

ALL SAINTS ORTHODOX CHURCH

OLYPHANT, PENNSYLVANIA

THE GLORIOUS ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM: PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 8, 2012

One week before the Passion, Christ rode triumphantly into Jerusalem. As a sign of honor, garments are spread on the ground for the Lord, seated on a donkey, to ride over, and palms are raised in praise. With His right hand He blesses with the priest's blessing symbolizing the Greek letters "IC XC" for the abbreviation of "Jesus Christ" and in His left hand He holds the scroll of a prophet to remind us that He is the fulfillment of the prophet's word. The city of Jerusalem is in the background.



Philippians 4:4-9 (Epistle): 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.

John 12:1-18 (Gospel): 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.

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Services & Activities:

Sunday, April 8 *The Glorious Entrance of our Lord God and Savior Jesus Christ into Jerusalem; Palm Sunday* 9:00 am Divine Liturgy; Blessing Palms&Pussy Willows 5:00 pm Mission
Bridegroom Matins: St. Tikhon's Monastery

Holy Monday, April 9 & Holy Tuesday, April 10 & Holy Wednesday, April 11

6:00 pm Confession 7:00 pm Bridegroom Matins
Holy Thursday, April 12: 9:00 am Vespereal Divine Liturgy
6:00 pm Confession 7:00 pm Matins with Passion

Gospels

Holy Friday, April 13 3:00 pm Vespers with taking down of winding sheet

7:00 pm Lamentation at Tomb;

Procession

Until midnight: vigil at tomb

Holy Saturday, April 14 9:00 am Vespereal Divine Liturgy w/readings

11:30 pm Nocturns,

Procession, Matins of Pascha

Sunday, April 15 PASCHA: THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD GOD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST: CHRIST IS RISEN!!!!

10:00 am PASCHA Divine Liturgy

Monday, April 16 Bright Monday

10:00 am Paschal Divine

Liturgy/Procession

Festal Pot Luck Luncheon

**Friday, April 20 Paschal Retreat with Dr. David Ford of St. Tikhon's Seminary 6:00 pm Pizza 6:30 pm
Retreat on JOY**

Sunday, April 23 Thomas Sunday

9:00 am Divine Liturgy/Egg Hunt/Breakfast Blessing of Graves at All Saints Cemetery

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

WELCOME TO OUR VISITORS! PLEASE JOIN US DOWNSTAIRS FOR COFFEE AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY.

Please join us for Holy Week services this week and join us to celebrate our Lord's Glorious Resurrection from the dead on Pascha and his destruction of sin & death for us.

PLEASE SIGN UP FOR OUR BRIGHT MONDAY POTLUCK. SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE CANLE DESK.

DR. DAVID FORD, PROFESSOR OF CHURCH HISTORY AT ST. TIKHON'S SEMINARY WILL LEAD US IN A PASCHAL RETREAT ON JOY BRIGHT FRIDAY, APRIL 20. JOIN US. PIZZA AT 6PM; TALK & PASCHAL FELLOWSHIP 6:30 PM.

ON THOMAS SUNDAY, APRIL 22, THERE WILL BE AN EGG HUNT AND BREAKFAST (scrambled eggs, hash browns and sausage: price: \$5 adults; \$3 children: sign up sheet on candle stand: please sign up early!) AFTER DIVINE LITURGY AND THEN THE BLESSING OF GRAVES AT ALL SAINTS CEMETERY.

HOLY CHRISM FOR THE ORTHODOX CHURCH IN AMERICA (OCA) will be prepared by Metropolitan Jonah and the Holy Synod of Bishops of the OCA this year at St. Tikhon's Monastery beginning with prayer at 8 a.m. on Holy Monday April 9 and continuing with stirring of the Holy Chrism and the reading of the Holy Gospel continuously until Holy Wednesday. The Holy Chrism will then be cooled until it will be carried into the Holy Altar of the Monastery during the Great Entrance of the Divine Liturgy Holy Thursday morning, April 12.

MYRRH-STREAMING ICON “SOFTENER OF EVIL HEARTS” will visit St. Tikhon’s Monastery: Holy Monday, April 9 at 2:30 pm for one hour for veneration.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS all of the parishioners of All Saints, their families, neighbors, and friends, especially Conor, Laura, Michael, Justin, Liam, Andrew, Allen, Cory Joseph, Michael, George, Gregory, Patricia, Matushka Martha, all those serving in the Armed Forces, (including Michael), all missionaries (including Christina), all clergy, monastics, and seminarians, the sick and suffering, those in nursing homes, hospitals and prisons, especially for those for whom we have been asked to pray, **and all the departed members and family members and friends of All Saints, the newly departed:** (among them Ann Peregrin, Olga Paulishak , Lieutenant General John Yeosock, Susan Scochin, Matushka Natalie Kiryluk Breyan, John Sanko, Cynthia.). If you would like Fr. Gabriel to remember the living or the departed at the Divine Liturgy, please give the names to Fr. Gabriel to remember at the Proskomedia.

WHITE ALTAR COVERS NEEDED. Please give your donations to Joni Rezanka.

PLEASE HELP WITH COFFEE HOUR! PLEASE FORM A NEW COFFEE HOUR TEAM OR JOIN A COFFEE HOUR TEAM! This is an important part of our parish outreach. See Julie Cohen. Thank you to the Bandru & Lalovic families for coffee hour today and join us for PASCHA next Sunday and our Pascha Potluck on Bright Monday.

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST IN NANTICOKE RELIEF FUND: A dedicated checking account has been established and checks should be made out to “St John the Baptist in Nanticoke Relief Fund” and mailed to the diocese. Donations are still being accepted.

T SHIRTS (ALL SAINTS) AVAILABLE \$8 EACH & RECONSECRATION ORNAMENTS AVAILABLE \$3 OR 2 FOR \$5. LOTTERY DRAWING every 2 weeks:\$100 to church,\$50 each

Friday & Saturday.

SPONSORSHIPS: Bulletin (\$30): in memory of Timothy Naughton ; Web-Site (\$25): Linda Stuchlak; Shut-in mailings (\$25):

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SAMPLE PLEDGE CARDS: Please prayerfully consider handing in your pledge card as soon as possible to help us with budgeting for 2012.

WEEKLY COLLECTION: 4/1/12:\$867.00 ; LOOSE COLLECTION: \$73.00; SECOND Collection (Pierogies): \$104.00; WHITE ALTAR COVERS: DONATIONS: CLARISE & DAN BANDRU; DONATION FROM CEIL & JIM CASTELLANO; TITHE: \$555.

Matthew 21:1-11, 15-17 (*Matins Gospel*) Now when they drew near Jerusalem, and came to Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her. Loose them and bring them to Me. And if anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and immediately he will send them. All this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying: Tell the daughter of Zion, 'Behold, your King is coming to you, Lowly, and sitting on a donkey, A colt, the foal of a donkey.'" "So the disciples went and did as Jesus commanded them. They brought the donkey and the colt, laid their clothes on them, and set Him on them. And a very great multitude spread their clothes on the road; others cut down branches from the trees and spread them on the road. Then the multitudes who went before and those who followed cried out, saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! Hosanna in the highest!" And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, "Who is this?" So the multitudes said, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth of Galilee." But when the chief priests and scribes saw the wonderful things that He did, and the children crying out in the temple and saying, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant and said to Him, "Do You hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes. Have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants You have perfected praise'?" Then He left them and went out of the city to Bethany, and He lodged there.

Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday. On Friday evening, the eve of the celebration of the Resurrection of Lazarus, the "great and saving forty days" of Great Lent are formally brought to an end: *Having accomplished the forty days for the benefit of our souls, we pray to Thee, O Lover of Man, that we may see the holy week of Thy passion, that in it we may glorify Thy greatness and Thine unspeakable plan of salvation for our sake. ... (Vesper Hymn)* Lazarus Saturday is a paschal celebration. It is the only time in the entire Church Year that the resurrectional service of Sunday is celebrated on another day. At the liturgy of Lazarus Saturday, the Church glorifies Christ as "the Resurrection and the Life" who, by raising Lazarus, has confirmed the universal resurrection of mankind even before his own suffering and death. *By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God! Like the children with the branches 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! (Troparion). Christ—the Joy, the Truth and the Light of All, the Life of the world and its Resurrection—has appeared in his goodness to those on earth. He has become the Image of our Resurrection, granting divine forgiveness to all (Kontakion).* At the Divine Liturgy of Lazarus Saturday the baptismal verse from Galatians: As many as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ (*Gal 3:27*) replaces the Thrice-holy Hymn thus indicating the resurrectional character of the celebration, and the fact that Lazarus Saturday was once among the few great baptismal days in the Orthodox Church Year. Because of the resurrection of Lazarus from the dead, Christ was hailed by the masses as the long-expected Messiah-King of Israel. Thus, in fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament, he entered Jerusalem, the City of the King, riding on the colt of an ass (*Zech 9:9; Jn 12:12*). The crowds greeted him with branches in their hands and called out to him with shouts of praise: Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! The Son of David! The King of Israel! Because of this glorification by the people, the priests and scribes were finally driven "to destroy him, to put him to death" (*Lk 19:47; Jn 11:53, 12:10*). The feast of Christ's triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, Palm Sunday, is one of the twelve major feasts of the Church. The second troparion of the feast, as well as the kontakion and the other verses and hymns, all continue to glorify Christ's triumphal manifestation "six days before the Passover" when he will give himself at the Supper and on the Cross for the life of the world. *Today the grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us together. Let us all take up Thy cross and say: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest! (First Verse of Vespers). 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! (Second Troparion). Sitting on Thy throne in heaven, and 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! (Kontakion).* At the vigil of the feast of Palm Sunday the prophecies of the Old Testament about the Messiah-King are read together with the Gospel accounts of the entry of Christ into Jerusalem. At Matins branches are blessed which the people carry throughout the celebration as the sign of their own glorification of Jesus as Saviour and King. These branches are usually palms, or, in the Slavic churches, pussy willows which came to be customary because of their availability and their early blossoming in the springtime. As the people carry their branches and sing their songs to the Lord on Palm Sunday, they are judged together with the Jerusalem crowd. For it was the very same voices which cried Hosanna to Christ, which, a few days later, cried Crucify him! Thus in the liturgy of the Church the lives of men continue to be judged as they hail Christ with the "branches of victory" and enter together with him into the days of his "voluntary passion." *From: Volume II - Worship The Church Year*

*****Traditional Orthodox Fasting Rules for this week until Pascha, April 15, 2012)*****

Palm Sunday: Fish, Wine & Oil permitted; Weekdays: Fasting from Meat, Poultry, Dairy, Eggs, Fish, Olive Oil, Wine.
Holy Thursday, April 12: Wine & Olive Oil Permitted. **Holy Saturday,** April 14: Wine Permitted.