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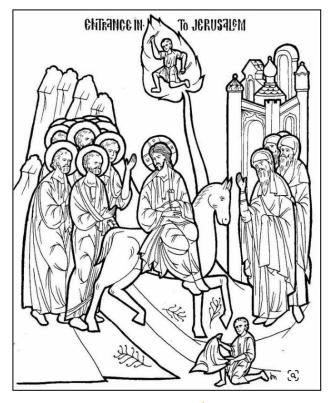
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Bishop ANTHONY, Diocese of Toledo and the Midwest

28 April 2024: Palm Sunday



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Great Vespers every Saturday at 5:30 pm unless otherwise indicated.

- Sunday, April 28, 8:45 am Matins, 10:00 am Deacon's Typika for Palm Sunday with Dn Peter Kovacich, Fellowship, Adult Education
- Tuesday, April 30, **6:30 pm Service of Holy Unction with Fr Andrew Kishler**
- Wednesday, May 1, 9:00 am Bridegroom Matins with Fr Andrew Kishler
- Thursday, May 2, 9:00 am Reader's Vespers for Holy Thursday
- Friday, May 3, 6:00 pm Reader's Services: Burial Vespers & Lamentations
- Sunday May 5, 8:45 am Services for Holy Pascha with Fr Malek Rihani
 Note: Midnight Office with outdoor procession starts immediately at 8:45 am!
- Thursday, May 9, 6:30 pm Vespers for Bright Thursday with Dn Jeremy Finzel
- Sunday, May 12, 8:45 am Matins, 10:00 am Deacon's Typika for Thomas Sunday with Dn Jeremy Finzel, Fellowship for Mother's Day, Adult Education

WORSHIP

• The "Glory" hymn at the end of Matins:

DOXASTICON OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE SIX

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

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany; and His disciples came to Him, saying unto Him: Lord, where wilt Thou that we prepare for Thee to eat the Passover? And He sent them, saying: Go into the village over against you, and ye shall find a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the master of the house: The Teacher saith: I will keep the Passover at thy house with My disciples.

GREAT DOXOLOGY & APOLYTIKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE FOUR

As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God, so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

• Deacon's Typika service follows, with additions for Palm Sunday.

Deacon: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us, and save us.

People: Amen.

Deacon: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy. (Repeat this after each petition.)

For the peace from above, and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

For the peace of the whole world, for the good estate of the Holy Churches of God, and for the union of all men, let us pray to the Lord.

For this Holy House, and for those who with faith, reverence, and fear of God, enter therein, let us pray to the Lord.

For our father and Metropolitan Saba, for the venerable Priesthood, the Diaconate in Christ, for all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

For this country, its President, all civil authorities, our Armed Forces and their families, let us pray to the Lord.

For this city, and for every city and countryside, and for the faithful who dwell therein, let us pray to the Lord.

For healthful seasons, for abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

For travelers by sea, by land, and by air; for the sick and the suffering; for captives and their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

For our deliverance from all tribulation, wrath, danger, and necessity, let us pray to the Lord.

Deacon: Help us; save us; have mercy on us; and keep us, O God, by Thy grace.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints: let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God.

All: To Thee, O Lord.

Deacon: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us, and save us.

All: Amen.

THE FIRST ANTIPHON OF PALM SUNDAY

Verse: I am filled with joy, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication. The anguish of death encompassed me; the perils of hell beset me.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Verse: I found tribulation and anguish, and I called upon the Name of the Lord. I will walk acceptably before the Lord in the land of the living.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

Verse: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Both now and ever,

and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Refrain: Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

THE LITTLE LITANY

Deacon: Again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord. **All:** Lord, have mercy. **Deacon:** Help us, save us, have mercy on us, and keep us, O God, in Thy grace.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints: let us commend ourselves and each other, and all our life unto Christ our God. **All:** To Thee, O Lord.

Deacon: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us, and save us. All: Amen.

THE SECOND ANTIPHON OF PALM SUNDAY

Verse: I believed, and therefore have I spoken: but I was deeply humiliated. What shall I render unto the Lord, for all His benefits unto me?

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of an ass; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Verse: I will take the cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of an ass; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Verse: I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all His people.

Refrain: Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of an ass; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

Verse: Glory... Both now... O Only-begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON OF PALM SUNDAY

O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PALM SUNDAY

Deacon: Wisdom! Let us attend!

Choir: Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord: God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us. Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of an ass, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY IN TONE ONE

In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

APOLYTIKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE FOUR

As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God, so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

KONTAKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE SIX

Being borne upon a throne in Heaven, and upon a colt on the earth, O Christ God, Thou didst accept the praise of the angels and the laudation of the children as they cried to Thee: Blessed art Thou Who comest to recall Adam.

THE TRISAGION HYMN

THE EPISTLE (For Palm Sunday)

Reader: The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (4:4-9)

Reader: Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice! Let your forbearance be known to all people. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think about these things. The things which you both learned and received, and heard and saw in me, these things do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Chanter: O sing unto the Lord a new song, for the Lord hath wrought wondrous things. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

All: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL (For Palm Sunday)

Deacon: The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (12:1-18)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died 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, Simon's son, one of His Disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox 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 Jesus 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 cometh in the Name of the Lord, 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 Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

HOMILY

LITANY OF FERVENT SUPPLICATION

Deacon: Have mercy on us, O God, according to Thy great mercy, we pray Thee, hearken and have mercy. All: Lord, have mercy. (3 times)

Deacon: Again we pray for all pious and Orthodox Christians.

All: Lord, have mercy. (3 times)

Deacon: Again we pray for our father and Metropolitan *N*. and for our brethren: the priests, deacons, monastics and all our brotherhood in Christ.

All: Lord, have mercy. (3 times)

Deacon: Again we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation and visitation and pardon and remission of sins for the servants of God we remember today: [NAMES OF THE LIVING], and all Orthodox Christians of true worship, who live and dwell in this community.

All: Lord, have mercy. (3 times)

Deacon: Again we pray for the blessed and ever-memorable founders of this holy church and for the departed servants of God, [NAMES OF THE DEPARTED] all our fathers and brethren departed this life before us, who here and in all the world lie asleep in the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy. (3 times)

Deacon: Again we pray for those who bear fruit and do good works in this holy and all-venerable temple, those who serve and those who sing, and for all the people here present, who await Thy great and rich mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy. (3 times)

Deacon: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

All: Amen.

TROPARIA BEFORE THE CREED

1st Reader: The heavenly choir singeth Thy praises, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

2nd Reader: Come unto him, and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be ashamed. The heavenly choir singeth Thy praises, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

1st Reader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

2nd Reader: The choir of holy angels and archangels, with all the powers of heaven, singeth Thy praises, saying: Holy, holy, holy, Lord of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

1st Reader: Both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

THE NICENE-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN CREED

All: I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, the only-begotten, begotten of the Father before all worlds: Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten not made, of one essence with the Father, by Whom all things were made. Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became man. And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried. And on the third day rose again according to the Scriptures. And ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again, with glory, to judge the living and the dead, Whose kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified; Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe in One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Deacon: Forgive, remit, pardon, O God, our sins, both voluntary and involuntary, in deed and in word, in knowledge or in ignorance, committed by night or by day, in mind and in thought. Forgive us them all, for thou art good and lovest mankind.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.

Deacon: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us, and save us.

All: Amen.

THE MORNING LITANY

Deacon: Let us complete our morning prayer to the Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: Help us, save us, have mercy on us and keep us, O God, by thy grace.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: That the whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful and sinless, let us ask of the Lord.

All: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: An angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask of the Lord.

All: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: Pardon and remission of our sins and transgressions, let us ask of the Lord.

All: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: All things good and profitable for our souls and peace for the world, let us ask of the Lord.

All: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: That we may complete the remaining time of our life in peace and repentance, let us ask of the Lord.

All: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: A Christian ending to our life, painless, blameless and peaceful; and a good defense before the dread Judgment Seat of Christ, let us ask.

All: Grant this, O Lord.

Deacon: Calling to remembrance our all-holy, immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady Theotokos and ever-virgin Mary, with all the saints: let us commend ourselves and each other and all our life to Christ our God.

All: To Thee, O Lord.

Deacon: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us and save us.

All: Amen.

Deacon: O all-holy Trinity, consubstantial might, Kingdom undivided and source of all good: Be gracious to me, a sinner, establish and give understanding to my heart, and take away from me every defilement. Enlighten my mind, that I may continually glorify, hymn, and worship Thee, and say: One is holy, one is the Lord Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Deacon now enters the altar, prepares the elements of Holy Communion, partakes himself and prepares the chalice for the people during:

Choir: "One is Holy, One is Lord...", then:

PRE-COMMUNION PRAYER

I believe, O Lord, and I confess that Thou art truly the Christ, the Son of the living God, who didst come into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. And I believe that this is truly Thine own immaculate body, and that this is truly Thine own precious blood. Wherefore I pray thee: Have mercy upon me and forgive my transgressions both voluntary and involuntary, of word and of deed, of knowledge and of ignorance; and make me worthy to partake without condemnation of Thine immaculate mysteries, unto remission of my sins and unto life everlasting. Amen.

Of Thy mystical supper O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant: for I

Of Thy mystical supper, O Son of God, accept me today as a communicant; for I will not speak of thy mystery to Thine enemies, neither will I give Thee a kiss as

did Judas; but like the thief will I confess Thee: Remember me, O Lord, in Thy Kingdom.

Not unto judgment nor unto condemnation be my partaking of Thy holy mysteries, O Lord, but unto the healing of soul and body.

KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR PALM SUNDAY IN TONE EIGHT

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

Deacon: With the fear of God, in faith and love draw near!

Choir: Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God and has revealed Himself to us.

The Deacon serves Holy Communion to the people. Chanters sing Communion Hymn, "Rejoice O Bethany."

• After Communion, instead of "We have seen..." sing:

APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY IN TONE ONE

In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

PSALM 33

All: Blessed be the name of the Lord: henceforth, and forevermore! (*Thrice*)

Reader: I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth. In the Lord shall my soul be praised; let the meek hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt His Name together. I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my tribulations. Come unto Him, and be enlightened, and your faces shall not be ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his tribulations. The angel of the Lord will encamp round about them that fear Him, and will deliver them. O taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man that hopeth in Him. O fear the Lord, all ye His saints; for there is no want to them that fear Him. Rich men have turned poor and gone hungry; but they that seek the Lord shall not be deprived of any good thing. Come ye children, hearken unto me; I will teach you the fear of the Lord. What man is there that desireth life, who loveth to see good days? Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile. Turn away from evil, and do good; seek peace, and pursue it. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears are opened unto their supplication. The face of the Lord is against them that do evil, utterly to destroy the remembrance of them from the earth. The righteous cried, and the Lord

heard them, and He delivered them out of all their tribulations. The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart, and He will save the humble of spirit. Many are the tribulations of the righteous, and the Lord shall deliver them out of them all. The Lord keepeth all their bones, not one of them shall be broken. The death of sinners is evil, and they that hate the righteous shall do wrong. The Lord will redeem the souls of His servants, and none of them will do wrong that hope in Him. **People:** Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; both now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

• During the customary procession around the exterior of the church, the choir can sing the apolytikia of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday, "Rejoice, O Bethany," and the Trisagion Hymn.

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Through the prayers of our holy fathers, O Lord Jesus Christ our God, have mercy on us, and save us.

People: Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS & INFO

| Offering Date | Holy Bread | Food | Epistle Reader |
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| Sunday, April 28 Palm Sunday Fish Allowed, No Meat or Dairy | church | Fish Fry (donations appreciated) | Mike Baum |
| Sunday, May 5 Holy Pascha | church | Parish Pot-Luck Eat from Pascha baskets, bring light food to share | Mike Baum |
| Sunday, May 12 Thomas Sunday Mother's Day | Ruth Baum | Allyson Scandale & Ruth Baum | Allyson Scandale |

Everyone, please, clean up after yourselves both the table and floor areas

Thank you to Dn Peter Kovacich for his service this morning and yesterday, and his several other visits during Great Lent. Next week we'll celebrate Pascha on Sunday morning with Fr Malek Rihani. Note the 8:45 am start time: this begins the service that usually starts Saturday night; it includes the outdoor procession so be sure to arrive on time.

Also note that Holy Unction, which is usually on Wednesday evening, is on Tuesday evening this year because of Fr Andrew's schedule.

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On Holy Thursday morning at 9:00 am we will hold the solemn Vespers service commemorating the beginning of Jesus' sacrifice for us: His washing of the disciples' feet, the Mystical Supper, and His betrayal by Judas. After the service, at about 10:30, Jeannie and Kim Leonard will provide brunch at Liberty Restaurant. If you can attend the service and brunch, please notify Jeannie so she can give an accurate count to the restaurant.

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In the latter half of our fellowship time after the service this morning, Mike Baum will present slides of the Tomb of Lazarus in Palestine, and pictures of the miracle of the Holy Fire which occurs every year on Orthodox Holy Saturday. Everyone is welcome to stay for the slides, which will run about half an hour.

++++++ MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May 3 – Lydia SchaeferMay 15 – Matthew HarveyMay 5 – Audrey SpitzMay 21 – Ron MalooleyMay 9 – Nicole WiltseMay 22 – Bev MalooleyMay 10 – Jennifer HarshmanMay 22 – Gretel KaleelMay 11 – John and Carole Ball anniversaryMay 23 – Ryker Thompson

May 14 – Mirjana Sljivar May 27 – Ruth Baum

CHURCH FINANCES

| March Income-Expense | 2024 YTD Income-Expense | 2023 YTD Comparison |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|
| Income: \$4,373.00 | Income: \$24,221.06 | Income: \$31,089.42 |
| Expense: \$4,031.83 | Expense: \$14,691.04 | Expense: \$21,501.80 |
| Net: \$ 341.17 | Net: \$9,530.02 | Net: \$9,587.62 |

PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS

Elected / Appointed Members

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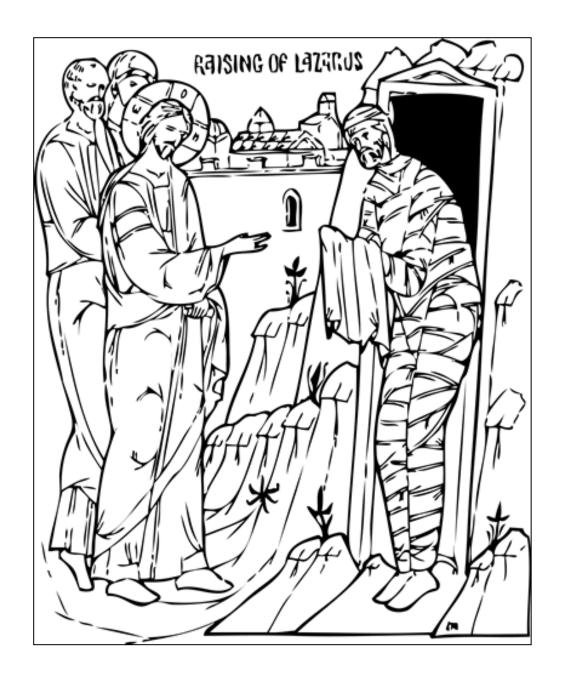
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Our Parish Mission & Vision

Called by Christ to provide hope to the world, we serve people seeing truth, with a loving community and the worship of the original Christian church. St George strives to be a growing community of believers of all ages, sharing frequent worship services, Christian education, a culture of giving and stewardship, and support to our neighbors.