



**St George the Great Martyr
Orthodox Church - Weekly Bulletin**

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The Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem (Sunday of Palms):

Tone 1 Troparion

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.”

Tone 4 Troparion

When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ
God, / we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Res-
urrection. / Now we praise Thee and sing: / “Hosanna
in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name
of the Lord!”

Tone 6 Kontakion

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!”

Calendar of Events – April 1 - April 8

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| Sunday | 4/1 | 9:30am Divine Liturgy Palm Sunday Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem |
| Monday | 4/2 | 9:30am Presanctified Liturgy |
| Tuesday | 4 /3 | 6pm Bridegroom Matins |
| Wednesday | 4/4 | 6pm Holy Unction |
| Thursday | 4/5 | Great and Holy Thursday 9:30am Vespereal Divine Liturgy 5:30pm Matins of Great and Holy Friday |
| Friday | 4/6 | Great and Holy Friday 9:30am Royal Hours 5:30pm Matins of Great and Holy Saturday |
| Saturday April 7 - April 8 | | Great and Holy Saturday 9:30am Vespereal Divine Liturgy 11:30pm Nacturns Midnight - PASCHA Divine Liturgy followed by agape meal |

Weekly announcements:

- ⇒ Note many of the services have biblical readings. We would love everyone to participate. Please bring reading glasses, Holy Thursday and Saturday.
- ⇒ **Holy Friday** April 6th, after Royal Hours, please join us in **cleaning** the temple, and decorating the **Epitaphios**. Both **men** and **women** are needed.
- ⇒ For **Pascha**, remember to bring your baskets for blessing, place them in the social hall. Please bring food to share in our community feast, and lastly, we are collecting money donations for flowers, please see Matushka Xenia.

Please keep our brothers and sisters in your prayers during the week.

For good health and healing:

James, Linda, Abram, Aida, Dragosh, Sonya, Denise, Joseph, Joseph, Souraya, Alice, Issa, Colette, Tony, Mario, John, Basil.

For a new Job:

Mario, Jason, Marie, Janice.

- **Palm Sunday: Jesus Enters Jerusalem as a King!** Jesus enters Jerusalem and is honored as a King. The children greet Jesus waving palms and branches, crying out “Hosanna!” The people shout their praises to Him: “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!” In our celebration of the feast, the palms we hold are a sign of our allegiance to Christ.
- **Holy Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday: Parables of the Bridegroom, Last Judgment and the "End"** God has made us stewards of His world, to serve and care for it. He calls us to bear fruit by using the talents He has given us. Christ will come to judge the world, and He will come at Midnight, at an hour when we least expect Him. He will come as a Bridegroom, to take us, the Church, as His Bride. God calls us to be prepared, for only those who are ready will enter His Kingdom. Thus we celebrate the Bridegroom Matins.
- **Holy Thursday: The Supper, Anointing, and Betrayal of Christ** A woman anoints Christ’s feet with oil, as a sign of love, as well as a preparation for His burial. Jesus’ enemies seek to kill Him and Judas agrees to betray his Master. Jesus shows the disciples how they must serve others, by washing the feet of His own disciples, and shares a Passover meal with them. He blesses bread and a cup of wine, saying “Do this in remembrance of Me.” Jesus teaches the disciples about love, and promises to send them a Comforter, the Holy Spirit, after He is gone. The Mystical Supper, on the morning of Holy Thursday.
- **Holy Friday: The Trial and Crucifixion of Christ.** Jesus takes the disciples to a place to pray and tells them that one of them shall betray Him and the others will deny Him and run away. Jesus is arrested and brought before the chief priests and scribes who sentence Him to death for equating Himself with God. He is brought before Pilate, the Roman governor, and then to Herod, to be sentenced to death and killed. Jesus is put to death on a Cross, along with two thieves. Mary, Jesus’ mother, and the women followers who served Him stand by the Cross until the end. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus take Jesus’ body down from the Cross, prepare it for burial and lay Him in a new tomb. The Death & Burial of Christ.
- **Holy Saturday & Pascha: Descent into Hades & Resurrection** Jesus died in order to give us new life! Through His death on the Cross, Jesus defeated the power of death. Having died as a man, Jesus descended to Hades, the place of death, to destroy death and bring life to those in the tombs. Jesus’ Life was more powerful than death. At the moment of His death, the earth shook, the tombs were opened and many bodies of the saints were raised. By His Resurrection from the dead, Jesus, who is the Christ-God, gives new life to all who believe in Him and do His will. Although we will die, we know that “death can no longer hold men captive,” for when Christ comes again, all those in the tombs will be raised from the dead. Christ the Lord of all will come to judge the living and the dead, and grant life eternal in the world to come, to all who believe in Him as King and as God.

“Christ is Risen! Indeed He is Risen.”

The Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem 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.