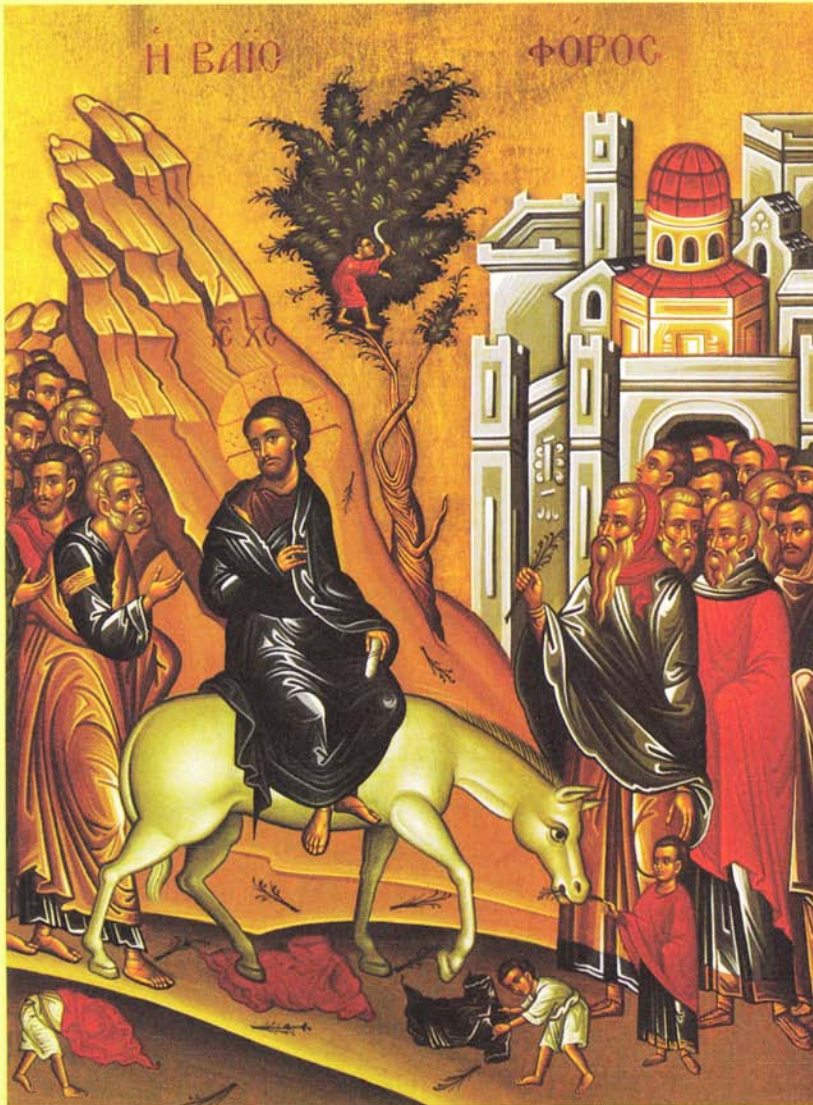


PALM SUNDAY -- THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

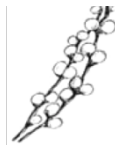


Icon of the Entrance into Jerusalem



March 28, 2010 Flowery Sunday

Festal Tone



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE WEEK OF GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

GREAT AND HOLY WEDNESDAY – ВЕЛИКИЙ СЕРЕДА – MARCH 31

6:30 PM – MYSTERY OF HOLY ANOINTING

GREAT AND HOLY THURSDAY – ВЕЛИКИЙ ЧЕТВЕР – APRIL 1

9:30 AM – MATINS OF BETRAYAL

6:30 PM – VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. BASIL

(HOLY MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE AFTER THE SERVICE)

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY – ВЕЛИКА П'ЯТНИЦЯ – APRIL 2

9:30 AM – MATINS OF THE PASSION (12 GOSPELS)

5:30 PM – 6:15 PM HOLY MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE

6:30 PM – VESPER OF THE PASSION AND THE PROCESSION WITH THE SHROUD

(HOLY MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE AFTER THE SERVICE)

GREAT AND HOLY SATURDAY – ВЕЛИКА СУБОТА – APRIL 3

9:30 AM – JERUSALEM MATINS

(HOLY MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE AFTER THE SERVICE)

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST – PASCHA – APRIL 4

ВОСКРЕСІННЯ ГОСПОДА НАШОГО ІСУСА ХРИСТА – ПАСХА

7:30 AM – PASCHAL MATINS

9:00 AM – DIVINE LITURGY OF THE RESURRECTION,

BLESSING OF BASKETS AFTER THE DIVINE LITURGY ON PASCHA

5:00 PM – AGAPE VESPER

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#### *Remember in your prayers*



Please remember in your prayers those members of our parish, our family and friends who are ailing, are in hospitals, nursing homes and those who are not able to join actively in their community.

Remember especially the following: Katherine Andrus, Walter & Isabella Bachynsky, Susie Boyko, Sonya Cronin, Helen Davis, Stephen Hricko, Bohdanchik James, Bohdan Knianicky, Lorene Lagrone, Maria Laszok, Maria Lavasanipour, Lesya Loznycky, Sophia Skop and Ariadna Wall. Please let Fr. James know if there is anyone else who should be remembered.

#### *Remember Those In The Armed Forces*

Let us especially remember in our prayers those family members and friends who are actively serving their countries in the Armed Forces: Luke and Slavamira Haywas, Elizabeth Heltsley, Oksanna Hirniak, Andrew Hrynkiw, Zenon and Susan Keske, Michael Lopes, Vasyl Lylak, Thomas Orr, Paul Richelmi and Brian Tuthill. Please give any names of those you would like remembered in the Liturgies to Fr. James.



### ***Flower Collection***

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

### ***Pancake Breakfast / Bake Sale***

Today is our annual Pre-Pascha Pancake Brunch and Bake Sale after the Divine Liturgy. Please join us! **Thank You –**

### ***Cards for sale***

Easter Cards, and various other greeting cards are available for sale in the church hall following each Divine Liturgy. See Mary Kitt to purchase.

**PLEASE NOTE:** On Thomas Sunday, April 11, we will have our annual parish *Sviachenne* meal.

### ***Дуже Дякую!***

Thank you to all those who brought the Lenten Soup or other delicious Lenten dishes and breads for the Friday evening meal and Spiritual Talks/discussions during the Great Fast.

### ***50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration***

Preparations are underway for the celebration of our Parish's 50th anniversary. There is lots of work to be done in the way of planning, sending out of invitations and various other tasks.

### ***“The Future Of Our Church Begins Today”***

We are in the midst of St. Nicholas Eparchy's Ukrainian Catholic Appeal 2009-2010. Please receive this appeal warmly and kindly consider Bishop Richard's request. Our parish goal is \$5000.00. If each household were to donate 1% of its annual income or even \$250.00 we will be well on our way to achieving this goal.

### 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.

## THE GREAT WEEK THE HOLY DAYS OF OUR LORD'S PASSION AND OUR SALVATION



### *Lazarus Saturday Commemoration of the raising of Lazarus from the dead*

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.

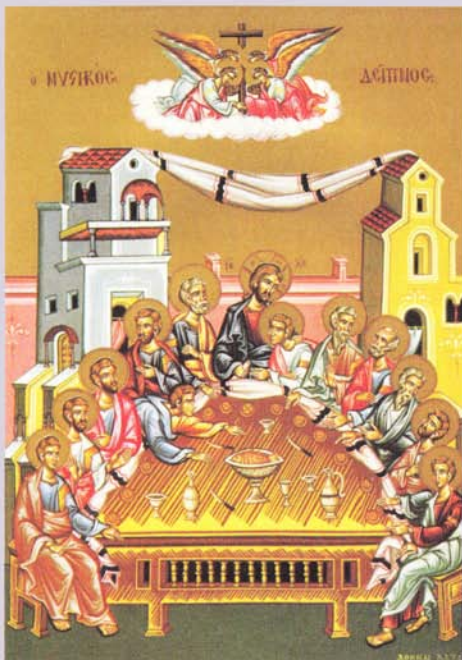
O Fountain of wisdom and eternal knowledge, arriving at Bethany, You asked those who were with Martha: Where have you placed Lazarus, my friend? You wept tears of compassion over the one who had been dead four days; and, by your voice, You raised him, O Giver of life and compassionate Lord.

### *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!





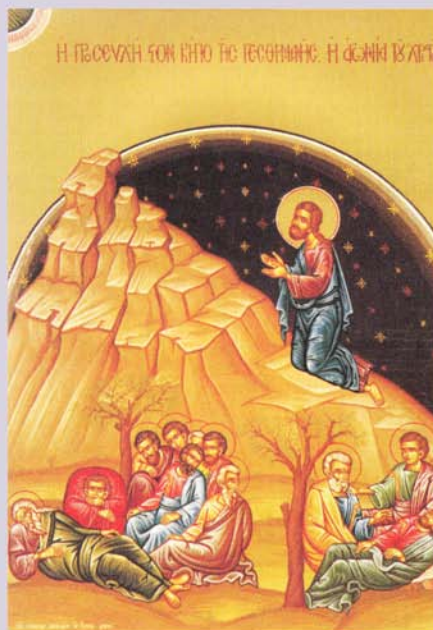
*Great and Holy Monday  
Commemoration of the unproductive fig  
tree the Lord Jesus curses as He walks  
outside Jerusalem (Mt 21:18)*

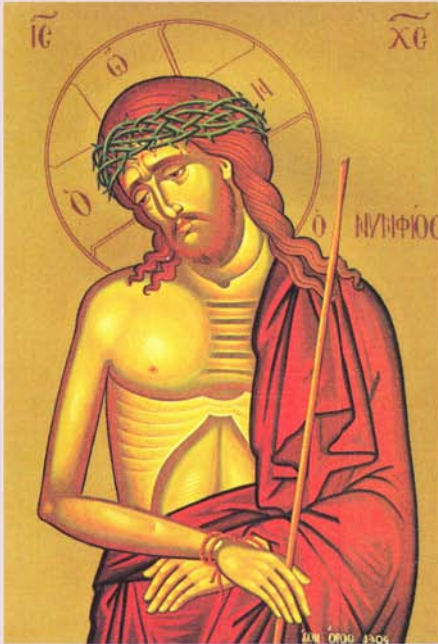
When You were going to your Passion, O Lord, You confirmed the faith of your disciples by taking them aside and saying: How can you forget the words I have spoken to you? The Scriptures say that all the prophets die only in Jerusalem! Now the time of which I have spoken to you has arrived; behold, I shall be delivered into the hands of sinners; they shall mock Me and nail Me to the Cross; and after burying Me, they shall number Me among the dead. Take courage, however, for I shall rise on the third day, to bring joy and eternal life to all the faithful.

*Great and Holy Tuesday  
Commemoration of the Lord's parable of  
the Ten Wise Virgins (Mt 25:14)*

You have heard of the condemnation of the one who hid the talent; O my soul, do not hide the word of God. Proclaim his wonders and increase his gifts, that you may enter into the joy of your Lord.

When You shall come in glory with the powers of heaven, to be seated on the throne of judgment, O Jesus, do not cast me far away from You, O Good Shepherd. On your right are the paths that lead to You, and on your left are those who turn away from You. Do not make me perish with the goats, even though I have been disfigured by sin. But place me on your right with your sheep, and in your love for humankind, save me.





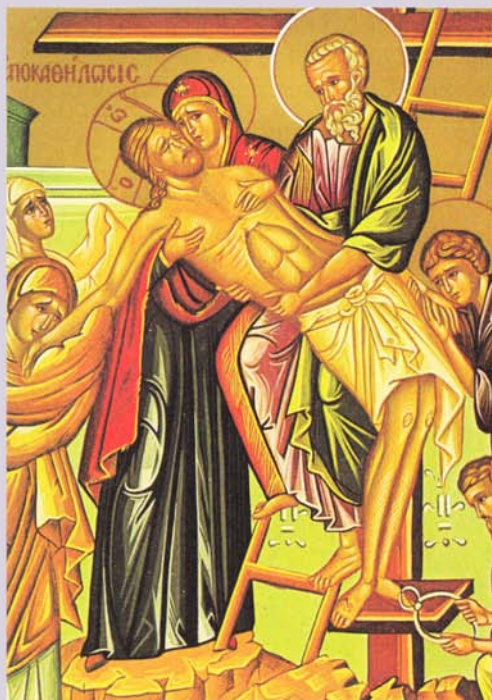
*Great and Holy Wednesday  
Commemoration of the betrayal of our  
Lord by Judas, and the anointing of our  
Lord by Mary at Bethany*

While the sinful woman was offering You her ointment, your disciple conspired against You. She rejoiced to pour out the most precious perfume, while he hastened to sell the One who is beyond price. As she came to recognize her Lord, the disciple separated himself; she was set free, while Judas became enslaved to the Enemy. She was ennobled through repentance, while he was disgraced by his vile actions. O Savior, who suffered for us, grant us your forgiveness and save us.

*Great and Holy Thursday  
The establishment of the Holy Eucharist  
at the Last Supper, and the washing of the  
feet of the disciples by Jesus*

Peter hesitated to have his feet washed by the most pure hands that once created Adam; but, at the word of Christ who said: If I do not wash you, Simon, you shall have no part with me; he was seized with fear and cried out: Not only my feet, Lord, but also my hands and my head! O, the tremendous gifts of the Savior! He lets his disciples participate in his grace, and He promises that they shall share in his ineffable glory; He said in giving them the mystical cup that He would drink it again with them in the kingdom of heaven. Grant that we, too, may drink from it, in your mercy and your love for humanity.





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

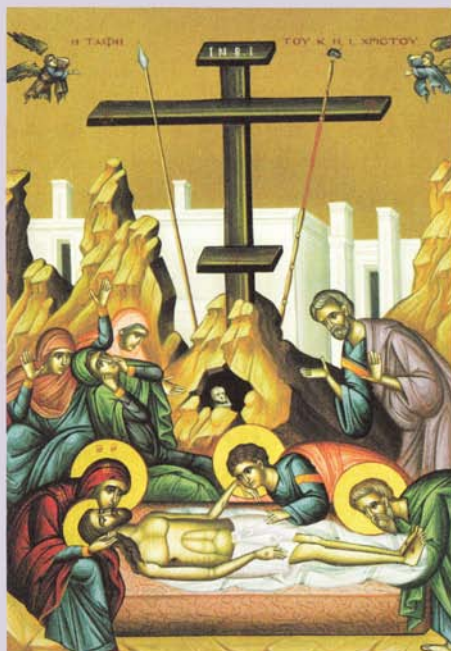
O God, when You stood before Caiaphas and let yourself, O Judge, be delivered to Pilate, the heavenly powers trembled in fear. O sinless Lord, You were crucified between two thieves and numbered among the lawless ones. You did all this just to save humankind. O most kind Lord, glory to You.

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.



***Святкуємо 50-років!***

***Celebrating 50 Years!***

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***The Triumphal Entry***

The first thing offered for our consideration is the greatness of the love of the Savior and the promptness with which He went forth to offer Himself for death for our sake. On this day He wished to be received with great festivity, as a sign of joy which was in His heart because the hour of our redemption was at hand. It is said of many of the martyrs that when they were arrested, they went to prison with as much joy as if they were being led to a banquet. With what greater promptness and joy would He go who had so much more charity and grace?

The prophecy says even more, for it states that He will come, meek and mild, seated on a donkey. The God of vengeance, who is seated above the cherubim and flies on the wings of wind, appears among us meek and mild so that you will not flee from Him as Adam did in the Garden and as the Jews did when He gave them the Law, but will approach Him when you see that the lion has become a lamb. This is the new way of approach which was chosen by the Savior, as is stated by the prophet: 'And with this He broke the forces of His enemies and conquered their hearts.' This is represented by His solemn entry into Jerusalem, when the entire city revolved around Him and all went forth to meet Him with palms and olive branches, singing songs of praise and laying their garments before Him.

*Louis of Granada*