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HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST!

Blessed is He Who comes in the Name of the Lord!

April 28, 2013	Entrance of Our Lord Into Jerusalem	Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
May 1	HOLY WEDNESDAY	Holy Unction	6:00 pm
May 2	HOLY THURSDAY	Vespers and Divine Liturgy	9:30 am
	HOLY THURSDAY	Matins of the Twelve Gospels	6:00 pm
May 3	HOLY FRIDAY	Vespers - Burial Service, Procession	6:00 pm
May 4	HOLY SATURDAY	Vespers and Divine Liturgy 9:30 am	4:00 pm Blessing baskets
May 5	HOLY PASCHA	Midnight Service, Matins, Divine Liturgy 11:30 pm	Blessing baskets

Saints of the Day: Apostles Jason and Sosipater of the Seventy, and their companions: Martyrs Saturninus, Jakischolus (Inischolus), Faustianus, Januarius, Marsalius, Euphrasius, Mammus, the Virgin Cercyra, and Christodolus the Ethiopian, at Corfu (1 c.). Martyrs Dada, Maximus, and Quintilian at Dorostolum (286). Virgin-martyr Anna (1938). Saint Cyril, Bishop of Turov (1183). Martyrs Zeno, Eusebius, Neon, and Vitalis, who were converted by Apostles Jason and Sosipater. Venerable Auxibius, Bishop of Soli in Cyprus (102). Venerable Cyriacus, Abbot of Kargopol (Vologda) (1462). Venerable Cronan, Abbot of Roscrea, Ireland (626). Martyr John of Romania. Nine Martyrs of Cyzicus. Martyr Tibald of Pannonia (304). Saint Gerard the Pilgrim (639). Saint Probe and Saint Germaine, Virgin Martyrs (4 c.).

Please remember in your prayers: Archimandrites Alexander, Athanasy, Isidore, Nectarios, Pachomy. Archpriests Jason, John, Vincent. Priests Sergius, Andrij, Vasil, Vasil. Deacon Philip. Mother Raphaela, Sister Deborah. Michael, Stephanie, Zara, Nolan, Emelie, Connie, Michael, Ed, Maria, Michael, John, James, Nancy, Susan, Daniel, Aaron, Mark, Jennifer, Nina, Nadine, Michael, Anna, Gregory, Marianna, Mykola, Helen, Isaiah, Albert, Kevin, Robert, Robert, Andrew, David, Warren,

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Bishop YOHANNA Ibrahim of the Syriac Orthodox Church in Aleppo and Bishop BOULOS Yaziji of the Greek Orthodox Church in Syria, abducted by Moslems.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Olga Prawlocki were offered at Liturgy and Moleben April 21, at the request of Sonia Buttino.

God Grant Many Years! Prayers for the health of Archpriest Jason Kappanadze, Archpriest Jerome (Karl) and Matushka Wendy Cwiklinski, Samuel Werner, John Michael Mikuluk, and Priest Jeffrey Korz were offered at Liturgy and Moleben today at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the souls of the victims of Chornobyl were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today, at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the soul of newly-departed Louise McGuire were offered at Liturgy and Litiya on April 21, at the request of her sister Helen Homyk.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the souls of Patriarch PIMEN of Moscow and Bishop STEFAN were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of Father John Udics.

Memory Eternal. Prayers for the repose of the souls of Mary Elnicky, Walter Jovorsky, Anne Jovorsky, Walter Jovorsky Jr, Frank Prawlocki, John and Vera Prawlocki, Paul and Kay Sokol and Helen Nanoski were offered at Liturgy and Litiya today at the request of the "Memory Eternal Requiem Service Fund."

The Lord's entry into Jerusalem Metropolitan Anthony of Sourozh: 30 March 1980

In the Name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost.

Today Christ enters the path not only of His sufferings but of that dreadful loneliness which enshrouds Him during all the days of Passion week. The loneliness begins with a misunderstanding; the people expect that the Lord's entry into Jerusalem will be the triumphant procession of a political leader, of a leader who will free his people from oppression, from slavery, from what they consider godlessness -because all paganism or idol-worship is a denial of the living God. The loneliness will develop further into the dreadful loneliness of not being understood even by His disciples. At the Last Supper when the Saviour talks to them for the last time, they will be in constant doubt as to the meaning of His words. And later when He goes into the Garden of Gethsemane before the fearful death that is facing Him, His closest disciples, Peter, John and James - whom He chose to go with Him, fall asleep, depressed, tired, hopeless. The culmination of this loneliness will be Christ's cry on the cross, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" Abandoned by men, rejected by the people of Israel, He encounters the extreme of forsakenness and dies without God, without men, alone, with only His love for God and His love for mankind, dying for its sake and for God's glory.

The beginning of Christ's Passion is today's triumphal procession. The people expected a king, a leader - and they found the Saviour of their souls. Nothing embitters a person so much as a loss, a disappointed hope; and that explains why people who could receive Him like that, who witnessed the raising of Lazarus, who saw Christ's miracles and heard His teaching, admired every word, who were ready to become His disciples as long as He brought victory, broke away from Him, turned their backs on Him and a few days later shouted, "Crucify Him, crucify Him." And Christ spent all those days in loneliness, knowing what was in store for Him, abandoned by every one except the Mother of God, who stood silently by, as She had done throughout Her life, participating in His tragic ascent to the Cross; She who had accepted the Annunciation, the Good Tidings, but who also accepted in silence Simeon's prophecy that a sword would pierce her heart.

During the coming days we shall be not just remembering, but be present at Christ's Passion. We shall be part of the crowd surrounding Christ and the disciples and the Mother of God. As we hear the Gospel readings, as we listen to the prayers of the Church, as one image after another of these days of the Passion passes before our eyes, let each one of us ask himself the question, "Where do I stand, who am I in this crowd? A Pharisee? A Scribe? A traitor, a coward? Who? Or do I stand among the Apostles?" But they too were overcome by fear. Peter denied Him thrice, Judas betrayed Him, John, James and Peter went to sleep just when Christ most needed human love and support; the other disciples fled; no one remained except John and the Mother of God, those who were bound to Him by the kind of love which fears nothing and is ready to share in everything.

Once more let us ask ourselves who we are and where we stand, what our position in this crowd is. Do we stand with hope, or despair, or what? And if we stand with indifference, we too are part of that terrifying crowd that surrounded Christ, shuffling, listening, and then going away; as we shall go away from church. The Crucifix will be standing here on Thursday and we shall be reading the Gospel about the Cross, the Crucifixion and death - and then what will happen? The Cross will remain standing, but we shall go away for a rest, go home to have supper, to sleep, to prepare for the fatigues of the next day. And during this time Christ is on the Cross, Christ is in the tomb. How awful it is that, like the disciples in their day, we are not able to spend one night, one hour with Him. Let us think about this, and if we are incapable of doing anything, let us at least realise who we are and where we stand, and at the final hour turn to Christ with the cry, the appeal of the thief, Remember me, Lord, in Thy Kingdom! Amen

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"Beloved in the Lord brethren and co-worshippers! Today you heard in the holy gospel, the Hebrew children with much joy met our Lord Jesus Christ when He entered into Jerusalem to His voluntary passion for our salvation. They met Him with palm branches, as the Conqueror of death. They called out to Him: "Hosanna" as the awaited King. To make even us participants in this joy, to make us more vividly remember this event, the Holy Church will now bless with prayers and the sprinkling of the water of Theophany and will distribute these consecrated branches to us. These willows speak much to our hearts. In her view she remembers the cross of Christ. By the flowers she remembers His most pure blood, poured out from the cross, and these poor little white flowers, doesn't it remind them of the pure, holy souls of righteous men, washed and whitened by the blood of Christ the Savior and by the cross crossing the sky? So these willows are significant. Such is the profound didactic custom of the Holy Church to distribute them today. Let's not, brethren, offend this rite with our impatience! I am speaking about that disorder that usually happens in churches at the distribution of the willows. Beloved brethren! Apostle Paul rules that in the temple of God all things should be done decently and in order (1 Cor. 14:39). But the rubrics and the church Typikon (Ustav) demands that no one should dare to voluntarily take the blessed willows by himself. No, it should be taken from the hand of the church server, from the Holy Gospel and from the image of Christ, and only then it will be a blessing received in his entire house. So, I ask you, brethren: to approach orderly and reverently to the holy icon of the feast and the holy gospel, so that the church server will put the blessed branch into your hands, before the holy image of Christ, as though it came from Christ, and depart in peace, without noise, without confusion. Be at rest: everyone will get these branches, and the Lord, for your humility and obedience to the Typikon (Ustav) of His Holy Church, our mother, will bless you with a special blessing. Let us pray to the Lord". And then the priest blesses the palms.

Quiz for the Parish Bulletin – Answers will be given in the Bulletin after Pascha

According to our Lord Jesus Christ, what are the two most important commandments?

According to our Lord Jesus Christ, what are the two means of casting out evil?

What are the five forms of accomplishing a good Lent or life?

Name as many of the Ten Commandments as you can.

Name as many of the Beatitudes as you can.

Name as many books of the New Testament as you can.

Name as many books of the Old Testament as you can.

Name as many of the seven virtues as you can.

Name as many of the seven deadly sins as you can.

Name as many of the twelve apostles as you can.

Name as many of the seven sacraments as you can.

Name as many of the Divine Liturgies of the Church as you can. Extra points for saying when they are served.

What is the antimimension (or antimins)?

What is the purpose of the Proskomedia?

What is the plaschanitsa?

Important dates in Orthodox History:

What happened in 988? What happened in 1054? What happened on April 10, 1970?

Who was the first Metropolitan of the Orthodox Church in America?

Who is your patron saint? On what day is your heavenly patron's feast?