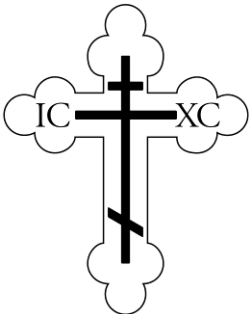
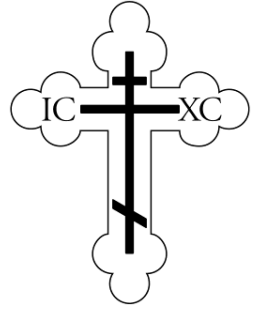


# Protection of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church



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Confession is available before or  
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**Welcome visitors!**  
**Please join us in the**  
**parish hall after Divine**  
**Liturgy for coffee hour.**

## April 17, 2022 Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the celebration of the triumphant entrance of Christ into the royal city of Jerusalem. A large crowd met Him in a manner befitting royalty, waving palm branches and placing their garments in His path. They greeted Him with these words: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel! (Jn 12:13).

This day, together with the raising of Lazarus are signs pointing beyond themselves to the mighty deeds and events which consummate Christ's earthly ministry. The time of fulfillment was at hand. Christ's raising of Lazarus points to the destruction of death and the joy of resurrection which will be accessible to all through His own death and resurrection. His entrance into Jerusalem is a fulfillment of the messianic prophecies about the king who will enter his holy city to establish a final kingdom.

# HYMNS OF THE DAY

## First Antiphon

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.

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.”

*Refrain:* 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.

*And we continue with “Only-Begotten Son” as usual.*

## Third Antiphon

**Cantor:** 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!

**Choir: 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.”

**Cantor:** 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!

*We repeat the Troparion of the Feast, then the Entrance:*

**Deacon:** Wisdom! Let us stand upright! 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!

*We sing the Troparion of the Feast 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

**Tone 4 – Festal Prokeimenon (Psalm 117)**

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

**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

**New Dep.** Jove Avramoski

**Ev.Mem.** Maria Georgeff ('14)

Nina Konchar ('25)

John Hortyk ('33)

Frank Atrosh ('59)

John Kostelnik ('80)

Helen Demchak ('86)

### **Health & Salv.**

Archpr. Peter

Mat. Anne

Pr. Christopher

Mat. Jennifer

Andrew

Gideon

Kevin

Jon

Tanya

Jovan

Tom

Jennifer

Larry

Rollie

Joseph

Nadia

Mark

Jerry

Joseph

Linda

Claudia

Ryan

Snezana

Christine

Nathan

Kara

Dominic

Declan

Hudson

Ayden

Hyland

Jason

Ted

James

Pamela

Alexander

Ronald

Ken

William

Wanda

Ivanka

Aaron

Karen

Sandra

Linda

Jim

John

Martha

Mark

Michelle

Irene

Michelle

Erika

Luke

Jo

Stephanie

Mary Ann

Robb

Desiree

Hanna

Jaroslava

Andrew

Andrew

Vadim

Hanna

Helen Maria

Alex

Carl

Laura

Chrisan

Janice

Gerald

Olga

Janie

David

Sharon

Tanya

Renee

Carissa

Ashton

Matthew

Doris

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

## **Special Petitions for Ukraine at the Augmented Litany:**

We pray, O Lord our God, for all those who suffer from acts of war, especially for the victims in Ukraine. We pray for Your peace and Your mercy in the midst of the great suffering of Your people. Vouchsafe to accept the prayers of the Church, so that by Your goodness, peace may return to all peoples; O Lord, hear us and have mercy.

We also pray You, O Lord our God, to remember and have mercy on our Orthodox brothers and sisters in Russia and Ukraine, who are involved in violent conflict. Remove from their midst all hostility, confusion and hatred. Lead everyone along the path of reconciliation and peace, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

### **Festal Theotokion (*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!"

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Thank you to all who worked our **Pascha Bake Sale** this year!

This Saturday, April 23 at 5pm, the **Valparaiso University Symphony Orchestra** is playing a **benefit concert for Ukrainian Family Relief**. Flyers are available in the Narthex.

On Friday, April 29, the O-Club will host a **Trivia Night Fundraiser for IOCC's work with Ukrainian refugees**. Tickets are \$20/person at the door with a maximum table size of eight. Sliders, chips, beer, and wine are included. BYO food and drink is also permitted. Cash prize for the winning table. Doors open at 6pm. Trivia starts at 6:30pm.

The Protection of the Virgin Mary Orthodox Church **Jan Hughes Memorial Golf Outing** is scheduled for **Saturday, June 4**, at Indian Ridge Country Club in Hobart. This is a major fundraiser for us. The proceeds will be used for the continuation, support, and development of various Church projects, which reach out to the community. Hole sponsors (\$125) or other monetary or prize donations will be greatly appreciated. Those wishing to help in any way (including making desserts or appetizers), or to purchase banquet tickets (\$20 each), please see Rich or Linda Svihra or Lara Richards. Thanks in advance, The Golf Committee.

## Mark your calendars:

- Today: **Bridegroom Matins at Holy Trinity Cathedral in Chicago @ 6pm** (Fr Jacob will preach)
- Apr 18: **Bridegroom Matins @ 6pm**
- Apr 19: **Presanctified Liturgy @ 10am**  
**Bridegroom Matins @ 6pm**
- Apr 20: **Bridegroom Matins @ 2pm**  
**Holy Unction at Descent of the Holy Ghost @ 6:30pm**
- Apr 21: **Liturgy of the Holy Supper @ 10am**  
**Matins of the Holy Passion (12 Gospels) @ 6pm**
- Apr 22: **Royal Hours @ 9am**  
**Vespers of Entombment @ 2pm**  
**Matins of Lamentation @ 6pm**
- Apr 23: **Vesperal Liturgy of Pascha @ 10am**  
**Paschal Vigil (Resurrection) @ 11pm**
- Apr 24: **Agape Vespers @ 11am**, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt
- Apr 25: **Bright Monday Liturgy @ 10am**
- Apr 27: **Bible Study returns @ 7pm**
- Apr 28: **Faith Enrichment @ 10am**
- Apr 29: **Trivia Night Fundraiser for Ukrainian refugees @ 6pm**

**Last week's gifts to the Lord: \$5,546**

# Paschal Message

**of His Beatitude, our Metropolitan Tikhon**

To the Clergy, Monastics, and Faithful of the Orthodox Church in America,

Dear Beloved Children in the Lord,

**CHRIST IS RISEN! INDEED, HE IS RISEN!**

I greet you in the joy of the Resurrection on this “chosen and holy day, first of sabbaths, king and lord of days, the feast of feasts, holy day of holy days” (Paschal Canon, Ode 8). Great and Holy Pascha truly is the “king and lord of days.” On this day our Lord,

God, and Savior Jesus Christ shines with the victory of life over death, life which is given by Him as a gift to the whole human race. Amidst the daily news that prompts feelings of anxiety and despair, the present feast offers us our only true help. We take comfort that, in His great love for mankind, our Lord has forever banished the futile senselessness of death, which is the “last enemy” (1 Cor 15:26). Our slavery to fear and sin and death is abolished by the King of Glory, “The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle” (Ps 23:8).

The dark and gloomy grave is now filled with light. We have no need to fear death—our Lord has vanquished it. At this time, the world seems to lie in the darkness of conflict, pain, and grief. Yet, even now, with God helping us, we can face whatever our circumstances may be with the holy joy and Paschal strength that comes from firm conviction and faith in the Risen Christ.

In the overwhelming might of Christ’s Resurrection, the strong man is bound forever (Mk 3:27); and in God’s providence, we know that He will “make the evil to be good by [His] goodness” (Anaphora of Saint Basil the Great). It is our Lord’s unfailing promise of new and eternal life which allows this day to rule all of the days which God may give us on earth. In the brightness of Pascha, even these dark days we now endure are mere servants to this feast of feasts. On this Paschal day, my prayer is that you allow the joyful light of Christ fully into your hearts. In the coming days of celebration, let all men and women see this spiritual light shining from you, and let them hear your evangelical proclamation that “Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and upon those in the tombs bestowing life.”

I remain sincerely yours in Christ,

**+ TIKHON**

Archbishop of Washington

Metropolitan of All America and Canada

**Glory to God for all things!**