

April 17 - Tone 4

Palm Sunday- Entry of our Lord into Jerusalem

Philippians 4:4-9

John 12:1-18

Reader Schedule:

Sun. Apr. 17 - Joseph Yevich
Sun. Apr. 24 - Gregory Kuzmenchuk
Sun. May 1 - Wesley Hatch
Sun. May 8 - Joe Crescenz

Apr. 17- **PALM SUNDAY**- Liturgy - 9am Hours 8:45

Apr. 18 - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy - 6:30pm

Apr. 19- Pre-Sanctified Liturgy - 6:30pm

Apr. 20 - Holy Unction Anointing Service - 7pm

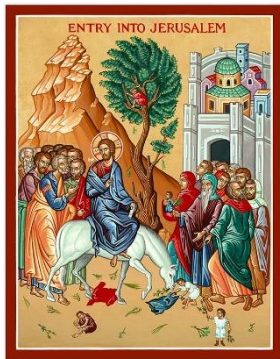
Apr. 21- Holy and Great Thursday Matins & Reading of 12 Passion Gospels - 7pm

Apr. 22 - Holy and Great Friday- Vespers with Procession of Holy

Epitaphion/Plaschanytsya/ Shroud of Our Lord - 7pm

Apr. 23 - Holy and Great Saturday- Divine Liturgy - 9:30am

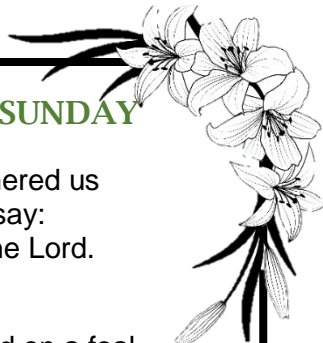
Apr. 24 - **GREAT and HOLY PASCHA/VELYKDEN/ EASTER**- Paschal Matins 5:30am followed by Divine Liturgy. Blessings of Easter Baskets will take place outside weather permitting!



TROPAR AND KONDAK OF PALM SUNDAY

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!

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!



Birthdays

None this week

April Charity

Ukrainian Relief

Parish Board Meeting

Wed., April 27 @7PM in the Church Hall

St. Anastasia Sisterhood is collecting donations for **EASTER FLOWERS**. Please use your envelopes.



Sign-up sheets for **Christ's Holy Tomb Vigil** are in the entrance to church on the table.

Easter Baskets will be blessed outside weather permitting following the Paschal Matins and Liturgy. Please join us in the church hall for our traditional family **Agape Easter/Paschal** meal!!! Father Nick.

As the nation of Ukraine defends itself against aggression, we are issuing an **urgent appeal for contributions** for medical care to be delivered in person.

Contributions can be made via the uocofusa.org website, or sent to:

UOC of USA
Let's Help Ukraine
PO Box 495
South Bound Brook, NJ 08880



CHURCH FINANCIALS – Feb. 2022

April 10 -- Attendance - 33



The Pussywillow

On Palm Sunday, we receive and take home a branch of pussywillow which is blessed at the end of the Divine Liturgy. We use pussywillows because they are among the first plants to bud open, to come to life, after the dead of winter.

The pussywillows are the first of many symbols we will use through Great and Holy Week and Pascha that will tie our lives to the mystery of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. The branches with their fresh young buds of life remind us that, just as the branches had to "die" so they could awaken anew in Spring, so Christ had to suffer and die, and arise to a new and more glorious life. They remind us that we, too, will die, but that we have a new life to look forward to as surely as the pussywillows every Spring. We share in the fullness of life that Christ won for mankind by his victory over death, and through his act of love by his victory over sin.

"By His death He conquered death," we sing in the Paschal Troparion. The experience of Lent should be one of renewal, or rebirth, as we become more closely united with Christ by our prayer and penitence, and by our practice of unselfishness. What we do in Great Lent is also symbolized by the pussywillow: we die to everything that is selfish in us and awaken in our hearts, the faith, hope and charity that marks us as Christians, that makes us one with Christ. As Great and Holy Week takes us through a spiritual experience of "witnessing" the Passion, Death, and then the joyous, glorious Resurrection of Christ on Pascha, so may we all experience a spiritual rebirth of God's grace within us and may the pussywillow truly be our souvenir of that experience.

-- Submitted by Illaria Steele

Prayer Corner for the Health of:

Brenda Euler, John Ruzchak, Nicole DiDomenico, Paul Domsohn, Erin Bove, Darrell Kinney, Chris Mican, Amber Curry, Helen Domsohn, Lydia Kuzmenchuk, Chip Weaver, Darryl Perry, Mark Liss.

Please remember to **SIGN IN** at back of the Church when entering for Liturgy or other Services.