

# Saintly Notes

## Palm Sunday (April 8, 2012)

**P**alm Sunday, also called the Triumphal Entry, is one of the Great Feasts of the Orthodox Church, celebrated on the Sunday before Pascha. On this day the Church celebrates the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem in the days before the Jewish Passover. A mere few days before His crucifixion, Jesus Christ was received by adoring throngs at his entry into Jerusalem on the back of a young donkey. The believers meet him, and spread out before him his clothes and olive branches.

When He and His students approached the city Jerusalem, He ordered them to go to the near-by village, and bring him the donkey and his little who were tied-up in the beginning of the village. If they were asked, they should say that this was God's will. When the people knew that the donkey was for Jesus, they did not prevent his students. They gave Him the donkey, and He solemnly entered Jerusalem. The news of the resurrection of Lazarus already had circulated and thousands of people went to Bethany to meet him.

The Orthodox celebrate this day with joy, but with the realization that very sad events are soon to come. Orthodox peoples who live in areas without palms, including the Russian Orthodox, use pussy willow branches rather than palms in the celebration of this event. Therefore in Russian Church this feast and is called Вербное (Pussy Willow) Воскресенье (Sunday). Some churches give small crosses made of palms at the end of the service and are then kept in the home icon corner.

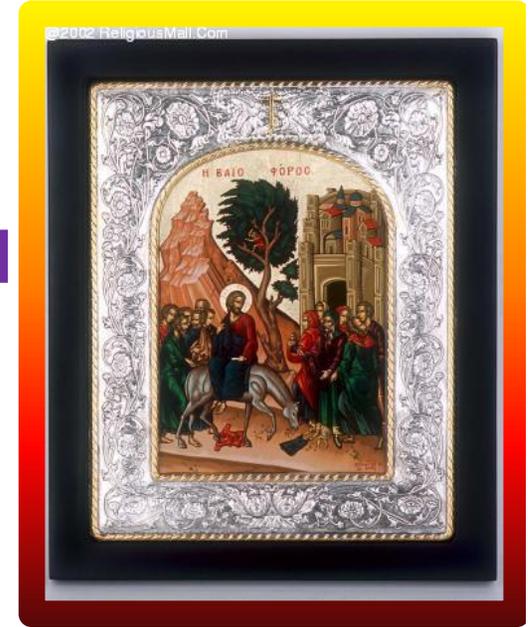
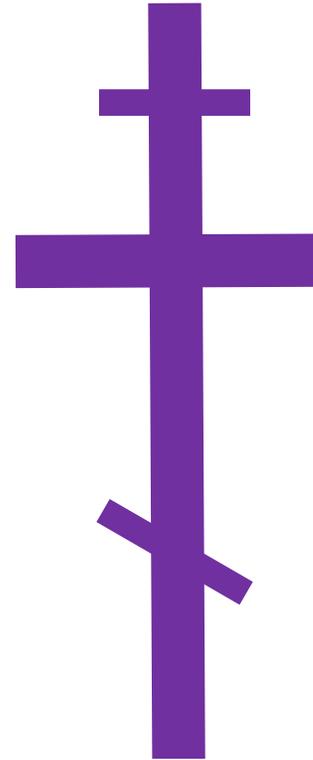
Fasting is modified because of the triumphant nature of Palm Sunday, and fish is permitted. Fried cod with garlic sauce and fried vegetables is a traditional dish, but any fish may be served.

*(Orthodox Wiki)*

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## This Week's Schedule

<b>Today:</b>	<b>Palm Sunday;</b> 8:00a Orthros; 9:00a Church School; 10:00a Divine Liturgy; 5:30p Bridegroom Orthros
<b>Monday:</b>	8:00a Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts; 6:30p Bridegroom Orthros
<b>Tuesday:</b>	8:00a Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts; 6:30p Bridegroom Orthros
<b>Wednesday:</b>	8:00a Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts; 6:30p Sacrament of Holy Unction
<b>Thursday:</b>	8:00a Vespertal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil w/rite of foot washing; 6:30p The 12 Passion Gospels
<b>Friday:</b>	10:00a Royal Hours; 3:00p Vespers (taking down from the Cross); 4:15p SOYO Vigil; 6:30p Lamentations; All Night Vigil
<b>Saturday:</b>	10:00a Vespertal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil; 11:45p Pascha Services Begin (Rush, Orthros, Divine Liturgy, Blessing of Easter baskets)
<b>Sunday:</b>	<b>Pascha:</b> 3:00pm Easter Egg Hunt, Agape Vespers, and Easter Picnic (North Cary Park)

## First Antiphon

*Refrain:* Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

## Second Antiphon

*Refrain:* O Son of God, *Who didst sit upon the foal of a donkey* save us who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

## Third Antiphon

### for Lazarus Saturday (Tone 1)

O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the

house of Aaron now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

*Troparion for Lazarus Saturday:* O Christ God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead, before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we, like children, carry the insignia of triumph and victory, and cry to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

## Little Entrance

† *Entrance Hymn:* Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord: the

Lord is God and hath appeared unto us. Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of a donkey; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

† *Troparion for Lazarus Saturday (Tone 1):* See above.

† *Troparion of Palm Sunday (Tone 4):* O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism, we became deserving of Thy Resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise Thee, crying: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

† *Kontakion of Palm Sunday (Tone 6):* Uphorne upon the heavenly throne, and seated upon the earthly foal, O Christ our God, receive the praises of angels and the hymns of men, exclaiming before Thee: Blessed is He that cometh to restore Adam.

## The Trisagion

Holy God, Holy Mighty . . . (3x)

## Scripture for today and next Sunday

- Today: (See insert)
- Next Sunday (Pascha, April 15):  
Epistle: Acts 1:1-8  
Gospel: John 1:1-17

## Alleluyarion (Tone 4)

God the Lord hath appeared unto us; let us celebrate the Feast, and let us rejoice and magnify Christ. With palms and branches let us raise our voices unto Him with praise, saying, Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, our Savior.

## Communion Hymn (Tone 8)

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

## Post-Communion Hymn

Sing the Troparion for Lazarus Saturday. (See above.)

## Parish Notes

### Altar Servers Today

Del Dillard, Noah Keim, Micah Keim, Asa Keim, Roger Jones, Josiah Webster

### Special Attention

- **Services of Holy Week.** Your Lenten preparation for Pascha will be greatly aided by attending as many of these Holy Week services as possible.
- **Remember No Church School and Adult Class on Pascha**
- **Remember Food for the Hungry.** "When you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. That your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly." (Matt. 6:3-4)
- **Schedules for Holy Week** are available in the Narthex and on our web page ([www.allsaintsnc.org](http://www.allsaintsnc.org))
- **Who Are Our 2012 High School and College Graduates?** If you, or someone in your family, is graduating from high school or college, please let Kh. Barbara know. We want to honor you after Liturgy in May.
- **Sign Up for Holy Friday Night Vigil.** The sign-up sheet for times during the Great and Holy Friday all-night vigil is on the bulletin board in the Parish Hall. Please make careful note of the time you choose and please be on time.
- **Special Pascha Offering.** This year the special Pascha offering will go to help purchase new vestments for Father Nicholas and Deacon David. Some of their vestments are wearing out and cannot be repaired. Vestment sets run from \$800 to \$1000 per set. May God bless you for your special Paschal offering. Please remember that this offering is always over and above what you normally give to the General Fund and to the Mortgage Fund (formerly the Building Fund).

## Today's Epistle and Gospel Readings

### Prokeimenon:

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

*O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.*

### †Epistle: Phil. 4:4-9

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety 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 passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, these do; and the God of peace will be with you.

### †Gospel: John 12:1-18

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His Disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment

not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have 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 on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon 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 this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

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