



HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

Parish Newsletter

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BEGINS THE GREAT WEEK, THE HOLY WEEK
ENTRANCE OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM

READING FROM THE PROPHECY OF ZECHARIAH.

^{9,9} Rejoice heartily, O daughter Sion, shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! See, your king shall come to you; a just saviour is he, meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass. ¹⁰ He shall banish the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem; the warrior's bow shall be banished, and he shall proclaim peace to the nations. His dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. ¹¹ As for you, for the blood of your covenant with me, I will bring forth your prisoners from the dungeon. ¹² In the return to the fortress of the waiting prisoners, this very day, I will return you double for your exile.... ¹⁶ And the LORD, their God, shall save them on that day, his people, like a flock. For they are the jewels in a crown raised aloft over his land. ¹⁷ For what wealth is theirs, and what beauty! grain that makes the youths flourish, and new wine, the maidens!

PROKIMENON, Tone IV

Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord! * God is the Lord and has revealed himself to us! [vv.26,27 OCA]

PSALM 117

NOTE: A dramatic procession and thanksgiving applied by the sacred liturgist to Christ confidently imploring the Father's help and, rescued by him, entering the temple gates to offer sacrifice, and blessed by priests and people.

[Christ] With praise, bless the Lord, for he is good! His love lasts forever!...

⁵From dire straights I cried out the Lord; he answered me from the vastness of his domain. ⁶The Lord is with me; I am not afraid! What can man do to me?

⁷The Lord is with me; my helper in everything! I will see the downfall of my foes! ⁸It is better to count on the Lord than to depend on men....

¹⁰The nations all surrounded me; in the Lord's name I cut them off;

THE GREAT WEEK — THE HOLY WEEK

Sunday, April 25

ENTRANCE OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

No Penitential Vespers

On Monday, April 26 (=April 13 Julian), the Paschal full moon—following 21 March Julian—appears in the night sky.

Holy Thursday, April 29

MARKING THE INSTITUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

Vespers with the Liturgy at 6:00 p.m.

Holy Friday, April 30

PASCH OF THE CROSS — PÁSCHA STAVROSIMÓN

Great Vespers at 6:00 p.m.

Holy Saturday, May 1

Resurrection Matins at 7:00 p.m.

Resurrection Sunday, May 2

RESURRECTION PASCH — PÁSCHA ANASTASIMÓN

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Blessing of Paschal Baskets

Paschal Breakfast in house

The Resurrection Pasch this years falls on April 19 Julian, completely out of sync with the Pasch of the Law. Blame this on the 11-minute flaw in calculating the length of the solar year built into the Julian calendar first implemented by Julius Caesar in 45 B.C.

When Pope Gregory XIII introduced the "Gregorian" calendar in 1582 science had demonstrated there were 10-too-many leap years since 46 B.C. Spring—marking the planting season—was arriving 10 days late. With the Julian calendar today, Spring is arriving 13 days late, in point of fact irrelevant in our time.

For the Orthodox Eastern Churches to infer that the Julian calendar is part of Christian Tradition is simply false. When the Church was new Christians in different locales followed any number of calendars, even calculating the Holy Pasch in different ways.

March 21 is important only because the First Ecumenical Council in 325 A.D. stipulated that the full moon after the 21st will be used for calculating the Christian Pasch. We should scratch the Council, and follow Scripture mutatis mutandis.

Bright Monday, May 3

WITH ARCHBISHOP TIKHON

Divine Liturgy at 10:00 a.m.

Breakfast in house

Saturday, May 8

Paschal Vespers at 6:00 p.m.

¹¹they surrounded me, they encircled me; in the Lord's name I cut them off....

¹⁵Shouts of victory and joy in the tents of the just! The Lord's hand has triumphed; ¹⁶the Lord's right hand has raised me up; the Lord's right hand has won the victory!

¹⁷No, I will not die; I will live and declare the works of the Lord.... ¹⁹Open the gates of justice for me; let me enter and give thanks to the Lord!

[Priests and people] ²⁰This is the Lord's own gate, where the just enter in.... ²²The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone; ²³by the Lord has this been done; a marvel in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day the Lord has made: let us rejoice and be glad in it. ²⁵Salvation, O Lord! Grant Salvation! Victory, O Lord! Grant victory!

²⁶**Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord!** We bless you from the house of the Lord. ²⁷**God is the Lord and has revealed himself to us!** Join in procession, *branches in hand*, up to the horns of the altar.

[Christ] ²⁸You are my God and I give thanks to you; my God, and I extol you to the heavens! ²⁹With praise, bless the Lord for he is good! His love lasts forever!

Reader: **Blest is he who comes in the name of the Lord!** *People:* **God is the Lord and has revealed himself to us!**

READING FROM PAUL'S EPISTLE TO THE PHILIPPIANS.

BRETHREN: ^{4.4}Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! ⁵Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. ⁶Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. ⁷Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. ⁸Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you. .

ALLELUIA PSALM 97

NOTE: A hymn of praise extolling the Lord for the victory he has given his people. All the nations of the earth, and even inanimate creation, should welcome the just Saviour with joy.

Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done wondrous things.

His own right hand, his holy arm, give him the power to save. ²The Lord has shown forth his victory, before the eyes of the nations, he has displayed his triumph.

³Remember his steadfast love and his faithfulness, O house of Israel! All you ends of the earth, behold the victory of our God!

⁴Sing out to the Lord with joy, all the earth; break into joyous songs of praise. ⁵Sing praise to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and melodious song.

⁶With trumpets and the blast of the horn raise a shout of joy before the Lord who is king. ⁷Let the sea and all that is within it thunder, the world and all who live in it.

⁸Let the rivers clap their hands; let the mountains joyfully sing together ⁹at the presence of the Lord, who comes to judge the earth, to judge the world with justice and the peoples with fairness.

READING FROM THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO MATTHEW.

AT THAT TIME: ^{21.1} As they drew near Jerusalem and came to Bethphage on the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ²saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tethered, and a colt with her. Untie them and bring them here to me. ³And if anyone should say anything to you, reply, 'The master has need of them.' Then he will send them at once." ⁴This happened so that what had been spoken through the prophet might be fulfilled: ⁵*Say to daughter Zion: Behold, your king comes to you, meek and riding on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.* ⁶The disciples went and did as Jesus had ordered them. ⁷They brought the ass and the colt and laid their cloaks over them, and he sat upon them. ⁸The very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road. ⁹The crowds preceding him and those following kept crying out and saying: "Hosanna to the Son of David; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; hosanna in the highest." ¹⁰And when he entered Jerusalem the whole city was shaken and asked, "Who is this?" ¹¹And the crowds replied, "This is Jesus the prophet, from Nazareth in Galilee"....

¹⁵When the chief priests and the scribes saw the wondrous things he was doing, and the children

crying out in the temple area, “Hosanna to the Son of David,” they were indignant ¹⁶ and said to him, “Do you hear what they are saying?” Jesus said to them, “Yes; and have you never read the text, *Out of the mouths of infants and nurslings you have brought forth praise?*” ¹⁷ And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany, and there he spent the night.

TROPARION, Tone IV

Shortened Greek Chant

DO ♯
 When we were buried with you in
 baptism, O Christ our God, * we
 were made worthy of eternal life by
 your Resurrection.* Now we praise
 you and sing: * ANCIENT REFRAIN:
 Hosanna in the highest! * Blest is he
 who comes in the Name of the Lord.

Glory: Both now: Kondakion, Tone VI

Kievan Chant

RE ♯
 Borne in heaven by the cherub
 throne * and on earth by the foal, * O
 Christ our God, * you receive the
 praise of angels * and the songs of
 children shouting to you: * Blest
 are you who come * to restore
 A-----dam.

THE ÉKTENY or FERVENT PRAYER (Ancient Penitential Litany and Prayer)

Let us all say with our whole soul,
 and with our whole mind let us say:
 Lord, have mercy.

O Lord almighty! O God of our fathers!
 We pray you. Hear us and have mercy.

Have mercy on us, O God,
 according to your great mercy!

We pray you. Hear us and have mercy.

Again we pray:

- For devout and Orthodox Christians.
- For our Archbishop Tikhon.
- For Ed and Janet and Andrea and Mildred, and for all who have asked for our prayers *NN...*: we pray for mercy, life, peace, health, salvation, visitation, pardon, and remission of their sins.
- For Orthodox Christians who are made to suffer on account of Christ, and we pray for those who persecute them.
- For Orthodox Christians and indeed all men who are victims of war and civil strife [and terror], of hunger and want, of intolerance and injustice.
- For physicians, nurses, care-givers, and all serving those infected with the virus; and for the thousands who have succumbed to the disease—and for all who will die today.

PRAYER OF THE ÉKTENY

Lord our God, accept this fervent prayer from your servants, and have mercy on us according to the greatness of your mercy. Send down your compassionate help upon us and upon all your people awaiting the rich mercy that comes from you.

For you are God, merciful and loving to man, and we render glory to you—to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

