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Κυριακή 12η Απριλίου 2020
ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΒΑΙΩΝ
Αποστ: Φιλ. 4:4-9
Ευαγγ: Ιωαν. 12:1-18

Palm Sunday
Today's Readings
Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9
Gospel: John 12:1-18



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.

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 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 donkey, but as the One who is always present in His Church, always coming 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. 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

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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 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 not a desire for martyrdom. Jesus' purpose was to accomplish the mission for which His Father sent Him.



ΚΥΡΙΑΚΗ ΤΩΝ ΒΑΙΩΝ

**“Ωσαννά, ευλογημένος ο ερχόμενος
εν ονόματι Κυρίου”**

Την ημέρα αυτή γιορτάζουμε την πανηγυρική είσοδο του Κυρίου Ιησού Χριστού στην Ιερουσαλήμ. Τότε, ερχόμενος ο Ιησούς από τη Βηθανία στα Ιεροσόλυμα, έστειλε δύο από τους Μαθητές του και του έφεραν ένα γαϊδουράκι. Και κάθισε πάνω του για να μπει στην πόλη.

Ο δε λαός, ακούγοντας ότι ο Ιησούς έρχεται, πήραν αμέσως στα χέρια τους βάγια από φοίνικες και βγήκαν να τον υποδεχτούν. Και άλλοι μεν με τα ρούχα τους, άλλοι δε κόβοντας κλαδιά από τα δέντρα, έστρωναν το δρόμο απ' όπου ο Ιησούς θα περνούσε. Και όλοι μαζί, ακόμα και τα μικρά παιδιά, φώναζαν: «Ωσαννά· ευλογημένος ο ερχόμενος εν ονόματι Κυρίου, ο βασιλεύς του Ισραήλ».

Ο Χριστός εισέρχεται στα Ιεροσόλυμα «επί πώλον όνου». Πορεύεται και οι Ισραηλίτες τον υποδέχονται με τιμές ως Βασιλιά. Εκείνος δεν δίνει ιδιαίτερη σημασία στις τιμές, δεν περιορίζεται στο πανηγύρι, στην πρόσκαιρη δόξα, αλλά προχωρεί στο σταυρό και την Ανάσταση.


Η είσοδος του Χριστού στα Ιεροσόλυμα είναι τελικά η είσοδος του μαρτυρίου στην επίγεια ζωή του Κυρίου. Σε λίγες ημέρες θα μαρτυρήσει και θα θανατωθεί στο σταυρό, για να θανατώσει το θάνατο και να χαρίσει τη ζωή.

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2020 Holy Week and Pascha Program

All Services and Liturgies will be via live stream



APRIL 11 TH	LAZARUS SATURDAY	Divine Liturgy	9:00 a.m.
APRIL 12 TH	PALM SUNDAY	Divine Liturgy Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
APRIL 13 TH	HOLY MONDAY	Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service	5:00 p.m.
APRIL 14 TH	HOLY TUESDAY	Nymphios (Bridegroom) Service	5:00 p.m.
APRIL 15 TH	HOLY WEDNESDAY	Service of Niptira (Washing)	5:00 p.m.
APRIL 16 TH	HOLY THURSDAY Holy Passion Service	Divine Liturgy Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospel Lessons	9:00 a.m. 5:00 p.m.
APRIL 17 TH	GREAT FRIDAY	Apocathelosis (Removal from the Cross) Lamentations (Epitaphios)	3:30 p.m. 5:00 p.m.
APRIL 18 TH	HOLY SATURDAY	Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil	9:00 p.m.
		Proclamation of the Resurrection followed by Paschal Divine Liturgy	10:00 p.m.
APRIL 19 TH	PASCHA (EASTER) SUNDAY - The Agape Vespers Service		11:00 a.m.
APRIL 23 RD	BRIGHT THURSDAY	FEAST DAY OF ST. GEORGE Divine Liturgy	9:00 a.m.
APRIL 24 TH	BRIGHT FRIDAY	FEAST DAY OF THE LIFE GIVING FOUNTAIN OF THE THEOTOKOS/ ZODOHOS PIGIS - Divine Liturgy	9:00 a.m.
APRIL 26 TH	SUNDAY OF THOMAS	Divine Liturgy	9:00 a.m.

ΕΝΟΡΙΑ ΑΓΙΩΝ ΚΩΝΣΤΑΝΤΙΝΟΥ ΚΑΙ ΕΛΕΝΗΣ
Παλος Χιλλς, ΙΑ

Εορτολόγιον Μεγάλης Εβδομάδος καί Πάσχα - 2020

Ολες οι Ακολουθίες και Λειτουργίες θα ειναι μέσω ζωντανής μετάδοσης



11η 'Απριλίου	Σαββατον του Λαζαρου	Θεία Λειτουργία	9:00 π.μ.
12η 'Απριλίου	Κυριακη των Βαιων	Θεία Λειτουργία 'Ακολουθία του Νυμφίου	9:00 π.μ. 5:00 μ.μ.
13η 'Απριλίου	Μεγαλη Δευτερα	'Ακολουθία τοῦ Νυμφίου	5:00 μ.μ.
14η 'Απριλίου	Μεγαλη Τριτη	'Ακολουθία τοῦ Νυμφίου	5:00 μ.μ.
15η 'Απριλίου	Μεγαλη Τεταρτη	'Ακολουθία τοῦ Νιπτῆρος	5:00 μ.μ.
16η 'Απριλίου	Μεγαλη Πευπητη	Θεία Λειτουργία 'Ακολουθία τῶν Παθῶν τοῦ Κυρίου	9:00 π.μ. 5:00 μ.μ.
17η 'Απριλίου	Μεγαλη Παρασκευη	'Αποκαθήλωσις Επιτάφιος Θρηνος	3:30 μ.μ. 5:00 μ.μ.
18η 'Απριλίου	Μεγαλο Σαββατο	Θεία Λειτουργία	9:00 π.μ.
	Η τέλεση τῆς Αναστάσεως	Θεία Λειτουργία	10:00 μ.μ.
19η 'Απριλίου	Κυριακη Του Πασχα	'Εσπερινός 'Αγάπης	11:00 π.μ.
23η 'Απριλίου	Πέμπτη Της Διακαινησίμου Του 'Αγίου Γεωργίου	Θεία Λειτουργία	9:00 π.μ.
24η 'Απριλίου	Παρασκευή Της Διακαινησιμου Ζωοδόχου Πηγῆς	Θεία Λειτουργία	9:00 π.μ.
26η 'Απριλίου	Κυριακη Του Θωμα	Θεία Λειτουργία	9:00 π.μ.