

# THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM PALM SUNDAY



*Icon of the Entrance into Jerusalem*

<b>April 10, 2022: Flowery (Palm) Sunday</b>		
Epistle: Phil. 4: 4-9		Gospel: Jn. 12: 1-18
<b>Mon., April 11</b>	6:00	Presanctified Liturgy with Anointing Service
<b>Tues., April 12</b>	<b>No Services Today.</b>	
<b>Wed., April 13</b>	6:00	Stations
<b>Thurs., April 14</b>	<b>Holy Thursday</b>	
	6:00	Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
<b>Fri., April 15</b>	<b>Holy and Good Friday</b>	
	3:00	Vespers, Procession, Veneration of the Holy Shroud
<b>Sat., April 16</b>	<b>Holy Saturday</b>	
	3:00	Easter Basket Blessing
	5:00 pm	Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great <i>This is an Easter Divine Liturgy</i>
<b>Sun., April 17</b>	<b>Resurrection of Our Lord: Pascha</b>	
	10:30	Resurrection Service and 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.

## **PRAYER FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE**

Heavenly Father, Your Son taught us “Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called the sons of God.” We fervently pray in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, that you inspire men to become peacemakers. May mankind seek reconciliation and peace as is Your Will in this world. May tranquility be restored to all nations and especially Ukraine.

God, Our Father, we beseech

You to comfort the suffering, heal the wounded, and accept the souls of the dearly departed into Your heavenly kingdom. May the Most Holy Mother of God extend Her Mantle of Protection over Ukraine and the whole world. May each of us always live our lives as instruments of Your peace, in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## **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!

## **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 MONDAY at 6:00 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!

## **PRAYER SERVICE FOR UKRAINE**

Everyone is invited to a Prayer Service for Ukraine at St. Vladimir’s Ukrainian Catholic Church, Scranton, PA, today,

Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm. All are welcome.

## **THE EASTER BASKET**

Ukrainians traditionally blessed foods of eggs, butter, bread, salt, horseradish, ham, kielbasa, lamb, cheese and wine for Easter. This makes up the first meal after the strict fasting of Great Lent. The head of the household brings the basket of food to the church for the blessing. After the Easter Liturgy, the father takes the foods home. He takes a piece of blessed egg saying, “Christ is risen!” and all reply, “Indeed, He is risen!”.

Each food holds a special symbolism. The egg is a sign of hope and resurrection. The butter, shaped into the form of a lamb, represents Christ, the innocent victim. By the lamb’s blood, the Israelites were saved. By Jesus’s

blood, all men are saved. The round bread with a braided cross on top represents Christ, our earthly and heavenly food. The salt represents the truth of His message. The horseradish is the bitter herb representing Christ’s

bitter passion. The blessing of the ham celebrates the breaking of the old law that forbade certain meats. But kielbasa formed into links, reminds us of the chains of death that Christ broke. The cheese celebrates the ending of the great Lenten Fast. Wine, the drink of the Passover and the Last Supper, is blessed. Its drinking gladdens our hearts like the joys of the resurrection.

The Ukrainian Pysanka is an ancient tradition. It is a raw egg, richly decorated with symbolic patterns, that is never eaten. After receiving the Easter blessing, Pysanky are considered talisman protecting against lightning and fire. The eggs are exchanged with one another as a token of love and friendship. Symbols of little fish, crosses and ladders express religious meanings. The fish and eight pointed star represent Christ. The ladder suggests prayer. Tiny dots represent tiny tears Mary shed witnessing her Son’s death. Krashanky, on the other hand, are

the hard-boiled eggs brilliantly colored that are eaten at the Easter meal.

## **THE LEGEND OF THE PUSSY WILLOWS**

According to an old legend, a mother cat was crying at the bank of the river in which her kittens were drowning.

The willows at the river's edge longed to help her, so they swept their long graceful branches into the water to rescue the tiny kittens who had fallen

into the river while chasing butterflies.

The kittens gripped on tightly to their branches and were safely brought to shore. Each springtime since, goes the legend, the willow branches sprout tiny fur-like buds at their tips where the tiny kittens once clung.

## **LENTEN FOOD SALE**

This year's menu has some additional delicious options: pizza from Roseanna's and pierogy from Little Spuds. Soups prepared by the chef of Bistro on the Hudson restaurant. BellaRose Food Truck will be offering several menu items. The flyer is attached to the bulletin. Due to the prohibitive

cost of postage, we will not be mailing the flyers, but are asking everyone to help distribute them. Please take some flyers to give to neighbors, take some to your workplace, your beautician's shop, dentist's/doctor's office, etc. With everyone's help, we can make this a very successful fundraiser.

## **SPRING FLOWER FUNDRAISER**

Our Parish will, once again, be holding an Easter/Spring Flower Fundraiser in partnership with Jerry's For All Seasons.

For Easter, choose from tulips, hyacinths, or daffodils for \$10.00 each; and lilies for \$12.00 each. These are florist quality six-inch pots. Orders for Easter flowers must be received by Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> and can be picked up on April 13<sup>th</sup> at the Church Hall on 207

River Street between 4:00 and 6:00.

Mother's Day/Spring hanging baskets are priced at \$20:00 each. Orders for these must be received by April. These will be voucher purchases. You will be able to choose your own plant at Jerry's For All Seasons between May 1<sup>st</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup>. Orders for the hanging baskets must be received by Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Order forms can be found in the



vestibule. Please take a few to distribute to neighbors, friends, workplace, etc. If you have any questions, please call

Julie (570) 357-6171, Michaelene (570) 209-2026, or Mary Ann (570) 489-4648.

## **MARRIAGE PREPARATION WORKSHOP**

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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2022 with a follow up session on Saturday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022. 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 issues, 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 April 21, 2018.

Each attending couple must commit to participating in all the sessions on April 30, 2022 as well as the 40 minute private meeting on May 14, 2022.

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 \$170 which includes materials, lunch and refreshments. April 23, 2022 - Registration and payment due Date!!! No registration will be accepted after April 23, 2022.

## **COLLECTION PROCESSING TEAM...**

The Collection Processing Team for the month of April 2022 is Team #4:

Ron Barkofsky and Joe Smagula.

**Sunday Collection for April 2 & 3, 2022: \$**

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### ***Misplaced Expectations***

A young boy returned from his first major league baseball game very disappointed. Even though his favorite team won the game, the young boy said to his grandfather, "I'll never go to another game again!" "Why not," his grandfather asked, "your team won the game -why are you disappointed?" The boy answered, "I wanted my favorite player to hit a home run to where I was sitting and I wanted to catch the ball and I wanted to get it autographed after the game!" "I've been hoping for that all my life, too," said his grandfather with a smile.

Quite often, the disappointment that we feel towards a person or about a situation or circumstance is due to the fact that our expectations of that person or about that situation are misplaced, misguided, or misunderstood. We see an example of this in today's Gospel reading about our

Lord's entrance into Jerusalem.

Many of the same people who enthusiastically greeted Jesus when He entered into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday would just as passionately demand His crucifixion only a few days later. Why? It is because their expectations of Him were misplaced. That is, many people presumed that the long-awaited Messiah would be a great military leader or a political revolutionary who would lead them out of Roman subjugation and into independence. They did not consider the possibility of a Messiah who would conquer not armies, but death itself.

What do we expect from God? Like the little boy at the baseball game, are we disappointed when we don't get what we want? Let us recall that the Lord knows what we need even before we ask or are aware of it!