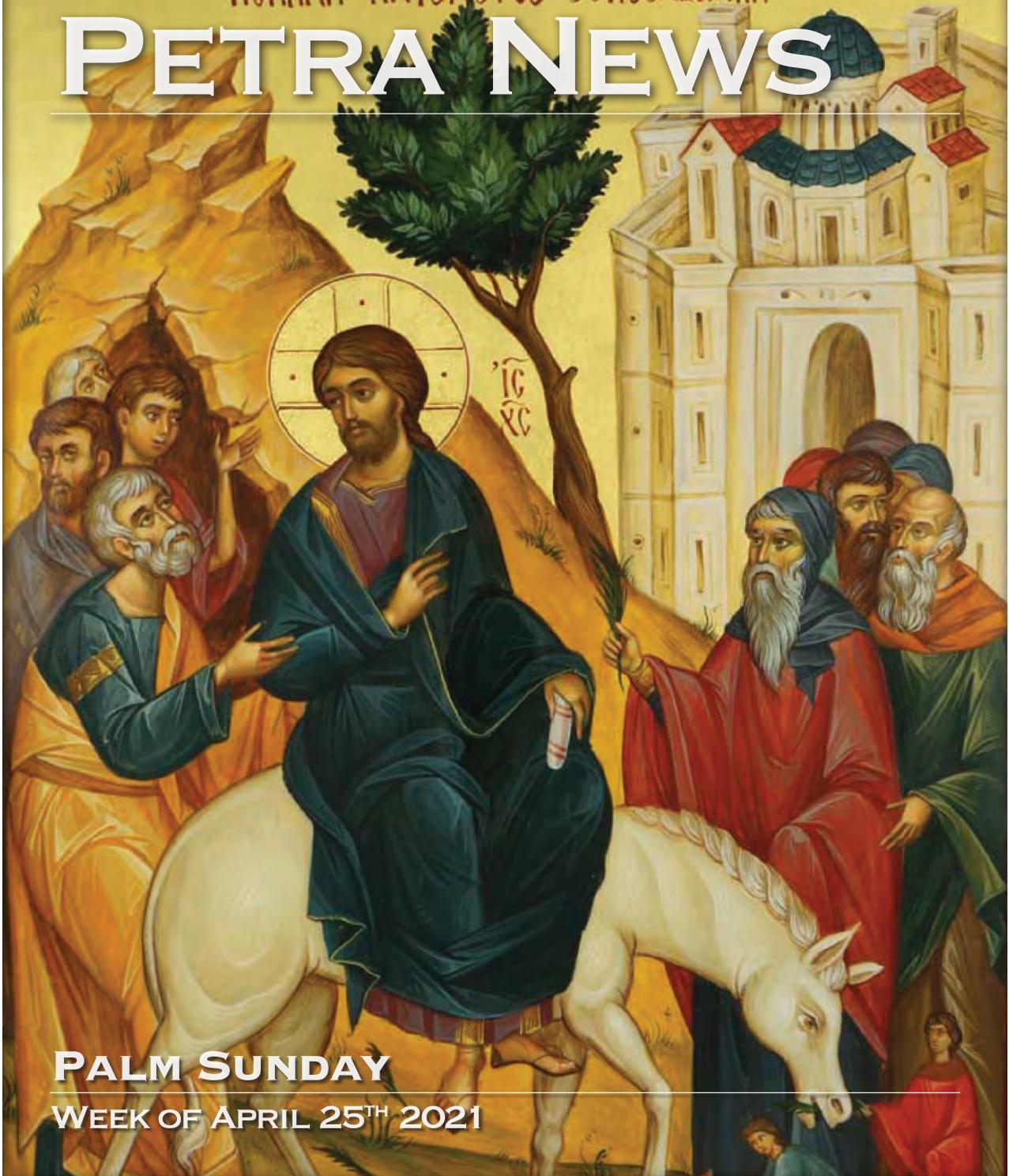


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PETRA NEWS



PALM SUNDAY

WEEK OF APRIL 25TH 2021

SUNDAY, APRIL 25TH 2021

WELCOME FATHER STEPHAN CLOSE

We welcome Father Stephan, assistant priest, from our sister parish, St Luke's located Erie. Father Stephan graciously offered to help our parish on Palm Sunday, which allowed for more than one service today. Thank you Father!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY EVENING, APRIL 25

Bridegroom Service _____ 6pm

HOLY MONDAY, APRIL 26

Presanctified Liturgy _____ 9am

Bridegroom Service _____ 6pm

HOLY TUESDAY, APRIL 27

Presanctified Liturgy _____ 7am

Bridegroom Service _____ 6pm

HOLY WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28

Holy Unction _____ 10am

Holy Unction _____ 6pm

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 29

Divine Liturgy of the Mystical Supper 9am

Passion Service / 12 Gospels _____ 6pm

HOLY FRIDAY, APRIL 30

Royal Hours _____ 9am

Preparing the Kouvouklion

(Jesus Tomb) _____ 11am

Apokathelosis

(Taking Christ down from the Cross) 2pm

Lamentations _____ 6pm

HOLY SATURDAY, MAY 1

Divine Liturgy of the Resurrection __ 9am

Vigil _____ 11:30pm

HOLY PASCHA, MAY 2

Anastasi Resurrection

Orthros / Divine Liturgy _____ 12am

Agape Vespers _____ 12 noon

Pascha Easter Lunch _____ 1pm

HYMNS FOR ST MARY OF EGYPT

ANTIPHON HYMN FOR PALM SUNDAY

*"Save us, O Son of God, who sat on a donkey's colt.
We sing to You, Alleluia."*

ENTRANCE HYMN FOR PALM SUNDAY

*"Blessed is he comes in the name of the Lord.
God is the Lord, and He revealed Himself to us.
Save us, O Son of God, who sat on a donkey's colt.
We sing to You, Alleluia."*

SPECIAL HYMNS FOR PALM SUNDAY

*"To confirm the general resurrection before You 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, who comes in the name of the Lord."*

*"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! Blessed
are You, the One who comes in the name of the Lord."*

KONTAKION

*"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."*

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 – Gospel: St. John 12:1-18

COMMUNION HYMN FOR PALM SUNDAY

*"Blessed is he comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia."
Instead of "We have seen the light... we sing
"To confirm the... (see above Palm Sunday Hymn)*

WE NEED YOUR HELP

If you participated in the first Divine Liturgy at 8:30am, please help us make room for those arriving for the 10:30am Divine Liturgy. We have limited space in our parking lot, so we ask that you please promptly exit the lot with caution (there will be cars arriving). There will be no fellowship after service today. Thank you for your help.

PALM SUNDAY

EPISTLE: ST. PAUL'S LETTER TO THE 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,

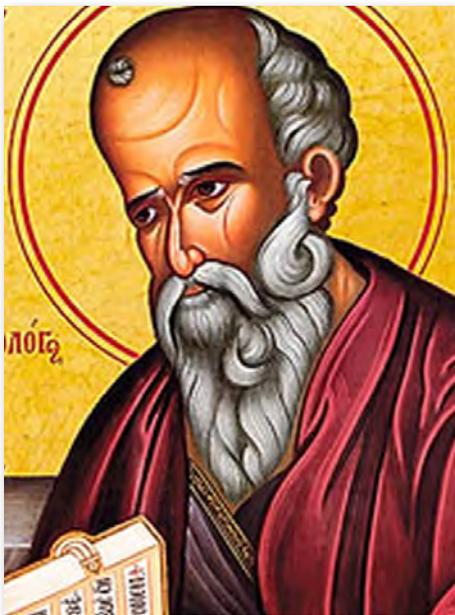
brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO 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.

PALM SUNDAY

On the Sunday before the Feast of Great and Holy Pascha and at the beginning of Holy Week, the Orthodox Church celebrates one of its most joyous feasts of the year. Palm Sunday is the commemoration of the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem following His glorious miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead. Having anticipated His arrival and having heard of the miracle, the people went out to meet the Lord and welcomed Him with displays of honor and shouts of praise. On this day, we receive and worship Christ in this same manner, acknowledging Him as our King and Lord.

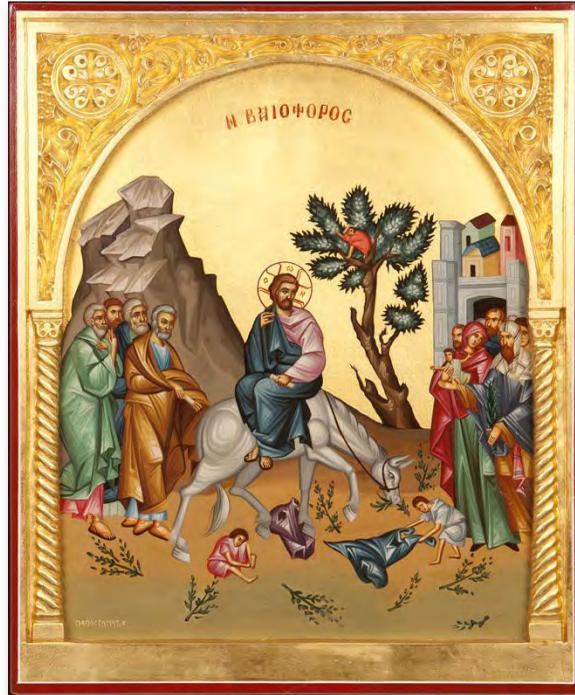
The biblical story of Palm Sunday is recorded in all four of the Gospels (Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-38; and John 12:12-18). Five days before the Passover, Jesus came from Bethany to Jerusalem. Having sent two of His disciples to bring Him a colt of a donkey, Jesus sat upon it and entered the city.

People had gathered in Jerusalem for the Passover and were looking for Jesus, both because of His great works and teaching and because they had heard of the miracle of the resurrection of Lazarus. When they heard that Christ was entering the city, they went out to meet Him with palm branches, laying their garments on the ground before Him, and shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!"

At the outset of His public ministry Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God and announced that the powers of the age to come were already active in the present age (Luke 7:18-22). His words and mighty works were performed "to produce repentance as the response to His call, a call to an inward change of mind and heart which would result in concrete changes in one's life, a call to follow Him and accept His messianic destiny. The triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem is a messianic event, through which His divine authority was declared.

Palm Sunday summons us to behold our king: the Word of God made flesh. We are called to behold Him not simply as the One who came to us once riding on a colt, but

as the One who is always present in His Church, coming ceaselessly to us in power and glory at every Eucharist, in every prayer and sacrament, and in every act of love, kindness and mercy. He comes to free us from all our fears and insecurities, "to take solemn possession of our soul, and to be enthroned in our heart," as someone has said. He comes not only to deliver us from our deaths by His death and Resurrection, but also to make us capable of attaining the most perfect fellowship or union with Him. He is the King, who liberates us from the darkness of sin and the bondage of death. Palm Sunday summons us to behold our King: the



vanquisher of death and the giver of life.

Palm Sunday summons us to accept both the rule and the kingdom of God as the goal and content of our Christian life. We draw our identity from Christ and His kingdom. The kingdom is Christ - His indescribable power, boundless mercy and incomprehensible abundance given freely to man. The kingdom does not lie at some point or place in the distant future. In the words of the Scripture, the kingdom of God is not only at hand (Matthew 3:2; 4:17), it is within us (Luke 17:21). The kingdom is a present reality as well as a future realization (Matthew 6:10). Theophan the Recluse wrote the following words about the inward rule of Christ the King:

“The Kingdom of God is within us when God reigns in us, when the soul in its depths confesses God as its Master, and is obedient to Him in all its powers. Then God acts within it as master ‘both to will and to do of his good pleasure’ (Philippians 2:13). This reign begins as soon as we resolve to serve God in our Lord Jesus Christ, by the grace of the Holy Spirit. Then the Christian hands over to God his consciousness and freedom, which comprises the essential substance of our human life, and God accepts the sacrifice; and in this way the alliance of man with God and God with man is achieved, and the covenant with God, which was severed by the Fall and continues to be severed by our willful sins, is re-established.”



The kingdom of God is the life of the Holy Trinity in the world. It is the kingdom of holiness, goodness, truth, beauty, love, peace and joy. These qualities are not works of the human spirit. They proceed from the life of God and reveal God. Christ Himself is the kingdom. He is the God-Man, Who brought God down to earth (John 1:1,14). “He was in the world, and the world was made through Him, yet the world knew Him not. He came to His own home, and His own people received Him not” (John 1:10-11). He was reviled and hated.

Palm Sunday summons us to behold our king - the Suffering Servant. We cannot understand Jesus’ kingship apart from the Passion. Filled with infinite love for the Father and the Holy Spirit, and for creation, in His inexpressible

humility Jesus accepted the infinite abasement of the Cross. He bore our griefs and carried our sorrows; He was wounded for our transgressions and made Himself an offering for sin (Isaiah 53). His glorification, which was accomplished by the resurrection and the ascension, was achieved through the Cross.

In the fleeting moments of exuberance that marked Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the world received its King, the king who was on His way to death. His Passion, however, was no morbid desire for martyrdom. Jesus’ purpose was to accomplish the mission for which the Father sent Him.



PHILOPTOCHOS

2021 MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Our annual membership drive has begun! If you would like to join this amazing charitable organization or renew your membership, fill out the membership form (available in the Narthex or by the south exit) and return it to Lis Troicky or Julie Powers by Sunday May 9. If you have any questions, contact Lis at etroick@aol.com, 720-771-7786

PASCHA BAKE SALE

Pick-up Tsoureki loafs, Thursday 4/29 or Friday 4/30. Preordered a cookie boxes can be picked-up in the hall after today's service.

RED EGG DYE

Packets will be availble for purchase in the Narthex for \$4, following today's service.

COVID-19 GUIDELINES, 4/25/2021

The revised Colorado Safer-at-Home guidelines set forth by the Governor of Colorado allow Sts Peter Paul to 45 people in Church during the services.

PLEASE NOTE THAT A MASK IS REQUIRED AND TO BE PROPERLY WORN AT ALL SERVICES DURING THE WEEK - THIS INCLUDES ALL WEEKDAY SERVICES.

If you did not sign up for Sunday, and we have reached the maximum number allowed by the county, you are welcome to participate from the exonarthex (outside entrance into the church). There are chairs placed at the outside entrance of the church. The parish hall will be open to accommodate the overflow of people. Those outside and in the hall are welcome to come inside the church at the end of service for the sacrament of Holy Communion and to receive the Blessed Bread 'Antidoro.'

NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORTHODOX FAITH SERIES

The Orthodox Christian Faith Class will resume on Wednesday, May 12 @ 7 pm. Please join us for a lenten supper at 6 pm, followed by the Small Compline Service. Everyone is welcome

We will be discussing the book, Life after Death, by Metropolitan Hierotheos. If you have any questions, please contact Father Jordan @ frjordanbrown@gmail.com or 303-581-1434.

YOUTH MINISTRY, APRIL SCHEDULE:

HOLY FRIDAY YOUTH RETREAT FRIDAY, APRIL 30

We are planning a special youth retreat for Holy Friday. The children will help with the decorating of Christ's tomb. The retreat will begin at 11am, and end with the Taking down of Christ, at 2pm.

ICONS FOR GREAT LENT

The Church offers special icons during the Great and Holy Lent. If you would like to help with donating an icon for the Lenten Season, please see Father Jordan. The icons are from the Life Giving Women's Monastery located in Dunlap, California.

Icons needed for Great Lent:

Sunday of Orthodoxy, St Gregory Palamas, Crucifixion of our Lord, St John of the Ladder, St Mary of Egypt, Palm Sunday, Raising of Lazarus, Resurrection. (suggested donation \$400) Questions, please contact Father Jordan @ frjordanbrown@gmail.com.

HOLY WEEK FLOWERS

The church is accepting donations for the Holy Week Flowers. There is a special offering basket in the Narthex. Thank you



PASCHA EASTER AGAPE PICNIC

SUNDAY, MAY 2 AGAPE VESPERS, 12 NOON PASCHA LUNCH, 1PM

Please join us for the Agape Service and lunch in celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ! Our three talented chefs will be preparing a delicious lunch. There will be games for the children and an Easter Egg Hunt. Because of Covid, please do not bring a dish to share. We will serve you!

Suggested lunch donation:

\$10 (all proceeds will go directly to the Church Benevolent Fund helping those in need)

SPECIAL HOLY WEEK CLEANING

In preparation for Holy Week, we will be cleaning the church and hall today @ 12:30 pm. We need a few extra hands. We will be preparing and cleaning the Church for the most important week of the year, Holy Week. If you are able to help, please visit with Presbytera Kedrann. Thank you

HOLY WEEK BOOKS

There are a few Holy Books remaining for sale. There is a table located in the Narthex with the Holy Week Books, and special books for Great Lent. In addition, there are 'free' lenten spiritual reflections, and material regarding the Orthodox Christian Faith also in the Narthex.



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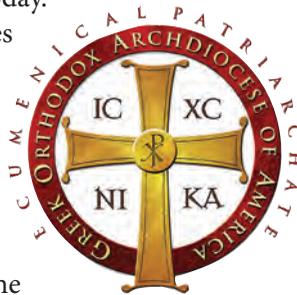
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Icon of the Theotokos “Sweet-Kissing”
by Ileana Barbu

ABOUT OUR PARISH

We welcome visitors worshipping with us today. Our diverse church family encompasses many converts to the Orthodox Christian Faith, as well as Greek, Arab, Romanian, Serbian and Russian Orthodox Christians. The foundation of the Orthodox Church are the teachings and Holy Tradition of Jesus Christ. We follow the first Christians who began to worship Jesus Christ after the Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Please introduce yourself to our priest and members of our community. We also encourage you to join us for our fellowship after services in the parish hall and visit our bookstore. If you are interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith, please visit with our priest, Fr. Jordan Brown.



HOLY COMMUNION IN THE ORTHODOX CHURCH

Holy Communion is reserved only for baptized and/or chrismated Orthodox Christians who have properly prepared by prayer, fasting, and confession.

The Orthodox Church understands the reception of Holy Communion to be the highest expression of our faith. Both Orthodox and non-Orthodox alike are invited to receive the ‘antidoro’ (blessed bread) at the end of the Divine Liturgy.



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RECURRING SERVICES

Orthros - Sundays, 8:15am
Divine Liturgy - Sundays, 9:30am
Great Vespers - Saturdays, 5pm
Confession by appointment.