

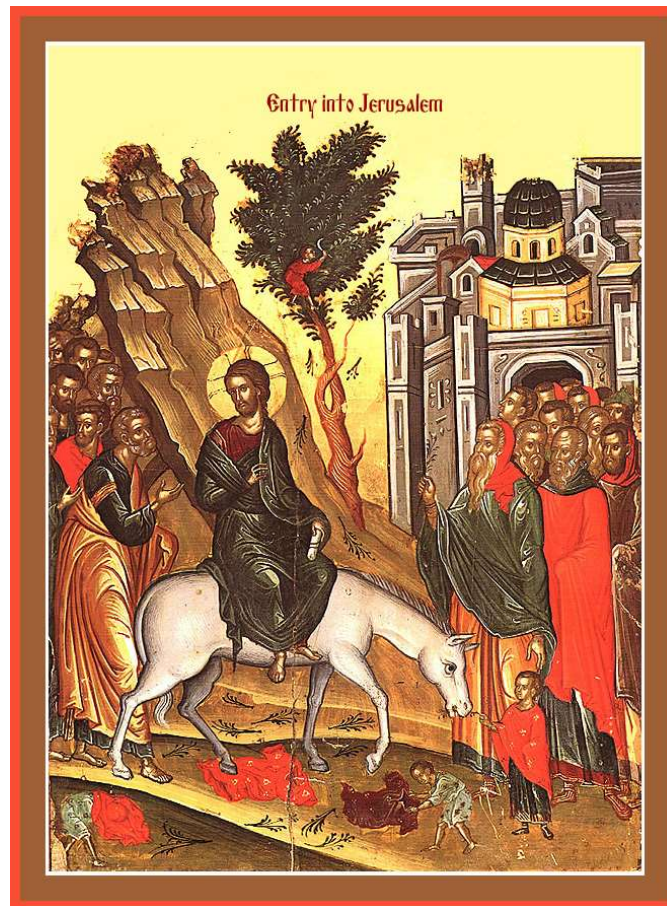
St. Elizabeth the New Martyr

His Eminence, Archbishop Alexander of Toledo: Rector
Priest in Charge: Rev. Arkady Migunov

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April 28th, 2024

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. Palm Sunday.



Welcome Visitors

We are delighted to have visitors worship with us, and we pray that you will be blessed through your participation with us. In the Orthodox Church, the reception of Holy Communion is a mark of membership in the Church. Only those who have been united to the Orthodox Church through Baptism or Chrismation, and have prepared themselves through regular Confession, prayer and fasting are permitted to partake of Holy Communion. We encourage visitors to participate in our prayers and hymns and to join us in venerating the Cross and receiving blessed bread at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy. Please feel free to ask questions before or after the service.

Today's Hymns

Tone 1 Troparion

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your Passion,
You confirmed the universal resurrection, O Christ God.
Like the children with the palms of victory,
we cry out to You, O Vanquisher of Death:
"Hosanna in the highest! //
Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord."

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit

Tone 4 Troparion

When we were buried with You in baptism, O Christ
God,
we were made worthy of eternal life by Your
Resurrection.
Now we praise You and sing:
"Hosanna in the highest! //
Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 6 Kontakion

Sitting on Your throne in Heaven,
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!"

Today's Readings

First Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Brethren, Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

First Gospel: John 12:1-18

At that time, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always." Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your King is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt." His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

This Week's Services

Sunday April 28 9:30 AM - Divine Liturgy - Palm Sunday 1:00 PM – Bridegroom Matins
ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. Palm Sunday
Philippians 4:4-9, John 12:1-18

Monday April 29 6:30 PM – Bridegroom Matins
Great and Holy Monday
Matthew 21:18-43, Matthew 24:3-35

Tuesday April 30 6:30 PM – Bridegroom Matins
Great and Holy Tuesday. Holy Apostle James (Jacob), the brother of St. John the Theologian
Matthew 22:15-23:39, Matthew 24:36-26:2

Wednesday May 1 9:30 AM - Pre-Sanctified Liturgy 6PM – Unction Service 8PM – Bridegroom Matins
Great and Holy Wednesday. Prophet Jeremiah
John 12:17-50, Matthew 26:6-16

Thursday May 2 9:30 AM – Vespers Liturgy (Holy Supper) 6:30 PM – Matins w/ 12 Gospels
Great and Holy Thursday
John 13:1-11, John 13:12-17

Friday May 3 5:00 PM – Vespers 6:30 PM – Matins (Procession with Plashanitsa/Shroud)
Great and Holy Friday. Ven. Theodosius, Abbot of the Kiev Caves Monastery and Founder of Cœnobitic Monasticism in Russia
1 Corinthians 1:18-2:2, Matt. 27:1-38; Luke 23:39-43; Matt. 27:39-54; John 19:31-37; Matt. 27:55-61

Saturday May 4 9:30 AM – Liturgy & Baptisms 10PM- Reading of Acts & Confession 11:30PM – Pascha
Great and Holy Saturday
Romans 6:3-11, Matthew 28:1-20

Sunday May 5 12AM – Pascha Service 12PM – Pascha Vespers w/picnic @ St. Elias
HOLY PASCHA — THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST. [Beginning of the Pentecostarion]
Acts 1:1-8, John 1:1-17

Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)

Palm Sunday is the celebration of the triumphant entrance of Christ into the royal city of Jerusalem. He rode on a colt 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" (Zech 9:9).

Finally, the events of these triumphant two days are but the passage to Holy Week: the "hour" of suffering and death for which Christ came. Thus the triumph in an earthly sense is extremely short-lived. Jesus enters openly into the midst of His enemies, publicly saying and doing those things which mostly enrage them. The people themselves will soon reject Him. They misread His brief earthly triumph as a sign of something else: His emergence as a political messiah who will lead them to the glories of an earthly kingdom.

Our Pledge

The liturgy of the Church is more than meditation or praise concerning past events. It communicates to us the eternal presence and power of the events being celebrated and makes us participants in those events. Thus the services of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday bring us to our own moment of life and death and entrance into the Kingdom of God: a Kingdom not of this world, a Kingdom accessible in the Church through repentance and baptism.

On Palm Sunday palm and 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!"

Thus, on the eve of Christ's Passion, in the celebration of the joyful cycle of the triumphant days of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday, we reunite ourselves to Christ, affirm His Lordship over the totality of our life, and express our readiness to follow Him to His Kingdom:

... that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead (Philippians 3:10-11).

Very Rev. Paul Lazor

News & Events

Holy Week Schedule:

April 28 (Palm Sunday) - 9:30am Liturgy **-1pm** Bridegroom Matins

April 29 (Holy Monday) - 6:30pm Bridegroom Matins

April 30 (Holy Tuesday) - 6:30pm - Bridegroom Matins

May 1 (Holy Wednesday) - 9:30am- Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

- **6pm** Holy Unction

- **8pm** Bridegroom Matins

May 2 (Holy Thursday) - 9:30am Liturgy (Holy Supper)

- **6:30pm** Matins with 12 Passion Gospels

May 3 (Holy Friday) - 5pm Vespers - 6:30pm Matins w/procession

May 4 (Holy Saturday) - 9:30am - Liturgy & Baptisms

- **10pm** - Confessions & Reading of Acts

- **11:30pm** - Lamentations in front of Shroud

- **12am** - Pascha Procession & Service

May 5 (Sunday) - Resurrection of our Lord!

- **12pm** Pascha Vespers @ **St. Elias**

(4940 Harroun Rd. Sylvania, OH 43560)

- **1pm** - Pan-Orthodox Picnic with different games for children and adults.

We will celebrate Pascha all together!!

Lists of Living and Departed:

Fr. Arkady would like an updated list of your departed loved ones as well as any living family or friends that you would like remembered in prayer. Please indicate on the lists if they are Orthodox or Non-Orthodox. **Mary Gresko** is in charge of compiling this list for him in a standardized Word document. Please email your information to her at mjgtweety@aol.com. She will be collecting information over the next several weeks!

Holy Trinity Food Pantry:

The next Food Pantry at Holy Trinity will be on **Tuesday, April 30**.

They are asking people to show up at 8:30am to help set up. Please let Viviane know if you are interested or have any questions! Also, please continue to bring items for us to take to the pantry. Here are the items that are most needed: Canned goods, peanut butter & jelly, Mac n Cheese, tuna or other canned meat, saltine crackers, hygiene items like shampoo, conditioner, combined shampoo and body wash, and toothpaste. They have plenty of pasta at this time!

Website Donations:

We are able to accept donations through our website stelizabethmartyr.org.

We are praying for:

The health and well-being of the servants of God Archbishop Alexander, Panka, Sophie, Alexander, Donna, Cy, Dan, Tanya, Popadia Janet, Joanne, and George.

The Catechumens:

Mark, Karson, Morgan, Caleb, Tiara, Isla & Hannah

Celebrations

Last week

Birthdays: None last week

Names Days:

George Popoff - April 23

Lazarus Shaffer - April 27

This coming week:

Birthdays:

Mila Edelman - May 3

Seth Ramm - May 3

Hannah Kirk - May 4

Names Days:

Marilla Geib - May 1

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