



Palm Sunday

*Our Lord's Entrance into
Jerusalem*

**Квітна Неділя; Вхід Господній у
Єрусалим.**

**Our Holy Fathers Martyred by the Saracens at the
Monastery of St. Sabbas in Palestine in 796.**

Sunday, March 20th, 2016

Holy Week Liturgical Services



Holy Monday, March 21st * 9:00 a.m.:**
Lenten Service

Holy Wednesday, March 23rd * 3:30 p.m. –**
Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

Holy Thursday, March 24th - Великий Четвер * 9:00 a.m.
– First Hour Service & Confessions

**** **7:00 p.m.** – Good Friday Matins (12 Gospels)

**Friday, March 25 - GOOD FRIDAY / Велика Пятниця &
Feast of the Annunciation**

**** **11:00 a.m.** – Vespers Divine Liturgy with laying
out of the Plashchanytsya

**** **7:00 p.m.** – Holy Saturday Matins (Jerusalem Matins)

First Antiphon

Verse 1: I am filled with love* for the Lord will hear the voice of my plea (Ps 114:1).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.

Verse 2: For He has inclined His ear to me,* and I will call to Him all the days of my life.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God...

Verse 3: The pangs of death encircled me,* the trials of Hades befell me (Ps 114:3).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God....

Verse 4: I met with anguish and pain,* and called upon the name of the Lord.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God....

Third Antiphon

Verse 1: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

Troparion (Tone 1): Assuring us before Your Passion of the general resurrection,* You raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ God:* and so, like the children, we also carry signs of victory* and cry to You, the conqueror of death:* Hosanna in the highest!* Blessed is He who comes* in the name of the Lord.

Verse 2: Therefore, let the house of Israel say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever (Ps 117:2).

Troparion (Tone 1): Assuring us before Your Passion...

Verse 3: Therefore, let the house of Aaron say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever (Ps 117:3).

Troparion (Tone 1): Assuring us before Your Passion...

Verse 4: Let all who fear the Lord say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever (Ps 117:4).

Troparion (Tone 1): Assuring us before Your Passion...

At the Little Entrance

Entrance Verse: Blessed is He, Who comes in the name of the Lord, we bless you from the house of the Lord; the Lord is God and has appeared to us.

Troparion (Tone 1): Assuring us before Your Passion of the general resurrection,* You raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ God:* and so, like the children, we also carry signs of victory* and cry to You, the conqueror of death:* Hosanna in the highest!* Blessed is He who comes* in the name of the Lord.

+Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Troparion (Tone 4): Buried with You through Baptism, O Christ our God,* we have been granted immortal life by Your resurrection,* and we sing Your praises, crying out:* Hosanna in the highest!* Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Kontakion (Tone 6): Mounted on the throne in heaven, O Christ God,* and on a colt here on earth,* You accepted the praise of the angels,* and the hymn of the children who cried to You:* Blessed are You, who have to call Adam back.

Prokimenon (Tone 4): Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;* God the Lord has appeared to us (Ps 117:26-27).

verse: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.



A reading of St. Paul's letter to the Philippians (Phil 4:4-9) -

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry 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 surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Alleluia (Tone 1): Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has worked wonders.

verse: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.



Gospel: (John 12:1-18):

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet,

and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ‘Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?’ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, ‘Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor 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 because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus. The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, ‘Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!’ Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: ‘Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!’ His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him.

Instead of “It is truly...”: “O my soul, magnify Christ who is seated on a foal.”

Irmos (Tone 4): The Lord is God and has appeared to us: together let us celebrate. Come with great rejoicing; let us magnify Christ with palms and olive branches, and with songs let us cry aloud to Him: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, our Saviour.

Communion Verse: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; * God the Lord has appeared to us. **Alleluia! (3x).**



ANNOUNCEMENTS:

“Jesus taught us how to forgive out of love, how to forget out of humility. Let us be sincere and ask to be forgiven. Is my love for others so great, so

real as to forgive, not out of duty but out of love?" *Blessed Mother Teresa*



Please Pray for health of ... Bonny H., Ric B., Shirley C., Andriy H., Sandra Sh., Sofia B., Verna H., Mike W., Anne B., Walter G., Patricia U., Sophie S., Rose O., Yvette U., Lily-Ann S., Myron G., Peter D., Peter S., Ann M., and all other parishioners and family members who need God's healing at the present time.

Please let Fr. Andrzej know if you would like to add new names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.

Thank you – on behalf of our parish we say thank you to **many parishioners** who in various ways helped make a great success of our Easter Food Sale. God bless you all!



Dr. Lyo

Also, a very big thank you to everyone for your generous donations for the needs in Ukraine. We collected **\$2,515.00**.

Also our gratitude to the **Brother Knights** from our parish Round Table and **other parishioners** who helped with yard clean-up last Tuesday.

One Bilingual Divine Liturgy – will be celebrated today, Sunday, March 20 (Palm Sunday); Easter Sunday, March 27 & on Sunday April 3rd (Easter Dinner)

Children's Catechism – will take place today, **Sunday, March 20th** after the Div. Lit. at 9:00 a.m.

Special Collection for church decorations for Easter – will take place today, **Sunday, March 20th**. Thank you for your support.

Parish Council Meeting – will take place tomorrow, **Monday, March 21st** at 7:00 p.m.

Special Choir Practices – in preparation for Holy Week & Easter Services, we will hold choir practices on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. The next practice will take place this coming **Tuesday, March 22nd**.

Good Friday, April 25 - is a strict fast day - no meat, dairy or poultry products.

Easter Greeting Cards – are available for purchase at the church entrance. **Cost: \$1.00.**

Easter Dinners – will take on place on the Feast of **Thomas Sunday** in Penticton after Divine Liturgy at 4:00 p.m. (Saturday, April 2), and at Dormition Parish (April 3)

after the Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m..

2016 Clergy Retreat & Conference - will take place in Cache Creek, BC from Bright Tuesday, March 29 to Bright Friday, April 1.

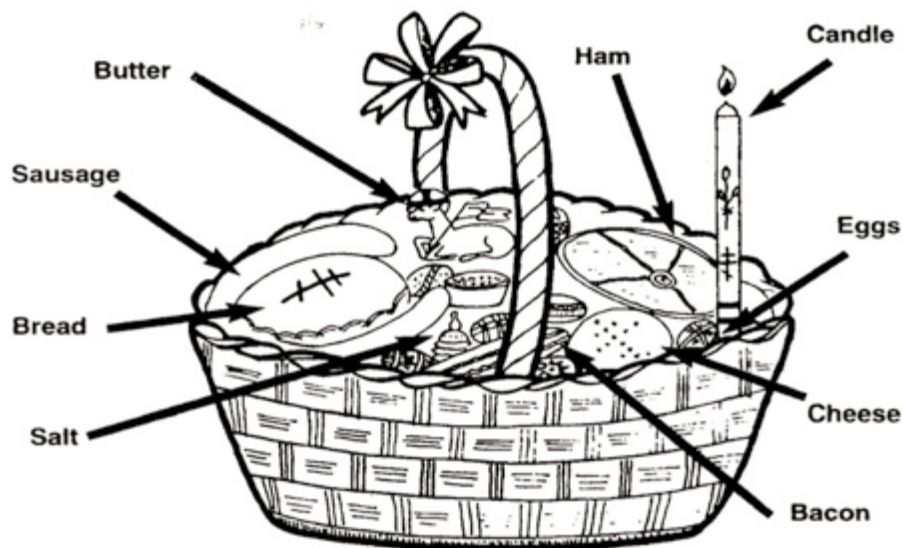


Merciful Like the Father – Dormition Parish Social Project – following suggestions from parishioners, our Parish Council voted to designate the 2016 “Coffee” proceeds for the support of St. Joseph’s new school building fundraising campaign. Last Sunday, March 13th we collected - \$ **68.40**. Thank you for your support.

Special Display of various Ukrainian items – has been provided by one of our parishioners in the church entrance. They are on sale with 1/2 of the profit designated for church flowers.

Dormition Parish Stewardship: Sunday, March 13 - \$609.00

Special Petition – *“We also pray to be blessed with generous hearts to contribute to our Bishop’s initiatives and programs, such as: the support of parishes, the education of parishioners, and the formation of seminarians, Lord hear us and have mercy.”*



Ukrainian Catholic Easter Traditions

By 'Rev. Anthony Holowaychuk

For many Ukrainians, Easter would not be Easter without the traditional Easter Basket. Going back in time we discover that in our tradition, Lent used to be a time of strict fasting and abstaining from meat, eggs and dairy products for the whole season. To show joy and thanksgiving at the end of Lent, the faithful took foods to be blessed at the Easter Morning Divine Liturgy and, bringing it home, the entire family shared it to "Break-the-Fast". The first food to "Break-the-Fast" was the blessed egg.

Eggs are a sign of hope and resurrection. Jesus comes from the tomb as the chick breaks the shell at birth. Because of the special meaning, it is fitting that the eggs should be decorated with symbols of Easter, and blessed.

Meats and Sausage represent the animals used for sacrifices in the Old Testament. They remind us of Christ who, in the New Testament, as a Lamb, sacrificed himself on the cross for our salvation. The sausage represents the links of the chains of death, which Christ broke by His Resurrection.

Paska (Easter Bread) is symbolic of Jesus who said: "I am the Bread of Life". He gives Himself as food in the Eucharist saying: "Whoever eats of this Bread will have life everlasting".

Horseradish represents the bitter herbs prescribed in the original Passover Meal as a reminder of the bitterness of life in the captivity of Egypt. Today it reminds us of the bitterness of Christ's Passion, the pains of crucifixion by which He entered into the glory of Resurrection.

Salt is the symbol of perseverance of faith, according to the words of Christ: "You are the salt of the earth" (Mt. 5:13)

Cheese and Butter are related to prosperity, abundance and peace in the Promised Land. They remind us of the abundance of graces and peace granted to us by the Risen Christ.

All the foods were traditionally blessed in church early Easter Morning following the Divine Liturgy... Each basket should have a lighted candle as a symbol of the radiance of the Resurrected Christ, who said: "I am the Light of the World" (Jn. 8:12).



Lenten Scriptural Readings for this week

Monday: Ezekiel 1:1-20; Exodus 1:1-20 & Job 1:1-12

Tuesday: Ezekiel 1:21-28; Exodus 2:5-10 & Job 1:13-22

Wednesday: Ezekiel 2:3-3:3; Exodus 2:11-22 & Job 2:1-10

Thursday: Jeremiah 11:18-23; 12:1-5, 9-11, 14-15; Exodus 19:10-19 & Job 38:1-21; 42:1-5



DORMITION OF THE MOTHER OF GOD PARISH

Holy Week & Easter Celebrations



Sunday, March 20th - PALM SUNDAY / Квітна Неділя

9:00 AM - Divine Liturgy (Ukrainian & English)

After the Liturgy - blessing of pussy willows

Saturday, March 26 - HOLY SATURDAY /

Велика Субота * 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** – Personal Prayers before the Tomb & Confessions

Sunday, March 27 - THE HOLY RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST - EASTER SUNDAY – PASCHA / Великдень

7:30 AM – Paschal Procession, Easter Matins, Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom. After the Liturgy - blessing of Artos and blessing of Easter Baskets.

Monday, March 28 - BRIGHT MONDAY / Світлий Понеділок

10:00 a.m. – Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 3rd - SUNDAY OF ST. THOMAS / Томина Неділя

10:00 AM – Divine Liturgy. After the Liturgy - distributing of the Artos - After the Service – Easter Dinner/Spilne Sviachene



HOLY RESURRECTION PARISH IN PENTICTON

Friday, March 25 - GOOD FRIDAY / Велика Пятниця

4:00 PM – Good Friday Vespers (Plashchanycia)

Saturday, March 26th - THE HOLY RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST EASTER SUNDAY – PASCHA / Великдень

4:00 PM – Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom.

After the Liturgy - blessing of Easter Baskets.

Laudato Si' by Pope Francis (continuation) –

168. Among positive experiences in this regard, we might mention, for example, the Basel Convention on hazardous wastes, with its system of reporting, standards and controls. There is also the binding Convention on international trade in endangered species of wild fauna and flora, which includes on-site visits for verifying effective compliance. Thanks to the Vienna Convention for the protection of the ozone layer and its implementation through the Montreal Protocol and amendments, the problem of the layer's thinning seems to have entered a phase of resolution.

169. As far as the protection of biodiversity and issues related to desertification are concerned, progress has been far less significant. With regard to climate change, the advances have been regrettably few. Reducing greenhouse gases requires honesty, courage and responsibility, above all on the part of those countries which are more powerful and pollute the most. The Conference of the United Nations on Sustainable Development, "Rio+20" (Rio de Janeiro 2012), issued a wide-ranging but ineffectual outcome document. International negotiations cannot make significant progress due to positions taken by countries which place their national interests above the global common good. Those who will have to suffer the consequences of what we are trying to hide will not forget this failure of conscience and responsibility. Even as this Encyclical was being prepared, the debate was intensifying. We believers cannot fail to ask God for a positive outcome to the present discussions, so that future generations will not have to suffer the effects of our ill-advised delays.

170. Some strategies for lowering pollutant gas emissions call for the internationalization of environmental costs, which would risk imposing on countries with fewer resources burdensome commitments to reducing emissions comparable to those of the more industrialized countries. Imposing such measures penalizes those countries most in need of development. A further injustice is perpetrated under the guise of protecting the environment. Here also, the poor end up paying the price. Furthermore, since the effects of climate change will be felt for a long time to come, even if stringent measures are taken now, some countries with scarce resources will require assistance in adapting to the effects already being produced, which affect their economies. In this context, there is a need for common and differentiated

responsibilities. As the bishops of Bolivia have stated, “the countries which have benefited from a high degree of industrialization, at the cost of enormous emissions of greenhouse gases, have a greater responsibility for providing a solution to the problems they have caused”.^[127]

171. The strategy of buying and selling “carbon credits” can lead to a new form of speculation which would not help reduce the emission of polluting gases worldwide. This system seems to provide a quick and easy solution under the guise of a certain commitment to the environment, but in no way does it allow for the radical change which present circumstances require. Rather, it may simply become a ploy which permits maintaining the excessive consumption of some countries and sectors.



Basic Guidelines for Reception of Holy Communion:

1. *You are a member of the Catholic Church (Orthodox faithful are welcome to receive Communion);*
2. *You have participated in the Sacrament of Confession at least during the Easter or Christmas seasons this past year if not more frequently;*
3. *You attend Divine Services regularly;*
4. *Your lifestyle is consistent with the teaching of the Catholic Church;*
5. *You have kept the Liturgical fast – no food at least one hour prior to the Divine Liturgy (water & medicine does not break the fast).*
6. *You have been in church from the beginning of the service, or at least heard the Gospel.*
7. *To the best of your ability, you are in the state of Grace.*
If for any of these or other reasons you cannot receive Holy Communion, you are welcome to come for a blessing. Please indicate to the priest that you would like to receive his blessing.

****A Reminder about appropriate reception of Holy Communion - when approaching to receive the Holy Eucharist, the faithful are reminded to open their mouth wide and tilt their head back. Also, please avoid licking the spoon. ****