

through the death and Resurrection of Christ (Isaiah 62:10-11). It is also a sign that our Lord has revealed a heavenly and spiritual kingdom that offers true and enduring peace.

On the right, the disciples accompany Jesus in His Triumphal Entry. Depicted on the left are the Jews who greet Him crying "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" The word "Hosanna" means "Save, I pray" or "Save now."

The children are the small people who are greeting Christ with palm branches and laying these and their garments on the ground before Christ as tokens of honor for one who is acknowledged as a King. The city of Jerusalem is shown as the walled buildings, and the temple is depicted as the building with the dome. (www.goarch.org)

## Upcoming Services

- Mon. Apr. 29 Holy Monday Bridegroom Matins 6 p.m.
- Wed. May 1 Unction (Anointing) Service 6 p.m. at Holy Ascension, Frackville
- Thurs. May 2 Holy Thursday Matins and reading of Passion Gospels 6 p.m.
- Fri. May 3 Holy Friday Vespers with procession 6 p.m.
- Sat. May 4 Nocturns, Procession, Paschal Matins and Paschal Liturgy 7 p.m.  
Followed by Agape Meal
- Sun. May 5 Pascha
- Sat. May 11 Reader's Vespers 4 p.m.
- Sun. May 12 Divine Liturgy 9:30 a.m.

**Welcome! Everyone is invited after today's service, for light refreshments and fellowship in the church hall.**

## Parish News

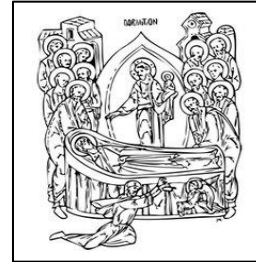
**Agape Meal – After the Paschal service, Sat. May 4, a Paschal Celebration meal will be served. Everyone is invited!**

**Easter Baskets – Fr. Tim will bless Easter baskets after the Paschal services, on Sat. May 4.**

## Birthday Wishes

**Victor Dibaggio celebrates his birthday, May 1. May God grant him many years!**

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**April 28, 2024**

**Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem  
Palm Sunday**

### The First Antiphon (Instead of Bless the Lord)

I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication. *Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!* Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live. *(Refrain)* The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me. *(Refrain)* I suffered distress and anguish, then I called upon the Name of the Lord. *(Refrain)* Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen. *(Refrain)*

### The Second Antiphon (Instead of Praise the Lord)

I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted. *Refrain: O Son of God, who sat upon a foal, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia!* What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has given me? *(Refrain)* I will receive the cup of salvation, and call on the Name of the Lord. *(Refrain)* I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people. *(Refrain) Only Begotten Son...*

### The Third Antiphon (Instead of the Beatitudes)

**Reader:** 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 Thy Passion,/ Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God./ Like the children with the palms of victory,/ we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death:/ "Hosanna in the highest!// Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord."

**Reader:** Let the house of Israel say: For He is good; for His mercy endures forever.  
*Troparion*

**Reader:** Let the house of Aaron say, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.  
*Troparion* **Reader:** Let those who fear the Lord say that He is good; for His mercy endures forever. *Troparion* **Reader:** Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. We bless you from the house of the Lord. God is the Lord and He has revealed Himself to us. *Troparion*

#### **Tone 4 Troparion**

When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God,/ we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection./ Now we praise Thee 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.*

#### **Tone 6 Kontakion**

Sitting on Thy 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!"

#### **Tone 4 Prokeimenon**

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.

#### **Philippians 4:4-9 (Epistle)**

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.

#### **Tone 1**

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.

#### **John 12:1-18 (Gospel)**

Then, 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.

#### **Instead of "It is truly meet"**

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!"

#### **Communion Hymn**

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord./ God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. // Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

#### **The Icon of the Feast**

In the Icon of the Feast of Palm Sunday, Christ is the central figure, depicted seated upon the colt of a donkey as He enters Jerusalem, a fulfillment of the prophecy found in Zechariah 9:9.

Christ is blessing with His right hand, and in His left hand is a scroll, symbolizing that He is the fulfillment of the Old Testament prophecies concerning the Messiah, the Anointed One who has come to redeem us from our sins and break the power of death. The colt, one of the animals that were considered unclean according to the Law, is symbolic of the inclusion of all peoples of all nations in the new covenant that will come