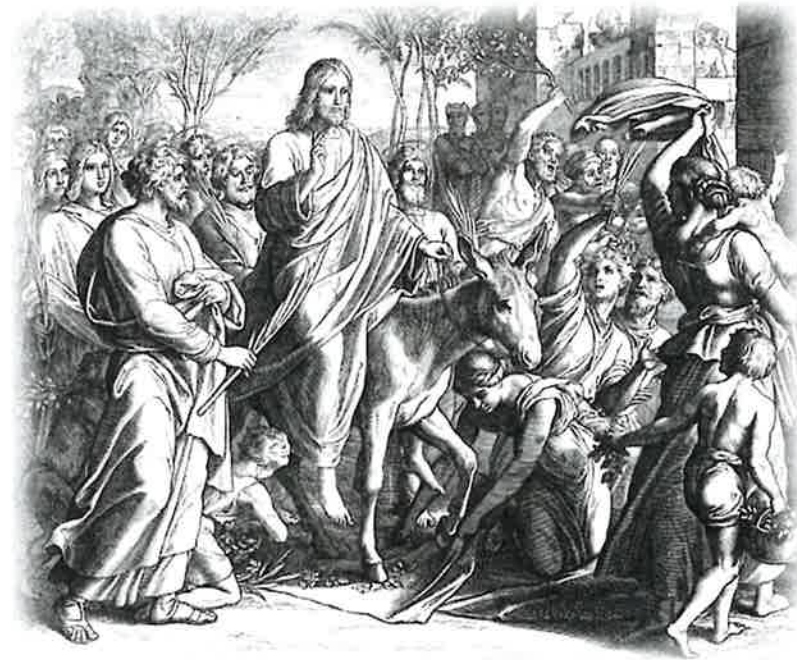


## Metropolitan Anthony Bloom on Palm Sunday

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 lost, 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."

During the coming days we shall be present – not just remember, 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?" 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?... 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.

*"Let us Attend!"*



*"Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord..."*

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**Sunday of the Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem**

**Palm Sunday**

Bulletin, Sunday, 13 April 2025

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. Palm Sunday. Hieromartyr Artemon of Laodikeia in Syria (303). Martyr Crescens, of Myra in Lycia. Martyr Thomaïs, of Alexandria (5th c.).

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 Gospel: John 12:1-18

**Holy Week Schedule:**

- Monday, 14 April 2025: 9am, Bridegroom Matins with Procession of the Icon of Christ the Bridegroom
- Tuesday, 15 April 2025: 9am, Bridegroom Matins
- Wednesday, 16 April 2025: 9am, Bridegroom Matins. *6PM Holy Unction at St. Nicholas with Archbishop Mark*
- Thursday, 17 April 2025: 9:30AM Vespereal Liturgy, Archbishop Mark Presiding; 6PM Matins of the 12 Passion Gospels. Followed by Preparation of the Grave of the Lord.
- Friday, 18 April 2025: 4PM Vespers with the Placing of the Winding Sheet, *6:00PM Matins of Holy Saturday at St. Nicholas Parish.*
- **Saturday, 19 April 2025: 9:30AM Vespers with the Liturgy of St. Basil, Reception of Andrew Goodwin into**

**the Orthodox Church; 8:00PM Nocturnes and Matins of Great and Holy Pascha**

- **Sunday, 20 April Great and HOLY PASCHA 9:30AM Divine Liturgy, followed by Blessing of Baskets, Eggs, and Fleshmeats.**

- **Monday, 21 April 2025. BRIGHT MONDAY. Joint Festal Liturgy with Procession followed by Festal Luncheon in the Parish Hall. All are Welcome.**

~ A warm welcome to all visiting with us today. Please come downstairs and share in fellowship with us.

~ This week we are called together as a parish family to celebrate Holy Week and arrive at Great and Holy Pascha. Please come as often as you can to the services of the Church as we walk with our Lord to His Cross, and become witness to His Glorious Resurrection.

~ Archbishop Mark will be joining us for the Liturgy on Great and Holy Thursday. It is a joy to have our Archpastor back with us. In the evening following Matins and 12 Gospels help will be needed to prepare the gawe of the Lord.

~ After his time of preparation we will be receiving Andrew Goodwin into the Holy Orthodox Faith on Holy Saturday. Prayers for Andrew as he prepares for this momentous event.