

## Met. Anthony Bloom Holy Week Reflection

During the coming days we shall be present – not just remember, but be present – at Christ’s Passion...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, 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.

*“Let us Attend!”*



*Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord...”*

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**Feast of the Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem**

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**FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — Tone 1. St Mary of Egypt.** Hieromartyr Mark, Bishop of Arethusa, Martyr Cyril the Deacon, of Heliopolis, and others who suffered under Julian the Apostate (ca. 364). Ven. John, Anchorite, of Egypt (4th c.). St. Eustathius the Confessor, Bishop of Bithynia (9th c.). St. Nikéetas of the Roslavl Forests (Russia—1793).

**Epistle:** Hebrews 9:11–14 (Sunday); Galatians 3:23–29 (St. Mary); **Gospel:** Mark 10:32–45 (Sunday); Luke 7:36–50 (St. Mary)

**Schedule:**

- **Holy Monday, 6 April 2026, 9AM Bridegroom Matins. Procession of Icon of Christ the Bridegroom.**
- **Holy Tuesday, 7 April 2026, 9AM Bridegroom Matins.**
- **Holy Wednesday, 8 April 2026, 9AM Bridegroom Matins. 6PM Holy Unction at St. Nicholas Parish**
- **Holy Thursday, 9 April 2026, 9:30AM Vespers with the Liturgy of St. Basil; 6PM Matins of Holy Friday with the 12 Passion Gospels. Preparation of the Tomb of the Lord.**
- **Holy Friday, 10 April 2026, 4PM Vespers with the Placing of the Winding Sheet of the Lord. 6PM Matins of Holy Saturday at St. Nicholas Parish**

– **Holy Saturday, 11 April 2026: 9:30AM Vespers with the Liturgy of St. Basil, 15 OT Readings; 8PM Nocturnes, Procession, and Matins of Great and Holy Pascha.**

– **Sunday, 12 April 2026, Great and Holy Pascha. 9:30AM Divine Liturgy followed by Blessing of Paschal Baskets.**

– **Monday, 13 April. 2026. Bright Monday. 9:30AM Joint Festal Divine Liturgy with Procession, Reading of Resurrectional Gospels, followed by Festive Paschal Luncheon.**

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

~ As we enter Holy Week let us participate as fully as possible in the services we will have to walk with our Lord to His life saving Cross and His life-bearing tomb.

~ The parish is now receiving flower donations for Holy Pascha. If you wish to make a donation, please indicate Paschal Flowers on a donation envelope.

~ Help will be needed this Thursday following the service of the 12 Passion Gospels to set up the tomb of the Lord. Help will also be needed following Holy Saturday Liturgy to arrange flowers in the church for the Feast of Great and Holy Pascha.