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Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem

Palm Sunday

St. Basil the Confessor, Bishop of Parium



From the Fathers...

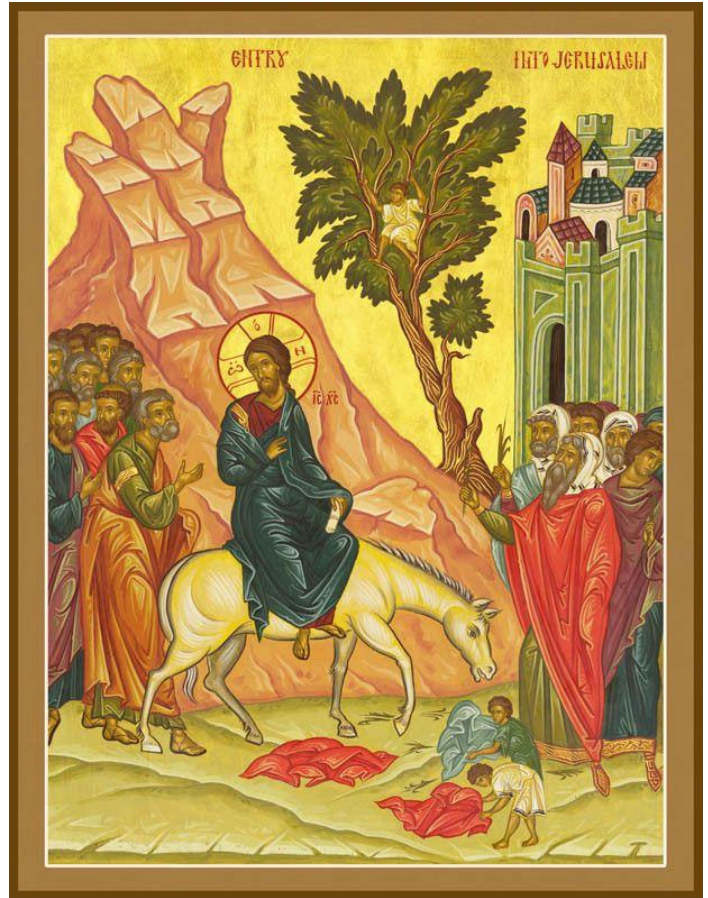
“Be of good cheer; do not despair... The doors are not yet shut; the Bridegroom hears you. Sin is not the master.”

- St. Basil the Great



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. Literature about the Orthodox faith and this parish can be found in the vestibule. Please feel free to ask questions before or after the service, as well as join us in the Parish Hall for refreshments and fellowship after the Liturgy.



The grace of the Holy Spirit/ today has assembled us./ Taking up Thy Cross we sing:/ “Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!// Hosanna in the highest!”

Today the Word of God the Father,/ the co-eternal Son,/ Whose throne is heaven and Whose footstool is earth,/ humbles Himself and comes from Bethany,/ riding on a dumb beast, the foal of an ass./ The children of the Hebrews hold branches in their hands./ They praise Him crying out:/ “Hosanna in the highest!// Blessed is He that comes, the King of Israel!”

Six days before the Feast of Passover/ Jesus entered Bethany, and His disciples asked Him:/ “Where should we prepare for Thee to eat the Passover?”/ He answered: “When ye have entered the city,/ a man carrying a jar of water will meet you./ Follow him into the house which he enters,/ and tell the master of the house:/ ‘The Teacher says to thee:// Here I shall eat the Passover with my disciples.’” (*Stichera of Lord I Call*)

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TODAY'S WORSHIP - HYMNS AND SCRIPTURE READINGS

Palm Sunday Troparion in Tone 1

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion,/ Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God./ Like the children with the palms of victory,/ we cry out to Thee, 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.

Palm Sunday Troparion in Tone 4

When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God,/ we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection./ Now we praise Thee 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.

Palm Sunday Kontakion in Tone 6

Sitting on Thy 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!"

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

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.

Gospel: John 12:1-18

Then, 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 AND LIFE IN CHRIST

Sunday, April 12th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Live Stream)

Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem

Palm Sunday

St. Basil the Confessor

Philippians 4:4-9, John 12:1-18

Monday, April 13th

Great and Holy Monday

Hieromartyr Artemon the Presbyter of Laodicea

Exodus 1:1-20, Job 1:1-12, Matthew 24:3-35

Tuesday, April 14th

6:00 PM Bridegroom Matins (Livestream)

Great and Holy Tuesday

St. Martin the Confessor, Pope of Rome

Exodus 2:5-10, Job 1:13-22, Matthew 24:36-26:2

Wednesday, April 15th

Great and Holy Wednesday

Martyrs Basilissa and Anastasia of Rome

Exodus 2:11-22, Job 2:1-10, Matthew 26:6-16

Thursday, April 16th

10:00 AM Vespers Liturgy (Livestream)

Great and Holy Thursday

Virgin-Martyrs Agape, Irene, and Chionia in Illyria

Exodus 19:10-19, Job 38:1-23, 42:1-5, Isaiah 50:4-11

1 Cor. 11:23-32, Composite Gospel Readings

Friday, April 17th

6:00 PM Burial Vespers (Livestream)

Great and Holy Friday

Hieromartyr Simeon, Bishop of Persia

1 Corinthians 1:18-2:2, Composite Gospel Readings

Saturday, April 18th

3:00 PM Vespers Liturgy (Livestream)

Great and Holy Saturday

Ven. John, disciple of Ven. Gregory of Decapolis

Romans 6:3-11, Matthew 28:1-20

Sunday, April 19th

10:00 AM Divine Liturgy (Live Stream)

HOLY PASCHA - RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

Acts 1:1-8, John 1:1-17



New: Secure & Mobile Giving Made Easy

St. George Cathedral has set up a new method for you to give to the church. Tithe.ly is a web-based giving platform that allows you to give to the church using your smart phone, tablet or computer. You can set up a recurring payment from your checking account (ACH or eCheck,) debit card or credit cards (VISA, MasterCard, AMEX, or ApplePay) Payments can be one time or repeated. You can also create an account or give as a guest without having an account.



Why are we introducing a new way of giving?

Due to the ongoing pandemic, the Cathedral's income has decreased due to people not being able to attend church and make their weekly contribution and hall rentals have been cancelled or postponed. However, we have been able to introduce livestreaming of the services and we now have new people tuning in! Online giving provides an opportunity for those unable to physically come to church to continue to make their offering to be able to help sustain our parish financially.

Do I have to give online?

Absolutely not. If you are happy with your current giving plan, whether through weekly envelopes or through direct check through your bank, there will not be any changes!

Is my online giving tax deductible?

Yes! Your gift to the church is tax-deductible regardless of which method you use.

Why use a method that costs the Cathedral money?

Because, quite frankly, some money is better than no money! If the choice is to receive a slightly smaller donation because of fees rather than not receive a donation at all, we will happily pay a small fee to provide a convenient and easy giving option.

To maximize the impact of your donation, and for the sake of transparency, here are our available giving methods and the associated fees that we pay for each of them:

| GIVING METHOD | CATHEDRAL'S COST |
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| Check/Direct Bank Check | Free |
| From Bank Account Online | 1% + \$0.30 |
| Debit/Credit Card Online | 2.9% + \$0.30 |

Examples:

Check/Direct Bank Check: \$100 donated → \$100 received

Bank Account Online: \$100 donated → \$98.70 received

Debit/Credit Card Online: \$100 donated → \$96.80 received

Tithe.ly *Cover the fees™* enables the giver to cover the per transaction cost associated with online giving. This results in the Cathedral paying less for each online gift received.

Example: \$103.20 donated → \$100 received

HAVE A QUESTION OR NEED TO CHAT? CALL OR EMAIL FR. GREGORY.

Guidance for COVID-19

Services of Holy Week

Per recent directives from our diocesan bishop, the following services of Holy Week and Pascha will be served:

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| Tuesday, April 14th | 6:00pm | Bridegroom Matins |
| Thursday, April 16th | 10:00am | Liturgy of Holy Thursday |
| Friday, April 17th | 6:00pm | Vespers of Holy Friday |
| Saturday, April 18th | 3:00pm | Liturgy of Holy Saturday |
| Sunday, April 19th | 10:00am | Divine Liturgy of Pascha |

All of these services will be **live streamed on Facebook** and finished recordings will be **uploaded to YouTube**. **Like, Share, Subscribe** to both to be notified when new postings are available. The schedule is also available online at our website.

When the "all clear" is given, the Archbishop will designate a Sunday on which we will celebrate in full Paschal Matins and Liturgy, regardless of what time of year it actually is.

Attendance at Services

Attendance at services is **limited only to those who need to be there**: the priest, a server, a reader, and a chanter. By directive of the Holy Synod there are signs on the entrances to both the church and the hall indicating that "no one may enter the building without the express blessing of the parish priest, due to the Covid-19 pandemic".

Confessions and Visitations

By directive of the Holy Synod, a blessing has been extended to forgo confession at this time. Due to restrictions put in place by hospitals, visitations are limited only to those who are very sick or dying.

Stewardship

We encourage you to continue giving your regular offerings during this time. Please review our new online giving option now available on our website!

Heartbeat of Toledo

Heartbeat of Toledo has been forced to cancel their upcoming fundraiser in April and have been hit particularly hard with the recent economic downturn. We will continue collecting monetary donations for Heartbeat of Toledo through the remainder of Lent. Checks can be sent to the church and made out to St. George Cathedral (memo line "Heartbeat of Toledo").

New Look for stgeorgrossford.org

Have you seen our new website? After many months of diligent work, the new website is finally live. Please take time to take a look and explore the new features. We hope you enjoy it as much as we do!

Lenten Psalter Prayer Group

We are asked to "pray without ceasing" (1 Thessalonians 5:17). What better way than through the Psalms? The Hospitality Committee is excited to continue the spiritual practice of praying the Psalter this Lenten season. Contact Cindy Hopper or Sarah Allen for any questions.

Prayer Calendar

The Quarterly prayer calendar is now available online at: www.stgeorgrossford.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Prayer-Calendar-Q2.pdf

We are praying for...

Health and Well-Being:

Anthony, Maria, Tanya, Melissa, Kelly, Lawrence, Mary, Brian, Karen, Sandy, Panka, George, Cheryl, Barb, and the kidnapped hierarchs Metropolitan Boulos and Archbishop Yohanna of Aleppo; and those being persecuted for their faith in the Middle East.

Catechumens:

Tim, Laura, Ethan, Naomi, Olivia, Daniel, Phoebe, Ezekiel, and Jachin.



Sanctuary Lamp:

The Sanctuary Lamp is lit today by Mary Gresko and Julie Olmstead in memory of George and Marie Gresko on the 5th anniversary of their repose. May their memories be eternal!



Celebrations

Birthdays:

- Bill Karayannis (4/12)
- Jim Allen (4/12)
- Ben Ranck (4/14)
- Evanka Dimitroff (4/15)
- Core Pappas (4/18)
- Rod Hopper (4/18)

