

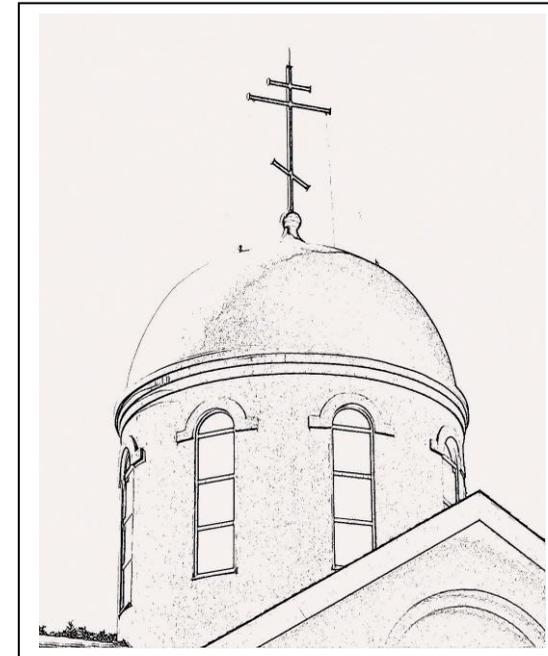
## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

**Philippians 4:4-9 (Epistle)** Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always; again I shall 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, shall 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 shall be with you.

**John 12:1-18 (Gospel)** 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 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 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.

**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!**

WEEKLY



BULLETIN

*Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery. The Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you!*

*Troparion of the Annunciation to the Theotokos*

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## Annunciations

April 1, 2018

### ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

#### Palm Sunday

*Ven. Mary of Egypt (522). Ven. Euthymius of Suzdal' (1404). Martyr Abraham of Bulgaria (1229). Ven. Gerontius, Canonarch, of the Kiev Caves (Far Caves—14th c.). Ven. Macarius, Abbot of Pelecete (ca. 830). Martyrs Gerontius and Basilides (3rd c.). Righteous Achaza.*

#### Today's Readings:

*Epistle:* Philippians 4:4-9

*Gospel:* John 12:1-18

#### Upcoming Service Schedule:

Today – **12:30pm** Bridegroom Matins

Monday – **9:30am** Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Monday – **7:00pm** Bridegroom Matins

Tuesday – **9:30am** Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

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Wednesday – **9:30am** Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Wednesday – **7:00pm** Holy Unction

Thursday – **9:30am** Vespers w/Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Thursday – **7:00pm** Matins of Holy Friday w/12 Gospels

Friday – **3:00pm** Vespers of Great and Holy Friday

Friday – **7:00pm** Matins of Holy Saturday w/Lamentations

Saturday – **10:00am** Holy Saturday Vespers w/Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

Saturday – **11:30pm** Vigil and Divine Liturgy for HOLY PASCHA

Sunday – **11:00am** Vespers of Pascha



*Entry of Our Lord into  
Jerusalem – Palm Sunday*

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diocesan news by visiting [www.nynjoca.org](http://www.nynjoca.org), and  
parish news by visiting [www.occa-brick.org](http://www.occa-brick.org).

#### Next Sunday's Readings:

*Epistle:* Acts 1:1-8

*Gospel:* John 1:1-17

### Special Prayers

We pray for **all** our parish family members, but we pray especially for those who are ill and afflicted. Among them are: **Tom Collins, Tom Kopec, Tara Escalona, Walter Romanofsky, Liz Petrides, Ann Marie Gahr, Dennis Gahr, Ron Madensky, Andy Popovchak, Dorothy Studier, Helen Ciurczak, Pauline Barnowsky, and Catherine Ratushnuk.**

**Welcome** to our visitors who have joined us today for worship and prayer. We invite you to stay with us after today's services for an Agape Coffee Hour in our Parish Hall. Please sign our guest book before you leave, tell your friends and family members about us, and bring back one or two of them on your next visit!

**TODAY** – **Church School** begins at 8:45am in the Parish Hall. The **Adult Education** session begins at 9:00am in the church. No classes will be held on Pascha.

**TODAY** – **Nut rolls** baked by our own parishioners are available for sale at \$15 apiece. Please see Cathy Berger or Olga Pasick to make your purchases. No more rolls will be baked until sometime after Pascha.

**TODAY** – Completed order forms for the **Annual Plant Sale** are due. Please see **Kristine Nilsen** for questions or to place your order. **Delivery date** is Saturday, May 5.

**TODAY** - A sign-up sheet for **Grave Watch** on Holy Friday evening and Holy Saturday is posted in the church narthex. Please sign up for a two-hour vigil at the tomb of Christ. If you have any questions regarding this practice, please contact Father Gary.

**TODAY** - A sign-up sheet is also in the narthex for those who are willing to read the Gospel (John 20:19-25) during the procession on the Vespers of Pascha (Sunday at 11:00am) in a **foreign language**. Texts will be provided in most cases.

Father Gary will hear **confessions** before morning services and after evening services through Holy Wednesday. If you wish to come to confession **before** a service, please contact Father Gary as soon as possible in advance of the desired day.

**Easter baskets** will be blessed in the Parish Hall early Sunday morning after the Paschal Divine Liturgy. In order to accommodate those who absolutely cannot make this late service, baskets will also be blessed after the Vespers w/Divine Liturgy on Holy Saturday morning.

An **Easter egg hunt** is planned to be held following the Vespers of Pascha on Sunday morning (weather permitting). All children are welcome to participate in this annual event.

**Congratulations** to **Liz Petrides** who was chrismated yesterday before the Divine Liturgy. May God grant Liz, Matthew, and their children **Many Years!**

**Many thanks** to those who provided and prepared the **palms and willow branches** for today's Palm Sunday celebration.

#### Coffee Hour Teams:

*Today* – TEAM E (Bass, Petrides)

*Next Sunday* – N/A

### **MANY YEARS!**

#### **Birthdays this week**

*Tuesday* – Alexander Hascha

*Friday* – Arnold Katko

*Saturday* – Debbie Alpaugh

*Saturday* – Gail Hascha

### OUTREACH

- **Food Pantry donations** are *always* accepted. Place non-perishable food items in blue bin in the narthex
- **Clothing donations** are accepted on the last Sunday of each month. Place donations next to the food pantry bin.