

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, April 25 – 7:00 p.m.  
Holy Monday, April 26 - 7:00 p.m.  
Holy Tuesday, April 27 - 7:00 p.m.  
Virtual Education – Join Zoom Meetings, which have been sent through emails, also posted on Church website, and Facebook including Meeting ID and passcode.

### Holy Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup>

Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil - 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Unction Service – 3:00 p.m.  
Twelve Gospels – 6:30 p.m.

### Good Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup>

Royal Hours – 10:30 am.

Decoration of the Kouvouklion representing Christ's Bier – 1:00 p.m.

Apokathelosis (Unnailing Vespers) – 3:00 p.m.  
The Lamentations – 6:30 p.m.

### Holy Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup>

Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil – 10:30 a.m.  
Orthros/Matins of the Resurrection - 11:30 p.m.  
Great and Holy Pascha Divine Liturgy - 12:00 am.

Easter Sunday Agape Vespers - 11:00 a.m.  
Gospel will be read in Greek, English, French, Spanish, Italian, Latin, and Korean.



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April 25, 2021

**PALM SUNDAY**

**MARK THE APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST**

### **Apolytikion of the Feast**

To confirm the general resurrection before Your Passion, You resurrected Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore imitating the children, carrying the symbols of victory, we cry out to You the Victor over death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One, who comes in the name of the Lord.

### **Hymn Mode 4**

We were buried with You through Baptism, O Christ our God, and thus by Your Resurrection we have been granted immortal life, and extolling You we cry aloud, "Hosanna in the highest!

### **Kontakion**

In heaven upon the throne, o 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."



## Epistle Reading: Philippians 4:4-9

BRETHREN, 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.

## Gospel Reading: John 12:1-18

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day

of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

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## Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is a celebration for honoring Jesus Christ's victorious entry into Jerusalem. Early Christians used the palm branch to symbolize the victory of the faithful over enemies of the soul.

The word **hosanna** (Latin *osanna*, Greek ὡσαννά, *hōsanná*) is from Hebrew and related to Aramaic meaning 'save, rescue, savior'

Jesus entered Jerusalem as a humble King of peace. Traditionally, entering the city on a **donkey** symbolized arrival in peace, rather than as a war-waging king arriving on a horse.