

ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM
(PALM SUNDAY)



Icon of the Entrance into Jerusalem



PATRONAGE OF THE MOTHER OF GOD

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Divine Liturgy Schedule: Saturday, April 13th, at 7:00pm and Saturday, April 27th, at 7:00pm

PATRONAGE CHURCH SERVICES SCHEDULE

Date	Time	Service	Intention
Palm (Flowery) Sunday 3.24.2024	9:00am	Divine Liturgy/Blessing of Palms and Pussywillows Anointing/Mirovanije	For living and deceased parishioners of our church
Holy Monday Annunciation of the Theotokos 3.25.2024	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy	For living and deceased parishioners of our church
Holy Thursday 3.28.2024	6:00pm	Vigil Divine Liturgy	For living and deceased parishioners of our church
Holy Friday 3.29.2024	3:00pm	Vespers and Procession with Burial Shroud	
Resurrection of our Lord – Pascha Sunday, 3.31.2024	8:00am	Resurrection Matins and Procession/Divine Liturgy Anointing/Mirovanije Blessing of Paschal Food	For living and deceased parishioners of our church
Bright Monday 4.1.2024	9:00am	Divine Liturgy	For living and deceased parishioners of our church

Palm (Flowery) Sunday - A handout for today's Propers can be found on the shelf in the Narthex. 1

MYSTERY OF REPENTANCE: Confession is available beginning an hour before Divine Liturgy, and ending 15 minutes before the start of services.

HOLY COMMUNION AND VISITATION OF THE SICK: Holy Communion can be brought to parishioners who are ill, in the hospital, or at home. If you would like to receive Communion, or a visit by either Fr. Vasyl, or Deacon Tony, you can send the church an email or contact either one.

LITURGY INTENTIONS: It is a beautiful part of our Byzantine Catholic tradition to have the Divine Liturgy celebrated for a special intention or for health and God's blessings upon a living person, or for the repose of the soul of a deceased person. Liturgy intention books and forms are available on the bookrack in the Narthex. Forms can also be found on our website. A donation or stipend is an offering made to the priest for the Divine Liturgy for such a request. **Checks should be made payable to: Fr. Vasyl Symyon.** You can either mail your Intention request to the rectory, or place it in the offertory basket in the back of our Temple. A special date may be requested, but it may not always be available. The date is assigned on a first come, first served basis, and are reserved upon receipt of the offering. **We currently have some dates open, if you would like to request an intention!**

VENERATION OF THE HOLY SHROUD (PLASCHANICJA): One of the most impressive rituals of Holy Week, in our Byzantine Catholic Church, involves the procession of the Holy Shroud (Plaschanicja), and the placement in the tomb during the Vespers Service on Holy Friday. Visit www.archpitt.org, click on **Menu, Resources/About, Our Faith**, then **The Veneration of the Holy Shroud...** to read this informative article that gives insight to our Holy Friday service.

ICON BANNERS: Many thanks to **Dan Bobby** for cleaning and polishing our 4 icon banners that are attached to our front pews. Your efforts are greatly appreciated!

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY: Theosis in Action & the Eparchy of Passaic Present: "Poustinia," an evening of encounter and hospitality in the light of the Byzantine East. The next event will take place on **April 20th from 7-10pm** at St. Mary's Byzantine Catholic Church in Hillsborough, NJ. This event is open to all young adults ages 18-35. For more information, contact: FatherTomByz@gmail.com or on facebook.com/theosisinaction.

PATRONAGE CHURCH SHOPPING BAGS FOR SALE: Please consider purchasing our church's shopping bag. They are \$5 per bag. Please see Mary Demyan, or Sharon Kotula, if you would like to purchase any. The shopping bags will also be available for sale at our festival.



Slava Isusu Christu! Slava na viki! Glory to Jesus Christ, Glory forever!

Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic Fasting Regulations for the Great Fast 2024

Abstinence: The law of Abstinence forbids the use of meat, permitting the use of eggs and dairy products. All the faithful of the Eparchy who receive Holy Communion are obliged to abstain. Abstinence is to be observed on all Wednesdays and Fridays during the Holy Season of the Great Fast.

Strict Abstinence: The law of Strict Abstinence (Fast) forbids the use of meat, eggs, and dairy products. All the adult faithful of the Eparchy who receive Holy Communion are obliged to observe Strict Abstinence, and is to be observed on Great and Holy Friday, March 29th.

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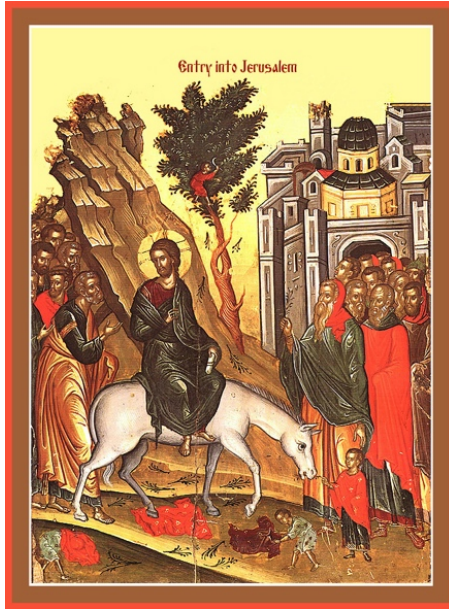
*Having Suffered the Passion for Us
Jesus Christ, Son of God
Have Mercy, Have Mercy, Have Mercy on us*

*Preterpivjy za nas strasti,
Isuse Christe, Syne Bozij,
Pomiluj, pomiluj, pomiluj nas.*

CHILDREN'S CORNER

Palm (Flowery) Sunday

In Jerusalem, people greeted Christ with palm branches, but palms don't grow in Eastern Europe where a lot of our ancestors came from, so they blessed pussywillows, because they were the first to blossom in that region in the spring.



Fill in the blanks using these words:

Temple Hosanna waved Blessed donkey Palm clothes Lord

The Feast of the Sunday before Pascha is known as _____ Sunday. Jesus traveled to Jerusalem riding a _____. The children in the icon _____ palm branches and layed _____ at Jesus' feet. People in the crowd that came out to greet Jesus shouted _____ and "_____ is He who comes in the name of the _____!" The building with the dome behind the walls in the center of the city is called the _____.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: The people of Ukraine, that peace may be soon be restored to their land, our parishioners, the founders of our parish, our benefactors, those who are sick, and those who cannot make it to church. Also, Fr. Vasyl Symyon, Matthew Skovran, Mike Skovran, James DeWolfe, Clara Valeika, Caroline and Joe Belensky, Kay Dinko, Doris Ruszin, Veronica Ruszin, Anna Martin, Joseph Repasi, Mary Jo Kelly Wilhelm, HowardGuba, Albert Ondrish, our first responders, and all military service men and women throughout the world.

May our Lord Jesus Christ, the Physician and Healer of souls and bodies, grant them peace and good health for many blessed years!

STEWARDSHIP: Patronage Church - March 17, 2024

Offertory: \$1,135.00

Easter Flowers: \$112.00

Memorial Donation for Marie Repasi: \$50.00

Tithe.ly: \$65.00

Religious Articles: \$151.00

You honor God and our Church by continuing to tithe each week. A collection basket is on the table in the back of our Temple for your weekly donation. You may also mail in your donation, or donate online at: <https://tithe.ly/give?c=2346733>. The link is also on our website. ***“Remember then, it is the Lord, your God, who gives you the power to acquire wealth” (Dt. 8:18).***

PARISH SOCIAL/FESTIVAL SALE: All are welcome to join us after Divine Liturgy this morning for refreshments in our social hall. Religious articles will be available for sale, as well as, some leftover items from our festival. Please check it out!

ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT: After Divine Liturgy, this morning, all children of our parish, are invited to participate in our Easter Egg Hunt. Adult parishioners are invited, and encouraged, to be spectators. ***Children should meet in the social hall with Kevin Ross.***

ANNUAL ST. THOMAS SUNDAY PARISH DINNER: Next ***Sunday, April 7th, Divine Liturgy will be a 11:00am***, followed by a pot-luck dinner. Please bring a dish, and join us!

EASTER FLOWERS: ***Today is the deadline to order Easter flowers.*** Order forms can be found on the shelf in the Narthex. Thank you, again, to all who have already placed an order!

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH: We welcome all new visitors, to our parish family, and are happy you are joining us to share in the celebration of the Divine Liturgy and hope you will become an active part of our parish community. We receive the Body and Blood of Christ in our mouth by spoon; please DO NOT stick out your tongue. All Catholics may receive the Eucharist if you are in good-standing and prepared. If you would like to be added to our parish email list, send us an email at patronage.church@gmail.com. If you want to make us your home church, parish registration is the OFFICIAL way we join a church. Simply complete a census form that is located either on the bookrack in the Narthex, or can be found on our website, and either mail it to the church, or place it in the collection basket in the back of our Temple. Donation information can be found under “Stewardship” in this bulletin.

“My house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples” (Isaiah 56:7).

BLESSED PALMS AND PUSSYWILLOWS: The palms and pussywillows that are blessed today should be kept in your home, usually displayed at the icon corner, a crucifix, and even in your car as a witness to the Lord's presence in your life. Families will also take a bouquet of palms and pussywillows, and place them on their loved one's grave. Last year's palms and pussy willows are blessed sacramentals and should be destroyed by burning or burying them. Thank you to the **kolachi bakers** on Wednesday for also bundling up the palms and pussywillows in preparation for Palm Sunday, and to **Dan Bobby** and **Michael Kakalec** for donating pussywillows. We truly appreciate them for continuing to supply our church with pussywillows!

SLAVIC FOOD FESTIVAL: We want to thank everyone who volunteered to work at the festival yesterday, and for everyone who donated baked goods for our bake table. A special thank you goes out to **Mary Demyan**, for again, organizing our festival, to **Dave and Karen Kernich** for their monetary festival donation, **Michael Kakalec** for donating several more cases of soda, **Jeremy Romano** for picking up our Pirohi order in Hazleton, PA, to **Dennis Kohlhoff** for picking up our Pascha and Cheesecake order from the nuns in Sugarloaf, PA, and the **volunteers who helped make Kolachi on Wednesday**. We also could not continue to have these festivals without the support of our parishioners – we appreciate you! Details of the outcome of our festival will be available soon.

If you purchased any items, and donated it to the festival, **please be sure to give us a copy of your receipt**, so that we can have a more accurate accounting of our costs, as well as a fair representation of your individual donations. Any questions, please see Dennis Kotula.

SOCIAL HALL FREEZER: Junkluggers removed the old freezer from our social hall on Wednesday. They will repurpose it.

GREEK CATHOLIC UNION (GCU) COOKBOOK: If anyone is interested in purchasing a GCU cookbook, we now have them back in stock. They are \$18 per book. You can find them on the table in the back of church. There are sections in the back of the cookbook explaining the traditional Easter basket, with recipes, and the Christmas Eve Holy Supper, with recipes. Proceeds benefit our ECF program.

PICK UP YOUR PANS FOR "OUR DAILY BREAD" CASSEROLE DONATIONS: You can find aluminum pans and recipes on the kitchen counter in our social hall for this project. Additional information can be found in last week's bulletin (on our website), or a flyer is posted on the bulletin board in the Narthex, and in our social hall. Any questions, please contact either Greg Calvitt (gregcalvitt@gmail.com) or Mike Skovran (michaelskovran@gmail.com). **The first casserole collection date is Sunday, April 21st.**

PRINTER CARTRIDGES: We continue to collect used printer cartridges to recycle, and earn rewards to help pay for new cartridges we use to print our weekly bulletins and Liturgical information. You can place your cartridges in the labeled box in the cry room. **Many thanks to those who have already contributed – we've now collected 86 cartridges, so far!**

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

1. The **rubber baseboard, in the entrance way to our social hall, needs to be re-glued, or replaced**. If you are able to do the repair, please see Dennis Kotula. This needs to be take care of as soon as possible.
2. A parishioner is needed to **manage the inspections that are required for our church/rectory**. Please see Dennis Kotula if you would like to be responsible for this task.

1924 CENTENNIAL 2024 - Establishment of the Byzantine Ruthenian Church Exarchate in the United States. The Ruthenian Exarchate was established on February 25, 1924. Pope Pius XI appointed Most Reverend Basil Takach, D.D., as the first Byzantine-Ruthenian Bishop in the United States on May 20, 1924. He arrived at New York Harbor on August 13, 1924, on the liner RMS Mauretania and offered a Moleben of Thanksgiving at St. Mary of the Protection Church, New York City. A **Jubilee Weekend Celebration will take place October 12-13, 2024, in Washington D.C. and Annandale, VA.** More details to follow.

THE BYZANTINE CATHOLIC LITURGICAL PRACTICE OF OBSERVING ALL SOULS SATURDAYS:

Mark your calendar - the fifth and final service this year for "All Souls," will be held at 6:00pm, on **Friday May 17th**. Parishioners are encouraged to attend these services, for by your presence and personal prayers, it strengthens the bond with your departed loved ones, and indeed keeps their memory eternal! **VICNAJA PAMJAT'!**

GOD WITH US - FREE ONLINE WEBINARS: You can register for the following events, or if you missed an event, there are hundreds of hours of free pre-recorded webinars, series, conferences, and lectures for inquirers, the faithful, and catechists which are available in video and audio format. Please visit www.godwithusonline.org, click on "online," and choose which webinar you would like to register for, or view one of the archived events.

- The Bible is full of stories of women who have borne witness to their faith and courage in challenging and pivotal moments in salvation history. These women inspire and model for us the call to holiness and greatness in the life of the Church. Join Biblical scholar, Dr. Sandra Collins, as we explore their stories! This live webinar, "**Great Women of the Bible – Inspiring Women of Faith & Models of Holiness**," will be held on **Thursday, April 11th and Thursday, April 25th**.
- Explore the influences that formed, in the cauldron of first-millennium Constantinople, the Byzantine Church and its unique and profound perspective on the great truths of our Christian faith by reading Archbishop Joseph Raya's text with Fr. Deacons Anthony Dragani and Robert Klesko! This Byzantine Bookshelf Series 90-minute webinar, "**Byzantine Church & Culture – The Grace, Splendor, History, & Culture of Byzantium**," will be take place on **Monday, April 22nd, at 7:00pm**.
- People who desire communion with God can discover how the Postinia powerfully fulfills their yearning by reading Catherine Doherty's spiritual classic! In it we are invited to leave the noise and harried pace to enter a place of silence and solitude in the heart! Please join Fr. Michael Winn and Fr. Deacon Robert Klesko for this 90-minute webinar, "**Postinia: The Desert – Encountering God in Silence, Solitude & Prayer**," on **Monday, May 20th, at 7:00pm**.

ANTIDORAN: The bread that is placed on the Tetrapod, after Divine Liturgy, is the Antidoran ("instead of the gifts"). This is the bread from the Prospora that is blessed during the preparation of the gifts, but is not used for Liturgy. Traditionally, it was given to people who were not able to receive Communion. If you know someone who is unable to receive for whatever reason, please take them some.

"COME AND SEE" PAPERBACK BOOK: Produced by the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Passaic, this is a resource which aims to share the "Good News" – the transforming message of the Gospel within the context of the Byzantine Catholic tradition, and was designed with a two-fold goal in mind: 1) to be beneficial to all the existing Byzantine Catholics, and serve as the ABCs about our church and tradition, and 2) it is also an invitation to all those who are in search of a new spiritual home, who want to learn more about God and build a lasting personal friendship with Him. It is an introduction about who are and what we believe and it aims to grow awareness and participation in the great Christian richness of our Byzantine tradition and speak about its practices. It is an invitation to a journey to experience the Mystery of God. **The cost of this book is only \$5.00**, and is located in the book rack in the Narthex. You can place your money in the marked envelope next to the books.

Accompanying Christ

Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. Today He returns from Bethany and proceeds of His own free will toward His holy and blessed passion, to consummate the mystery of our salvation. He who came down from heaven to raise us from the depths of sin, to raise us with Himself, we are told in Scripture, above every sovereignty, authority and power, and every other name that can be named, now comes of His own free will to make His journey to Jerusalem.

Let us run to accompany Him as He hastens toward His passion, and imitate those who met Him then, not by covering His path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before Him by being humble and by trying to live as He would wish. Then we shall be able to receive the Word at His coming, and God, whom no limits can contain, will be within us.

In His humility Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world and He is glad that He became so humble for our sake, glad that He came and lived among us and shared in our nature in order to raise

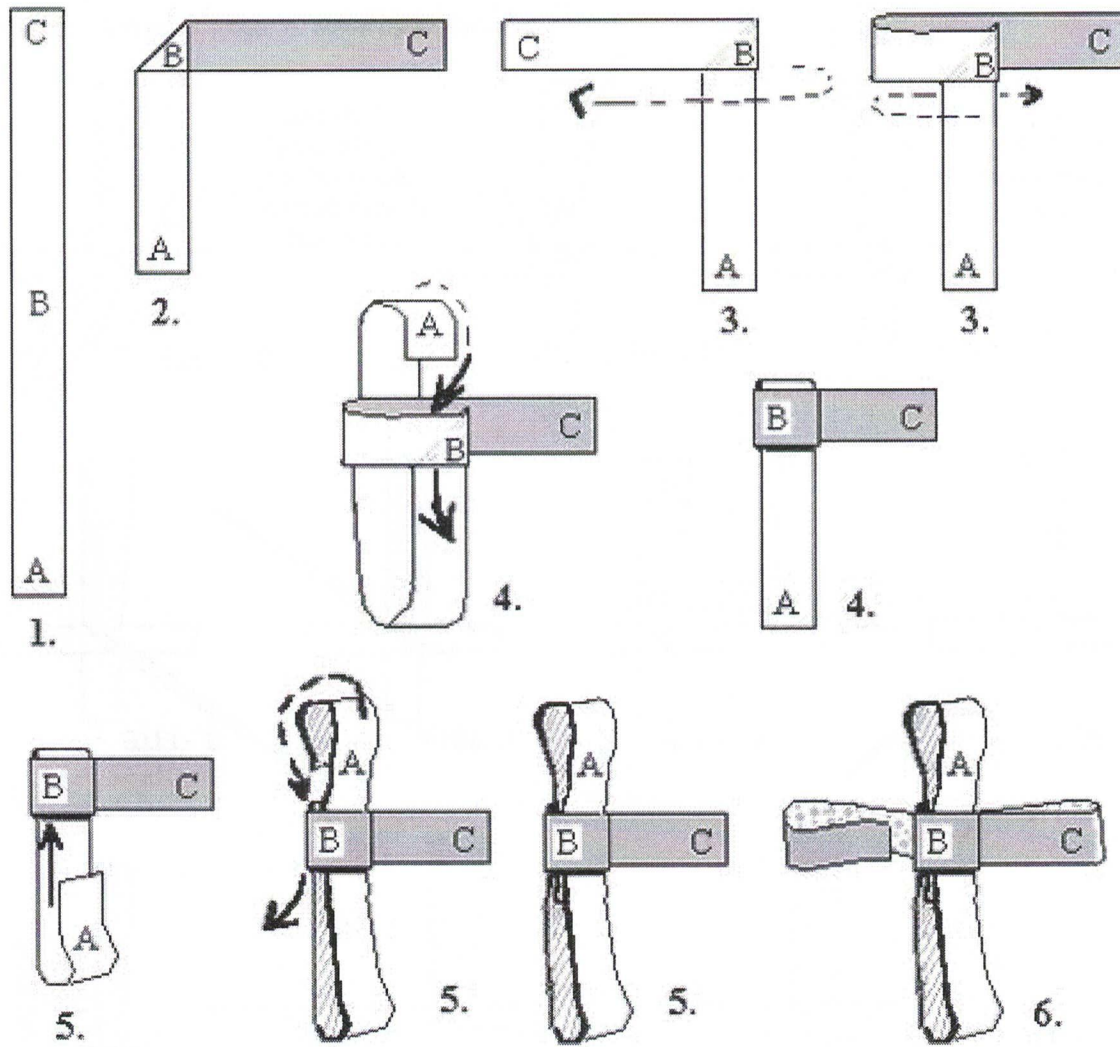
us up again to Himself. And even though we are told that He has now ascended above the highest heavens – the proof, surely, of His power and godhead – His love for man will never rest until He has raised our earthbound nature from glory to glory, and made it one with His own in heaven.

So let us spread before His feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in His grace, or rather, clothed completely in Him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before Him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of His victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children's holy song: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the king of Israel.

St. Andrew of Crete

**For more information on Eastern spirituality, visit
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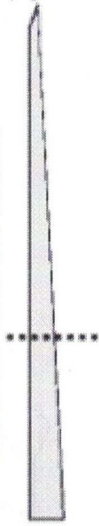
HOW TO MAKE A PALM CROSS



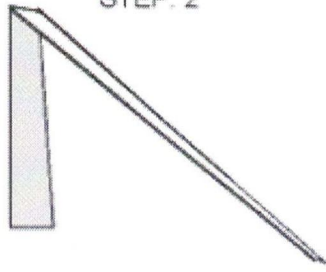
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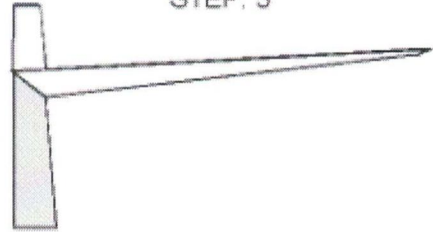
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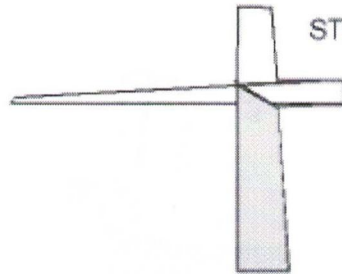
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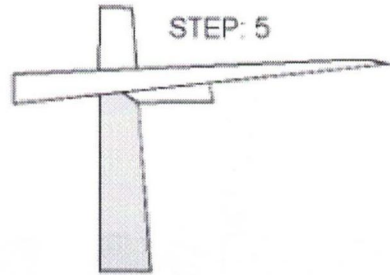
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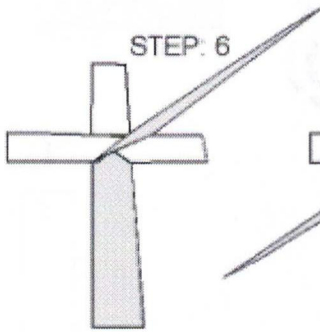
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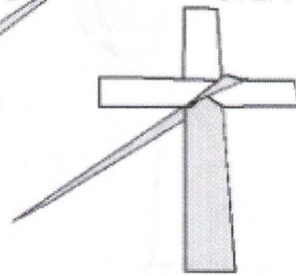
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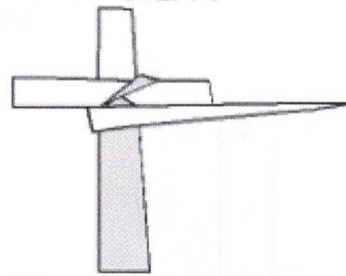
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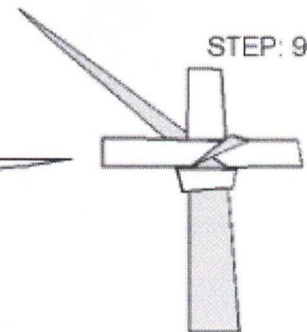
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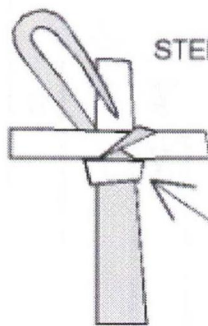
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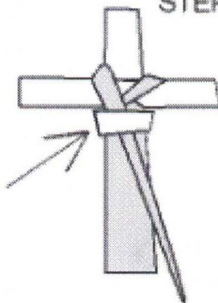


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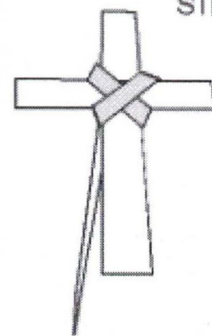


Tuck in the
tapered end of
the palm leaf
and pull it
through.

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STEP: 12



Turn the
cross over.
This is the
front view.

THE GREAT WEEK

THE HOLY DAYS OF OUR LORD'S PASSION

Lazarus Saturday

Taking pity on the tears of Martha and Mary, O Christ our God, you ordered the stone to be rolled away from the tomb; by your call, You raised the dead man and broke the bolts of Hades to establish our faith in the life-giving resurrection of all. Glory to your power, O Savior; glory to your sovereign majesty; glory to You, for by your word, You uphold the whole world.

O Fountain of wisdom and eternal knowledge, arriving at Bethany, You asked those who were with Martha: Where have you placed Lazarus, my friend? You wept tears of compassion over the one who had been dead four days; and, by your voice, You raised him, O Giver of life and compassionate Lord.

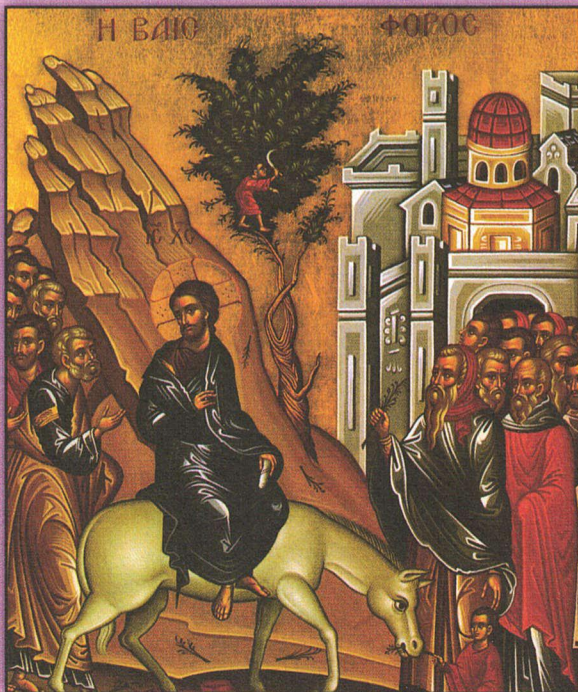


Palm Sunday

The Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem

Carrying palms in spirit and with our souls purified, as the children of old, let us praise Christ in faith; and let us sing to Him with a full voice: Blessed are You, O Savior, who comes into this world to save Adam from the ancient curse, and who have willed to become the new spiritual Adam. O Word, You have fulfilled all things for our salvation, glory to You.

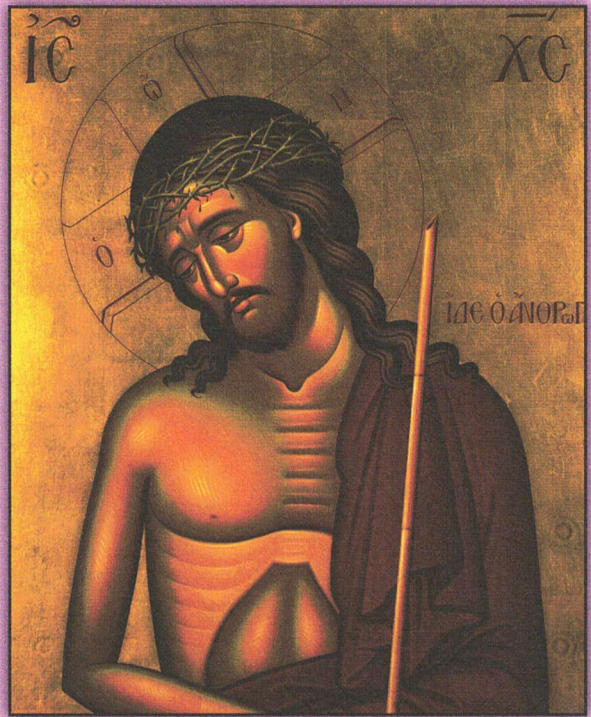
O peoples and nations, sing with one voice: The King of the angels comes, seated upon the colt of a donkey, to conquer the Enemy by the power of the Cross. The children carry palms and cry out to Him: Glory, victory and welcome; glory to You, O Christ our Savior; glory and praise to our only God!



Great and Holy Monday

Commemoration of the unproductive fig tree the Lord Jesus curses as He walks outside Jerusalem (Mt 21:18)

The coming day shines with the beginning of the Passion of the Lord. Come, let us celebrate this mystery; let us go meet Him with our hymns. For the Creator draws near to endure the Cross; led before Pilate, He submits to the questions, the whipping and the judgment; struck by a servant, He endures all to save the human race. Therefore, we cry out to Him: O Christ our God, the Lover of Humankind, grant the forgiveness of their sins to those who venerate your holy Passion with faith.

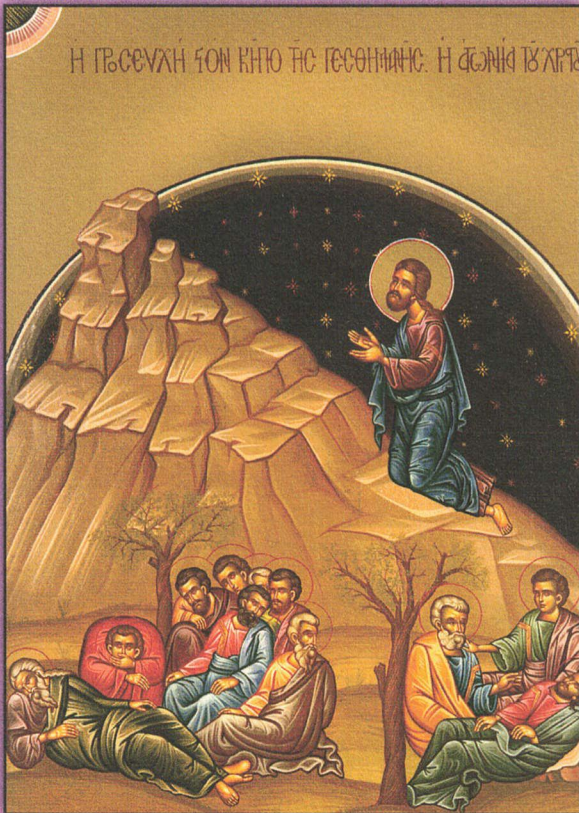


Great and Holy Tuesday

Commemoration of the Lord's parable of the Ten Wise Virgins (Mt 25:14)

The priests, scribes and the council of the impious have gathered against You, O God our Savior; through jealousy they persuaded Judas to betray You: he was not ashamed to go out and speak against You, saying to the lawless ones: What will you give me if I hand Him over to you? O Lord, spare our souls from such a condemnation.

Impelled by his burning love of money, the impious Judas ponders and plots the betrayal of his Master. He falls from light into darkness; he sells the One who is beyond all price; and for the price of his betrayal, the miserable one meets death through hanging. Spare us this same destiny, O Christ our God, and grant the forgiveness of sins to those who with love praise your holy Passion.

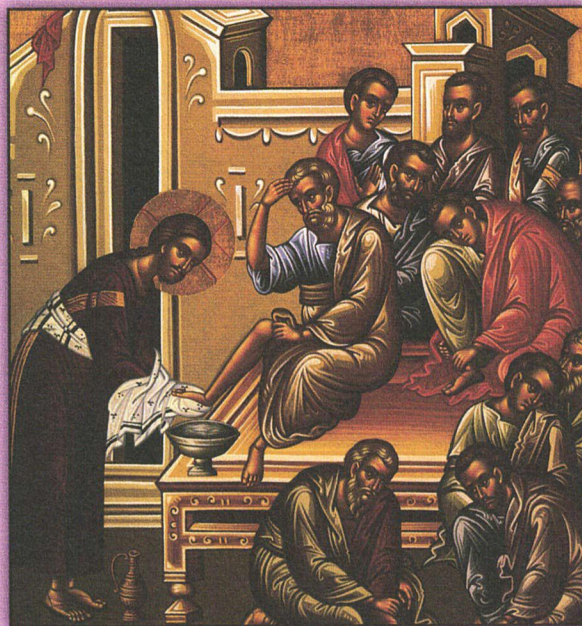


Great and Holy Wednesday

Commemoration of the betrayal of our Lord by Judas, and the anointing of our Lord by Mary at Bethany

The harlot drew near to You, O God of goodness, to pour upon your feet the precious ointment along with her tears; at your command, she was delivered from the scourge of evil; but the ungrateful disciple who was filled with your grace, turned away from You and sunk into the mire by betraying You through his greed. Glory to your infinite mercy, O Christ.

With her sighs, the sinful woman cried out to You, O God of goodness, and as she fervently dried your most pure feet with her hair, she said from the depths of her heart: Do not scorn me, my God, nor cast me far from You; but accept my repentance, and in your goodness, save me.

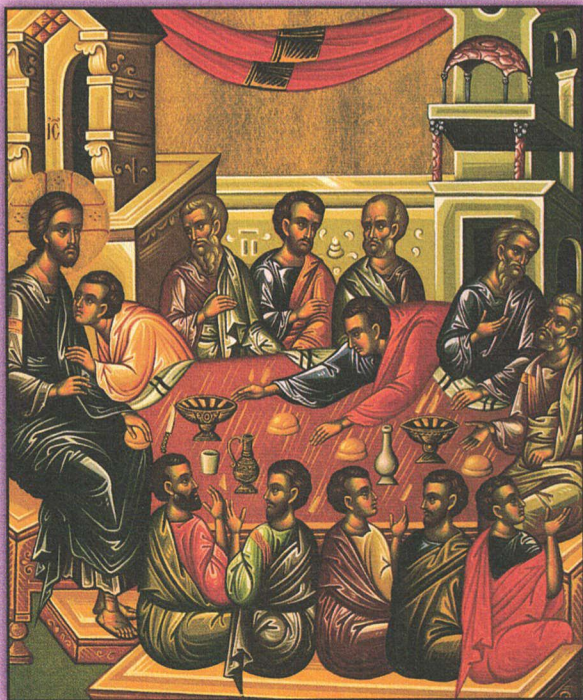


Great and Holy Thursday

Holy Eucharist at the Last Supper, and the washing of the feet of the disciples by Jesus

He who made the lakes, the springs and the seas, shows us the greatest humility: He girds himself with a linen cloth and washes the feet of his disciples; in his infinite mercy, He lowers himself, and He draws us up from the abyss of evil, for He alone is the Lover of Humankind.

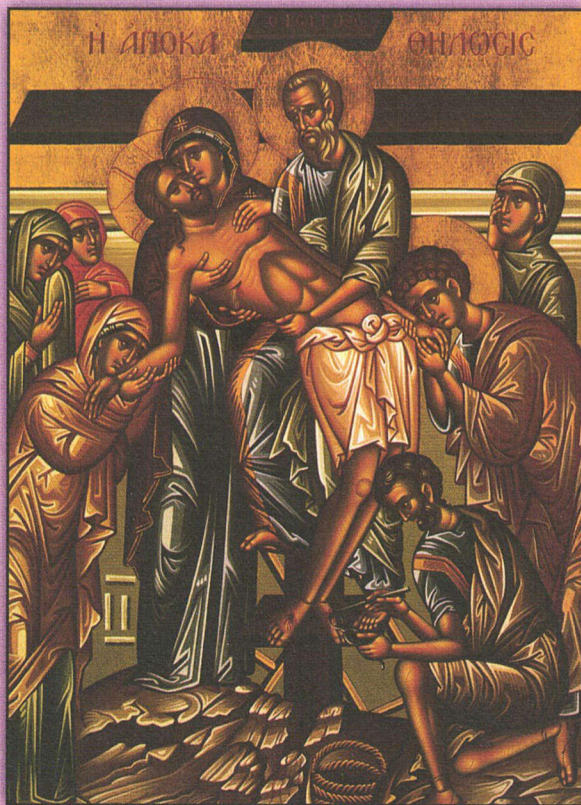
In your mercy, You humbled yourself and washed the feet of your disciples, thus preparing them to walk in the divine footsteps. Peter at first refused to be washed, but then obeyed your divine command; and while you were washing him, O Lord, he earnestly begged You to grant us your great mercy.



*Great and Holy Friday
The Crucifixion, Death and Burial of Our Lord*

O God, when You stood before Caiaphas and let yourself, O Judge, be delivered to Pilate, the heavenly powers trembled in fear. O sinless Lord, You were crucified between two thieves and numbered among the lawless ones. You did all this just to save humankind. O most kind Lord, glory to You.

You have redeemed us from the curse of the Law with your precious blood; nailed to the Cross and pierced with the lance, You have gushed forth immortality to all. O our Savior, glory to You.



*Great and Holy Saturday
The Great and Holy Sabbath rest in the tomb
and the conquering of Hades*

Joseph went to Pilate and begged for your body; he wrapped it in a pure linen cloth, anointed it with precious spices and placed it in a new tomb. Early in the morning, the holy myrrh-bearers cried out: O Christ, as You foretold, show us your Resurrection.

The soldiers guarding your tomb, O Savior, became as dead men at the lightening flash of the angel who appeared to announce your Resurrection to the women. We glorify You, for You have cleansed us from corruption. We fall down before You, for You rose from the tomb, our only God.

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