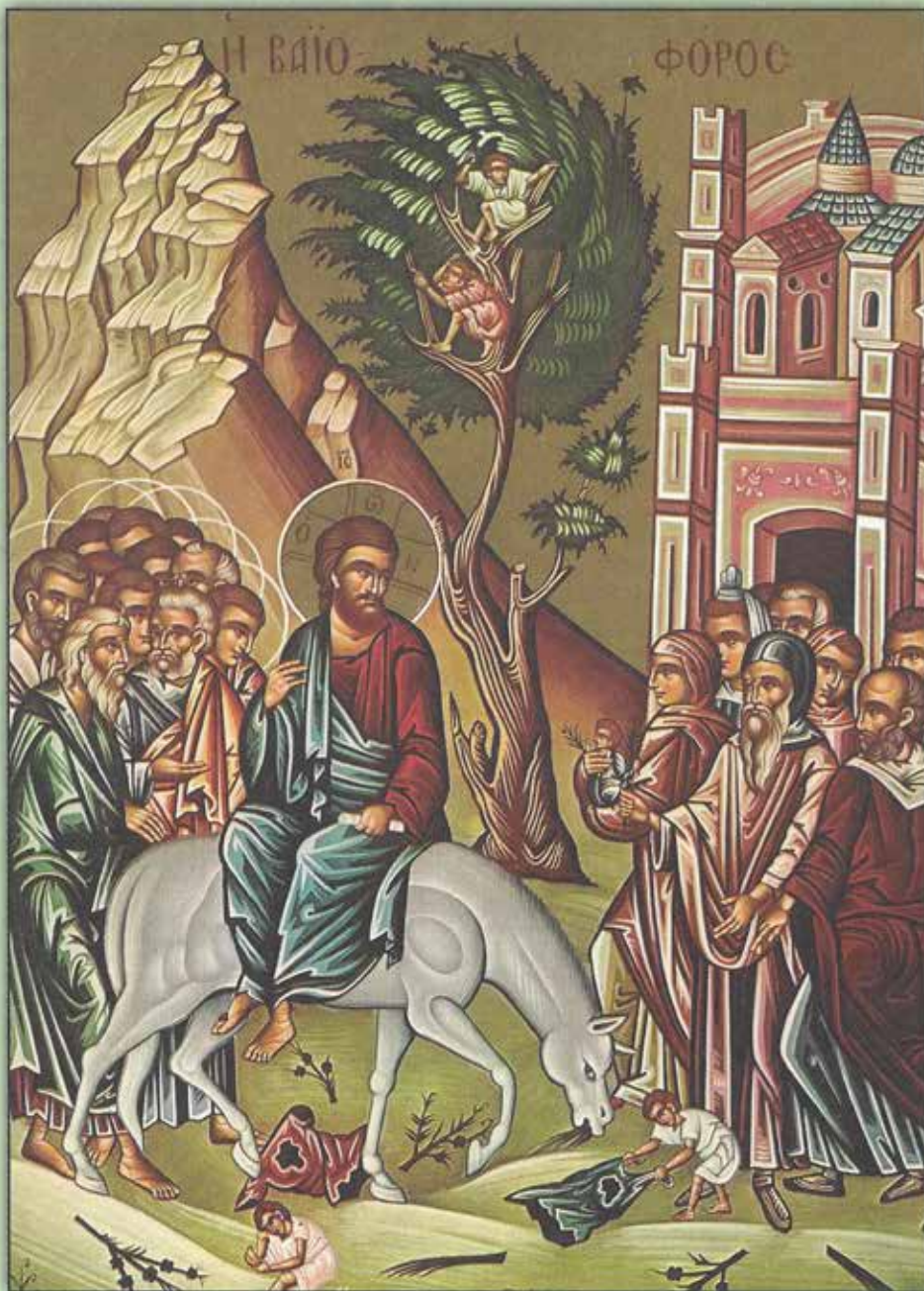


PALM SUNDAY -- FLOWERY SUNDAY



Icon of the Entrance into Jerusalem

April 14, 2019: Flowery (Palm) Sunday

Epistle: Phil. 4: 4-9

Gospel: Jn. 12: 1-18

Mon., April 15	8:00	Akathist to the Passion of Christ
Tues., April 16	10:00	Funeral: + Evelyn Trently
Wed., April 17	6:30	Pre-Sanctified Liturgy with Holy Anointing
Thurs., April 18	6:30	Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
Fri., April 19	3:00	Vespers, Procession, Veneration of the Holy Shroud
Sat., April 20		No Morning Divine Liturgy or Confessions today. 5:00 pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great <i>Please note this special time. Next week we will resume having the Divine Liturgy at 4:00 pm.</i>
Sun., April 21	8:00	Resurrection Matins
	9:00	Divine Liturgy for Easter
	11:30	Divine Liturgy for Easter

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.

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 Presanctified 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 through-

out 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!

Meditation for Flowery (Palm) Sunday

Have you ever felt alone even when surrounded by people? You feel that no one really knows you for the person you really are. Jesus knows how you feel. The Flowery Sunday Gospel story tells of one such occasion in the life of Jesus. Jesus knew the crowds singing 'hosanna' was hollow. They had hoped that Jesus would deliver them from political domination by Rome. Jesus had not come to give them political freedom. He had come to give them something more. He had come to Jerusalem during the Passover to be their sacrificial lamb. He had come to give them eternal life with God. Even the disciples did not comprehend the significance of that ride into Jerusalem. No one seemed to be aware that Jesus had come to Jerusalem to die. He would not set up an earthly kingdom, but he would establish a spiritual kingdom

by sacrificing himself. How lonely Jesus must have felt. Jesus carried the weight of loneliness. Jesus survived Flowery Sunday because he had hope and faith in his heavenly Father. Next time you feel alone or think that no one really understands your secret thoughts, take heart. Someone does know how you feel. He is waiting for you in the calm lonely eye of the stormy crowd. He went through his Flowery Sunday experience alone, so that you will not have to go through yours the same way. Even when those around you will not, or cannot understand you, God does! Reach out to Jesus Christ this Holy Week in special prayer, meditation and through Holy Confession. You will come to know Him more personally in His resurrection on Easter Sunday! A Blessed Holy Week!

Easter is Around the Corner!

Easter is NEXT SUNDAY, April 21, 2019 and we will need volunteers to decorate. Setting up the Lord's Grave and decorat-

ing it will take place this Holy Thursday (April 18th) following the Vespers Divine Liturgy at 6:30 pm.

Successful Community Project 2019

We "Paid it Forward" with a clothing drive for our Community Project 2019 at Saint Cyrils. It was our way of thanking the community for their support for our fundraisers, rummage sale, fish dinners, raffle and donations. On Monday, April 8, 2019 we deliv-

ered 2 truckloads and 4 carloads of clothes to "United Neighborhood Center" (UNC) on Olive Street, Scranton. We thank all the parishioners who donated their clothes. Special thanks to all who delivered the clothes to UNC: Bob and Marlene Zelno, Steve Cucurra, Paul Mo-

hila, John Turko, Ron Bartofsky, Michelene Davis, Glenda Marcinko, Father Nestor, and Lauren Telep.

The food we collected for the Community Project 2019 was delivered to the Jessup Bread Basket of NEPA on First Avenue in Jessup. Two cars trunks loaded with food were

dropped off on Wednesday, April 10th by Michelene Davis and Lauren Telep. Beverly Lepri from the Jessup Food Pantry will accept donations on any Wednesday. Thank you to all the parishioners who donated so generosity to this project.

Supporting the Parish Financially

Just a reminder to all those who have no envelopes, to get and use them regularly. Those who pay ONLY their annual dues but do not have and do not use envelopes, are not truly supporting the parish financially as they should. Contact the rectory to request envelopes. Long gone are the days, when \$1.00 in the Church envelope per week, (\$52.00 per year)* was adequate. Times have changed. We understand that there are parishioners on limited income. But for the others, this is 2019 and for the welfare of our church, you need your

support in order that we may be able to proceed with necessary repairs and expenses without any assessments. The average collection per week is approximately \$2,300.00 or \$119,600.00 per year. WE do have big expenses: gas, water, electricity, insurance, labor etc.... the cost of everything in the home has risen; so therefore the Church is no exception. This is our Church that we are all so proud of, and we need your additional support, financially. Basically, the parish dues are \$25.00 a year/person.

Sale of Soup Report

A special THANK YOU goes out to Mary Ann Spryn and Jule Harris for organizing and selling all of the Vegetable Soup and

the Clam Chowder. Also, thank you to all who supported this fund raiser by purchasing the soup or making donations.

Revenue:

153 Quarts x \$8.00.....\$1,224.00

Tips and Donations.....253.15

Total Revenue:.....\$1,477.15

Expenses:

Cost of Sales:.....374.85

Net Profit from Soup Sales:\$1,102.30

Pysanka Workshop

Our Pysanky Classes this year were a great success. We had 75 participants and made \$1,025. Thank you to Michaelene Davis, Glenda Marcinko and Sonia Maslar for their help. A special thank you to Tammy Budnovitch for organizing and running this event.

Total Income:.....\$1,300.00
Expenses:\$275.00
Profit:\$1,025.00

Books Appétit

Valley Community Library will hold its annual “Books Appétit” fundraiser Thursday, May 2, 2019, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Wine-tasting by Case Quattro Winery, with bottles available for sale. The \$25 tickets (cash or check only), includes food from local restaurants and markets, and free wine or beer. Dozens of raffle baskets. Guests are encouraged to bring new socks or

toiletries to donate to the Gino Merli Veterans Center. Books Appétit is a 2019 NEPA Match Day event, for which the Scranton Area Community Foundation will match fundraising up to \$1,000. Valley Community Library is at 739 River Street, Peckville. Phone 570-489-1765. www.lclshome.org/valley.

Easter Dinner - Sviachene

Father Myron Myronyuk and his Parish Family of Scranton’s Saint Vladimir Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church will conduct their annual Easter Dinner “Sviachene” celebration on Sunday, May 5, 2019, beginning at 12:15pm in the Parish Center at 428 North Seventh Avenue. Dinner will consist of Ukrainian borshch, ham, kobasa, red horseradish, holubchy, potato salad, rye bread, rolls, dessert and beverages. Takeouts available by advance order - must be picked up promptly between 11:30am and no later than 12 noon.

Musical entertainment by the delight-

ful Ihor and Regina Duo. A theme basket and 50/50 raffle will be available along with a drawing for an attractive Ukrainian tablecloth.

Admission: \$15.00 adults; \$8.00 students; age 5 and under free.

Advance reservations only - no tickets at the door. For reservations contact Maria Black at 570 503-1514. Deadline is Monday, April 29.

Everyone is invited to our welcoming church and at our table!

Inauguration of the Ministry of Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak

- Tuesday, June 4, 2019: Enthronement
- 11:00 am Hierarchical Divine Liturgy presided by His Beatitude Sviatoslav and Enthronement.
- 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm Reception for all on the Cathedral grounds. After the Divine Liturgy, the bishops are invited to spend time with the faithful.
- 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm Artistic/concert program
- 6:00 pm Hierarchical Vespers

Bishop Andriy has issued a letter asking for funds in order to help defray the cost of this great Celebration. A copy of this

letter can be found in back of the Church. Everyone is invited to please take a copy and read this letter.

An Invitation to Parish Singers/Choir Member

Stephen Szyszka has been asked to organize an Archieparchial Choir to sing at the Hierarchical Enthronement Liturgy of Metropolitan Archbishop Borys Gudziak. He is extending an invitation to

all Parish Singers and Choir Members to participate in this Archieparchial Choir. If you are interested in participating in this Choir, please respond directly to him at stephen.l.szyszka@gmail.com.

Collection Processing Team...

The Collection Processing Team for the month of March 2019 is Team #4: Joseph

Smagula and Ron Barkofsky.

Sunday Collection for April 6 & 7, 2019: \$

Altar Boy and Lector Schedule for April 20 & 21, 2019

	Altar Boys	Lectors
5:00 pm	Nicholas Borowski -- Nicholas Muchisky -- Brett Lowe	Pat Marcinko -- John Sakson
9:00 am	Patrick Marcinko -- Cole Marcinko -- Brennin Marcinko	Pat Marcinko
11:30 am	Jordan Radle -- Thomas Radle -- Brian Radle -- Samuel Szczesniak	Frank Lesnefsky

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Palm Sunday

The hymns and prayers celebrating Christ's glorious journey into the Holy City reflect both the joy and the concern about what shall in short time occur in this City.

The introductory Vespers' hymn expresses these sentiments in these words: "Today the grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us together, and we all take up Your Cross and say; Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest!" The Palm Sunday exclamation, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord" is repeated over and over and we know that it was also taken into the Liturgy's solemn hymn, "Holy, holy, holy ..."

A Palm Sunday liturgical text beautifully expresses the full dimensions of this greeting when it says, "Blessed are You, You have come and are

coming again in the name of the Lord God our Savior!" The serene sunshine of the Palm Sunday could not last long. Evening is approaching of the first day of the Holy Week. Jesus' enemies were not idle; they gather and debate how to stop any similar demonstration. He should be arrested.

The Church reminds us of this change: "As we pass from one Divine Feast to another, O faithful, let us go with haste to the reverent and saving celebration of Christ's sufferings. Let us behold Him undergo voluntary suffering for our sake, and let us sing to Him with thankfulness a fitting hymn: O Fountain of tender mercy and Haven of salvation. Lord, glory be to You!" The Great, Holy Week of Christ's Passion began.

Father Vladimir Vancik