

Accompanying Christ

Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. Today He returns from Bethany and proceeds of His own free will toward His holy and blessed passion, to consummate the mystery of our salvation. He who came down from heaven to raise us from the depths of sin, to raise us with Himself, we are told in Scripture, above every sovereignty, authority and power, and every other name that can be named, now comes of His own free will to make His journey to Jerusalem.

Let us run to accompany Him as He hastens toward His passion, and imitate those who met Him then, not by covering His path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before Him by being humble and by trying to live as He would wish. Then we shall be able to receive the Word at His coming, and God, whom no limits can contain, will be within us.

In His humility Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world and He is glad that He became so humble for our sake, glad that He came and lived among us and shared in our nature in order to raise

us up again to Himself. And even though we are told that He has now ascended above the highest heavens – the proof, surely, of His power and godhead – His love for man will never rest until He has raised our earthbound nature from glory to glory, and made it one with His own in heaven.

So let us spread before His feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in His grace, or rather, clothed completely in Him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before Him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of His victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children's holy song: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the king of Israel.

St. Andrew of Crete

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ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM (PALM SUNDAY)



Icon of the Entrance into Jerusalem

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Sunday – March 24, 2024

Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever + Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки

Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgies

All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM

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Sunday March 24 9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	Our Lord’s Entrance into Jerusalem – Palm Sunday (For the Parish) (+Mykhajlo Sawkiw Sr. from Family)
Monday March 25 7:00 p.m.	Annunciation of the Mother of God - Great and Holy Monday Divine Liturgy (For the Parish)
Wednesday March 27 7:00 p.m.	Great and Holy Wednesday Presanctified Liturgy with Anointing of the Sick
Thursday March 28 7:00 p.m.	Great and Holy Thursday - Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great Commemorating the Lord’s Supper (Vocations)
Friday March 29 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Great and Holy Friday Matins of Our Lord’s Passion and Death - (Strasti -12 Gospels) Vespers with the placing of the Shroud (Plaschanitsya)
Saturday March 30 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:00 noon 8:30 p.m.	Great and Holy Saturday Church opens for Visitation of the Tomb All Day Jerusalem Matins at the Tomb Confessions Blessing of Easter Food Baskets Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (For the Parish) First Liturgy of Pascha-Easter Vigil [Satisfies Easter Obligation] Followed by Blessing of Easter Food Baskets
Sunday March 31 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	PASCHA – THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST Resurrection Matins Divine Liturgy Blessing of Easter Food Baskets (Deceased Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Religious)

SPIRITUAL REGULATIONS FOR GREAT AND HOLY WEEK 2024

Although our Church traditionally prescribed abstinence from meat and dairy products in days gone by for the entire duration of the Great Fast and Holy Week, the following are the minimal Lenten regulations today: Abstinence from meat and all dairy products on Good Friday and abstinence from meat only on Holy Saturday. It is also traditional to abstain from meat on Holy Wednesday and Holy Thursday. Everyone should receive the Holy Mysteries of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist during the period from the onset of Great Fast to the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday. The Fasting and Abstinence regulations are not binding on persons 60 or older, the very poor, sick, nursing or pregnant women, children below the age of 14, and those who engage in physically very hard labor. However, all are urged, if able to do so, to observe the fasting and abstinence regulations.

LENTEBIBLE STUDY WITH FATHER ANDRII WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 P.M. (APRIL 10)

Our Fr. Andrii will have the next Bible Study Wednesday April 10 at 6:30 p.m. Please bring your bible, colored pencils or markers. Please meet in the Fr. Shawel Room, the small church hall.

SPRING CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-6

All children ages 3-6 are welcome to join Holy Family’s Catechism classes this spring with Co-Catechists Lindsey Fedyk and Julia Dezelski. Classes will be held between the two liturgies from 10:15-11:15. Please email Lindsey (lindseyfedyk@gmail.com) with any questions and to register your family. Classes will be held on: 4/7, 4/21, 5/5, Last class 5/12 End of year celebration!

Prayer List

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Charles Belanger, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Lindsey Fedyk, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Catherine Hetmanskyy, Vanessa Hetmanskyy, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Daniel Horeczko, Boris Hlynsky, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Michael Joseph Little, Paul Marynowych, Fr. Roman Mirchuk, Michele Pretka Litvar, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Thomas Nagurney, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Roman Rusynko, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Michael Sharr, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Stefania Szahaj, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Anne Woroniak, Rose Wilson, Jennifer Wilson, Paul Yarrish.** If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.

Sunday April 7 – Sviachene and Easter Egg Hunt

ONE DIVINE LITURGY at 10:30 a.m.

\$20 adults, \$15 Seniors (65+), \$5 college students, \$1 youth (0-18)

FIRST CONFESSION 2024

God Bless our First Confession Children who all received the Mystery of Penance on Lazarus Saturday March 23 at the Divine Liturgy. We congratulate Lilia Knap, Kateryna Towstopyat, Gabriel Tsintsiruk, and Luka Wilkens. God Grant Them Many Happy Years – Mnohaya Lita!