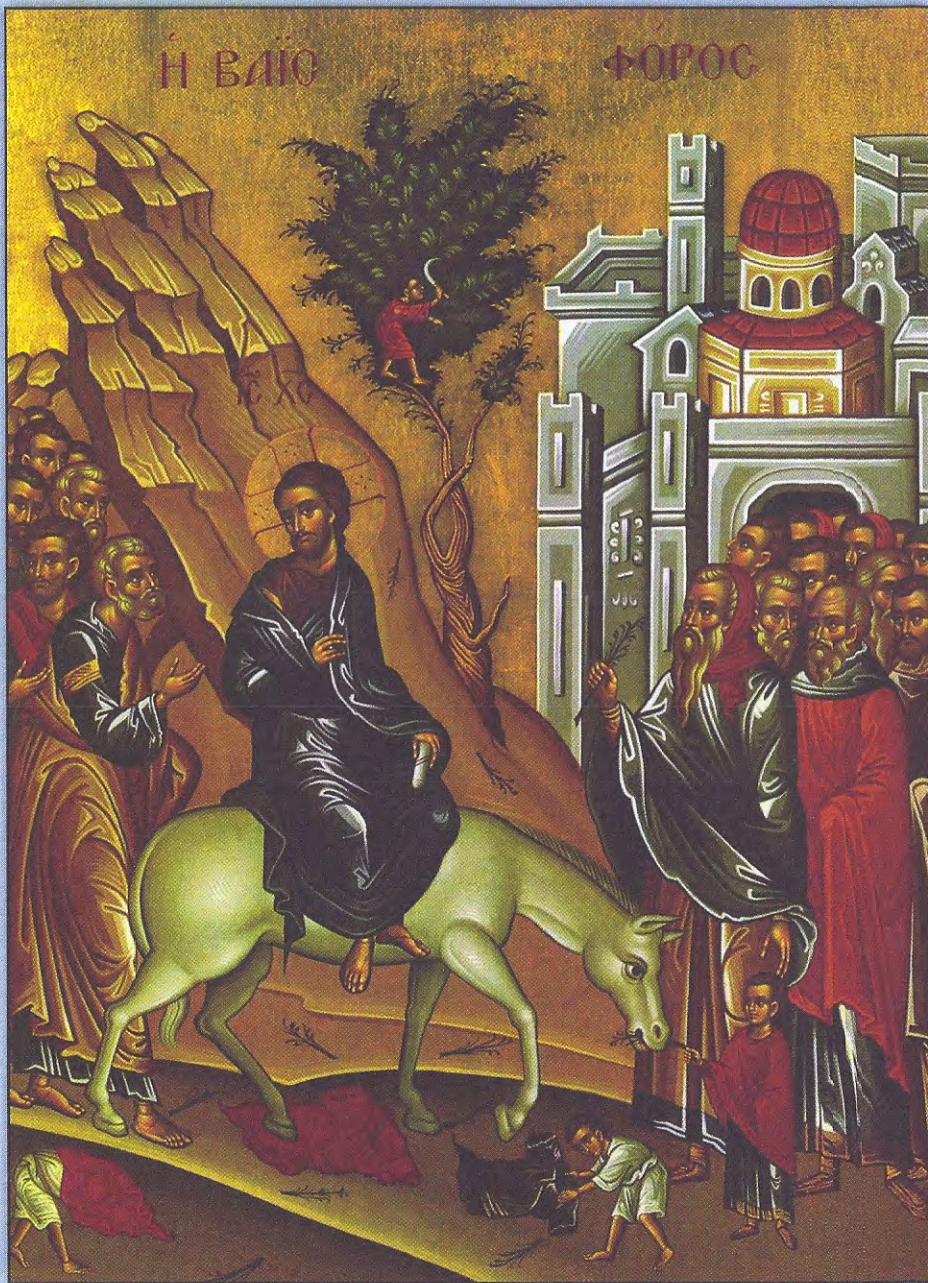


PALM SUNDAY



Icon of the Entrance into Jerusalem



March 24, 2013

FLOWERY SUNDAY; PREFEAST OF ANNUNCIATION
OUR VENERABLE FATHER ZECHARIAH;
OUR HOLY FATHER ARTEMON, BISHOP OF SELEUCIA IN PISIDIA

FESTAL TONE

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR GREAT AND HOLY WEEK, MARCH 25 – MARCH 31

MONDAY, MARCH 25 - ANNUNCIATION OF OUR MOST HOLY LADY, THE MOTHER OF GOD AND EVER-VIRGIN MARY (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)

9:30 AM – Divine Liturgy

TUESDAY, MARCH 26 – LEAVETAKING OF THE ANNUNCIATION; GREAT AND HOLY TUESDAY; SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL GABRIEL SYNAXIS OF THE HOLY ARCHANGEL GABRIEL

6:30 PM – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27 – GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY; OUR VENERABLE MOTHER MATRONA OF THESSALONICA

9:30 AM – Holy Mystery of Anointing

6:30 PM – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts & Holy Mystery of Anointing followed by the Holy Mystery of Repentance

THURSDAY, MARCH 28 – GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY; OUR VENERABLE FATHER HILARION THE NEW; OUR VENERABLE FATHER STEPHEN THE WONDERWORKER

9:30 AM – Matins of Betrayal

6:30 PM – Vespertal Divine Liturgy of St Basil followed by the Holy Mystery of Repentance

FRIDAY, MARCH 29 – GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY; OUR VENERABLE FATHER MARK, BISHOP OF ARETHUSA; CYRIL THE DEACON AND OTHERS WHO SUFFERED UNDER JULIAN THE APOSTATE

9:30 AM – Matins of the Passion (12 Gospels)

6:30 PM – Vespers of the Passion and Procession with the Shroud followed by the Holy Mystery of Repentance

SATURDAY, MARCH 30 – GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY; OUR VENERABLE FATHER JOHN CLIMACUS, AUTHOR OF “THE LADDER”

9:30 AM – Jerusalem Matins

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 – THE GLORIOUS FEAST OF PASCHA - THE RESURRECTION IN THE FLESH OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST

7:30 AM – Paschal Matins

9:30 AM – Paschal Divine Liturgy followed by Blessing of Baskets



Flower Collection

Special envelopes are available in the back of the church do help with the purchase of flowers for the Feast of Pascha.

PLEASE NOTE: On Sunday, April 7, we will have our annual parish Sviachenne meal.

NEW ALTAR VESTMENTS

Olga Fedunyak will be making a set of altar vestments for the Holy Table and the various furnishings in the front of the church. Envelopes are available if you would like to make a donation to help cover the cost of materials (\$450.00).

We hope to eventually have both a dark Lenten set and a bright set. Each would cost about \$450.00 for the material, not including the ornamentation. Would you like to help?

Sunday offering for March 17

Amount	Number
\$10.00	4
\$20.00	2
\$40.00	2
\$45.00	1
\$50.00	5
\$60.00	2
\$75.00	2
\$100.00	3
\$200.00	1
\$500.00	1
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\$1725.00	

Parishioner Total: 1725.00

Visitor Total: 50.00

Average / parish household (39): \$41.07

Weekly Stewardship Goal: \$2125.00

Shortfall: **-\$400.00**

Flowers: \$120.00

Altar Vestments: 100.00

TIPS FOR A BLESSED HOLY WEEK AND PASCHA

- Make participation at the Services a top priority.
- In our homes we should strive to “keep out the world” and enter into the peace, solemnity, and theology of the events of the last days of our Lord.
- Be sure to read the last chapters of the Holy Gospels that speak of the Passion, Death, Burial, and Resurrection of Christ.
- Last year’s pussy willows should be placed outside in an area to decay where they will not be disturbed. They are holy and should not be simply thrown out with the garbage.
- Before venerating Holy Objects, such as the Cross, the Chalice, Icons, or the Winding-Sheet, make sure to wipe off your lipstick or chapstick. Reminder: we do not kiss the face of our Lord, His Mother, or the Saints – instead kiss the hands or feet.
- If you haven’t yet made your Confession during Great Lent, there are several opportunities during Great and Holy Week or speak with Fr. James to arrange a time.
- Try to make amends with those we may be upset with or those who are upset with us, so that on Pascha we can joyfully sing, “Let us call brothers, even those that hate us, and forgive all by the Resurrection!” (Paschal Canon)
- Try to stay after the service on Pascha morning for the blessing of baskets. Let us share in the joy of the Lord’s Resurrection with fellowship and love.
- During Bright Week, let the joy of praising the Lord’s Resurrection accompany you throughout Bright Week, the Paschal season, and your whole life.

Don’t Wait Until It Is Too Late

Start arranging your schedule today so that you can be present for Holy Friday through Pascha. Absolutely no one should miss these services. Put God first: take off work and stand by the Cross of Christ.

The Mystery of Holy Anointing

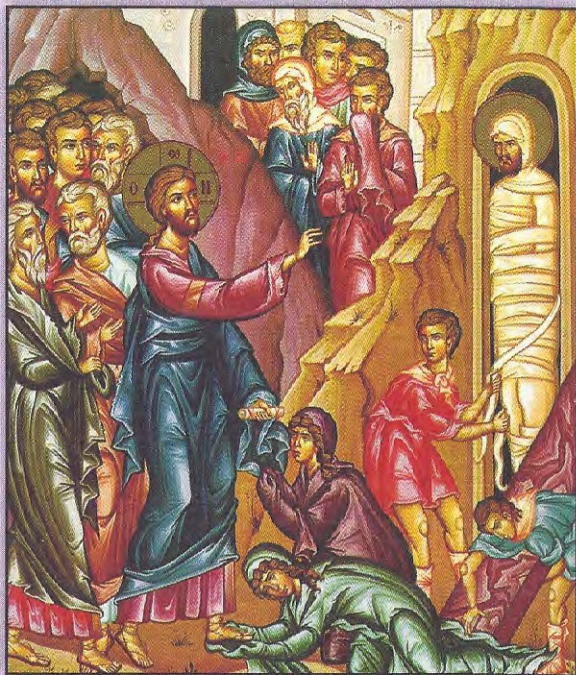
will be served on Great and Holy Wednesday, March 27th, at 9:30 in the morning **and** at 6:30 in the evening. The Church’s practice of anointing with holy oil for the healing of soul and body dates back to Apostolic times, when St. James wrote, “Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the presbyters (priests) of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.” (James 5:14) Those who wish to receive this Mystery should approach after having made a recent Confession.

THE GREAT WEEK THE HOLY DAYS OF OUR LORD'S PASSION

Lazarus Saturday

Taking pity on the tears of Martha and Mary, O Christ our God, you ordered the stone to be rolled away from the tomb; by your call, You raised the dead man and broke the bolts of Hades to establish our faith in the life-giving resurrection of all. Glory to your power, O Savior; glory to your sovereign majesty; glory to You, for by your word, You uphold the whole world.

O Fountain of wisdom and eternal knowledge, arriving at Bethany, You asked those who were with Martha: Where have you placed Lazarus, my friend? You wept tears of compassion over the one who had been dead four days; and, by your voice, You raised him, O Giver of life and compassionate Lord.



Palm Sunday

The Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem

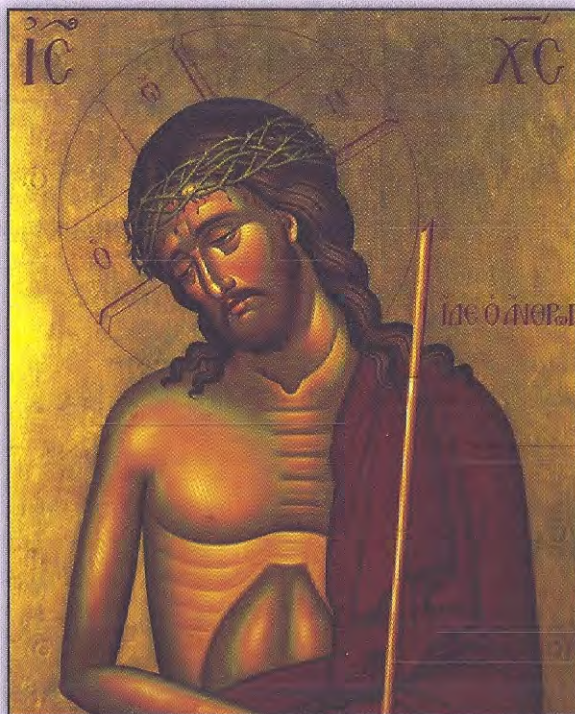
Carrying palms in spirit and with our souls purified, as the children of old, let us praise Christ in faith; and let us sing to Him with a full voice: Blessed are You, O Savior, who comes into this world to save Adam from the ancient curse, and who have willed to become the new spiritual Adam. O Word, You have fulfilled all things for our salvation, glory to You.

O peoples and nations, sing with one voice: The King of the angels comes, seated upon the colt of a donkey, to conquer the Enemy by the power of the Cross. The children carry palms and cry out to Him: Glory, victory and welcome; glory to You, O Christ our Savior; glory and praise to our only God!

Great and Holy Monday

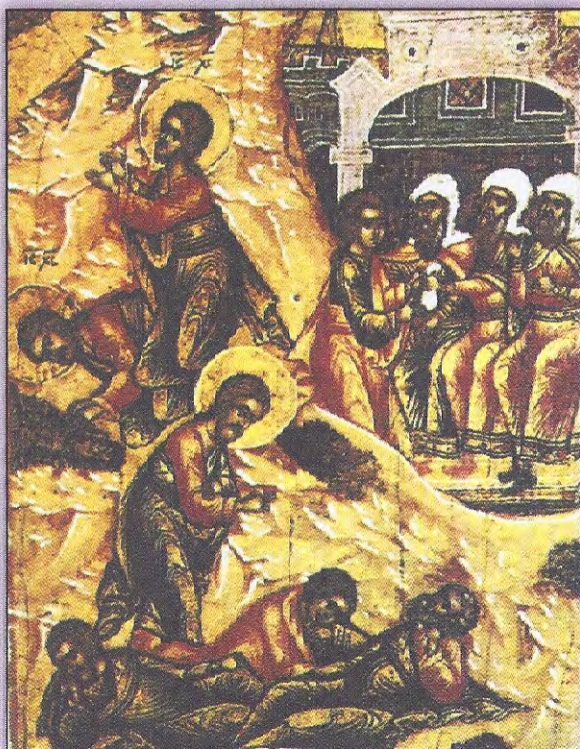
*Commemoration of the unproductive fig tree the Lord Jesus curses as He walks outside Jerusalem
(Mt 21:18)*

The coming day shines with the beginning of the Passion of the Lord. Come, let us celebrate this mystery; let us go meet Him with our hymns. For the Creator draws near to endure the Cross; led before Pilate, He submits to the questions, the whipping and the judgment; struck by a servant, He endures all to save the human race. Therefore, we cry out to Him: O Christ our God, the Lover of Humankind, grant the forgiveness of their sins to those who venerate your holy Passion with faith.



Great and Holy Tuesday

Commemoration of the Lord's parable of the Ten Wise Virgins (Mt 25:14)



The priests, scribes and the council of the impious have gathered against You, O God our Savior; through jealousy they persuaded Judas to betray You: he was not ashamed to go out and speak against You, saying to the lawless ones: What will you give me if I hand Him over to you? O Lord, spare our souls from such a condemnation.

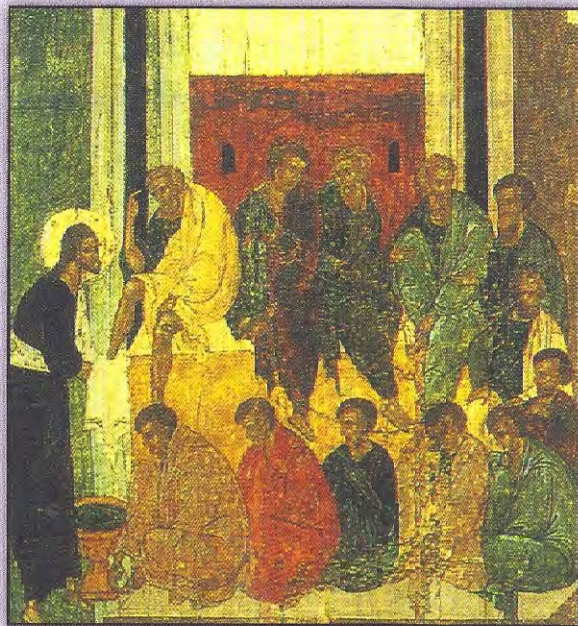
Impelled by his burning love of money, the impious Judas ponders and plots the betrayal of his Master. He falls from light into darkness; he sells the One who is beyond all price; and for the price of his betrayal, the miserable one meets death through hanging. Spare us this same destiny, O Christ our God, and grant the forgiveness of sins to those who with love praise your holy Passion.

Great and Holy Wednesday

Commemoration of the betrayal of our Lord by Judas, and the anointing of our Lord by Mary at Bethany

The harlot drew near to You, O God of goodness, to pour upon your feet the precious ointment along with her tears; at your command, she was delivered from the scourge of evil; but the ungrateful disciple who was filled with your grace, turned away from You and sunk into the mire by betraying You through his greed. Glory to your infinite mercy, O Christ.

With her sighs, the sinful woman cried out to You, O God of goodness, and as she fervently dried your most pure feet with her hair, she said from the depths of her heart: Do not scorn me, my God, nor cast me far from You; but accept my repentance, and in your goodness, save me.

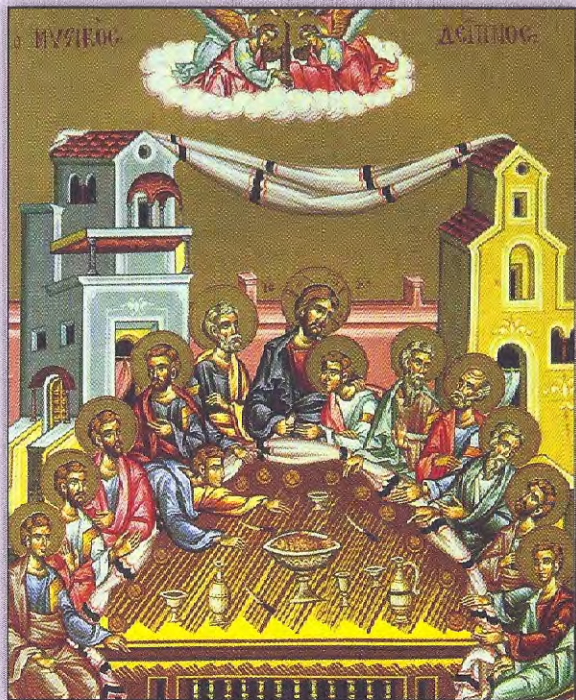


Great and Holy Thursday

Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, and the washing of the feet of the disciples by Jesus

He who made the lakes, the springs and the seas, shows us the greatest humility: He girds himself with a linen cloth and washes the feet of his disciples; in his infinite mercy, He lowers himself, and He draws us up from the abyss of evil, for He alone is the Lover of Humankind.

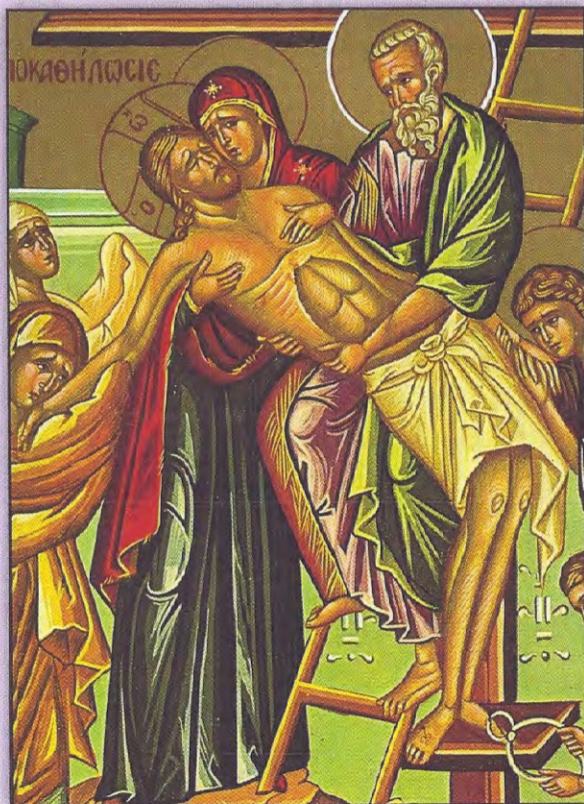
In your mercy, You humbled yourself and washed the feet of your disciples, thus preparing them to walk in the divine footsteps. Peter at first refused to be washed, but then obeyed your divine command; and while you were washing him, O Lord, he earnestly begged You to grant us your great mercy.



Great and Holy Friday
The Crucifixion, Death and Burial of Our Lord

O God, when You stood before Caiaphas and let yourself, O Judge, be delivered to Pilate, the heavenly powers trembled in fear. O sinless Lord, You were crucified between two thieves and numbered among the lawless ones. You did all this just to save humankind. O most kind Lord, glory to You.

You have redeemed us from the curse of the Law with your precious blood; nailed to the Cross and pierced with the lance, You have gushed forth immortality to all. O our Savior, glory to You.



Great and Holy Saturday
The Great and Holy Sabbath rest in the tomb
and the conquering of Hades

Joseph went to Pilate and begged for your body; he wrapped it in a pure linen cloth, anointed it with precious spices and placed it in a new tomb. Early in the morning, the holy myrrh-bearers cried out: O Christ, as You foretold, show us your Resurrection.

The soldiers guarding your tomb, O Savior, became as dead men at the lightening flash of the angel who appeared to announce your Resurrection to the women. We glorify You, for You have cleansed us from corruption. We fall down before You, for You rose from the tomb, our only God.

All text from Vesper Stichera of Holy Week, The Lenten Triodion, Sisters of Saint Basil, Uniontown, PA



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Blessed is He Who Comes in the Name of the Lord

When Jesus entered Jerusalem like a triumphant conqueror, many were astonished at the majesty. But when a short while afterward he entered upon His passion, His appearance was ignoble, an object of derision. In the one Jesus is surrounded by glory and honor, in the other He has neither dignity nor beauty. In the one He is the joy of all and the glory of the people, in the other the butt of men and the laughing stock of the people. In the one He receives the acclamation: Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes as the king of Israel. In the other there are shouts that He is guilty of death and He is reviled for having set himself up as king of Israel.

In the procession the people meet Jesus with palm branches, in the passion they slap Him in the face and strike His head with a rod. In the one they extol Him with praises, in the other they heap insults upon Him. In the one they compete to lay their clothes in His path, in the other He is stripped of His own

clothes. In the one He is welcomed to Jerusalem as a just king and savior, in the other He is thrown out of the city as a criminal, condemned as an impostor. In the one He is mounted on a colt and accorded every mark of honor; in the other He hangs on the wood of the cross, torn by whips, pierced with wounds, and abandoned by His own. If, then, we want to follow our leader without stumbling through prosperity and through adversity, let us keep our eyes upon Him, honored in the procession, undergoing ignominy and suffering in the passion, yet unshakably steadfast in all such changes of fortune.

Lord Jesus, you are the joy and salvation of the whole world; whether we see You seated on an ass or hanging on the cross, let each one of us bless and praise You, so that when we see You reigning on high we may praise You forever and ever, for to You belong praise and honor throughout all ages. Amen.

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