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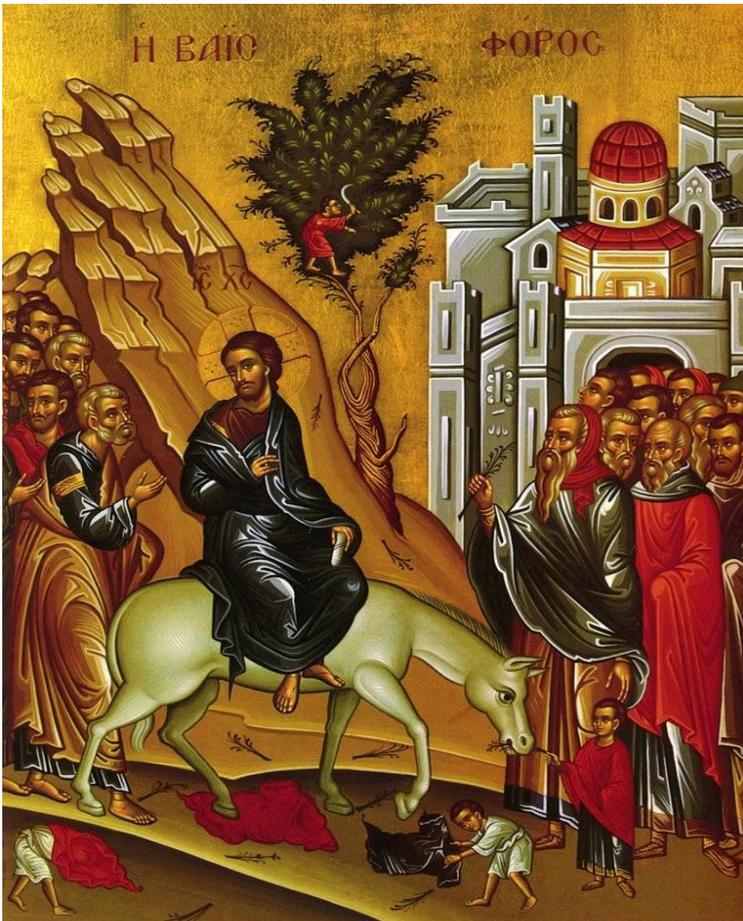
Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Mid-Atlantic

Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America.

- **His Eminence Metropolitan JOSEPH**, Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America
- **His Grace Bishop THOMAS**, Auxiliary Bishop of the Diocese of Charleston, Oakland and the Middle Atlantic
- **Archpriest John Nosal**, Pastor

Palm Sunday, April 21, 2019

*To all who are present with us this morning,
Blessed Feast Day! Thank you for being here.*





The mission of the members of St. Michael's Orthodox Church is to become completely loving people.

(see Lk 10:27) This will occur by the Grace of God as we strive to live holy lives, using the tools He has given us for this endeavor: prayer, fasting, charitable works, and the constant remembrance of death.

LAZARUS SATURDAY

Triodion: Sixth Saturday and Palm Sunday (First Troparion)

THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Troparion - Tone 1

Russian Imperial Court Chant
art. from Lvov/Bakhmetev

Soprano
Alto

By rais - ing Lazarus from the dead be-fore Your pas-sion,

Tenor
Bass

You confirmed the universal resurrection, O Christ God. Like the

child - ren with the palms of vic - to - ry, we cry out to You,

O Van-quist-er of Death: "Ho-san - na in the high-est!

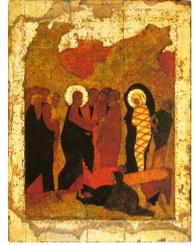
Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord."

Sunday, April 21, 2019

Greeting: Blessed Feast Day!

Response: Thank you. Same to you!

*Palm Sunday; The Great Feast of the
Entrance of Our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem*



THE EPISTLE READING

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 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.

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

"The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever." Is 40:8

Palm Sunday 2019

To Be Read from the Pulpit and Printed in the Bulletin

Beloved in Christ,

Blessings and greetings to you and your families on the day of this Great Feast!

Having completed the forty-day Fast, we take time before entering into Holy Week to celebrate the raising of Lazarus and our Lord's triumphant entry into the holy city of Jerusalem before His salvific passion and resurrection. Christ's raising of Lazarus is a prototype of our bodily resurrection, and His entry into Jerusalem confirms his kingship of humility and love, not egoism and the sword.

The historical settings of these two decisive events bring us back to the Middle East and our Mother Church. While we are hopeful that the terrible war that has plagued Syria for the past several years is coming to an end, its effects on the people both of Syria and Lebanon will be felt for generations. As they turn from this time of war and suffering to one of hope and rebuilding, we must continue to stand with our Father in Christ, Patriarch JOHN X, and the daunting task he faces. Let us help him to ensure that our Church will remain both a beacon of hope to the suffering and displaced and a leader in the efforts to rebuild and restore the brokenness of the people.

Today, as we celebrate this glorious feast, let us remember our beloved Mother Church as She undertakes this holy work. In addition to offering up prayers, let us also offer up donations so that we might put our faith into action. While most of us will never visit Syria, we can still do our part to help alleviate the pain and suffering and instill a ray of hope into the hearts and souls of the people.

Wishing you a solemn Holy Week and a most joyous Pascha, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

+JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)

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***Memorial Prayers will be prayed on Sunday, May 26th,
for the following people who have died during Mays past:***

CYNTHIA Abraham (5/3/1959), **JULIA** Slyman (5/3/1999), **ELSIE** Asa (5/10/2003), **ROBERT** Kalp (5/12/2001), **LOUISE** Hamwey (5/15/2017), **WALTER** Orange (5/19/1994), **MARY** Black (5/22/2011), **AUDREY** Oross (5/24/1998), **LARRY** Charley (5/25/2000), **MARY** Volchko (5/26/2008), **JOANNE** Abdalah (5/27/2008), **MICHAEL** Asa (5/28/1996),

Hard Boiled, Red-Dyed Eggs are needed for Pascha night.

Thank you for responding to this need.

From the Bookstore...

Tips for perfect, red easter eggs:

1. Wear plastic gloves.
2. Brown eggs dye better and more evenly.
3. Use red wine vinegar; not distilled.
4. Make sure eggs are at room temperature; preferably leave out over night.
5. Wash eggs with soapy water and sponge.
6. Use enamel pot; not aluminum.
7. Do not layer eggs in pot.
8. Keep water at constant boil.
9. Boil first batch at 10 minutes; subsequent batches 8 minutes.
10. As soon as eggs are taken out, dry with soft cloth.
(They will have spots if you only let air dry.)
11. Put a little olive oil and polish while still warm.
12. Lay them out on something that won't leave a print or roll such as flat side of bubble wrap.



Please turn in your **Bakeless Bake Sale** and
Food for Hungry People donations
 as soon as possible.



Atlanta Braves vs. Pittsburgh Pirates

PNC Park, 115 Federal St., Pittsburgh, PA 15212

7:05 PM, Tuesday, June 4

Your \$30 Ticket includes a \$10 food voucher.

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall and

**Turn in your ticket money to Michelle Gajewski by
 May 5. checks payable to "St. Michael's Antiochian Women")**

First Annual

ST. MICHAEL'S CAR WASH

Saturday, May 18

12:00 NOON to 6:00 PM

at Advanced Auto Parts in Latrobe

Sign up in the Fellowship Hall



PALM SUNDAY (www.goarch.org/palmsunday)

On the Sunday before the Feast of Great and Holy Pascha and at the beginning of Holy Week, the Orthodox Church celebrates one of its most joyous feasts of the year. Palm Sunday is the commemoration of the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem following His glorious miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead. Having anticipated His arrival and having heard of the miracle, the people went out to meet the Lord and welcomed Him with displays of honor and shouts of praise. On this day, we receive and worship Christ in this same manner, acknowledging Him as our King and Lord.



Biblical Story

The biblical story of Palm Sunday is recorded in all four of the Gospels (*Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-38; and John 12:12-18*). Five days before the Passover, Jesus came from Bethany to Jerusalem. Having sent two of His disciples to bring Him a colt of a donkey, Jesus sat upon it and entered the city.

People had gathered in Jerusalem for the Passover and were looking for Jesus, both because of His great works and teaching and because they had heard of the miracle of the resurrection of Lazarus. When they heard that Christ was entering the city, they went out to meet Him with palm branches, laying their garments on the ground before Him, and shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!"

At the outset of His public ministry Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God and announced that the powers of the age to come were already active in the present age (*Luke 7:18-22*). His words and mighty works were performed to produce repentance as the response to His call, a call to an inward change of mind and heart which would result in concrete changes in one's life, a call to follow Him and accept His messianic destiny. The triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem is a messianic event, through which His divine authority was declared.

Palm Sunday summons us to behold our king: the Word of God made flesh. We are called to behold Him not simply as the One who came to us once riding on a colt, but as the One who is always present in His Church, coming ceaselessly to us in power and glory at every Eucharist, in every prayer and sacrament, and in every act of love, kindness and mercy. He comes to free us from all our fears and insecurities, "to take solemn possession of our soul, and to be enthroned in our heart," as someone has said. He comes not only to deliver us from our deaths by His death and Resurrection, but also to make us capable of attaining the most perfect fellowship or union with Him. He is the King, who liberates us from the darkness of sin and the bondage of death. Palm Sunday summons us to behold our King: the vanquisher of death and the giver of life.

Palm Sunday summons us to accept both the rule and the kingdom of God as the goal and content of our Christian life. We draw our identity from Christ and His kingdom. The kingdom is Christ - His indescribable power, boundless mercy and incomprehensible abundance given freely to man. The kingdom does not lie at some point or place in the distant future. In the words of the Scripture, the kingdom of God is not only at hand (*Matthew 3:2; 4:17*), it is within us (*Luke 17:21*). The kingdom is a present reality as well as a future realization (*Matthew 6:10*). Theophan the Recluse wrote the following words about the inward rule of Christ the King:

"The Kingdom of God is within us when God reigns in us, when the soul in its depths confesses God as its Master, and is obedient to Him in all its powers. Then God acts within it as master 'both to will and to do of his good pleasure' (Philippians 2:13). This reign begins as soon as we resolve to serve God in our Lord Jesus Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Then the Christian hands over to God his consciousness and freedom, which comprises the essential substance of our human life, and God accepts the sacrifice; and in this way the alliance of man with God and God with man is achieved, and the covenant with

God, which was severed by the Fall and continues to be severed by our willful sins, is re-established."

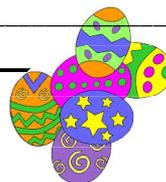
The kingdom of God is the life of the Holy Trinity in the world. It is the kingdom of holiness, goodness, truth, beauty, love, peace and joy. These qualities are not works of the human spirit. They proceed from the life of God and reveal God. Christ Himself is the kingdom. He is the God-Man, Who brought God down to earth (*John 1:1,14*). "He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew Him not. He came to His own home, and His own people received Him not" (*John 1:10-11*). He was reviled and hated.

Palm Sunday summons us to behold our king - the Suffering Servant. We cannot understand Jesus' kingship apart from the Passion. Filled with infinite love for the Father and the Holy Spirit, and for creation, in His inexpressible humility Jesus accepted the infinite abasement of the Cross. He bore our griefs and carried our sorrows; He was wounded for our transgressions and made Himself an offering for sin (*Isaiah 53*). His glorification, which was accomplished by the resurrection and the ascension, was achieved through the Cross.

In the fleeting moments of exuberance that marked Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the world received its King, the king who was on His way to death. His Passion, however, was no morbid desire for martyrdom. Jesus' purpose was to accomplish the mission for which the Father sent Him.

"The Son and Word of the Father, like Him without beginning and eternal, has come today to the city of Jerusalem, seated on a dumb beast, on a foal. From fear the cherubim dare not gaze upon Him; yet the children honor Him with palms and branches, and mystically they sing a hymn of praise: 'Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna to the Son of David, who has come to save from error all mankind.'" (A hymn of the Light.)

"With our souls cleansed and in spirit carrying branches, with faith let us sing Christ's praises like the children, crying with a loud voice to the Master: Blessed art Thou, O Savior, who hast come into the world to save Adam from the ancient curse; and in Thy love for mankind Thou hast been pleased to become spiritually the new Adam. O Word, who hast ordered all things for our good, glory to Thee." (A Sessional hymn of the Orthros)



EASTER EGG HUNT

following Agape Vespers

Pascha Sunday, April 28, 2019

ALL CHILDREN (and everyone else) ARE WELCOME

Contact Fotini Wetzal at 724-757-6929 or email at
fotini.wetzal@stmichaelsgreensburgpa.org

On November 13, 2018, Matthew Garrett, a son of St. Michael's from a number of years back, was ordained to the Holy Priesthood.

Fr. Matthew, his wife and three children are assigned to a parish in Idaho under the jurisdiction of the Russian Orthodox Church Outside of Russia. You are invited to contribute toward a gift for Fr. Matthew. Write your check to "St. Michael's" with "Fr. Matthew Gift" on the memo line.

HIGHLIGHTS of UPCOMING EVENTS

SUNDAY, APRIL 28 — Candy/Egg Hunt in Church following Agape Vespers

TUESDAY, APRIL 30 — Food on the Hill

SUNDAY, MAY 4 — Antiochian Women to Greensburg Civic Center

SUNDAY, MAY 5 — Church School Graduation/Recognition Luncheon

SATURDAY, MAY 18 — 12 to 6 PM - Church School Car Wash at
Advance Auto Parts in Latrobe
American Red Cross Blood Drive 9-2

SUNDAY, MAY 19 — Shop with Scrip order due

FRIDAY, MAY 24, TO MON, MAY 27 — Family Camp - Antiochian Village

SATURDAY, JUNE 1 - Blessing of the Animals

TUESDAY, JUNE 4 — Braves vs. Pirates at PNC Park

FRIDAY, JUNE 14 TO PENTECOST SUNDAY, JUN 16 — Bp. THOMAS'
Annual Visit

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 26, TO SUNDAY, JUNE 30 — Parish Life Conference
at Antiochian Village

SUNDAY, JULY 14 — Parish Picnic at Twin Lakes; Pavilion 1

MON, JULY 22, TO SUN, JUL 28 — Archdiocese Convention, Grand Rapids

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 — St. Michael's Mediterranean Buffet

CONFESSIONS will be heard on Sunday, Monday and
Tuesday evening of Holy Week following Bridegroom Matins
and by appointment.

*Debbie will be in the office on
Monday, Wednesday and Friday
from 9:00 am to 3 pm.*

**ALWAYS USE THE MOST
CURRENT BULLETIN!**

HOLY - April 21 thru 27 - WEEK

Sunday, April 21 - Palm Sunday

- 8:45 AM - FESTAL MATINS
- 9:30 AM - Choir Rehearsal
- 10:00 AM - FESTAL DIV. LIT'GY
with Palm Procession
- Festal Spinach Pie Luncheon
- 6:00 PM - BRIDEGROOM MATINS

Monday, April 22 - Great and Holy

- 9:00 AM - PRESANC. DIV. LIT'GY
- 6:00 PM - BRIDEGROOM MATINS
Special **CHOIR** Rehearsal

Tuesday, April 23 - Great and Holy

- 6:00 AM - PRESANC. DIV. LIT'GY
- 6:00 PM - BRIDEGROOM MATINS

Wednesday, April 24 - Great and Holy

- 9:00 AM - PRESANC. DIV. LIT'GY
- 7:00 PM - HOLY UNCTION

Thursday, April 25 - Great and Holy

- 8:00 AM - MATINS
- 9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY of
the Institution of Holy Communion
- 6:30 PM - WASHING of the FEET
- 7:00 PM - MATINS with 12 Gospels

Friday, April 26 - Great and Holy

- 9:00 AM - ROYAL HOURS
- Decorate the Tomb
- 3:00 PM - GREAT VESPERS -
Taking Down from the Cross
- Vigil at the Tomb of Christ begins -
- 7:00 PM - MATINS with
Lamentations at the Tomb
- 10:30 PM - Full LAMENTATIONS

Saturday, April 27 - Great and Holy

- 8:00 AM - Prothesis Presentation
(Preparation of the Gifts)
- 8:45 AM - "Personal" Remembrance
of Living and Departed
- 9:00 AM - DIVINE LITURGY of
the Descent into Hades
with 15 Old Testament
Readings
- 10:30 PM - NOCTURNE, RUSH,
MATINS and DIVINE LITURGY
of the Resurrection of Our
Lord and Savior
Jesus Christ

April 28 thru May 4

Sunday, April 28 — Holy Pascha

- 11:00 AM - GREAT VESPERS
of Agape with the Gospel Readings
in Many Languages
- Children's Easter Egg (Candy) Hunt

Monday, April 29 — Bright Monday

- 9:00 AM - PASCHAL DIV. LIT.

Tuesday, April 30 — Bright Tuesday

- 9:00 AM - PASCHAL DIV. LIT.
- 12:00 to 1:00 PM - Food on the Hill

Thurs., May 2 — Bright Thursday

- 5:30 PM - Church School Meeting
at Wetzel home

Saturday, May 4 — Bright Saturday

- 2:00 PM - "Sister Act"
- 6:00 PM - GREAT VESPERS

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The only game in human-town is the spiritual one. Really. And while spiritual work is an *inside* job, the *outside* affects the *inside*, so *outside* is the place to begin. Liturgical services, Confession and Fasting are essential *outer* foundations of the *inner* life. Use this Holy Week to shift your life in Christ into *inner* gear.