

PALM SUNDAY

Liturgical Readings:

Epistle (Phil. 4, 4-9) & Gospel (Jn. 12, 1-18)

We are blessed to have the Gospel account of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem.

God's Holy Church celebrates this feast every year, From the Gospel we learn that Jesus will be buried and Mary acted very properly in anointing Him in anticipation.

St. John's Gospel verifies that Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. Lazarus, after being dead, was very much alive as the Gospel describes. The miracle of raising Lazarus drew the attention of many wanting to see him.

From the Gospel of St. John we learn about Jesus entering Jerusalem in a most humble fashion riding on a young donkey. Jesus chose this lasting moment in time when He is called King to be very humble in appearance and transportation.

Great Lent has concluded and the Church is moving with certainty into Holy Week. Believers are to be completely immersed in Jesus Christ this week. The joy of Lazarus being raised from the dead is a foretaste of Christ's Resurrection.

Jesus' is called King by the multitude greeting Him on entering Jerusalem. Jesus is deserving of having first place in our hearts and minds as King. We do well always to assess the way we greet Jesus throughout each day.

Each Feast of Christ's Entry into Jerusalem is new. The world is different each year. Believers are different each year. New learning is possible with every celebration of the Feast.

New growth in Jesus Christ is expected with each celebration. Liturgically the Church proclaims the Feast joyfully. Believers experience the festal joy in faith and love. Believers' souls are nourished in the Divine Liturgy.

Centuries have passed since Jesus ascended the donkey. The Feast arrives each year with great anticipation. Jesus raising Lazarus from the dead is directly related to the general resurrection that will take place.

The Feast of Christ's Entry into Jerusalem embodies and communicates hope. In these challenging times in the world, hope is desperately needed. Even when death occurs, there is always hope in Jesus Christ.

Jesus Christ teaches eternal lessons about life, death and resurrection. Jesus Christ is and gives life. Jesus Christ triumphed over death. He raised Lazarus and others from the dead. (Luke 7:12-15; Luke 8:49-55)

Every Sunday we celebrate Christ' Resurrection. Believers today are called upon to embrace the hope Christ embodies and to put this hope into action in daily life.

Hope and love in Christ unite believers in action. The healthcare emergency facing the world summons believers to act within their homes for the benefit of themselves and their communities.

Extensive prayer in individual and family homes will guide believers on the action to take. Every believer has the opportunity to make full use of the Bible and prayer books in their homes to reach out to God for guidance.

Believers benefit when welcoming Jesus into their homes, hearts and minds on this Feast of the Entry into Jerusalem. Draw strength and hope from Lazarus being raised from the dead.

Let us look today at Jesus as King and ensure He is King in our home, heart and mind. We do well to be mindful of the humility shown by Jesus in His Entry into Jerusalem and adopt the same humility in our daily life.

Jesus did not go about proclaiming His raising of Lazarus to draw attention to Himself. It was those that learned of Lazarus being raised that came to see Jesus.

Jesus did not arrive in a luxurious form of transportation as He entered the city.

Our daily lives need to be grounded in modesty and virtue. The Lord Jesus Christ merits our complete thoughts and attention as the Church focuses on Jesus' final days leading to His death and Resurrection.

This is not a time for fear. We know in advance from the Holy Gospel as well as the writings in the Old Testament of the coming Paschal joy. Jesus will be betrayed, suffer and be crucified. He will Resurrect and change the world forever.

Fr Rodney Torbic

DONATIONS RECEIVED ON APRIL 5TH

Due to this pandemic, not only have we modified the schedule for services but we have suspended all fund raising activities including fish fries until further notice. The fish fries have provided great financial support to our church treasury over the years and this loss of income plus not having a weekly collection puts a strain on the finances. Even though we may not be attending services, we continue to incur operating expenses that need to be paid. ***WE ARE ASKING YOU TO PLEASE CONTINUE WITH YOUR WEEKLY OFFERINGS BY MAILING THEM TO THE CHURCH. YOUR COOPERATION WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED!***

BELL TOWER FUND - Total to date \$44,747.78/\$ 32,500.00

LARGE CANDLE DONATION In memory of Bill Kelly from Ranka Marikovich; In memory of Richard Uzelac from Ranka Marinkovich; In memory of Milan (Sonny) Gvodich from Ranka Marinkovich; In memory of Milan (Mitchie) Saula from Ranka Marinkovich; For the health & well-being of our parishioners (&their Family members) who are experiencing illness from Ranka Marinkovich; In memory of Donna Wharton from Olga Lukas
WE ARE ACCEPTING DONATIONS FOR THE LARGE CANDLES (\$25). THANK YOU!

BOOK OF THE MONTH APRIL

"THIRTY STEPS TO HEAVEN: THE LADDER OF DIVINE ASCENT FOR ALL WALKS OF LIFE"
(Archimandrite Vassilios Papavassiliou)

UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY (April 22nd) - Strict fast

9:00 AM – Matins

TUESDAY (April 23rd) - Strict fast

9:00 AM – Matins

WEDNESDAY (April 24th) - Strict fast

9:00 AM – Matins

5:00 PM – The Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts (Only for the priest, singer and altar boy)

GREAT and HOLY THURSDAY (April 25th) – Fasting with oil

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great

5:00 PM – Great Vigil (The reading of the 12 Gospels)

GREAT and HOLY FRIDAY (April 26th) – Strict fast

9:00 AM – Royal Hours

4:00 PM – Vespers Service

7:00 PM – Matins (Lamentations)

GREAT and HOLY SATURDAY (April 27th) - Strict fast

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy of Saint Basil the Great

8:00 PM – Paschal Matins

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST - PASCHA (April 19th)

10.00 AM – Divine Liturgy

Liturgical Readings: Epistle (Acts 1, 1-8); Gospel (John 1, 1-17)

RESURRECTION MONDAY (April 20th)

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

RESURRECTION TUESDAY (April 21st)

9:00 AM – Divine Liturgy

SIXTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT LENT (April 12th) –PALM SUNDAY

10:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Only for the priest, singer and altar boy)

Liturgical Readings: Epistle (Phil. 4, 4-9) & Gospel (Jn. 12, 1-18)

Dear ones,

Please, keep in your hearted prayers our beloved brothers and sisters in Christ

- who suffer of cancer: Jenifer, Linda, Sandy (Simko)
- who pray the God for the restoration of health: Olga (Lucas), Irine (Martinovich), Grace (Vuckovich), Peter (Malich), Ranka (Banda), Edward (Gartell), George (Momcilovic)

SUNDAY BULLETIN

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BLESSED FEAST!