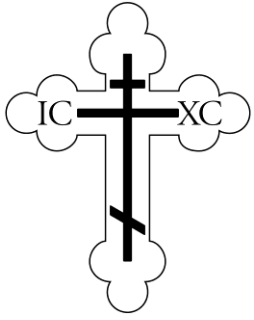
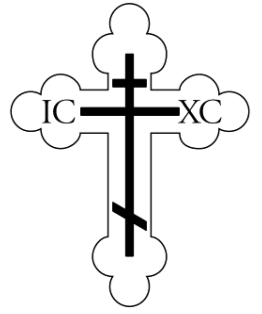


# Protection of the Virgin Mary



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Great Vespers: 6pm Saturdays  
Divine Liturgy: 10am Sundays  
Confessions are heard before or  
after Vespers or by appointment.

**Welcome visitors!  
Please join us in  
the parish hall after  
Divine Liturgy for  
coffee hour.**

## April 21, 2019 The Feast of Palms

### HYMNS OF THE DAY

#### First Antiphon

I love the Lord because He has heard  
the voice of my supplication.

*Ref:* 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.

The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of hell laid hold on me.

I suffered distress and anguish,  
so I called on the Name of the Lord.

I will walk in the presence of the Lord  
in the land of the living.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,  
now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

### **Second Antiphon**

I kept my faith, even when I said,  
“I am greatly afflicted.”

*Ref:* O Son of God who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to  
You: “Alleluia!”

What shall I render to the Lord  
for all the things He has given me?

I will receive the cup of salvation  
and call on the Name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all His people.

### **Third Antiphon**

*O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy  
endures forever! Let the house of Israel say that He is good,  
for His mercy endures forever!*

### **Tone 1 – Troparion of the Feast**

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your Passion,  
You confirmed the universal resurrection, O Christ God.

Like the children with the palms of victory,  
we cry out to You, O Vanquisher of Death:

“Hosanna in the highest!//

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.”

*Let the house of Aaron say that He is good, for His mercy  
endures forever! Let those who fear the Lord say that He is  
good, for His mercy endures forever!*

### **Repeat the Troparion**

*After the Entrance, we sing the Festal Troparion again, then:*

#### **Tone 4 – Another Troparion for the Feast**

When we were buried with You in baptism, O Christ God, we were made worthy of eternal life by Your Resurrection.

Now we praise You and sing:

“Hosanna in the highest!//

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!”

#### **Tone 6 – Kontakion of the Feast**

Sitting on Your 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!”

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

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

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.

### **Gospel: John 12.1-18**

Six days before the Pascha, 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.

## WE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

**N.Dep.** Anthony Leone

David Envall

Anatol Meuch

**Ev.Mem.** Nicholas Pushkar ('13)

George Kostoff ('43)

Trofim Naumovetz ('56)

Theodore Puhach ('56)

Alexandra Paige ('70)

Nicholas Sharbak ('77)

Anastasia Tucler ('89)

Barbara McKenzie ('89)

<b>Health &amp;</b>	Gilbert	Brittany
<b>Salvation:</b>	Carol	Jennifer
Protopr. George	Peter	David
Mat. Anna	Janie	Chris
Archpr. Peter	Tom	Benjamin
Archpr. John	Elizabeth	Juliana
Pr. John	Tina	Joseph
Pr. Christopher	Adam	Cathy
Mat. Jennifer	Myah	Laurie
Andrew	Margaret	Lennox
Gideon	Diane	Linda
Kevin	Madelin	Laila
Jon	Villian	Richard
Tanya	Deborah	Paula
Kimberly	Claudia	Christopher
Gail	John	Brian
William	Carisa	Jennifer
Jovan	Natalia	Kevin
Charles	Elizabeth	Barbara
Barbara	Tom	Thomas
Theodore	Paul	Allyson
Michael	Alexander	Joseph
Julia	Darlene	Daniel
Warren	Kristin	Albert
Loretta	Mitchel	Kenneth

\*If you know someone who needs prayer, please give their name to Fr Jacob

*Instead of "It is Truly Meet..." we sing the following:*

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!"

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Following coffee hour today there will be **choir rehearsals** to prepare music for Holy Week and Pascha.

O-Club is hosting a **Trivia Night fundraiser** at St. Mary's Center on Friday, May 3 to support Meals-on-Wheels and its other outreach endeavors. Flyers are available in the narthex.

### **Mark your calendars:**

**Apr 22: Bridegroom Matins @ 6pm**

**Apr 23: Bridegroom Matins @ 6pm**

**Apr 24: Bridegroom Matins @ 2pm**

**Holy Unction at Descent of the Holy Ghost @ 6pm**

**Apr 25: Liturgy of the Last Supper @ 10am**

**Matins of the Passion of Our Lord @ 6pm**

**Apr 26: Royal Hours at Descent of the Holy Ghost @ 8am**

**Vespers of the Entombment of Christ @ 2pm**

**Lamentations and procession w/Plashchanitsa @ 6pm**

**Apr 27: Vespereal Liturgy of Pascha (the harrowing of hell and change into white) @ 10am**

**Paschal Vigil @ 11pm**

**Apr 28: Agape Vespers @ 11am followed by Easter Egg Hunt**

**Apr 29: Bright Monday Liturgy @ 10am**

**May 3: O-Club Trivia Night to benefit Meals on Wheels of Northwest Indiana. Doors open @ 6pm; trivia @ 6:30**

**Jun 1: Annual Golf Outing**

**Last Week's Offerings to the Lord: \$2,884**

## **A Guide to Holy Week**

Great Lent and Holy Week are two separate fasts, and two separate celebrations. Great Lent ends on Friday of the fifth week (the day before Lazarus Saturday). Holy Week begins immediately thereafter. Let's explore the meaning of each of the solemn days of Passion Week.

On **Palm Sunday** our Lord enters Jerusalem and is proclaimed king – but in an earthly sense, as many people of

His time were seeking a political Messiah. Our Lord is King, of course, but of a different type – the eternal King prophesied by Zechariah the Prophet. We use palms on this day to show that we too accept Jesus as the true King and Messiah of the Jews, Whom we are willing to follow – even to the cross.

The services of **Great and Holy Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday** are known as the Bridegroom Matins services. We behold Christ as the Bridegroom of the Church, bearing the marks of His suffering, yet preparing a marriage Feast for us in God's Kingdom. Each of these Bridegroom services has a particular theme. On **Holy Monday**, the Blessed Joseph, the son of Jacob the Patriarch, is commemorated. Joseph is often seen as a Type of Christ. Joseph was betrayed by his brothers, thrown into a pit, and sold into slavery by them. In the same way, our Lord was rejected, betrayed by His own, and sold into the slavery of death.

The Parable of the Ten Virgins is read on **Holy Tuesday**. It tells the story of the five virgins who filled their lamps in preparation for receiving the bridegroom while the other five allowed their lamps to go out, and hence were shut out of the marriage feast. This parable is a warning that we must always be prepared to receive our Lord when He comes again. The theme of the day is reinforced by the Exapostelarian hymn we sing: "I see Your Bridal Chamber adorned, O my Savior, but have no wedding garment that I may enter. O Giver of Light, enlighten the vesture of my soul, and save me."

The theme of **Holy Wednesday** is repentance and forgiveness. We remember the sinful woman who anointed our Lord in anticipation of His death. Her repentance and love of Christ is the theme of the wonderful "Hymn of Kassiane" which is chanted on this night, reminding us one more time, before "it is too late," that we too may be forgiven if we repent.

On **Great and Holy Thursday** we turn to the last events of our Lord and His Passion. Thursday morning begins with a Vespereal Divine Liturgy commemorating the Mystical Supper. As previously mentioned, this is actually Holy Thursday

evening's service celebrated in the morning in anticipation. Everyone who is able should make an effort to receive Holy Communion at this service as it was at the Mystical Supper that our Lord instituted the Holy Eucharist. At this Liturgy a second Host is consecrated and kept in the Tabernacle. It is from this Host that Holy Communion is distributed to the shut-ins and the sick throughout the coming year.

The services of **Great and Holy Friday** begin Thursday night with the Service of the Twelve Passion Gospels commemorating our Lord's Crucifixion. After the reading of the fifth Gospel, the holy cross is carried around the church in procession, and Christ's body is nailed to the cross in the center of the church. In the afternoon we celebrate the Vesper Service of the taking down of Christ's Holy Body from the Cross. The Plaschanitsa (burial shroud) with Christ's body on it is carried in procession and placed in the recently decorated tomb. In the evening the Lamentations Orthros service is sung. This service begins in a solemn manner, but by the end of the service we are already anticipating the Resurrection of our Lord. Remember again, that the Holy Friday evening Orthros is actually the first service of Holy Saturday, the day in which we commemorate our Lord's body resting in the tomb while His all-pure soul descends into Hades to free the faithful of the Old Covenant.

**Great and Holy Saturday** is a day of hope and waiting. In the morning we celebrate a Vesperal Divine Liturgy which commemorates Christ's victory over death. Bright vestments are worn as we anticipate Christ's Resurrection. The whole Church is changed from the black of mourning to the white of the resurrection as the choir chants "Arise O God and Judge the earth, for to You belong all the nations." The Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Holy Saturday concludes the services of Holy Week, and brings us to the eve of Great and Holy Pascha.

**Glory to God for all things!**