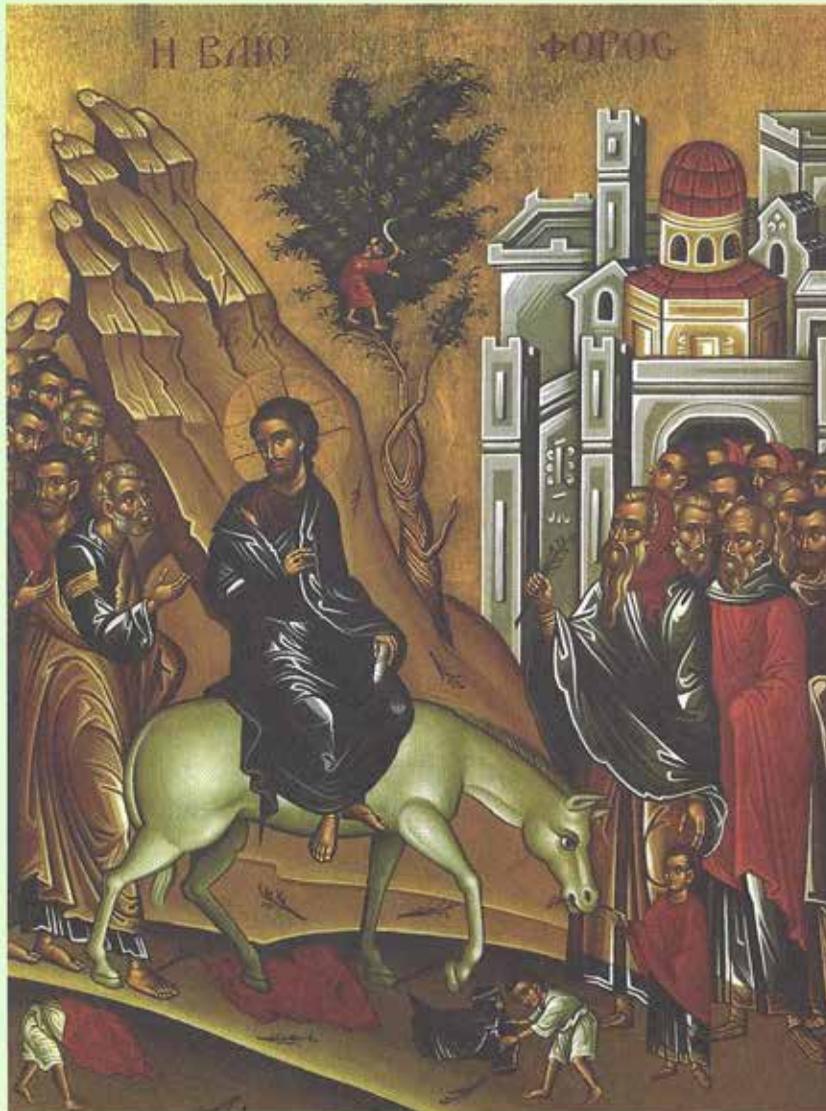


ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM  
(PALM SUNDAY)



*Icon of the Entrance into Jerusalem*

## April 9, 2017: Flowery (Palm) Sunday

Epistle: Phil. 4: 4-9

Gospel: Jn. 12: 1-18

**Mon., April 10**

**No Services Today**

**Tues., April 11**

**No Services Today**

**Wed., April 12**

6:30 pm Presanctified Liturgy with Holy Anointing

**Thurs. April 13**

**Holy Thursday**

6:30 Vespers, Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

**Fri. April 14**

**Good Friday**

3:00 pm Vespers, Procession, Veneration of the Holy Shroud

**Sat., April 15**

**Holy Saturday**

3:00 pm Easter Basket Blessing

5:00 pm Vespers, Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

***Please note the special time. IT IS FOR HOLY SATURDAY ONLY. Next Saturday we will resume the 4 pm Divine Liturgy.***

**Sun., April 16**

**Pascha: The Glorious Resurrection of Our Lord**

8:00 Procession and Resurrection Matins

9:00 Easter Divine Liturgy for Our Parishioners

11:30 Easter Divine Liturgy for Vocations

### 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.*

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.”

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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 Church celebrates one of its most of Great and Holy Pascha and at joyous feasts of the year. Flowery the beginning of Holy Week, the (Palm) Sunday is the commemora-

tion 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 Preseparated Liturgy on Wednesday at 6:30 pm.

## **Holy Week and Paschal Services**

Great & Holy Week and Paschal Services provide us with an opportunity to spiritually enter into the saving events of Christ's Passion, Death, and Resurrection. There are services offered throughout the

week. Without these services, our week will be "ordinary and secular". Don't do this to yourself. Make the week "Great and Holy" by making time for God!

## **Metropolitan Stefan's Great Fast Meditation for Palm Sunday**

Deafness and blindness are great personal tragedies, but deafness and blindness of the soul is more tragic. On Palm Sunday, Jerusalem

was blind and deaf. Its people did not recognize the true mission of Jesus. Many in the crowds wanted a revolutionary and conqueror who

would fulfill their expectations and help them realize their nationalistic hopes. Their souls were unmoved. In a few days, the crowds of people will change its heart and will call out for the crucifixion of Jesus. The disciples will flee and hide. Peter will deny Jesus three times. Imagine the loneliness felt by Jesus.

In each of our lives, there are Palm Sunday moments. Our Lord visits every soul. There are mo-

ments when we feel close to God. We feel Him touching our lives. We can hear Him. Regretfully, there are times when we are blind and deaf to God's visits. We are insensitive to His approaches. These are missed opportunities, personal tragedies. We find ourselves hiding within ourselves and within our day-to-day concerns, hesitant to risk ourselves to respond to Jesus Christ's presence and His inviting love.

### **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.

### **Setting Up Our Lord's Grave**

The "Set Up" of Our Lord's Grave will take place immediately after the services (approximately 8:30

pm) on Holy Thursday. Come and donate some time and talents in preparing our Lord's Grave.

## Good Friday Procession

We recommend that all children participate in the Good Friday Services and procession with the Holy Burial Shroud - Plaschanitsia. If attending, please meet in the school gym no later than 2:45 on Friday,

April 14. We encourage all children to take part in this beautiful and solemn service of Christ's burial. Also, voluntary adoration on Holy Saturday is recommended at your convenience.

## Marriage Preparation Workshop

The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church is pleased to present a marriage preparation workshop, "*Entering the Holy Mystery of Marriage*", to take place on **Saturday, April 29, 2017** with a follow up session on **Saturday, May 6, 2017**. The program focuses on various aspects of marriage, both spiritual and practical, and provides each person an opportunity for greater understanding of one's partner and a means to strengthen one's relationship.

In addition to various presentations and exercises, each couple will be given the opportunity to take the Catholic version of a premarital questionnaire called F.A.C.E.T. (Foundations Applied Conversation and Education Tool). The F.A.C.E.T. inventory provides participants with a computer-generated profile of unique couple is-

ues, challenges, strengths and realities to be discussed prior to marriage. The F.A.C.E.T. results for each couple involved will be presented to them by a Pastoral Counselor trained in the use of this tool in a subsequent 40 minute private session on May 6, 2017.

Each attending couple must commit to participating in all the sessions on April 29, 2017 as well as the 40 minute private meeting on May 6, 2017.

The workshop will be held at: Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church, 1204 Valley Road, Melrose Park, PA 19027

The total cost per couple will be \$160 which includes materials, lunch and refreshments. April 22, 2017 - Registration and payment due Date!!! No registration will be accepted after 4/22/ 2017.

## Sincere Request

On behalf of those who process our weekend collections, we sincerely ask of each and every one of you who use our weekly donation envelopes to make your offerings: PLEASE, DO NOT USE ANY TAPE, STICKERS, LABELS, OR ANY OTHER ADHESIVES TO SEAL YOUR ENVELOPES ON THE BACK, ESPECIALLY ON THE CENTER FLAP. There is already a small bit of safe, non-tox adhesive on the envelope flap - just moisten it and seal it. That's it.

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signed not only for your convenience, but also for ease of use for those who have to open it, that they can do so quickly and simply. When you add all the extra tape, stickers, labels, etc., on top of the center flap and other parts, you are slowing down the process and making it problematic for those who are volunteering their time to serve you, their fellow parishioners, by processing the church collections. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.

## Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of April 2017 is Team #4: Tom Matkosky, Ed Stecco, and Joe Smagula.

**Sunday Collection for April 1 & 2, 2017: \$**

## Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for April 15 & 16, 2017

	Altar Boys	Lectors
4:00 pm	Nicholas Muchisky -- Patrick Marcinko	John Sakson -- Pat Marcinko
9:00 am	Michael Roberts -- John Nasevich	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Samuel Szczesniak -- David Slachtish	Pat Marcinko

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### *Rejoice at His Coming!*

Let us say to Christ: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel.* Let us hold before Him like palm branches those final words inscribed above the cross. Let us show Him honor, not with olive branches but with the splendor of merciful deeds to one another. Let us spread the thoughts and desires of our hearts under His feet like garments, so that entering us with the whole of his being, He may draw the whole of our being into Himself and place the whole of His in us. Let us say to Zion in the words of the prophet: *Have courage, daughter of Zion, do not be afraid. Behold, your king comes to you, humble and mounted on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.* He is coming who is everywhere present and pervades all things; He is coming to achieve in you His work of universal salvation. He is coming who came to call to repentance not the righteous but sinners, coming to recall those who have strayed into sin. Do not be afraid, then: *God is in the midst of you, and you shall not be shaken.*

Receive Him with open, outstretched hands, for it was on His own hands that He sketched you. Receive

Him who laid your foundations on the palms of His hands. Receive Him, for He took upon Himself all that belongs to us except sin, to consume what is ours in what is His. Be glad, city of Zion, our mother, and fear not. *Celebrate your feasts.* Glorify Him for His mercy, who has come to us in you. Rejoice exceedingly, daughter of Jerusalem, sing and leap for joy. *Be enlightened, be enlightened,* we cry to you, as holy Isaiah trumpeted, for the light has come to you and the glory of the Lord has risen over you.

And what is this *glory of the Lord*? Clearly it is the cross on which Christ was glorified, He, the radiance of the Father's glory, even as He said when He faced His passion: *Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him, and will glorify him at once.* The glory of which He speaks here is His lifting up on the cross, for Christ's glory is His cross and His exultation upon it, as He plainly says: *When I have been lifted up, I will draw all men to myself.*

*St. Andrew of Crete*

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