

24 MARCH 2024

SCHEDULE OF DIVINE SERVICES

PALM SUNDAY: 3/24/24

Saturday: 5:30 PM (E) ✱ John Dorich (req. by Friends)

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) ✱ Kevin and ✱ Juliann Chalmers (req. by Mike Kohan)

11:00 AM (E) ✱ Anatoliy I. Zuykov (req. by Bill & Carla Klinge Family)

ANNUNCIATION OF THE THEOTOKOS 3/25/24

Monday: 6:30 PM (E) ✱ Mary Lou Scottino (req. by Plavcan Family)

HOLY WEDNESDAY – Presanctified Liturgy

Wednesday: 6:30 PM (E)

HOLY THURSDAY – Vespers with Divine Liturgy

Thursday: 7:00 PM (G)

GOOD FRIDAY – Vespers & Procession

Friday: 4:00 PM (G)

8:00 PM (E)

HOLY SATURDAY 3/30/24

Saturday: 4:00 PM (G) Matins & Basket Blessing

8:00 PM (E) Matins, Divine Liturgy & Basket Blessing

RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD (PASCHA) 3/31/24

Sunday: 8:30 AM (G) Divine Liturgy & Basket Blessing

11:00 AM (E) Divine Liturgy & Basket Blessing

OUR RETURN TO THE LORD FOR ALL HE HAS GIVEN US:

03/17/24 \$619.00

CHRISTIAN CUPBOARD MARCH COLLECTION – Paper Towels

Proverbs 14:31 – “Anyone who oppresses the poor is insulting God who made them. To help the poor is to honor God.”

Prayer to Sts. Cyril & Methodius

O Holy Slavonic Apostles, Cyril and Methodius, you led those lost souls and us with them from the darkness of pagan error to the light of the true faith of Christ. Now you rejoice with Christ in heaven. We rejoice in your glory, with which God has rewarded your untiring zeal. We humbly thank Him for the great gift of Christianity which our heavenly Father has bestowed upon us through your efforts. Intercede with God for us who are unworthy descendants of Adam. Grant that we may be strengthened in the true faith which you preached in the Slavic lands. Amen

THE KING’S APPEAL

When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, he used a method of action which many a prophet of Israel had used before. The prophets had often used the method of dramatic and symbolic action. Men might refuse to listen, but they could hardly fail to see; and again and again the prophets had cast their message into the form of some vivid action, as if to say, “If you will not listen, you can at least see.” Jeremiah, for example, forewarned the Jewish people of the slavery that was to fall upon them, by making yokes and wearing them on his neck. Christ’s triumphant entry into Jerusalem on this Palm Sunday was a deliberately made claim on His part to be King. The donkey, for example, on which Jesus rode, was the beast on which kings rode when they came in peace; only in war did they ride upon horses. No doubt Jesus was remembering the prophecy of Zechariah, which Matthew cites, “Behold your king is coming to you...mounted on a donkey.” In that triumphant entry into Jerusalem, Jesus, in a dramatic, symbolic action, which spoke more loudly than any words, was making one last appeal to his people, and saying to them: “Will you not, even now, accept me as your Lord and King, and enthrone me in your mind, your heart and your soul?”

The Last Passover of Jesus

The Passover was a special festal celebration in Judaism, and it commemorated the Israelites exodus out of Egypt. For centuries, the Jews were in bondage and slavery to Pharaoh. God sent them Moses to lead them out of Egypt with a pillar of fire by night and a pillar of cloud by day. Every year the Lord commanded the Israelites to eat a special meal in commemoration of this salvific event. The Passover was not just an ordinary meal, but included memories of oppression and salvation, slavery, freedom, exile, and deliverance. Exodus chapter 12 tells us what the meal consisted: a young lamb, unleavened bread, and bitter herbs. Every year at the feast of Passover Jews remembered their bondage to Pharaoh and their subsequent deliverance out of Egypt. These strong memories were present at Jesus’ last Passover.

FROM THE DESERT FATHERS

Prayer is one wing, and faith the other that lifts us heavenward. With only one wing no one can fly. Prayer without faith is as meaningless as faith without prayer. If your faith is weak, ask the Lord to strengthen it. The mustard seed grows into a great tree.

Lenten Prayer of St. Ephrem

Lord and Master of my life
Spare me from the spirit of indifference, despair,
Lust for power, and idle chatter.

Instead, bestow on me, your servant,
The spirit of integrity, humility, patience and love.

Yes, O Lord and King, let me see my own sins
And not judge my brothers and sisters;
For you are blessed forever and ever. Amen.