



**ST. PETER & ST. PAUL  
UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH  
105 CLIFTON AVE  
ANSONIA, CT 06401  
Rectory Phone 203-734-3895  
Church Hall 203-732-2414**



*Leaders of the Apostles and teachers of the world, pray to the Master of all to grant peace to the world and great mercy to our souls.*

**Fr. Ed Cell 413-218-6404**

**April 2, 2023**

**Web Site: [www.stspucc.org](http://www.stspucc.org)**

**Very Rev. Archpriest Edward Canon Young, Pastor**

Palm Sunday: The Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem *квітна Неділя ВХІД ГОСПОДНІЙ В ЄРУСАЛИМ*

**Epistle: - PHILLIPIANS 4: 4 - 9      Gospel: J o h n 1 2 : 1 - 1 8      Tone: Sheet**

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

**WEEKDAYS:** MONDAY–FRIDAY 10:00AM

**SUNDAY:** 8:30 AM (Ukr.) & 10:00 AM (Eng.)

**Confessions are heard before each Divine Liturgy:**

**Sunday** 8:00AM to 8:30AM and 9:30AM until 10:00AM

**Religious Education** – Saturday 10:00AM – 11:00AM

Sunday After 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy  
Call Audrey Sokol 203-924-1184 for more information.

**Preservation** – Please use the form in church vestibule, mail it to the church or bring it to Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young or Robert Jaskilka.

**Address or Name Change/New Phone Number**

– Please update your records. See Michael Wysowski, Jr. to update this info.  
Returned checks are subject to a **\$35.00 fee**.

**Bulletin Notices** – Notices for the bulletin must be **in writing** by Wednesday @6PM to be included in that week's bulletin.

**Parish Council** meets every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of every month @7:15pm in the church hall.

**Rectory Office Hours - Thursday 1:00 to 3:00 PM** or by Appointment on other days

\*\*\*\*Please Note \*\*\*\*

**Mass Offerings , Sorokousty  
Mother's Day, Father's Day**

Checks must be made out to the Fr. Edward Young  
**not the Church ! Thank You...**

**Baptism** Arrangement for baptism is to be made personally at the Parish Office. Please call rectory for an appointment.

**Marriage** – Arrangements for marriage are to be made at least **6 months prior** to the Wedding date. Please call rectory for an appointment.

**Sick Calls** – To arrange for Sacraments for the elderly and sick at home, please call Parish Office Fr. Young at 203-734-3895, **Please advise the rectory of any hospitalization.**

**In your Estate planning** – Remember Sts. Peter & Paul Church in your will.

**Stewardship** - "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10). All Catholics, should give generous support—time, money, prayers, and personal service according to their circumstances—to parish and diocesan programs and to the universal Church

**Special Share in the Eucharist \*– Bread & Wine**

offered for a week, month, or year. Donations: one week - \$20.00  
Donors/intentions will be listed. Robert Jaskilka,  
Michael Wysowski, Jr or Fr. Edward Young

**Eternal Light** \*– offered to light for a week \$10.00.

Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young

**Virgin Mary's Lamp and Sacred Heart Lamp\*** also available for offering!

Offered to light for a week is 10.00, each. Robert Jaskilka Michael Wysowski, Jr. or Fr. Edward Young

**All start on Monday to Sunday!**



**\*Offering must be made when dates are reserved!**


A Welcome to St. Peter and St. Paul Parish to all who are worshipping with us today. If you are over twenty-one years of age and have not yet registered, have moved or will be moving, or have a new telephone number, **please fill out the form below**. Each household **must be registered** at St. Peter and St. Paul and every adult receives a set of stewardship envelopes. Registration also entails an annual dues to the parish. If a parishioner is not registered, it is difficult for church authorities to issue him or her a sponsor certificate, reference, or any other certification.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

*Bread and Wine Offering- None Offered*

04/01	<u>Lazarus Saturday</u>	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Children Confessions Fr. Albert Forlano Children Liturgy with Sermon by Fr. Albert Forlano
04/02	<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	8:30AM 10:00 AM	<b>Palm &amp; Flowering Sunday</b> Pro Populo (For All Parishioners) <b>За Всіх Парафіян</b> + Antoinette "Toni" Jaskilka req. by Robert Jaskilka +Stefania Hylwa
04/03	<u>Great &amp; Holy Monday</u>	10:00 AM	
04/04	<u>Great &amp; Holy Monday</u>	10:00 AM	+Frank Zelinsky
04/05	<u>Great &amp; Holy Wednesday</u>	10:00 AM	+John & Anna COLOWITCH
04/06	<u>Great &amp; Holy Thursday</u>	10:00 AM 6:30PM	10:00 AM Liturgy of St. Basil the Great 6:30 PM Passion Gospels
04/07	<u>Holy &amp; Good Friday</u>	3:00PM	Strict Fast from Meat & Dairy Products – <b><u>Строгий Пост без м'яса та набілу</u></b> 10:00 A.M. Church will be open 12:00 Noon to 2:00 P.M. Confession 3:00 P.M. VESPERS of GREAT FRIDAY Procession with Holy Shroud 6:00 PM to 8:00 P.M. Confession Church will be closed at 8:00 PM
04/08	<u>Great &amp; Holy Saturday</u>	9:00AM	9:00 A.M. Liturgy of St. Basil the Great Blessing of Paschal Foods - <b>Blahoslovennia pasok</b> <b>3:00 pm (In English)</b> , outdoors near Rectory Garage (If there is Inclement Weather then in the Church) <b>4:00 pm (in Ukrainian)</b> outdoors near Rectory Garage (If there is Inclement Weather then in the Church) Confessions will be heard after each of the blessings of Easter Food Church will be closed at 8:00 PM
04/09	<b>Sunday, Easter – Resurrection of Our Lord, Воскресіння Христове</b>	6:30 AM  7:00 AM  8:00 AM  10:00 AM	6:30 AM NADHROBNE <b>НАДГРОБНЕ ПРИ ГРОБИ</b> removal of the holy shroud to the altar) 7:00 AM PROCESSION & RESURRECTIONAL MATINS 8:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY / GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY Blessing of the ARTOS after the Ambon Prayer. 10:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY GOD'S BLESSINGS FOR OUR PARISH FAMILY

ETERNAL LIGHT		<i>In loving memory of +Michael Symochko by John &amp; Helen Zanowiak &amp; Family</i>
BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP		<i>In loving memory of +Michael Symochko by John &amp; Helen Zanowiak &amp; Family</i>

SACRED HEART of JESUS LAMP		<i>In loving memory of + Julie Richardson by Beata Gebuza &amp; Family</i>	
<b>BREAD &amp; WINE OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 4/10/23-4/16/23 9/4/23-9/10/23	<b>ETERNAL LIGHT LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 4/10/23-4/16/23 4/17/23-4/23/23 4/24/23-4/30/23 5/1/23-5/7/23 5/8/23-5/14/23 6/5/23-6/11/23 6/26/23-7/2/23 8/14/23-8/20/23 9/4/23-9/10/23 10/9/23-10/15/23 11/20/23-11/26/23 12/25/23-12/31/23	<b>BLESSED VIRGIN MARY LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 1/10/23-4/16/23 4/17/23-4/23/23 4/24/23-4/30/23 5/1/23-5/7/23 5/8/23-5/14/23 5/15/23-5/21/23 5/22/23-5/28/23 6/5/23-6/11/23 6/26/23-7/2/23 11/20/23-11/26/23	<b>SACRED HEART OF JESUS LAMP OFFERING RESERVED DATES</b> 4/10/23-4/16/23 4/24/23-4/30/23 6/19/23-6/25/23

**During Lent & every Sunday dues current & past will be collected in the church hall after  
8:30 AM & 10AM Sunday Liturgies.**


Please bring your dues book to the **church hall** dues will not be collected in the rectory  
 Back on January 25, 2005 the Parish Council voted to increase the yearly dues to \$75.00 per member. ,  
**Do not place dues in your weekly envelope offering !**

**Please remember - this is not our church but YOUR church!**  
 Please fulfill your responsibility to your Church!!

**2023 & Past  
Church  
Dues  
(Blue Book)  
(Kollekt**

Over 50 letters have been **mailed to delinquent dues members** of St. Peter & St. Paul totaling over \$27,000 - **Past Church Dues** are due during lent to support your church to pay our obligations to keep the church running such as salaries; electricity; oil ; gas; water ; and continual maintenance; repair of the church, rectory and cemetery; insurance ; chancery fees; and telephone just to name a few. As spoken of during the 2022 annual meeting, February 19, 2023.

**TODAY**



**Sunday, at 9:30 AM** there will be the Recitation of the Holy Rosary of Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God. One of the intentions for our prayers will be for our parish, and the needs for Ukraine. In this time of Foreign Invasion prayers are needed for we are hearing of the deaths of some many Soldiers and Civilians each day. Please Pray for USA and Ukraine in this time of Great NEED!  
**God Save and Protect! Боже спаси і О Хорони!**



**PRAYER FOR OUR NATION** Lord, we pray for peace and unity in our nation today. Keep us in peace, O Christ our God, under the protection of your Holy Cross; save us from our enemies, visible and invisible, that we may glorify You with thanksgiving, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. We pray that You would inspire this nation to be a nation under God. Give us your hope. Give us your peace. Amen   he Light of God ~ surround us. The Love of God ~ enfold us.  
 The Power of God ~ protect us. The Presence of God ~ watch over us.  
 The Mind of God ~ Guide us. The Law of God ~ direct us.  
 Wherever we are God ~ be our strength.

**PRAY FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE AND THE WORLD: MOST HOLY THEOTOKOS, THROUGH THE PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL, SPREAD YOUR OMOPHOR ~ WE IMPLORE YOUR PROTECTION OVER UKRAINE AND BEG THAT YOU INTERCEDE WITH OUR LORD TO GRANT PEACE.**



**PRAYER FOR THE DELIVERANCE OF UKRAINE IN TIME OF INVASION: O Lord God of powers, and God of our salvation, O God, who alone work wonders: look down with mercy and compassion on**

Your humble servants, and out of love for mankind hearken and have mercy on us and on the land of Ukraine. For, behold, enemies have once more gathered together, in order to cause division and enmity. But You who know all things, understand that they have risen up righteously, and that it will be impossible to oppose their multitudes unless You show us Your help. Therefore, we who are sinful and unworthy pray unto You in repentance and with tears: Help us, O God, our Savior, and deliver the land of Ukraine for the sake of the glory of Your Name, that the enemy may not to say: "Their God has

forsaken them, and there is none to deliver and save them." But let every nation understand that You are our God, and we Your people are always protected under Your dominion.



Dear Parishioners, A recent letter from the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine, Lviv, has identified many items that are needed to care for Ukrainian military personnel and civilians. Father Young suggested that our parish focus on specific items: Socks and underwear (including sport bras and undershirts) for all ages. Please bring your new/gently used items to church and place in the side pews by the Blessed Virgin Mary statue. This humanitarian drive will end on April 16. Thank you for your continued support. For any questions, contact me at shsmoaks@hotmail.com. Susan

### PARISH FUNDRAISER SALE! HANDMADE PALM CROSSES



Will be available for Sale at Church before and after Liturgies  
A table will be set up with the Palm Crosses available for sale.

**Donation \$10.00 each**

*While Supplies Last! We have a limited supply of Palm Crosses for available for sale. First Come, First Served! Don't miss out on these beautifully handmade Palm Crosses perfect for Palm Sunday, Easter, Grave Sites.*



**Mauudy Thursday** what Holy Thursday is Traditionally called USA from Latin *mandatum* command, order; from the words spoken by Jesus to his disciples after washing their feet at the Last Supper, "a new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another"



Russian American Citizen's Club invites you to

## Come see *Moses* live on stage at the Sight & Sound Theater Lancaster, PA

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\$140 (non-member)

\$55-Child ticket (ages 3-12) Ticket includes:

- Round trip coach bus transportation from Shelton, CT to/from Lancaster, PA
- Buffet Lunch at the Bird-In-Hand Restaurant
- Show ticket

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- Complimentary on bus snacks
- All taxes and gratuity

### Trip Itinerary

- 6:30 AM: Board bus at municipal parking lot located at 100 Canal St E, Shelton, CT 06484
- 7 AM SHARP: Bus departs
- 12:15-1:45 PM: Buffet lunch at The Bird-In-Hand Restaurant
- 2:00 PM: Arrive at Sight & Sound Theater
- 3:00 PM: *Moses*
- Bus departs PA following the play

Contact Stephanie Dytko 203-736-7026 for more information or to purchase tickets.

**★ LAST DAY TO BUY TICKETS**  
**APRIL 10, 2023**

# ST. PETER & ST. PAUL PARISH FAMILY EASTER DINNER - SUNDAY APRIL 16, 2023

ALL PARISH MEMBERS AND THEIR FAMILIES ARE INVITED TO PARTAKE IN THE PARISH EASTER DINNER THAT WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY APRIL 16, 2023 IN THE CHURCH HALL AFTER THE 10:00 AM DIVINE LITURGY.

**BUFFET DINNER MENU:** CHICKEN CUTLETS, MEATBALLS, ZITI, ROASTED POTATOES, MIXED VEGETABLES, GARDEN SALAD, BREAD & BUTTER, DESSERTS, COFFEE, TEA AND SODAS.

**TICKETS GO ON SALE SUNDAY MARCH 19, 2023 AFTER EACH LITURGY UNTIL SUNDAY APRIL 9, 2023.  
NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR!!!**

**ADULTS: \$20.00      CHILDREN: FREE TO 18**

CHILDREN AND YOUTH OF THE PARISH ARE INVITED TO TAKE PART IN THE EASTER DINNER ACTIVITIES.

DONATIONS OF BAKED GOODS ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

BEATA GEBUZA @ 203-988-5203

JOSEPHINE SEMBRAT @ 203-929-4813

DONNA WRIGHT @ 203-278-2374



## ***Ukrainian Quilt and Sunflower Pillow a benefit for Ukraine!!!***

*A beautiful quilt with the colors of the Ukrainian flag and stitched "Peace for Ukraine" and "Support Ukraine" messages has been donated by Beth Johnsen to raise money to benefit the people of Ukraine. The quilt, along with the note from the donor organization, and the sunflower pillow donated by our parishioner Donna Wright, are on the display at the entry to the church. Tickets for this fundraiser will be sold before and after each Sunday liturgy, till April 16th. The drawing will occur on April 16<sup>th</sup>, during the Easter Dinner event.*

For any questions, please contact:

Beata Gebuza @ 203-988-5203,

Josephine Sembrat @ 203-929-4813,

or Donna Wright @ 203-278-2374



- \* Easter Baskets
- \* Ukrainian Jewelry
- \* Candles
- \* Souvenirs

- \* Embroidery Clothes
- \* Pastries
- \* Homemade food
- \* Egg Decorating Supplies

ST. Michael the Archangel Ukrainian Catholic Church  
569 George St, New Haven CT 06511

**Sunday, April 2nd**  
**12 - 4pm**

Organizers:

Contact: 347.523.1226



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## EASTER PASTORAL OF THE UKRAINIAN CATHOLIC HIERARCHY OF

### THE U.S.A. TO OUR CLERGY, HIEROMONKS AND BROTHERS, RELIGIOUS SISTERS, SEMINARIANS AND BELOVED FAITHFUL

Christ is Risen!     Indeed, He is Risen! *We in the Church are still on a road to Emmaus*

As the Church we lived through the experience of the Holy Week, Christ's suffering, wounds and death on the Cross. Today, the war in Ukraine has created deep wounds in the lives of countless individuals, causing death, destruction, and lasting trauma. The violence and suffering inflicted upon the people of Ukraine are a stark reminder of the devastating impact that war can have on individuals, families, and communities. But, we must remember that Christ's wounds are also visible on His resurrected body, serving as a reminder of the sacrifice He made for humanity. His wounds represent the physical and emotional pain He endured for the sake of our salvation. Despite the trauma He experienced, Christ's resurrection symbolizes the hope and promise of new life that can arise from suffering and hardship. While the war in Ukraine continues to cause pain and devastation, the wounds of Christ serve as a powerful reminder that healing and renewal are possible.

Just as Christ's resurrection brought hope and new life to his followers, we must hold onto hope and work towards a future of peace and healing in Ukraine. In the Bright Week, we are reminded of the beautiful story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus as recounted in Luke 24:13-35. This story provides a central image for our experience and offers us a profound lesson about the transformative power of encountering the risen Christ.

Two disciples who were walking along the road from Jerusalem to Emmaus, blinded by their preoccupations with their own difficulties, sadness, and hopelessness. They were unable to see God's redemptive purpose in the events that had taken place. However, the risen Christ appeared to them and walked with them, opening their eyes to His presence, and lighting the fire of God's love in their hearts. He explained to them the meaning of all the Scriptures concerning Himself, and when they arrived in Emmaus, Jesus took bread, blessed, and broke it, and gave it to them. Their eyes were opened, and they recognized Him as the risen Lord.

We also have opportunity to rediscover Christ's presence in our own lives. It reminds us that no matter where we are on our spiritual journey, Jesus seeks us, even if we have little faith. He opens our eyes, and He uses us today to open the eyes of those who do not know Him. He reveals Himself to us and others through us.

As we celebrate the Resurrection, let us be moved to share the joy and hope that come with knowing the risen Savior. Let us testify to His presence in our lives and offer the same opportunity to others. Do you know Jesus this Easter season? Have your eyes ever been opened to who He is and what He has done for you? Can you testify to His presence in your life? Has your experience with Him been so real, so moving, so life-changing that it has caused you to tell others about Him?

We are like those disciples – uncertain, seeking, and searching for deeper understanding of the mysteries of our faith. Today's world is broken through wars, wounds, and traumas. But even as we journey, we know that we are not alone. Christ walks with us, just as He walked with those disciples so long ago.

We too have felt our hearts burning within us when we hear Jesus speak about the prophets of the Old Testament. We know that He is the fulfillment of those prophecies, and we are filled with awe and wonder at the grace and mercy of God. As we continue on our journey, let us be inspired by the example of those disciples on the road to Emmaus. Let us open our hearts to the transforming power of Christ's love and allow Him to lead us closer to the Father.

Let us remember that we in the church are all still on the road to Emmaus, and Christ speaks to us. Let us walk with others and help them discover the Risen Christ, not being discouraged that people are at different stages of knowing Jesus. Let us offer help and healing through Jesus, who has the power to transform our lives and bring us closer to God.

Our fervent prayer is that our Resurrected and Living Lord may bestow his peace and grace upon you and your loved ones, upon all our brothers and sisters scattered throughout the world!

*Christ is Risen!     Indeed, He is Risen!*














+Borys Gudziak, Archbishop of Philadelphia, Metropolitan of Ukrainian Catholics in the United States

+Paul Chomnycky, OSBM, Eparch of Stamford

+Benedict Aleksiychuk, Eparch of St. Nicholas in Chicago

+Bohdan J. Danylo (*author*), Eparch of St. Josaphat in Parma

Pascha 2023

HOLY MONDAY	HOLY TUESDAY	HOLY WEDNESDAY	HOLY THURSDAY	HOLY FRIDAY	HOLY SATURDAY	PASCHA
						
Today, the Church remembers Joseph, from the Old Testament who was so beloved by his father that his own brothers betrayed him out of jealousy. But he was led forth again with great glory and was honored as a king. He became lord over all Egypt and a provider of wheat for all the people. His life symbolizes the betrayal, Passion, death, and glorification of our Lord Jesus Christ.	Today remember the parable of the 10 virgins, which Jesus told as He was coming close to His Passion. This story teaches us that we should not be careless in our lives, but should know Him, and be prepared for the end at every moment, like the wise virgins, so that we may meet our Bridegroom, lest He come suddenly and the doors of heaven be shut to us.	Today, the Church services retell the act of the woman who anointed Jesus' head and feet with very precious myrrh, and wiped them with her hair to prepare Him for burial. We also remember the betrayal of Judas who was greedy for the cost of the myrrh and sold Jesus for 30 pieces of silver. This is why we fast on Wednesdays.	Today, Christ blessed the bread and the wine, and gave us the Mystery of Holy Communion. He washed the feet of the disciples as an example of humility. After, Christ went to the Mount of Olives, in anguish to pray alone and was arrested by soldiers, spit upon, mocked and judged to death on the Cross. The disciples all scattered, and Peter denied Him three times.	Jesus, wearing a crown of thorns carried His cross to Golgotha, where at the third hour, He was crucified with two thieves. One cried out, "Remember me, O Lord, when Thou comes in Thy Kingdom." Christ was pierced in the side and water and blood poured forth. A great earthquake shook and darkness covered the Earth. He was laid in tomb.	Although the Jews had the tomb sealed, early in the morning, the women bearing spices went to anoint Christ. They found the tomb empty and an Angel cried out "He is not here. He is Risen! Go proclaim it to the disciples!" In His death He destroys the gates and bars of Hades, and made His light to shine where only darkness reigned!	After Christ passed all of Saturday in the grave; He arose "while it was yet dark, very early in the morning" on Sunday, the third day, according to the Hebrew calculation, began after sunset on Saturday. We begin to celebrate at midnight that "Christ is Risen!" Every Sunday during the year is celebrated as the day of Resurrection For Orthodox Christians!
						

## FLOWERY PALM SUNDAY

**EPISTLE - PHILIPPIANS 4: 4 - 9 GOSPEL - JOHN 12: 1 - 18 TONE OF THE FEAST**

*Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you. Philippians 4:4-9 (Epistle of Palm Sunday)*

From Vespers and Matins of Palm Sunday: Today the grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us together,\* and we all take up Your Cross and say:\* "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord;\* Hosanna in the highest." **Kontakion, TONEK 6:** Seated in heaven upon Your throne and on earth upon a foal, O Christ our God, You have accepted the praise of the angels and the songs of the children who cried out to You: Blessed are You Who comes to call back Adam. **Ikos:** O immortal Lord, You have bound hell, slain death, and raised the world: therefore the children, carrying palms, sing praise to You as Victor, O Christ, and they cry aloud to You this day: 'Hosanna to the Son of David! For no more', say they, 'shall the little children be slain because of Mary's Child; but You alone are crucified for all, both young and old. No more shall the sword be drawn against us, for Your side is pierced by a spear. With great rejoicing, then, we cry: Blessed are You Who comes to call back Adam.'

З ВЕЧІРНІ та Утрени : Стих: 10 : Нині благодать Святого Духа збрала нас,\* і всі ми, взявши хрест твій, кличемо:\* Благословенний, хто йде в ім'я Господнє, осанна на висотах!

**Кондак, глас 6 самоподібний :** На Небесах – на престолах,\* на землі – на осляті носимий, Христе Боже,\* прийняв єси хвалу від Ангелів\* і оспівування від дітей, що воскликували Тобі:\* «Благословен єси, Грядущий Адама призвати!» Ікос: Тому, що Ад зв’язав єси, Безсмертний, і смерть умертвив єси, і світ воскресив єси, з пальмами младенці вихваляли Тебе, Христе, як Переможця, взиваючи до Тебе сьогодні: «Осанна Синові Давидовому! Бо вже більше, – кажуть вони, – не будуть жертвами младенці через Младенця – Сина Маріам, але Один за всіх младенців і старців Ти розпинаєшся. Вже більше не прошиє нас меч: Твої бо ребра проколяться копієм. Тому, радіючи, промовляємо:\* Благословен єси, Грядущий Адама призвати!»



In many of our Eastern Churches, Palm Sunday is often called the **“Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem”**; it is one of the Twelve Great Feasts of the liturgical year, and is the beginning of Holy Week. The day before is known as Lazarus Saturday, and commemorates the resurrection of Lazarus from the dead. Unlike the West, Palm Sunday is not considered to be a part of Lent, in the Eastern Churches the Great Fast ends on the Friday before. Lazarus Saturday, Palm Sunday and Holy Week are considered to be a separate fasting period. Thus, we are now two days into Holy Week.

On Palm Sunday we commemorate the entry of our Lord and Master into Jerusalem; we are present as the gates of that city open before the King of Glory. When we think of Palm Sunday, we tend to think of the reveling crowds and children who waved palm branches and shouted **“Hosanna”** as Jesus passed by. In many of our churches, we will act out the scene with our parishioners, as crowds of people will flock to the churches today. Today the theme of Jesus’ entire earthly ministry can be summarized as follows:

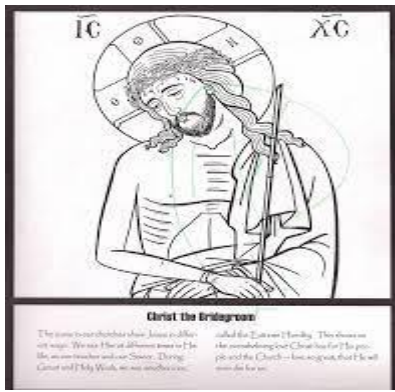
### **Humility leads to salvation.**

What humility for the Son of God to live with His fallen creation, and to partake of the human frailties of hunger, sadness, fear, fatigue, betrayal, etc. Jesus knew that His entrance into Jerusalem was the beginning of the final leg of His earthly ministry, that in mere days He would be betrayed, tried, tortured, condemned, and killed. He entered Jerusalem not as a conquering king but as a humble servant on a donkey. He didn’t enter Jerusalem expecting us to bow to Him as His subjects. Rather He rode a donkey into town in front of friends. And five days later, He would lay down His life for His friends. The crowd was happy and jovial on that day we now call Palm Sunday. Five days later, the same crowd cried “Crucify Him! Crucify Him!” and demanded that Jesus be put to death. How could the crowd that was so happy to see Jesus become violent and blood-thirsty toward Him? The answer lies in lack of knowledge and lack of humility. They didn’t know Christ as Savior. Friends turn on friends all the time, and even some of the friends turned against Jesus. The Evangelist John writes that *“The reason why the crowd went to meet Him was that they heard He had done this sign (raising Lazarus).”* (John 12:18) Did the crowd go to Jesus out of love, or out of curiosity? We should ask why the crowds flock to church on Palm Sunday and not on other days of the year. Is it to check a box? Or out of curiosity? The people who love Jesus, the people who know Jesus, flock to church every Sunday, eager to share fellowship with Him, eager to share the Divine Fellowship of Holy Communion with Him.

As we stand in the crowd today at church, it is appropriate to reflect on how we see Jesus—are we curiosity seekers? Pilgrims seeking to know Jesus? Friends eager to be with Jesus? We don’t come to church each week for signs or out of obligation. We come each week to **BE with Christ**, and to share in the Divine Fellowship of the Eucharist with Him as often as we can. The book of Proverbs begins with the words *“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge; fools despise wisdom and instruction.”* (Proverbs 1:7) We can’t approach with fear or with awe unless we approach with humility.

As we celebrate Palm Sunday, if we have the humility that Christ showed that day in Jerusalem, if we meditate on the things that are noble and pure, we’re going to receive hope, peace, and joy, today and always.

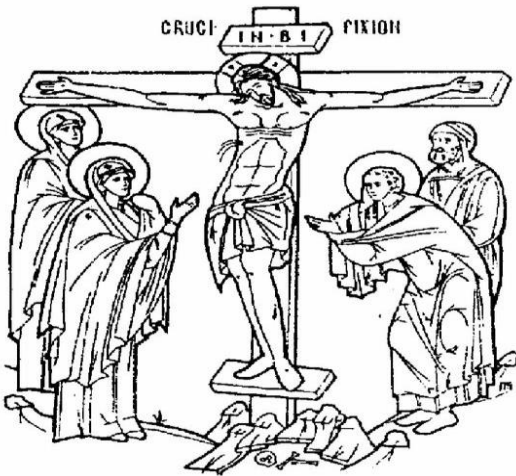
*In heaven upon the throne, on earth upon the colt, You were carried, O Christ our God; and the praise of the Angels, and the hymns of the children, You received as they cried to You, “Blessed are You, the One, who is coming to call Adam back again.”* (Kontakion, Feast of Palm Sunday)



Prayer of Palm Sunday evening: **:BEHOLD THE BRIDEGROOM COMES IN THE MIDST OF THE NIGHT; AND BLESSED IS THE SERVANT, WHOM HE SHALL FIND VIGILANT; AND UNWORTHY IS HE, WHOM HE SHALL FIND HEEDLESS. BEWARE, THEREFORE, O MY SOUL, THAT YOU WILL NOT BE OVERCOME BY SLEEP, LEST YOU BE GIVEN UP TO DEATH, AND BE SHUT OUT FROM THE KINGDOM. WHEREFORE, ROUSE YOURSELF, CRYING OUT: "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY ARE YOU, OUR GOD, THROUGH THE THEOTOKOS, HAVE MERCY ON US."** (HYMN OF THE BRIDEGROOM) (EXCERPTS FROM [HTTPS://MYOCN.NET/TAG/PALM-SUNDAY/](https://myocn.net/tag/palm-sunday/))



**APRIL 6 - HOLY THURSDAY** - There are four events commemorated on Thursday of Holy Week: the washing of the disciples' feet, the institution of the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, the agony in the garden of Gethsemane, and the betrayal of Christ by Judas. On Thursday we enter into the mystery of the Last Supper. Do we claim our place at Christ's table, or do we walk into the night with Judas? In the evening of Strasyj Chetver, we attend Strasty (a unique Matins service): Christ's agony in the Garden of Gethsemane. We hear the narrative of the Passion in twelve Gospel readings. It is traditional for the celebrants to change their vestments for each Gospel reading. (The Gospels: John 13:31-18:1; John 18:1-29; Matthew 26:57-75; John 18:28-19:16; Matthew 27:3-32; Mark 15:16-32; Matthew 27:33-54, Luke 23:32-49; John 19:25-37; Mark 15:43-47; John 19:38-42; Matthew 27:62-66).






**APRIL 7 - GOOD FRIDAY** - The services of Velyka Pjatytsja ask us to decide where we stand in our lives today. In our Ukrainian Catholic tradition, Good Friday is a day of strict fast: we do not eat any animal products. Thursday's readings ended with Christ's death and the liturgies of Velyka Pjatytsja focus on the anguish of the cross. In the Gospel readings we hear the narrative of Christ's death on the cross from all four Gospels. The account ends with Joseph of Arimathea removing Christ from the cross, anointing and wrapping His body in a shroud and laying Him in the tomb. Procession follows with carrying the plashchanytsja around the Church, three times, joining the faithful women, Joseph, and those who carried Christ to his burial site. Throughout the mournful procession we sing the stychyry for Good Friday. When we re-enter the church, a structure, representing the tomb, stands in the front. A cross

draped with a white cloth rises behind it. The plashchanytsja is laid in the tomb. The Service of Lamentation or Jerusalem Matins is sung in the evening of Great Friday.



**APRIL 8 - HOLY SATURDAY** - We proceed from the promise of a Savior at Vespers, to the celebration of our salvation in the Eucharistic Liturgy. During the Vespers reading of the Song of Moses (Exodus), the altar cloths and vestments are changed from the dark colors of Lent, to the bright colors of celebration. The liturgical ethos changes from sorrow to joy, but the Paschal greeting (Christ is Risen!) isn't proclaimed until the following morning. Today we know both the past and the future events, yet we are neither wholly in one nor the other. Great Saturday is the middle day, the day of contemplation. We spend this day with a communal opportunity to wonder at the mind-boggling notion of Christ, God, dying: Christ suffering the horror of hell, Hades, the ultimate darkness—the absence of Love. But Christ is Love and by His human death, God's love reaches even the abyss of darkness, changing its very nature. Christ touches death with unquenchable life.

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**Good Friday** After the Procession on Great and Holy Friday: a great love is shown, devotion and adoration, the faithful approach the "Plaschenytsia" on their knees, make the Sign of the Cross and kiss all five wounds of Christ pictured on the Holy Shroud. During this time, members of families and church organizations take turns keeping vigil as guards of honor at the Holy Tomb of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Holy Saturday** is a day of continued fasting and abstinence and is the final day for the faithful to prepare their souls for Easter by making a good confession if they have not already done so. During this time, the parishioners visit the "Plaschenytsia" to worship and kiss the wounds of Christ. And the faithful and organizations take turns keeping vigil as guards of honor at the Holy Tomb of our Lord Jesus Tomb. In many places, including the United States, the traditional blessing of Easter foods ("Sviachnia") is done Holy Saturday

GOOD FRIDAY AND HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL 2023: With these two Great Days of our Salvation that of Pascha: therefore: once again calls upon us all, and who revere the Sacred Traditions of our Ukrainian Catholic Parish, that there is a faithful guard at the Tomb of our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ. We request men, women and teenagers of good Faith please contact **Bob Jaskilka or Michael Wysowski Jr.**

Times that need to be filled

Friday 7, 2023 4 to 6pm - no responses yet two people needed

Saturday 8, Noon to 2 pm two people needed

Saturday 2 to 4 pm **No responses** yet two people needed

Saturday 4 to 6pm one person needed

Saturday 6 to 8pm two people needed

**TROPARION – TONE 2 THE NOBLE JOSEPH, / WHEN HE HAD TAKEN DOWN YOUR MOST PURE BODY FROM THE TREE, / WRAPPED IT IN FINE LINEN, / AND ANOINTED IT WITH SPICES, / AND PLACED IT IN A NEW TOMB.**

**TROPARION – TONE 2: WHEN YOU DESCENDED TO DEATH, O LIFE IMMORTAL, / YOU SLAYED HELL WITH THE SPLENDOR OF YOUR GODHEAD, / AND WHEN FROM THE DEPTHS YOU RAISED THE DEAD, / ALL THE POWERS OF HEAVEN CRIED OUT, / O GIVER OF LIFE, CHRIST OUR GOD, GLORY TO YOU!**