

April 12, 2020
Palm Sunday

Philippians: 4: 4-9
John 12: 1-18

Upcoming Services:

All services are cancelled until May 3, 2020. This includes Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Good Friday, and Pascha.

Sun. May 3, 9:00 am. - Divine Liturgy, Hours @ 8:45 am

Passion Week - The Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem

Palm Sunday is the celebration of the triumphant entrance of Christ into the royal city of Jerusalem. He rode on a donkey 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!" [John 12:13]

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." [Zechariah 9:9]

On Palm Sunday palm and pussy willow branches are blessed in the Church. We take them in order to raise them up and greet the king and ruler of our life, Jesus Christ. We take them in order to reaffirm our baptismal pledges. As the One who raised Lazarus and entered Jerusalem to go to His voluntary passion stands in our midst, we are faced with the same question addressed to us at baptism: "Do you accept Christ?" We give our answer by daring to take the branch and raise it up: "I accept Him as King and God!"

Reader Schedule:

Sun. Apr. 12 - Greg Kuzmenchuk
Sun. Apr. 19 - Kurtis Lauser
Sun. Apr. 26 - Jim Hamer
Sun. May. 3 - Wesley Hatch

Prayer Corner:

For the Health of: Avelino Tejaro, Carol Bentley,
Nancy, Toby Seip, Erin Bove, & Richard Ziegler

Upcoming Events:

April 21, Tues. - 7pm. Executive Board Meeting

Notices:

Corona Virus Shut - Down

The executive board of Holy Ghost UOC has canceled all church activities until May 3, as directed by our Metropolitan.

Reading of the Twelve Gospels

The faithful are encouraged to read the 12 Gospels as read on Thursday of Holy Week:
1- John 13:31-38, 14:1-31, 15:1-27, 16:1-33, 17:1-26, 18:1 **2- John 18:1-28** **3- Matthew 26:57-75** **4- John 18:28-40, 19:1-16** **5- Matthew 27:3-32** **6- Mark 15:16-32** **7- Matthew 27:33-54** **8- Luke 23:32-49** **9- John 19:25-37** **10- Mark 15:43-47** **11- John 19:38-42** **12- Matthew 27:62-66**

Blessing Pascha Baskets

The Bishop has given instructions for the faithful to bless their Pascha baskets at home with the following prayer:

Deacon: Let us pray to the Lord

People: Lord have mercy.

Priest: O Lord our God, Who made all things, bless these foods and keep us in Your goodness, That, while enjoying these Your generous presented gifts, we may also be satisfied with Your unspeakable grace, for the sake of the bright three days resurrection from the dead of our Lord Jesus Christ. For Yours is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory, of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, now and ever and to the ages of ages. Amen,

Sprinkle baskets with Holy Water, saying:

All of this food is blessed and sanctified by the sprinkling of this Holy Water, in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, Amen.
(3 times)

Anniversaries:

None this week

Birthdays:

None this week

Notices:

Church Finances

The church is closed but the bills don't stop. The executive board of Holy Ghost urges that tithes continue to be contributed to the church, they should be mailed to 392 Charles St.

Pascha Flower Donations

Flowers have been ordered and will be paid for. Parishioners will be encouraged to take them home. Donations may be given to Sherry or Greg or mailed to 392 Charles St. Please use your flower donation envelope. Checks payable to "St. Anastasia Sisterhood".

Panahyda

? for Olga Ward - 40 days
? for Marcia Hatch - 2 years

Foods Available For Sale

Pierogies, (Potato/Cheese, Sauerkraut, Mushroom, Sweet Potato), Paska breads (with or no raisins), Kielbasa, Haluski & some Fruit and Nut Rolls and soups.

Thank You

Lewis Branson thanks everyone who sent cards, prayers, and well wishes during his short medical procedure and recovery

April Charity Ukrainian Orphanage

For bulletin additions contact Wesley Hatch by Friday 6 pm