



APRIL 10, 2022

*Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem*

Palm & Willow Sunday

Apr. 9 (Sat) Divine Liturgy 5:00pm

Apr. 10 (Sun) TRIUMPHAL ENTRY INTO JERUSALEM  
PALM & WILLOW SUNDAY  
Divine Liturgy 10:30am  
Health & Well-being of Scarlett Kudrick  
req by Anthony Kudrick

Our Tithe to our Parish - April 3, 2022 - \$3,141.00

The Sanctuary Lamp continues to burn before the presence of Our Risen Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ in our church during the week of Apr. 10 thru Apr. 16 for those suffering in Ukraine.



Let us remember in our prayers all of our friends and parish family members who are sick at home or in a nursing facility and for all who are in need of our prayers.



Tillie Abraham, Ron Bishop, George Bodnar, Pamela Seech Dawson, Steve Fekete, Margaret Gegick, Kevin Ianni, Ted Race, Helen Rizzi, Joseph Rusinko Sr.



MOUNT SAINT MACRINA  
HOUSE OF PRAYER



April 19, 26

May 3, 10, 17, 24 6:30pm - 8:00pm

Tuesday Evening Compassion Series in House Program

“Developing Boundless Compassion”

With Sr. Barbara Jean, OSBM and

Dr. JoAnn Jankoski, D.Ed, LCMSW, MS, CCTP

This series invites those who serve the hearts of others into a circle of up to 10 persons to further develop in Gospel-centered compassion, using *Boundless Compassion: Creating a Way of Life*, by Sr. Joyce Rupp; book, journal and prayer resource. Requires commitment to six interactive sessions with these resources in hand. Registration Due: April 12. Offering: \$100. Scholarships available. Proof of full vaccination and masks are required.

*Prayerful Condolences*



We offer the prayerful condolences of our Parish Family to Ann Andrejcak and her family. Ann’s brother, James Crocket fell asleep in the Lord this past week. May the Lord God give peace and consolation to the bereaved family, and may He grant to his departed servant +James a peaceful repose and eternal memory!

## PALM SUNDAY - HOLY AND GREAT WEEK

### Some reminders ...

**Fasting:** Good Friday is a day of strict fast (no meat or dairy products are permitted), and simple abstinence from meat is certainly encouraged on Holy Saturday. In fact, all of Holy Week should be a special time of fasting for all of us ... not only from food ... but also from loud music, entertainment, etc.

**Vigil At The Tomb:** Each family or individual is encouraged to spend some time in personal prayer before the Tomb of the Lord. The church will be open until Midnight on Friday evening.



**Blessing of Foods:** The blessing of the Paschal Foods will take place after the Resurrection Matins and Liturgy on Saturday night, and also after the Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning.

**Processions:** A note about Processions. In the Byzantine Tradition, processions always go in a counter-clockwise direction. Notice that during the Divine Liturgy, the processions with the Book of the Gospels and also with the Eucharistic Gifts both go around the inside of the church in a counter-clockwise direction. So also our Good Friday and Paschal processions outside will be made in this same counter-clockwise manner.

We now enter the most solemn and holy week of the year. It begins with the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem ... then guides us through the events that took place in that holy city ... leading to the Passion of the Lord., his suffering and death on the cross, and then his glorious Resurrection from the dead.

So much is commemorated in such a short space of time. The major events of our faith are relived ... the whole range of feelings and emotions are touched during these days ... it would be wonderful if we could set aside everything else and just go to church ... to focus on our faith for this one week!

However, this is quite impossible for most people. But we do need to set some *priorities* for our lives this week. We need to select beforehand the times we want to set aside for our participation in the prayer services of our church ... and for our personal prayer and meditation. We need also to make some decisions about our home and family life ... so that this can be truly a week of entering into the life of the Lord.

### ANOINTING SERVICE



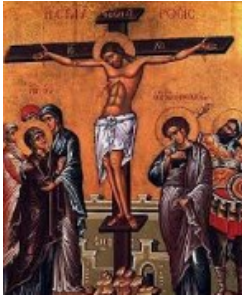
On Wednesday evening, there will be the Anointing Service with the Presanctified Liturgy. We all need to be healed ... spiritually, physically, emotionally and mentally. After completing the Lenten Fast, being reconciled through Confession, we are anointed for the complete healing of our souls and bodies ... so that we may worthily celebrate the Paschal events of the Lord. In this icon, we see Mary anointing the feet of Jesus, symbolically preparing him for his burial.

### HOLY THURSDAY



The theme is the "Upper Room" where the Lord meets with his disciples for that holy meal. This is the day on which we too gather in our upper room to share in the solemn supper of the Lord ... the Communion of his Body and Blood ... It is a day of intimacy with the Lord and with his people ... and yet the hint of betrayal lurks in the background. Life is always a mystery!

## GOOD FRIDAY



We now move to “Golgotha”, the place of crucifixion and death. The Matins Service, with the Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels, guides us through the Scriptures ... and calls our attention to all the details of the Lord’s Passion.

So familiar ... yet ever striking

In the evening we move to the Burial Service of the Lord with the procession and the placing of the Holy Shroud (*Plascanitsa*) in the Tomb.



## HOLY SATURDAY

This day is focused on the “Holy Sepulchre” and the resting of the Lord in the tomb. All the activity is stopped. People in Jerusalem are stunned. Voices are silent. Raging emotions lie dormant. Everyone now is faced with the mystery of the Giver of Life now lying silently in death. For us it is a time to reflect on all that has happened. We look at our own reactions to the crucifixion and burial. We see the stark reality of sin run wild. And we must now wait.

## THE HOLY RESURRECTION



All of Holy Week leads us to the threshold of the Resurrection. Gathering in the darkened Church ... we process outside to the closed doors ... and there we await the joyful announcement of the Resurrection.

The Gospel is proclaimed with the account of the women going to the Tomb and finding it empty. Instead of a dead body, they were greeted by the angel who announced the Resurrection: ***He is not here! He is risen!*** With this Good News, we too proclaim the Resurrection hymn. ***Christ is Risen!*** Over and over! We then enter the church, now filled with light and bright voices chanting the glorious Paschal Service. Who can fail to be deeply moved by this most glorious of all the Divine Services of the Byzantine Tradition !!!

Together with all the angelic powers of heaven we join our voices and truly feel the power of the New Life of the Resurrection coursing through our veins. When we immerse ourselves in this Service, we truly experience something beyond ourselves, something literally out of this world! The Resurrection of Christ becomes our resurrection also. We are indeed risen to a new life in Christ!