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**Bulletin**

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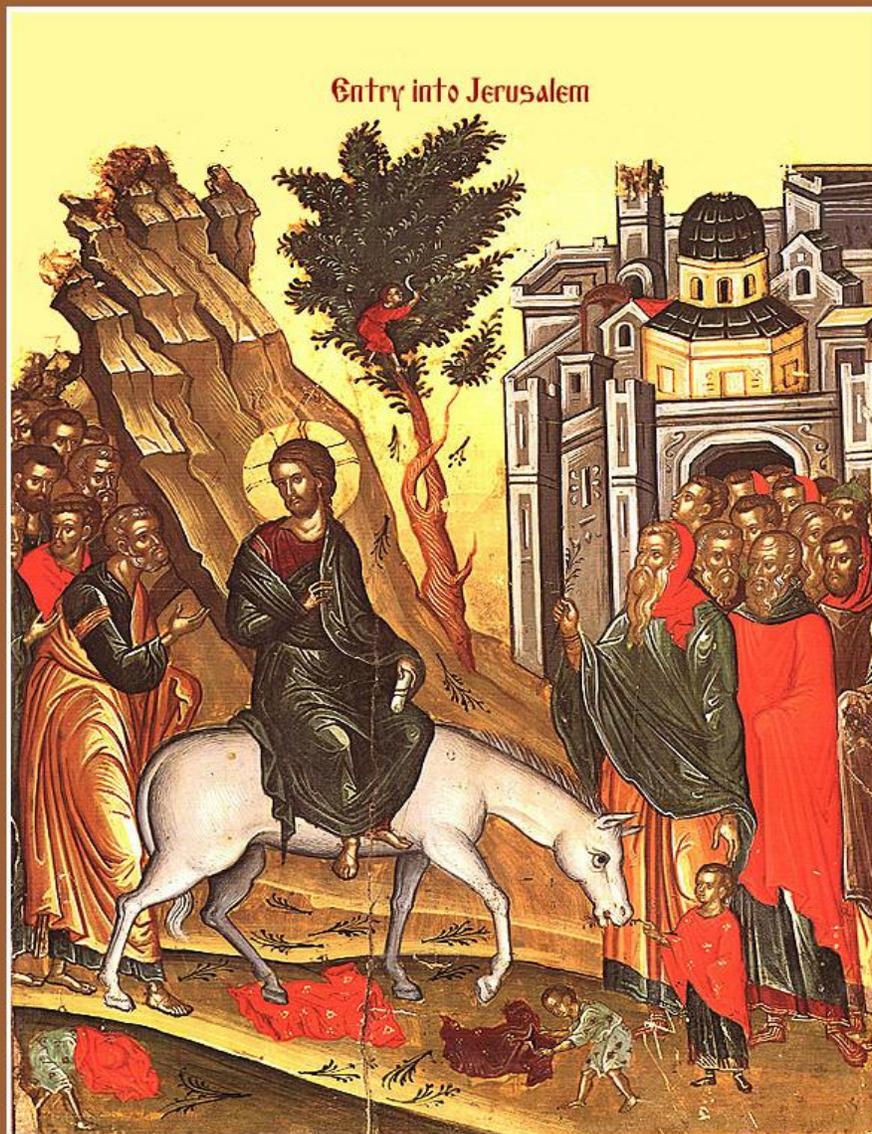
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**SUNDAY, APRIL 24, 2016 ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. PALM SUNDAY.** Martyr Sabbas Stratelates (“the General”) of Rome, and 70 soldiers with him (272). Ven. Savva and Aleksy the Recluse, of the Kiev Caves (Near Caves—13th c.). Martyrs Pasicrates and Valentine in Moesia (Bulgaria—228). Martyrs Eusebius, Neon, Leontius, Longinus, and others, at Nicomedia (303). Ven. Thomas the Fool, of Syria (6th c.). St. Elizabeth the Wonderworker of Constantinople (6th-8th c.). Ss. Iorest (1678) and Sava Brancovici (1683), Metropolitans of Ardeal and Confessors (Romania). Hieromartyr and Confessor Elijah (Ilie) the Wallachian (1657).

### **FIRST ANTIPHON**

I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Because He inclined His ear to me; therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

I suffered distress and anguish, then I called upon the Name of the Lord. **Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

**Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!**

### **SECOND ANTIPHON**

I kept my faith, even when I said, “I am greatly afflicted.”

**O Son of God, who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee: “Alleluia!”**

What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has given me?

**O Son of God, who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee: “Alleluia!”**

I will receive the cup of salvation, and call on the Name of the Lord. **O Son of God, who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee: “Alleluia!”**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people. **O Son of God, who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee: “Alleluia!”**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen. Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God, Who for our salvation didst will to be incarnate of the holy Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, Who without change didst become man and wast crucified, Who art one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit: O Christ our God, trampling down death by death, save us!

### **THIRD ANTIPHON**

**O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever! (Tone 1)** By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, / Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God./

Like the children with the palms of victory, / we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death:/ “Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

**Let the house of Israel say: for He is good, for His mercy endures forever! (Tone 1)** By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, / Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God./Like the children with the palms of victory, / we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death:/ “Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

**Let the house of Aaron say: for He is good, for His mercy endures forever! (Tone 1)** By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, / Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God./Like the children with the palms of victory, / we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death:/ “Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

**Let all those who fear the Lord say: for He is good, for His mercy endures forever! (Tone 1)** By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, / Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God./Like the children with the palms of victory, / we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death:/ “Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

*Deacon:* Wisdom! Let us attend!

*Priest:* Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! We bless you from the house of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! O Son of God, Who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!

### **TROPARIA**

**(Tone 1)** By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, / Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God. / Like the children with the palms of victory, / we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death: / “Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

**(Tone 4)** When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God, / we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection. / Now we praise Thee and sing: / “Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

### **KONTAKION**

**(Tone 6)** Sitting on Thy throne in Heaven, / carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God, / accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing:// “Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam!”

***The Prokeimenon in the Fourth Tone: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! / God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!***

***v: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!***

### **THE EPISTLE OF THE HOLY APOSTLE PAUL 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.

### ***Alleluia, Tone 1***

***v: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!***

***v: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.***

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO SAINT JOHN (12:1-18)**

Six days before the 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 denary 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, and 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 ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass'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.

*Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:* God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! / Celebrate the feast and come with gladness! / Let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, / singing: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

### **COMMUNION HYMN**

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Instead of "We have seen the True Light..." we sing:*

**(Tone 1)** By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, / Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God./Like the children with the palms of victory, / we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death:/ "Hosanna in the highest! // Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

*After "The blessing of the Lord be upon you..." we will have a procession outdoors (weather permitting) with our palms and pussywillows.*

### Palm Sunday

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.

## Our Pledge

The liturgy of the Church is more than meditation or praise concerning past events. It communicates to us the eternal presence and power of the events being celebrated and makes us participants in those events. Thus the services of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday bring us to our own moment of life and death and entrance into the Kingdom of God: a Kingdom not of this world, a Kingdom accessible in the Church through repentance and baptism.

On Palm Sunday palm and willow branches are blessed in the Church. We take them in order to raise them up and greet the King and Ruler of our life: Jesus Christ. We take them in order to reaffirm our baptismal pledges. As the One who raised Lazarus and entered Jerusalem to go to His voluntary Passion stands in our midst, we are faced with the same question addressed to us at baptism: "Do you accept Christ?" We give our answer by daring to take the branch and raise it up: "I accept Him as King and God!"

Thus, on the eve of Christ's Passion, in the celebration of the joyful cycle of the triumphant days of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday, we reunite ourselves to Christ, affirm His Lordship over the totality of our life, and express our readiness to follow Him to His Kingdom:

... that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead (Philippians 3:10-11).

Very Rev. Paul Lazor

April 24, 2016



### **CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR THE HEALTH AND BLESSINGS OF**

Special Intention .....	Joe Tome
Health & Blessings Peter & Jo Sredich, Allison Borkovich .....	Stojan & Mira Prusac
Special Intention .....	Joe Tome
Fr. Joe, Fr. Moses, Fr. Lavrenty, Deacon Anthony, Aaron, Gloria, Laurie, Walt & Zina, Dorothy, Jeanette, Reggie, Ruth, Stojan & Mira, Bosa, Joseph, Helen, Ted & Marlene, Gladys, my family & friends .....	Joe Tome

### **CANDLE INTENTIONS FOR ALL THOSE IN BLESSED REPOSE**

Anne Smith in memory of her 94 <sup>th</sup> birthday, April 19 .....	Diane Zambito
Sam & Vera Chorenko-Memory Eternal .....	Val Evandenko
Newly Departed Fr. David Przedwiecki .....	Joe Tome

### **ETERNAL LIGHT**

Ljubomir Prusac .....	Janja Beslach
Evangelia Bakousidis .....	Bakousidis & Batcos family



Welcome all of our friends and visitors to St. Nicholas! Please join us for fellowship, coffee and pastries in our parish hall.

**PALM SUNDAY BAKE SALE** remember to pick up your orders today.

**LAST CONFESSIONS** before Pascha will be Wednesday, April 27. Father Matthew is available to hear confessions before and after Sunday Liturgy and services during the week. If needed you may call the parish office to make an appointment.

## **CHARITY MINISTRIES**

**HOPE IN A BOX** is collecting Bar and Hand Soap for the month of May. Place the items in the Blue Box in the hall. Catholic Charities Community Closet will distribute the items.

**FOOD DRIVE** Place non-perishable food items in the other blue box in the hall.

**NORTH END SOUP KITCHEN** We serve on **Thursday, May 5 from 9 am to 1 pm.**

**100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY BOOKLET AD** forms are available in the parish hall. Also available are sheets that show the exact size of each ad, on the reverse side is the cost per ad size. Ad forms are due back April, 30. If you have any questions please see any member of the anniversary committee; Sharon Jernigan, Dorothy Goodman, Lucy Hogg, Cathy Steiner, Eileen Branoff, Linda Branoff, Paul Brayon or Father Matthew.

**APRIL CHARITY PROJECT** Backpacks for the Homeless. We are in need of the following items to fill the backpacks; Toothbrush and Toothpaste (individually wrapped), Washcloth and Hand towel, Thin Blanket, Deodorant, Disposable Razors, Shaving Cream, Comb and Brush, Bar Soap, Baby Wipes, Snacks ( Granola Bars, Protein Bars, Individual Peanut Butter Snacks, Peanuts, Trail Mix, Etc.) Pad of Paper, Pen or Pencil, Shampoo (not to large), Socks, Small tube of Antibiotic Cream. This is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary event for April. **A second collection will be taken up today to purchase the items needed. Please be generous.**

**DONATIONS FOR LENT, HOLY WEEK & PASCHA** we are still in need of a donor(s) for the Flowers for the Tomb for Great and Holy Friday. See Debbie if you would like to contribute toward the cost of the flowers.

**PASCHAL GOSPEL** It is customary to read the Gospel in various languages. If anyone would like to read the Gospel in a language other than English at Pascha, please contact the office as soon as possible.

**VIGIL AT THE TOMB OF THE LORD** It is traditional to keep a vigil at the Tomb of our Lord from Great Friday evening until the Great Saturday's Liturgy and then until the midnight service. The Vigil is from Friday, April 29 at 10:00 pm until Saturday, April 30 at 10:00 am and then from 1:00 pm until 10:30 pm. If you are interested, please email [stnicholas1916@att.net](mailto:stnicholas1916@att.net), call the office at 744-0070, sign your name to the sign-up sheet in the hall or sign up online.

**LAY DELEGATES** The Diocesan conference will be held on Saturday, June 25 here at St. Nicholas. If you would like to serve as a lay delegate or would like to nominate an individual(s), please contact the parish office.

**MACEDONIAN OPEN** The 36th Macedonian Open Golf Scramble will be held this year on Monday, June 20th at the Davison Country Club. Once again that is the Monday after Father's Day and would make a great Father's Day gift. Everyone is encouraged to help out in any way they can. There are many sponsorship opportunities for Families and individuals who would like to support the event, from signs wishing "good luck" to signs "in memory" of a loved one. A sign sponsorship is a great advertising opportunity for any business. Whether it's for your business or one that you frequent, we encourage everyone to participate in getting new sign sponsors this year. The Macedonian Open raised over \$19,000 for the Church last year and is hopeful for an even bigger and better turnout this year. The Church is need of a new roof among other building & grounds improvements and this event is a major fund raiser for our Church. If you have any questions or know of someone who would like to help, please contact Angelo Panoff, Christine Panoff, Linda Branoff, George Branoff or Chris Nedanis. Please look for the flyers that will be available on our website, in the monthly Bulletin and in the Church Hall following today's service. Feel free to take a few extra flyers and pass them around. Thank you.

**MANY THANKS** Stojan and Mira Prusac would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards and candles during the passing of Stojan's brother Ljubomir.

***Schedule of services and events for the week of April 24:***

<u>Monday, April 25</u>	<b>HOLY MONDAY</b>
9:00 am	Presanctified @ St. George
7:00 pm	Bridegroom Matins
<u>Tuesday, April 26</u>	<b>HOLY TUESDAY</b>
9:00 am	Presanctified @ St. George
7:00 pm	Bridegroom Matins
<u>Wednesday, April 27</u>	<b>HOLY WEDNESDAY</b>
9:00 am	Presanctified @ St. George
7:00 pm	Uction/Matins
	<b>**<u>LAST CONFESSIONS BEFORE PASCHA</u>**</b>
<u>Thursday, April 28</u>	<b>HOLY THURSDAY</b>
9:00 am	Vesperal Liturgy
7:00 pm	Passion Matins
<u>Friday, April 29</u>	<b>GREAT &amp; HOLY FRIDAY</b>
9:00 am	Royal Hours
	Set up the Tomb
3:00 pm	Vespers
7:00 pm	Jerusalem Matins
	<b>**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED**</b>
<u>Saturday, April 30</u>	<b>HOLY SATURDAY</b>
10:00 am	Vesperal Liturgy
	Blessing of Foods
10:30 pm	Nocturnes/Matins/Liturgy
	Blessing of Paschal Food Baskets
<u>Sunday, May 1</u>	<b>PASCHA</b>
10:30 am	Paschal Hours
11:00 am	Paschal Vespers

***Offerings for the week April 17, 2016***

<i>Weekly Offerings</i>	\$2,056.00
<i>Estimated Average Weekly Expenses</i>	\$5,255.62
	<b>-\$3,199.62</b>

*110 people were in attendance on  
Sunday, April 17, 2016*

“If you cannot see Christ in the beggar at the church door, you will not find Him in the chalice.”

**St. John Chrysostom**