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*Welcome to our parish!*

Thank you for choosing to worship with us on the Lord's Day. We are grateful for your prayers and participation!

Please join us for coffee hour after the service. Our priest, Father Alessandro, would love to greet and welcome you.

Holy Eucharist requires full communion of faith, so if you are not an Orthodox Christian, please do not approach the Chalice. If you are an Orthodox Christian, please note that communion must be preceded by fasting, recent Confession, and reconciliation with all people.

**APRIL 9, 2023**

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO  
JERUSALEM

Palm Sunday

Martyr Euphychius of Caesarea in  
Cappadocia

## ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Palm Sunday is the celebration of the triumphant entrance of Christ into the royal city of Jerusalem. He rode on a colt for which He Himself had sent, and He permitted the people to hail Him publicly as a king. A large crowd met Him in a manner befitting royalty, waving palm branches and placing their garments in His path. They greeted Him with these words: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel! (John 12:13).

This day together with the raising of Lazarus are signs pointing beyond themselves to the mighty deeds and events which consummate Christ's earthly ministry. The time of fulfillment was at hand. Christ's raising of Lazarus points to the destruction of death and the joy of resurrection which will be accessible to all through His own death and resurrection. His entrance into Jerusalem is a fulfillment of the messianic prophecies about the king who will enter his holy city to establish a final kingdom. "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass" (Zech 9:9).

Finally, the events of these triumphant two days are but the passage to Holy Week: the "hour" of suffering and death for which Christ came. Thus the triumph in an earthly sense is extremely short-lived. Jesus enters openly into the midst of His enemies, publicly saying and doing those things which mostly enrage them. The people themselves will soon reject Him. They misread His brief earthly triumph as a sign

of something else: His emergence as a political messiah who will lead them to the glories of an earthly kingdom.

### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

REQUESTING PRAYERS: Igumen Leonty, Archpriest Daniel, Steve, Daniel, Brian, Don, Bobbi, Yuri, David

DEPARTED: Betsy, Irene Barr

BIRTHDAYS: Ezekiel Shoffner

NAMEDAYS: Luca Margheritino

ANNIVERSARIES: Wesley & Debra Smith

### NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASCHAL FLOWERS: If you would like to make a special donation to offset the cost for flowers for the Feast of Feasts, please write “flowers” in the memo line of a check or donate through our website.

RED EGGS: In preparation for Great and Holy Pascha, we are looking for parishioners who are willing to dye red eggs. If you plan on it, please let Fr. Alessandro know.

PASCHA BASKETS: In many Orthodox countries, it is the custom to bring foods in a basket to be blessed at Pascha. The foods traditionally brought in the basket have special significance, but many people will add the foods they’ve missed the most during the Fast. It is customary to have a candle in it to light at the blessing. Fr. A. will bless the baskets right after the Paschal Liturgy.

15 OT READINGS: If you would like to read one of the 15 Old Testament readings at the Vespereal Liturgy of Holy Saturday, please speak to our choir director, Juliana Woodill.

CONFESSION: A gentle reminder that Confessions will not be heard during Holy Week.

OCMC EVENT: The Orthodox Christian Mission Center (OCMC) and the DC Mission and Outreach Committee are organizing a DC Banquet for Missions on Saturday, May 13 at St. Katherine Greek

Orthodox Church in Falls Church. The event begins with Social Hour at 6:30p and the Banquet at 7:00p. \$125 donation per ticket. His Eminence Archbishop Elpidophoros of the GOA will offer a special address. To purchase tickets and more information: [ocmc.org/dc-banquet](http://ocmc.org/dc-banquet)

### UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Apr 9, Sun 8:45 AM 9:30 AM 6:00 PM	Church School Divine Liturgy Bridegroom Matins
Apr 10, Mon 6:00 PM	Bridegroom Matins
Apr 11, Tue 6:00 PM	Bridegroom Matins
Apr 12, Wed 6:00 PM	Bridegroom Matins
Apr 13, Thu 9:00 AM 6:00 PM	Vespereal Liturgy Bridegroom Matins
Apr 14, Fri 9:00 AM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	Royal Hours Vespers and Entombment Matins with Lamentations
Apr 15, Sat 10:00 AM 11:00 PM	Vespereal Liturgy Midnight Office
Apr 16, Sun 12:00 AM 1:00 AM	Paschal Matins & Liturgy Agape Meal

### MINISTRY ROTATIONS

*Coffee Hour* - Class

*Reader* - Bob & Robert Easton

*Assisting the Treasurer* - Easton & Barr