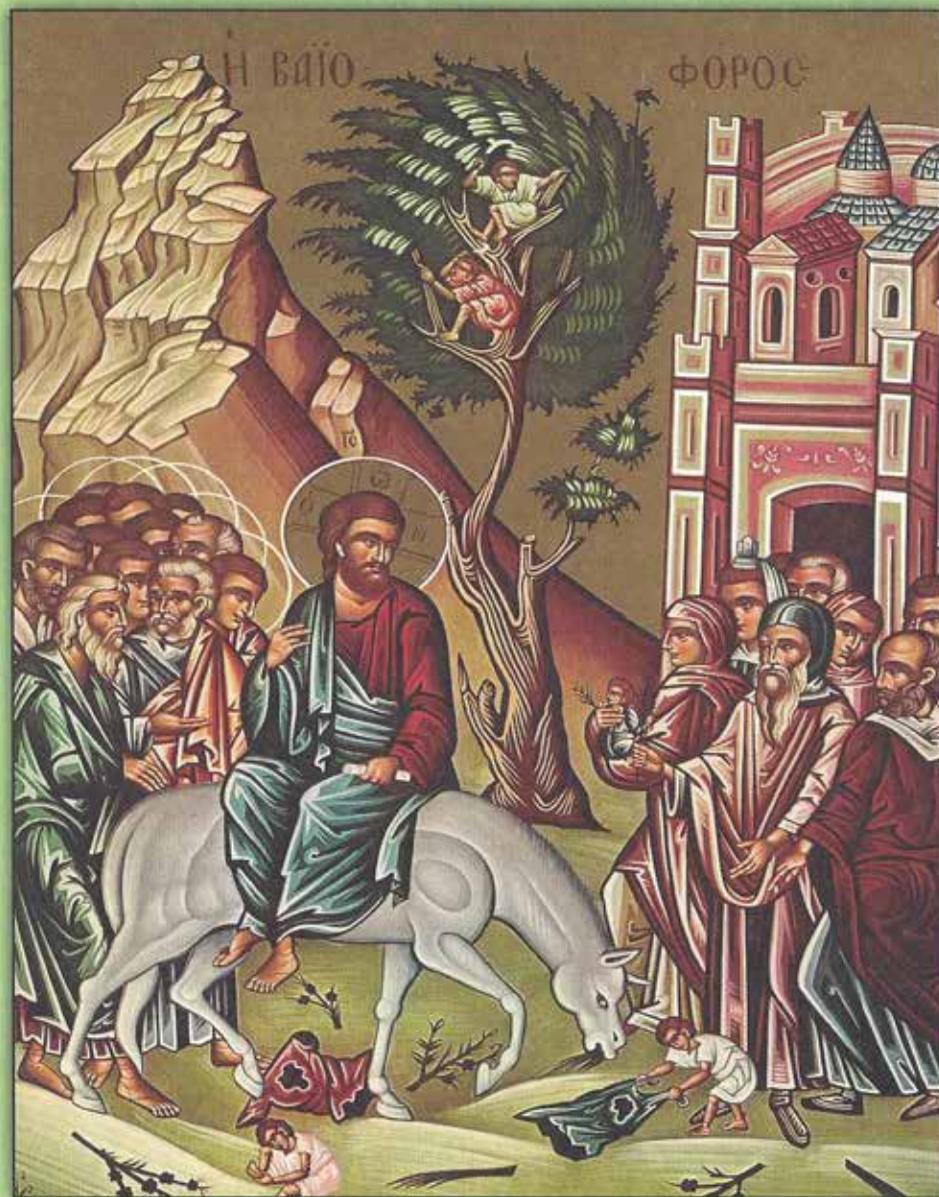


ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM
(PALM SUNDAY)



Icon of the Entrance into Jerusalem

March 20, 2016: Flowery (Palm) Sunday	
Epistle: Phil. 4: 4-9	Gospel: Jn. 12: 1-18
Mon., March 21	No Divine Services Today
Tues., March 22	8:00 Akathist to the Passion of Christ
Wed., March 23	8:00 Akathist to the Passion of Christ 6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy with Anointing
Thurs., March 24	Holy Thursday 6:30 pm Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
Fri., March 25	Good Friday & Annunciation 3:00 pm Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom; Procession; Veneration of the Holy Shroud
Sat., March 26	Holy Saturday 2:00 pm Easter Basket Blessing in the Parking Lot 4:00 pm Vespers Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 6:00 pm Easter Basket Blessing by the Shrine
Sun., March 27	Pascha: The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord 8:00 Resurrection Matins 9:00 Easter Divine Liturgy 11:30 Easter Divine Liturgy

Flowery (Palm) Sunday

First Antiphon

I have loved the Lord,* for He has heard the voice of my supplication.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, Savior, save us.*

Since He has inclined His ear to me,* I will call upon Him in all my hope.
Through the prayers of the Mother of God, Savior, save us.*

The chains of death have surrounded me;*
and the terrors of the grave have overtaken me.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, Savior, save us.*

I was filled with distress and sorrow* until I called upon the name of the Lord.
*Through the prayers of the Mother of God, * Savior, save us.*

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Third Antiphon

Praise the Lord for He is good; His mercy endures forever.

O Christ-God, before Your passion You raised Lazarus from the dead* as a sign of the resurrection of all. * Therefore, we carry victory banners like the children * and cry out to You: “Hosanna in the highest! * Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”

Let the people of Israel say that He is good: His mercy endures forever.

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Entrance Hymn

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;
we bless You from the house of the Lord.

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Hymn to the Mother of God

Extol, my soul, the Lord seated on the donkeys colt. God is Lord and has appeared to us. * Come, let us celebrate this feast with joy. * With flowers and palm branches * let us magnifying Christ; and as we raise our voices, let us sing: * Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, our Savior.

Flowery Sunday:

The Feast of the Entrance into Jerusalem

On the Sunday before the Feast of Great and Holy Pascha and at the beginning of Holy Week, the Church celebrates one of its most joyous feasts of the year. Flowery (Palm) Sunday is the commemoration of the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem following His glorious miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead. Having anticipated His arrival and having heard of the miracle, the people went out to meet the Lord and

welcomed Him with displays of honor and shouts of praise. On this day, we receive

and worship Christ in this same manner, acknowledging Him as our King and Lord.

The Mystery of Holy Anointing

On the evening of Great and Holy Wednesday, the Mystery (Sacrament) of Holy Anointing is conducted in Eastern churches. The Mystery of Holy Anointing is offered for the healing of soul and body and for forgiveness of sins. The body is anointed

with oil, and the grace of God, which heals infirmities of soul and body, is called down upon each person. This Mystery will be celebrated during the Preseanctified Liturgy on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

Feast of the Annunciation

This year the feast of the Annunciation happens to fall on Good Friday, March 25th. You may have noticed that there are envelopes dated for March 16 for the Annunciation. **THIS IS A MISTAKE.** The feast of the Annunciation will be observed on March 25th as always.

This year, however, we have a “Dou-

ble Feast” since we celebrate both the Annunciation and Good Friday. While we normally do not celebrate a Divine Liturgy on Good Friday, the feast of the Annunciation is so important that a Divine Liturgy is celebrated. Books will be available for the special Annunciation/Good Friday service this year.

Congratulations

Congratulations and Best Wishes to **Alec Paul Bookin** and **Cole Jonah Bookin**, along with their parents Robert and Ellen, on the occasion of their initiation into the flock of Jesus Christ during the 11:30

Divine Liturgy today. Alec and Cole, welcome into our Parish Family. May God grant you Many Happy and Blessed Years! Mnohaya Leeta!

Come Home For Pascha!

We all know family members, friends, neighbors, co-workers, or school friends, who are Catholic and no longer attend the Divine Liturgy. Pascha is a great time to invite them to come home to the Church. Think about it, pray about it, and invite

someone to come to Church with you during Holy Week and Pascha. There is always a chance that you will be rejected or your invitation will fall on deaf ears. Just remember that Jesus experienced the same kind of reception and He did not give up.

So if your invitation receives no response or a negative one, just wait a few weeks and ask again. In the meantime, pray for that person, but don't give up on them no

matter how long it takes. It is hard to persevere and it is hard to be rejected, but just be patient and kind and trust in the Lord.

Say Hello ...

If you see someone in church that you do not know – stop and say hello and welcome them to St. Cyril's. Your friendly greeting will help them to decide to make St. Cyril's their spiritual home. Also if

you see someone who may be unfamiliar with the services offer to give them a hand. Make sure you introduce newcomers to Fr. Nestor. Don't be shy!

Congratulations to Our Archbishop

This past Thursday, March 17, 2016, the Clergy of our Archeparchy gathered in Philadelphia to celebrate the 15th Anniversary of the instalation of the Most Rev. Stefan Soroka as the Archbishop of the Archeparchy of Philadelphia and the Metropolitan for the Province of the United States. The festivities began with

a Moleben to the Mother of God, where the Most Rev. John Bura, Auxiliary Bishop of Philadelphia, gave the Homily. Following the Moleben a reception in honor of our Archbishop Stefan was held in the Cathedral Hall. May Our Lord grant to our Archbishop Stefan Many Happy and Blessed Years! Mnohaya Leeta!

Our Condolences

Please remember in your prayers the soul of + Father Paul Labinsky, who fell asleep in the Lord on his 95th birthday on Thursday, March 17, 2016. + Father Paul served several parishes in our Archeparchy. + Father Paul will be buried from St. Michael's

Church in Cherry Hill, NJ, tomorrow (March 21st). May Our Lord grant the + Priest Paul rest in the bosom of Abraham, may he be numbered among the saints and may his memory be eternal! Vichnaya Pamyat!

Cemetery Cleanup

Easter is quickly approaching (March 27) and it is time to remove the Christmas Decorations from the Cemetery. If you fail

to do so, the Cemetery Maintance crew will have to do so.

Food and Clothing Drive

Our Parish's Food and Clothing Drive Project for 2016 was very successful. The Food Pantry of Jessup and United Neighborhood of Scranton were very thankful and so appreciative for our generous donations of food and clothing. Thank you for your outstanding help and donations.

On March 9, 2016, a truck load of food was delivered to the Jessup Food Pantry at St. Michael's Church, 316 First Ave., Jessup, in the old Convent building. The Jessup Bread Basket of NEPA for the Mid-Valley area and The Emergency Food Assistance

Program (TEFAP). Food can be donated every Wednesday from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. all year round at the Jessup Food Pantry.

On March 7, 2016, five (5) car/SUV loads and 1 truck load of Clothes were delivered to the United Neighborhood Centers (UNC) of Northeastern Penna. 410 Olive Street, Scranton, Pa. 570-343-8835. They accept clothes, household items every day from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. throughout the year at the UNC. The clothing was delivered by John Turko, Paul Mohila, Lauren Telep, Victor Minajew and Randy Conti.

St. Cyril's Rummage Sale 2016

The Grade school is in the process of being sold. We still have the time and plan to have our 6th annual fundraiser Rummage Sale in September 2016 in the school gym. Last year, we reached a profit of \$16,000.00 which was far beyond our expectations. In summary, furniture was the largest area of interest along with antiques and new items. We will gladly accept the items, with our discretion (mainly furniture) anytime over the next 6 months from estate sales, moving, re-decoration or downsizing a home. We can store the furniture (in good condition for re-sale) in the school gym. (no TV's, no old computers, no baby cribs, no mattresses, because they don't sell, and then we are responsible for getting them to the recycle area or garbage) Contact Lauren

Telep at 570-383-0319 or Father Nestor at 570-489-2271 for additional information. As stated in the past years, other donated items (no clothes or shoes) will be accepted 4-6 weeks before the sale in September 2016.

The 2015 Rummage Sale Raffle had over 70+ gift baskets. We still have 3 winners that did not claim their gifts. Sherry Pateliuski (\$15.00 gift certificate for UNO Pizzeria & Grill), Ann Griffiths (Bottle of Cheer: Grey Goose) and Dawn Kneller (Christmas Angel Cookie Jar. If you know these "winners" please have them contact The Rectory at 570-489-2271 to claim their raffle prize. Otherwise they will be considered donations to this year's Rummage Sale.

Parish Meeting

There will be a Parish Meeting on Saturday, April 2, 2016 following the 4:00 Divine Liturgy. It is hoped that more people will be able to attend the meeting at this time. Among the topics of this meeting will be an

update on the sale of the Parish School, future plans for the New Hall (kindergarten building), and a possible Pilgrimage on the occasion of the Year of Mercy. All are invited to attend.

Homemade Pyrohy Sale

St. Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Parish is sponsoring an early spring sale of their popular potato-cheese pierogies on Saturday, April 2, 2016 from 2:00 to 6:00pm in the Parish Center, 428 North Seventh Av-

enue, Scranton. These are freshly made that day and are not frozen. Cost is \$7.00 per dozen. Orders must be placed no later than Easter Monday, March 28 and are being taken by Leslie Izak at 570 342-3749.

Night at the Races

“Night at the Races” sponsored by the Eureka Hose Co. No. 4 and the Olyphant Girls Softball Association will be held on Saturday, April 16th at the Fire Station, 717 E. Grant St. in Olyphant.

Doors open at 5:30 pm with races at

7:00 pm. \$15 tickets include buffet and refreshments. Baskets and raffles for sale. Adults only. For tickets contact Jody at 570-487-1404 or John at 570-383-1406. Seating is limited.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of March 2016 is Team #3: Helen

Pagnotti, Marlene Zelno, Dorothy Zinsky and Cheryl Matuszewski.

Sunday Collection for March 12 & 13, 2016: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for March 26 & 27, 2016

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Chylak -- Joseph Chylak	Pat Marcinko
9:00 am	John Nasevich -- Michael Roberts	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	David Slachtish -- Samuel Sczesniak	Frank Lesnefsky

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Accompanying Christ

Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. Today He returns from Bethany and proceeds of His own free will toward His holy and blessed passion, to consummate the mystery of our salvation. He who came down from heaven to raise us from the depths of sin, to raise us with Himself, we are told in Scripture, above every sovereignty, authority and power, and every other name that can be named, now comes of His own free will to make His journey to Jerusalem.

Let us run to accompany Him as He hastens toward His passion, and imitate those who met Him then, not by covering His path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before Him by being humble and by trying to live as He would wish. Then we shall be able to receive the Word at His coming, and God, whom no limits can contain, will be within us.

In His humility Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world and He is glad that He became so humble for our sake, glad that He came and lived among us and shared in our nature in order to raise

us up again to Himself. And even though we are told that He has now ascended above the highest heavens – the proof, surely, of His power and godhead – His love for man will never rest until He has raised our earthbound nature from glory to glory, and made it one with His own in heaven.

So let us spread before His feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in His grace, or rather, clothed completely in Him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before Him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of His victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children's holy song: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the king of Israel.

St. Andrew of Crete

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