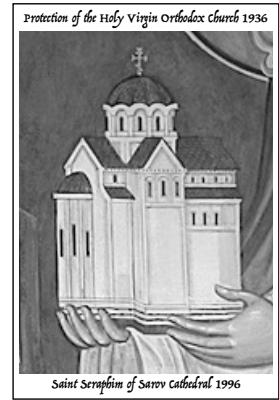


# ANNOUNCEMENTS

Entrance of Christ into Jerusalem, Palm Sunday

SUNDAY, April 17, 2022



- TROPARION OF THE FEAST, Tone One:

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, Thou hast confirmed 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.

- SECOND TROPARION, TONE FOUR:

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.

- KONTAKION OF THE FEAST, TONE SIX:

Seated upon Thy throne in heaven, and on earth upon a foal, O Christ our God, Thou hast accepted the praise of the angels and the songs of the children who cried out to Thee: Blessed art Thou that comest to call back Adam.

- TROPARION OF BRIDEGROOM MATINS (SUNDAY–TUESDAY EVENINGS)

Behold, the Bridegroom cometh at midnight and blessed is he whom He shall find watching, but unworthy is he whom He shall find heedless. Beware, therefore, O my soul, do not be weighed down with sleep, lest thou be given up and shut out from the Kingdom. But, rouse thyself crying: Holy, Holy, Holy art Thou, O God. Through the Theotokos, have mercy on us.

## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

- Fri., April 15:
  - 8 AM, Matins (final Lenten Matins)
  - 11:30 AM–1 PM, Confessions
  - 6 PM, Matins for Lazarus Saturday
- Sat., April 16:
  - 9:30 AM, Divine Liturgy for Lazarus Saturday
  - Afternoon, Decoration/cleaning of church (**see below**)
  - 5 PM, Vigil for Palm Sunday/Blessing of Palms
- Sun., April 17:
  - 10 AM, Divine Liturgy and procession
  - 11:45 AM, Agape Meal
  - 12:30 PM, Rehearsal for the Paschal Procession
  - 6 PM, Bridegroom Matins
- Holy Mon–Tues:
  - 10:30 AM, Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
  - 6 PM, Bridegroom Matins (*Confessions before and after Matins*)
- Holy Wed., April 20:
  - 5 PM, Confessions (*final day for Confessions*)
  - 6 PM, Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

- Holy Thurs., April 21: 11:30 AM, Vespertal Liturgy of the Mystical Supper ~ Institution of the Holy Eucharist  
6 PM, Matins of Holy Friday ~ Reading of Twelve Passion Gospels
- Holy Fri., April 22: *Strict Fast Day*  
Noon, Easter Egg decoration for the kids  
3 PM, Great Vespers with bringing out of Shroud (*Epitaphios*)  
6 PM, Matins of Holy Saturday with the Lamentations and Procession
- Holy Sat., April 23: *Strict Fast Day*  
1 PM, Vespertal Divine Liturgy  
11:30 PM, Nocturn Service  
**Midnight:** PASCHAL Matins and Liturgy  
Blessing of Paschal Baskets at the Parish Hall following the Liturgy
- PASCHA, April 24: 1 PM, Paschal Vespers and *BBQ*, *see below for more info*
- Bright Mon., April 25: 9 AM, Paschal Hours and Divine Liturgy
- Bright Tues., April 26: 5 PM, Paschal Vespers
- Bright Wed., April 27: 4 PM, Redwood Empire Food Bank (*No Vespers*)
- Bright Thurs., April 28: 5 PM, Paschal Vespers
- Bright Fri., April 29: 5 PM, Paschal Vespers
- Bright Sat., April 30: 9 AM, Paschal Liturgy  
5 PM, Great Vespers for Thomas Sunday

#### • DECORATION AND CLEANING:

Dear parish family: On Lazarus Saturday (this coming Saturday) we will be decorating the church for the Feast with Palms and flowers. All are invited to help. I will be there at 12:30 getting organized and expect to be decorating by 1:00. The annual cleaning will be happening at 2 PM. There are many opportunities to contribute. Lara Anderson will be braiding the traditional three palm fronds 🌿🌿🌿 for Father Lawrence and our clergy. Come at 1 PM to learn how to create these traditional adornments for Palm Sunday. It would be great to have 5–6 volunteers (please bring your own stapler). If you have any questions call or text me at: 707-364-6445. —*Your sister in Christ, Denise Anna*

#### • PALM SUNDAY:

On Saturday, evening palm branches will be blessed during the 5 PM Vigil. **We hold them throughout the Liturgy on Sunday.**

#### • PASCHA:

We should never take our liturgical life for granted—we should never take a moment of our life for granted either, for both are gifts from God. I invite you to consider coming to Church Services during Holy Week as much as you can, even twice in one day! Each day we follow Christ together, as He goes to the Passion of His own will. Day by day we enter more deeply into the reality, power and relevance for our world of the Lord's saving work. Please keep watch with me during these awesome, holy and great days. —*Fr Lawrence*



From the *Simpsons* TV show

- CONFESSIONS:

We prepare ourselves for the reception of Holy Communion during Holy Week and Pascha by a recent confession. Confessions may be heard **before and after** the evening Matins on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, as well as on Wednesday at 5 PM before the evening Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts. Don't delay in confessing—the Lord stands at the door and knocks. *For those over the age of seven who wish to receive Holy Communion during Holy Week and Pascha, it is required to make a confession at least once in the three weeks before Holy Week.* Confessions will not be heard after Holy Wednesday. Holy Week is the time of the Lord's passion and there is no time then for confession. —Fr. Lawrence

- PASCHA BASKETS:

Baskets will be blessed, as is our custom, in the Parish Hall and the Porch, after the Paschal Divine Liturgy. What's in a Paschal Basket? Whatever you like to eat that you have not had since before Lent. The basket in the photo on the left shows eggs, kulich bread with candle, kielbasa, cheese, butter, ham, and probably candy.



- PALM SUNDAY:

We forget so often that the Kingdom of God has already been inaugurated and that on the day of our baptism we were made citizens of it, and we promised to put our loyalty to it above all else. We must always remember that for a few hours, Christ was indeed King on earth, in this world of ours. For a few hours only and in one city. But, as in Lazarus we have recognized the image of each man, in this one city [Jerusalem] we acknowledge the mystical center of the world and indeed of the whole creation. For such is the Biblical meaning of Jerusalem, the focal point of the whole history of salvation and redemption, the holy city of God's advent. Therefore, the Kingdom inaugurated in Jerusalem is a universal Kingdom, embracing in its perspective all men and the totality of creation.... For a few hours—yet these were the decisive time, the ultimate hour of Jesus, the hour of fulfillment by God of all His promises, of all His decisions. It came at the end of the entire process of preparation, revealed in the Bible, it was the end of all that God did for men. And thus, this short hour of Christ's earthly triumph acquires an eternal meaning. It introduces the reality of the Kingdom into our time, into all hours, makes this Kingdom the meaning of time and its ultimate goal. The Kingdom was revealed in this world and from that hour; its presence judges and transforms human history... And when at the most solemn moment of our Liturgical celebration, we receive from the priest a palm branch, we renew our oath to our King, we confess His Kingdom as the ultimate meaning and content of our life. We confess that everything in our life and in the world belongs to Christ and nothing can be taken away from its sole real

Owner, that there is no area of life in which He is not to rule, to save and to redeem. We proclaim the universal and total responsibility of the Church for human history and uphold her universal mission. The branches in our hands signify, therefore, our readiness and willingness to follow Him on this sacrificial way, our acceptance of sacrifice and self-denial as the only royal way to the Kingdom. And finally, these branches, this celebration, proclaim our faith in the final victory of Christ. His Kingdom is yet hidden and the world ignores it. It lives it as if the decisive event had not taken place, as if God had not died on the Cross and Man

## PASCHA/EASTER EGGS COLORING & DECORATING

**COLOR** Eggs and decorate  
candles with our Children

**Noon, Great Friday  
April 22nd  
in the Parish Hall**



All artistic temperaments and ages welcome: we'll have eggs, dye, stickers, and instructions will be supplied.

A take-home basket with a bed of grass will be supplied for the children's Easter eggs.

in Him was not risen from the dead. But we, Christians, believe in the coming of the Kingdom in which God will be all in all and Christ the only King. In our liturgical celebrations, we remember events of the past. But the whole meaning and power of Liturgy is that it transforms remembrance into reality. On Palm Sunday this reality is our own involvement, our responsibility to, the Kingdom of God. Christ does not enter into Jerusalem anymore, He did it once and for all. And He does not need any “symbols,” for He did not die on the Cross that we may eternally “symbolize” His life. He wants from us a real acceptance of the Kingdom which He brought to us... And if we are not ready to stand by the solemn oath, which we renew every year on Palm Sunday, if we do not mean to make the Kingdom of God the measure of our whole life, meaningless is our commemoration, and vain are the branches we take home from the Church. —*Fr. Alexander Schmemmann*



The  
✠ PASCCHA  
Day BBQ ✠  
Returns

The joyous and bright Vespers  
of Pascha will be celebrated at

1 PM, Sunday,  
April 24th.

**Feastivities will begin following the service.**

- ◆ **Bring a side dish and a beverage to share** (juice, soda, wine, beer, *no hard alcohol*).
- ◆ Grilled beef tri-tip and hot-dogs will be provided (That's right!).
- ◆ If you would like, bring something else for us to grill for you.

