord - Pascha</b> – pg 164 Readings: Acts 1:1-8; Jn 1:1-17 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish
<b>Tuesday</b> <b>Apr 7th</b> <b>6:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Bright Tuesday</b> – pgs 164 - 172 Readings: Acts 2:14-21; Lk 24:12-35 Intention: For the people of St Mary's Parish

## St. Mary's Easter Baking

Easter Baking will be **March 30 & 31**, with pickup on April 1 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact Ellen McCabe at 304-282-0431 for questions. Volunteers are much needed. Please make arrangements to help.



## Palm Sunday

From ancient times, palm-branches were symbols of victory and triumph. The Romans used to reward their champions of the games with palm branches.



Also military triumphs, i.e. the celebrations of victory, were observed with palms. It seems that the Jews followed the same custom (Lev. 23:40; I Macc. 13:37) of carrying palm branches on their festive occasions. That is what happened during the solemn entry of Jesus into the Holy City before His last Passover (In. 12:13) In the New Testament, the palm-branches become a symbol of martyrdom (Apoc. 7:9) meaning victory over death. For this reason in Christian art martyrs were usually represented with palms in their hands.

These branches were usually cut from date-palms (Gr. foinix) as witnessed by St. Cyril of Jerusalem (d. 387) in his tenth catechesis (P.G. 33, 688A). Referring to the scriptural text of Ps. 92 (91): 12-13: "Palm tree-planted in the house of God," according to the Septuagint translation, palm-trees also represented paradise. In ancient art Jesus often was portrayed in heaven amid palms.

<https://archpitt.org/palm-sunday-the-triumphal-entry-of-jesus-into-jerusalem-according-to-the-byzantine-rite-tradition/>

The main troparion of Palm Sunday is the same one sung on Lazarus Saturday. It is sung at all of the services, and is used at the Divine Liturgy as the third antiphon which follows the other special psalm verses which are sung as the liturgical antiphons in the place of those normally used. The second troparion of the feast, as well as the kontakion and the other verses and hymns, all continue to glorify Christ's triumphal manifestation "six days before the Passover" when he will give himself at the Supper and on the Cross for the life of the world.



*Today the grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us together. Let us all take up Thy cross and say: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! (First Verse of Vespers).*

*When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God, we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy resurrection. Now we praise Thee and sing: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord! (Second Troparion).*

*Sitting on Thy throne in heaven, and carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God, accept the praise of angels and the songs of children who sing: Blessed is he who comes to recall Adam! (Kontakion)*

<https://www.oca.org/orthodoxy/the-orthodox-faith/worship/the-church-year/lazarus-saturday-and-palm-sunday>

