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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 13, 2025**

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO  
JERUSALEM

Palm Sunday

Hieromartyr Artemon of Laodikeia in  
Syria

## 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: Larissa, Bob, David, Zondra, Art, Jerry, Davide

CATECHUMEN: Brooke, Daniel, Robert

MISSIONARIES: The Brandow family serving in Guatemala

DEPARTED: Archpriest Daniel, Archpriest Paul, Tom, Anton

NEWBORN: Winona Laura

## 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 to light at the blessing. Fr. A. will bless the baskets right after the Paschal Liturgy.

CHURCH SCHOOL & ADULT ED.: Please note that Church School & Adult Ed. will be on break on Palm Sunday, Pascha, and Thomas Sunday. It will resume on Sunday, May 4.

21st ALL-AMERICAN COUNCIL: The 21st All-American Council will take place in Phoenix, AZ on July 14-18. As in the past, there will be a youth program that week. For more information and to register, please visit [oca.org/aac](http://oca.org/aac).

## UPCOMING SERVICES & EVENTS

Apr 13, Sun 9:30 AM 6:00 PM	Divine Liturgy Bridegroom Matins
Apr 14, Mon 6:00 PM	Bridegroom Matins
Apr 15, Tue 6:00 PM	Bridegroom Matins
Apr 16, Wed 6:00 PM	Bridegroom Matins
Apr 17, Thu 6:00 PM	Office of the 12 Gospels
Apr 18, Fri 9:00 AM 4:00 PM 7:00 PM	Royal Hours Vespers & Entombment Lamentations
Apr 19, Sat 10:00 AM 11:30 PM	Vesperal Liturgy Midnight Office
Apr 20, Sun 12:00 AM	Paschal Matins and Liturgy

## MINISTRY ROTATIONS

	<b>Apr 13</b>	<b>Apr 20</b>
<i>Coffee Hour:</i>	Woodill	Agape Meal
<i>Reader:</i>	Hughes	Barr
<i>Cleaning:</i>	Barr	Parish Council
<i>Communion Cloth:</i>	Dabik/Terezi	Class/Dabik

*Priest available for Confession after Vespers or by appointment*