

PALM SUNDAY

April 25, 2021

Saints Commemorated today: St. Mark the Apostle and Evangelist

EPISTLE READING

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.

GOSPEL READING

John 12:1-8

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros 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 Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros 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 Lazaros 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 APOLYTIKION

Giving us before Thy Passion an assurance of the general resurrection, Thou hast raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore, like the children, we also carry tokens of victory and cry to Thee, the Conqueror of death, Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.

SECOND TROPARION FOR PALM SUNDAY

Buried with Thee through Baptism, O Christ our God, we have been granted immortal life by Thy Resurrection and we sing Thy praises, saying, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.

PALM SUNDAY KONTAKION

Seated in heaven upon Thy throne and on earth upon a foal, O Christ our God; Thou hast accepted the praise of the angels and the songs of the children who cried out to Thee, Blessed art Thou that comest to call back Adam.

FOURTH MODE

As the first-called of the Apostles, and brother of their leader O Andrew, entreat the Master of all that peace be granted unto the world and great mercy to our souls.



PALM SUNDAY SEATING

In the event that attendance on Palm Sunday increases to a level that social distancing is not possible in the church, I have asked Manoilis Anagnostou and Chris Strafford to help maintain order and to follow Covid protocols. I hope you all will cooperate with them and help us by sitting next to those with whom you have been spending time. Please respect and follow any guidance that Manolis or Chris may give. Thank you for your understanding!

- Fr. John

PALM SUNDAY PLAKI LUNCHEON

Good Samaritan Palm Sunday Luncheon preorders are available for pickup after the Divine Liturgy in the Good Samaritan Cultural Center. Please, enter the hall from the exterior glass doors while maintaining distancing from one another. Due to the current situation, this is a preorder event only. Unfortunately, there will be no point-of-sale dinners available.

PHILANTHROPY AT ST ANDREW

- 1) Thank you to everyone who donated last week to our collection to benefit Hellenic College / Holy Cross Seminary. We're grateful to be helping invest in the development of our Greek Orthodox clergy who keep our faith alive in the United States.
- 2) We are hosting another virtual pastry and Greek olive oil sale, this one delivering in time for Orthodox Pascha. Pre-paid order deadline is April 24, and pick-up is May 1, 10-12 behind the church. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer tsoureki with red egg this year. All proceeds benefit the philanthropic ministries of Saint Andrew. The order link is [here](#).
- 3) Thank you to everyone who has thus far donated to our Dress for Success campaign. We've had a tremendous response! Last day to donate is Pascha. Collection bins are in the foyer. Accepting all clothing and accessories that comprise a woman's business outfit.

PROSFORO COMMITTEE

We are in need of parishioners willing to join the Prosforo Committee. If needed, we will do an instructional class for anyone who would like to join but is not sure how to prepare the Prosforo. Generally it means making the Prosforo for four Sundays during the year (2 every six months) and occasionally making extra for weekday Liturgies. The more who sign up the less often each individual will need to cover a Sunday. Please contact the office if you are able to volunteer. Thank you.

Jesus is the Bread of Life Who offers Himself for our salvation. "Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood you have no life in you; he who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:53-54).

DISCRETIONARY FUND

The Discretionary Fund is to assist local parishioners (individuals, and families) that have encountered financial hardship. If you would like to help please contact Father John or make donations payable to the Discretionary Fund.

VISITING SAINT ANDREW?

People of different religious affiliation or tradition are always welcome at the liturgical services of our Holy Orthodox Church. If you are interested in learning more about Orthodoxy or have specific questions, please set up a time to speak with Father John.

YOUR PRAYERS HELP...

“...I was sick and you visited Me...” St. Matthew 25:36. “Holy Father, Physician of our souls and bodies have mercy, forgive and heal thy servants.” The following brothers and sisters in Christ need your constant prayers and love, recovering at home or ill at home/hospital: Vasilios Spentzos (home) and Nick Limberopoulos (home).

In nursing homes or home bound: Artemis Hoke (Westgate Garden), and Amelia Morris (Miller's Merry Manor, Walkerton).

Today's **Ushers** are: Manolis Anagnostou, Chris Strafford, Leon Andrews, Kurt Metros, Nick Giannakakis
If you are not serving in the pangari today, please join everyone in the Sanctuary.

Today's Epistle Lesson will be read by an Altar Boy.

Anthoula Kanalos prepared the Prosforo for this morning. May our God grant you spiritual joy always.

THIS WEEK

Saturday April 24	Lazarus Saturday	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Saturday April 24	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday April 25	Palm Sunday	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Sunday April 25	Bridegroom Matins	6:00pm
Monday April 26	Holy Monday Presanctified Liturgy	9:00am
Monday April 26	Holy Monday Bridegroom Matins	6:00pm
Tuesday April 27	Holy Tuesday Presanctified Liturgy	9:00am
Tuesday April 27	Holy Tuesday Bridegroom Matins	6:00pm
Wednesday April 28	Holy Wednesday Holy Unction	3:30pm
Wednesday April 28	Holy Wednesday Matins of Holy Thursday	6:00pm

Thursday April 29	Holy Thursday Vesperal Divine Liturgy	9:00am
Thursday April 29	Holy Thursday Matins of Holy Friday and Passion Service	6:00pm
Friday April 30	Holy Friday Royal Hours	8:30am
Friday April 30	Holy Friday Descent from the Cross	2:00pm
Friday April 30	Holy Friday Matins of Holy Saturday and Lamentations	6:00pm
Saturday May 1	Holy Saturday Vesperal Divine Liturgy First Resurrection	9:00am
Saturday May 1	Holy Saturday Canon & Great and Holy Pascha at Midnight	11:15pm
Sunday May 2	Great and Holy Pascha-Anastasi/Resurrection Service	12:00am
Sunday May 2	Great and Holy Pascha Agape Vespers	12:00pm

LOOKING AHEAD

Monday May 3	Bright Monday and St. George	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Friday May 7	Bright Friday and Theotokos of the Life-Giving Spring	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Saturday May 8	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday May 9	Sunday of Thomas	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Tuesday May 11	Sts. Methodios and Cyril	9:30am Divine Liturgy
Friday May 14	Small Paraklesis	9:30am
Saturday May 15	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday May 16	Sunday of the Myrrh-Bearing Women	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Friday May 21	Sts. Constantine & Helen	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy

Saturday May 22	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday May 23	Sunday of the Paralytic Woman	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Wednesday May 26	Mid-Pentecost	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy
Friday May 28	Small Paraklesis	9:30am
Saturday May 29	Great Vespers	5:00pm
Sunday May 30	Sunday of the Samaritan Woman	8:30am Orthros 9:30am Divine Liturgy

