

The Reading from the Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Philippians (4:4–9)

Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, 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 minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, 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 anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

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

At that time, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, "Why was this fragrant oil 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 had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always." Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' The King of Israel!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on 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 these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

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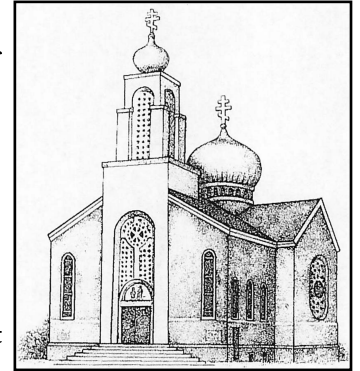
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Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem
Palm Sunday
April 28, 2024

Apostles Jason and Sosipater of the Seventy, the Virgin Kerkyra, and those with them (1st c.).
Martyrs Dada, Maximus, and Quintilian, at Dorostolum (286).

Glory to Jesus Christ!

We welcome everyone who has come into this house of the Lord. We especially welcome all guests and newcomers.

Please feel free to pick up a Divine Liturgy book from the table at the glass doors, to follow along. This Sunday and most of the year, we use the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom at the beginning of the book. The most significant hymns and responses specifically for today are printed inside this bulletin.

Holy Communion is a solemn responsibility: Orthodox Christians who have prepared through Confession, prayer, and fasting may participate. At the end of the Liturgy, everyone is welcome to come for a blessing and to share in the blessed bread (called "antidoron," this blessed bread is used in our prayers but is not itself a sacrament).

Afterward, please join us downstairs for fellowship and refreshment. We look forward to greeting you personally, and we are glad that you are here.

Upcoming Events in Parish Life

We invite anyone to pray along with us, following our services online. Visit our website (sspeterpaul.org) for details.

Saturday, April 27	Chrismation of Robyn Martha Levesque	4:30 PM
	Vigil of Palm Sunday, blessing of palms, followed by Confessions	5 PM
Sunday, April 28	Palm Sunday Divine Liturgy <i>Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem</i>	9:30 AM
	Bridegroom Matins at All Saints Church, 205 Scarborough Street, Hartford	4 PM
Monday, April 29	Bridegroom Matins	6 PM
Tuesday, April 30	Bridegroom Matins	6 PM
Wed., May 1	Matins of Holy Thursday	6 PM
Thursday, May 2	Liturgy of the Mystical Supper	11 AM
	Matins—12 Gospels of Holy Friday	6 PM
Friday, May 3	Royal Hours of Holy Friday	10 AM
	Vespers with the Entombment	3:30 PM
	Matins—Procession with the Shroud	6 PM
Saturday, May 4	Vespers & Liturgy Chrismation of Sierra Ruth Levesque	11 AM
	Blessing of baskets follows	
Saturday, May 4	Nocturn before Paschal Service	11:30 PM
Sunday, May 5	Paschal Matins and Liturgy	Midnight
	Blessing of baskets, fellowship follows	
	Paschal Vespers	Noon
Monday, May 6	Bright Monday Divine Liturgy, with procession and Gospel readings	9:30 AM
Friday, May 10	Bright Week Vespers	6 PM
Saturday, May 11	Liturgy—Ss. Cyril & Methodius, Terryville	9 AM
Sunday, May 12	Blessing of Graves (weather permitting)	Noon

We need a few dozen dyed red eggs to distribute on Pascha. Please leave them in the parish refrigerator no later than Holy Saturday.

Holy Week is upon us. It is time to watch and pray as our Lord goes to suffer voluntarily for our sake, to die in order to raise us from the dead. So please: **let nothing distract you from this necessary work.** Turn away from idle talk and pointless activities. Instead, come to the services; pray more; read your bible. If you have waited until the eleventh hour for Confession, don't wait until half-past! Then with a free heart we can celebrate the Lord's Resurrection.

We Ask Your Prayers

Many years to the newly-illuminated Robyn Martha Levesque.

For the Sick & Suffering:

Corey (Knap)—nephew of Valentina Knap, recovering from a serious accident
William (Weidmann)

Joyce—friend of Mary Jane Rodgers

Julianna—friend of Sierra Levesque

Carol—friend of Mary Jane Rodgers

Gregory (Mankevich)

Christopher (Sullivan)

Anita (Propheter)

Rosemary (Delaney)

Douglas (Hodges)

Steven (Rygiel)

Michael (Edwards)

Shawna (Kelly)

Susan (Shulga Waas)

Timothy (Waas)

Irene

Lorraine

John

Jacob

Katelyn

Joseph

Crystal

Angela

Innocent

Larissa

Stacia

Georgiy

Cyprian and Dana

Nicole and Naaman

Helen and Helene

For Our Shut-Ins:

Yvonne (Rutcho)

Jennie (Padick)

Margaret (Savchik)

Helen (Olsen)

To share news in the bulletin, or to add someone to our prayer list, please contact Fr. Joshua: priest@sspeterpaul.org or 203-237-4539.

If you would like to commemorate loved ones by lighting the cross in church, please contact Alexia Tassmer: 203-623-5336.

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Services of Holy Week and the Pascha of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

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54 Park Avenue, Meriden, Connecticut



*Come, let us see our Life lying in the tomb,
to give life to those who lie dead in the tombs.*

Raising of Lazarus

9 AM, Saturday, April 27: Festal Matins & Divine Liturgy.

Palm Sunday — Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem

5 PM, Saturday, April 27: Vigil. *Palms will be blessed and carried during the service.*
9:30 AM, Sunday, April 28: Divine Liturgy. *Blessed palms carried during the service.*

Holy Week

Monday, April 29, 6 PM: Bridegroom Matins of Great and Holy Tuesday.

Tuesday, April 30, 6 PM: Bridegroom Matins of Great and Holy Wednesday.

Wednesday, May 1, 6 PM: Matins of Great and Holy Thursday.

Thursday, May 2

11 AM: Vespers & Liturgy of the Mystical Supper.

6 PM: Matins of Great and Holy Friday. *12 Gospel readings of the Passion.*

Friday, May 3

10 AM: Royal Hours of Great and Holy Friday. *Meditating on the Crucifixion.*

3:30: Vespers of Great and Holy Friday. *Veneration of the Shroud of Our Lord.*

6 PM: Matins of Great and Holy Saturday. *Procession with the Shroud.*

Saturday, May 4

11 AM: Vespers, Readings of Old Testament Prophecies, Liturgy
—*Blessing of Pascha Baskets follows.*

Pascha: the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ

Saturday, May 4, 11:30 PM: Service of Nocturn.

Midnight: Paschal Vigil and Divine Liturgy. *Blessing of Baskets.*

Sunday, May 5, Noon: Paschal Vespers. *Blessing of Baskets.*

Bright Monday, May 6, 9:30 AM: Paschal Divine Liturgy and Procession.

*Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death,
and upon those in the tombs bestowing life!*

Antiphon 1 (Ps 114/115)

I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!
(sung after each of the following verses)

Because He inclined His ear to me; therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. *R*
The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me. *R*
I suffered distress and anguish, so I called upon the Name of the Lord. *R*
I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. *R*
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever,
and unto ages of ages. Amen. *R*

Antiphon 2 (Ps 115/116)

I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

Refrain: O Son of God, seated on the colt of an ass, save us who sing to
You: Alleluia! *(sung after each of the following verses)*

What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has given me? *R*
I will receive the cup of salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. *R*
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people. *R*
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever,
and unto ages of ages. Amen. *No refrain.*

("Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God ...")

Antiphon 3 (Ps 117/118)

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!

Tone 1 Troparion

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your Passion,
You confirmed the universal resurrection, O Christ God.
Like the children with the palms of victory,
we cry out to You, O Vanquisher of Death:
"Hosanna in the highest!//
Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord."

Let the house of Israel say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

Troparion: "By raising Lazarus from the dead ..."

Let the house of Aaron say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

Troparion: "By raising Lazarus from the dead ..."

Let those who fear the Lord say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever!

Troparion: "By raising Lazarus from the dead ..."

Hymns of the Day

(sung after the Little Entrance with the Gospel)

Troparion—Tone 1

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your Passion,
You confirmed the universal resurrection, O Christ God.
Like the children with the palms of victory,
we cry out to You, O Vanquisher of Death:
"Hosanna in the highest!//
Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord."

Troparion—Tone 4

When we were buried with You in baptism, O Christ God,
we were made worthy of eternal life by your Resurrection.
Now we praise You and sing:
"Hosanna in the highest!//
Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

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

Kontakion—Tone 6

Sitting on Your throne in Heaven,
carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God,
accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing://
"Blessed is He Who comes to recall Adam!"

Prokeimenon in Tone 4

(verses sung before the Epistle reading)

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! / God is the Lord and has
revealed Himself to us!
v: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!

Alleluia in Tone 1

(verses sung after the Epistle, before the Gospel reading)

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

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

(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)

God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!
Celebrate the feast and come with gladness!
Let us magnify Christ with palms and branches,
singing: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord, our Savior!"

(Hirmos of the 9th Ode of the Canon)