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Sunday, April 13, 2025

Palm Sunday:

Entrance of Our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

Hierarchs and Parish Clergy:

His Eminence Metropolitan SABA (Isper)

Antiochian Archdiocese of North America

His Grace Bishop JOHN (Abdalah)

Bishop of the Diocese of Worcester & New England

Father James Irving, Pastor

Subdeacon Joseph Boruch

LITTLE ENTRANCE WEEKLY VARIABLES

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN): Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of an ass, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY IN TONE ONE: In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

APOLYTIKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE FOUR: As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God, so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

KONTAKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE SIX: Being borne upon a throne in Heaven, and upon a colt on the earth, O Christ God, Thou didst accept the praise of the angels and the laudation of the children as they cried to Thee: Blessed art Thou Who comest to recall Adam.

TRISAGION PRAYER

English: Holy God, Holy Mighty, Holy Immortal, have Mercy on us.

Arabic: Qudoos El Laah, Qudoos El Qawi, Qudoos El Lathi La Yamoot, Urhamnah.

Greek: Agios O Theos, Agios Ischiros, Agios Athanatos, Eyleison Imas.

Slavonic: Svyatij Bozhe, Svyatij Krepkij, Svatij Bessmertnij pomiluj nas.

MEGALYNARION FOR PALM SUNDAY IN TONE FOUR: God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us; ordain a feast, and rejoicing, come let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, crying out with hymns: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, our Savior.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR PALM SUNDAY IN TONE EIGHT

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

The Mission of St Michael the Archangel Orthodox Church is to love and worship God, to grow closer to Him, and to proclaim and to spread the Good News of the salvation of Jesus Christ to our parishioners, our neighbors and people everywhere. We worship and pray in English. We experience the beauty and joy of living the Holy Orthodox Christian faith – sharing love and fellowship, teaching and leading by example, growing together through service, education, stewardship and forgiveness.

A NOTE REGARDING HOLY COMMUNION: *Since we understand Communion to mean we have all things in common, sharing an identical Faith, only those who are members of the Orthodox Church and who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting and confession may participate in Holy Communion. We invite all present to partake of the blessed bread distributed at the end of the*

service. Unless you are injured or unable, please remain standing during communion.

SCHEDULE:

- **Saturday, April 12**
 - 9:00 AM Divine Liturgy for the Lazarus Saturday
 - 5:00 PM Vespers
- **Sunday, April 13**
 - 9:00 AM Orthros / Bible Study (kids 10+)
 - 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy for the Palm Sunday with Procession
 - Church School for kids 4-9 years old
 - Choir Rehearsal
 - 6:30 PM Parish Council Online Meeting
- **Holy Monday, April 14**
 - 5:00 PM Bridegroom Orthros
- **Holy Tuesday, April 15**
 - 5:00 PM Bridegroom Orthros
- **Holy Wednesday, April 16**
 - 5:00 PM Holy Unction
- **Holy Thursday, April 17**
 - 9:00 AM Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
 - 5:00 PM Service of 12 Passion Gospels-Procession of the Cross
- **Holy Friday, April 18**
 - 9:00 AM Royal Hours
 - 4:00 PM Great Vespers for Holy Saturday, Veneration of the Cross, taking down Jesus from the Cross
 - 6:00 PM Orthros with Lamentations for Holy Saturday, Procession of the Sepulcher
- **Holy Saturday, April 19**
 - 9:00 AM Vespers Divine Liturgy with Baptism and Chrismation
 - 10:00 PM Rush Service
 - Paschal Orthros
 - **PASCHAL Divine Liturgy**
- **PASCHA SUNDAY, April 20**
 - 12:00 PM Agape Vespers

*****In case of emergency, there are emergency numbers posted next to the telephones in the coat room and in the kitchen*****

PLEASE JOIN US FOR COFFEE HOUR

Our People are our Choir! We love to hear you sing with us! WELCOME! We are glad to have you worship with us today!

THE EPISTLE

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good;

for His mercy endures forever.

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (4:4-9)

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice! Let your forbearance be known to all people. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, 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 any praise, think about these things. The things which you both learned and received, and heard and saw in me, these things do; and the God of peace will be with you.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (12:1-18)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His Disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in

Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His Disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.



ST. MICHAEL HAPPENINGS

WEEKLY BULLETIN CAN BE VIEWED ON OUR WEBSITE
ALL FOR THE GLORY OF GOD AND HIS CHURCH

Your **FOOD FOR HUNGRY** boxes are due back to St. Michael by Palm Sunday, April 13. Please return to church and give to the usher on duty.

We will be collecting through the end of April so if you forget to bring it, please make sure we have it by the end of the month so we can send the funds to those in urgent need. If you did not take a box to fill,

you can make a donation to St Michael Orthodox Church earmark "Food for Hungry" so we make sure to get your donation included in our payment. Thank you for your continued support!

SOYO IS HAVING A 20% OFF BOOK STORE AND ICON STORE SALE ON PALM SUNDAY!

VOLUNTEERS WANTED to visit members of the parish who are unable to make it to church or are not able to come often. Please prayerfully consider offering your time to visit and bring Joy to one of our St. Michael family members. If you are interested in signing up, there will be a sign up sheet at coffee hour. Let us give our time this Lent as an offering to our Lord. Please see Michelle, Soraya or Emma for more details.

NEW HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

The Parish Council has given support for St. Michaels to form a Hospitality Committee. If you would like to be a part of this new ministry, please see Father James or Stephen Winters.

PASCHA CARD: The deadline to be included in the Pascha card is Sunday April 13 - card will go to the printer on April 14. Proceeds will cover the cost of the AED defibrillator. Please see Soraya with questions. Thanks for your support.

THE SYNAXARION

On this day in the Holy Orthodox Church, the Sunday of Palms, we celebrate the radiant and glorious festival of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.

Verses

*Riding a colt, He that with a word stretched out Heaven,
Seeketh to loose mortals from brutish want of reason.*

Jesus came to Bethany on the Sunday falling before the six days of the Mosaic Passover. On the following day He sent two of His Disciples, who brought Him a donkey on which He sat to enter the city. And when the great multitude heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they immediately took palm branches in their hands and went out to meet Him. All cried, "Hosanna! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, King of Israel!" The branches of palm trees were a symbol of Christ's victory over Satan and Death. And the meaning of "Hosanna" is, "We pray Thee, save." The donkey's colt, which was still an untamed animal, and impure according to the law, as well as Christ's sitting thereon, symbolize the former savagery and impurity of the Gentiles; and their subsequent taming and obedience to the holy law of the Gospel.

By Thine ineffable compassion, O Christ our God, make us victors over our deceitful passions, and deem us worthy to behold Thy brilliant victory over death and Thy radiant and lifebringing Resurrection, and have mercy on us. Amen.

Save the Date!

- April 20: PASCHA
- June 21: Diocese PLC at St. George, Norwood
- July 20-27: Archdiocese Convention, Chicago, IL
- August 10-16: Diocese Summer Camp

If you or your loved ones need to contact a member of the clergy in the event of a pastoral emergency, please contact Fr. James Irving, who can be reached by phone or text at (781) 468-8709 or by email at dnjamesirving@gmail.com.

Fr. James is available for confession by appointment.
