

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2019

PALM SUNDAY

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians, Chapter 4, verses 4 to 7. It is found in our books on page 146.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος, πρὸς Φιλιππισίους ἐπιστολῆς Παύλου τὸ ἀνάγνωσμα, κεφ. 4, ἐδάφ. 4-7:
Ἀδελφοί, χαίρετε ἐν κυρίῳ πάντοτε· πάλιν ἐρῶ, χαίρετε. Τὸ ἐπιεικὲς ὑμῶν γνωσθήτω πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις. Ὁ κύριος ἐγγύς. Μηδὲν μεριμνᾶτε, ἀλλ' ἐν παντὶ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ δεήσει μετὰ εὐχαριστίας τὰ αἰτήματα ὑμῶν γνωρίζεσθω πρὸς τὸν θεόν. Καὶ ἡ εἰρήνη τοῦ θεοῦ ἡ ὑπερέχουσα πάντα νοῦν, φρουρήσει τὰς καρδίας ὑμῶν καὶ τὰ νοήματα ὑμῶν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Τὸ λοιπόν, ἀδελφοί, ὅσα ἐστὶν ἀληθῆ, ὅσα σεμνά, ὅσα δίκαια, ὅσα ἀγνά, ὅσα προσφιλή, ὅσα εὐφρημα, εἴ τις ἀρετὴ καὶ εἴ τις ἔπαινος, ταῦτα λογίζεσθε. Ἄ καὶ ἐμάθετε καὶ παρελάβετε καὶ ἠκούσατε καὶ εἶδετε ἐν ἐμοί, ταῦτα πράσσετε· καὶ ὁ θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης ἔσται μεθ' ὑμῶν.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John, Chapter 12, Verses 1-18. It is found in our books on pages 303-305.

Ἡ σημερινὴ εὐαγγελικὴ περικοπὴ ἐκ τοῦ κατὰ Ἰωάννην, κεφ. 12, ἐδάφ. 1-18, εὐρίσκεται εἰς τὰ βιβλία μας, σελ. 302-304.

TODAY'S APOLYTIKION: By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your passion, / You did confirm 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!

Τὴν κοινὴν ἀνάστασιν πρὸ τοῦ σοῦ πάθους πιστούμενος, ἐκ νεκρῶν ἠγειρας τὸν Λάζαρον, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, ὅθεν καὶ ἡμεῖς, ὡς οἱ παῖδες, τὰ τῆς νίκης σύμβολα φέροντες, σοὶ τῷ νικητῇ τοῦ θανάτου βοῶμεν, Ὡσαννά ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

THE LORD'S PRAYER IN SPANISH: Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre, venga tu Reino, hágase tu voluntad en la tierra como en el cielo; danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día; perdona nuestras deudas así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores; no nos dejes caer en la tentación, y líbranos del Mal.

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY: (*Sundays, 9 a.m., upstairs*). This class is especially intended for those who are thinking about converting to Orthodoxy and for family members and friends who would like to support them on their journey. It is also open to people who are already Orthodox and who would like to deepen their understanding of their faith. We explore Christian theology and practice by reading selections from Scripture, the Church Fathers, the lives of the Saints, and other texts representative of the Orthodox worldview. These readings are the starting point for our discussions, which aim at clarifying doctrine and worship and helping us to discover (or rediscover) why we belong in the Church. If you are interested in attending the class, please contact **Alexandros Kozák** at orthodoxy-agkozak@sneakemail.com. **Note:** The Introduction to Orthodoxy class is now being offered two Sundays a month (rather than every Sunday). The class is meeting this morning, in the conference room, located on the second floor. In May it will meet on May 5 and on May 19.

TODAY IS PALM SUNDAY, THE BEGINNING OF HOLY WEEK, CULMINATING IN PASCHA, THE FEAST OF FEASTS: THE RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST: The most attended Divine Liturgy of the Year—that of Palm Sunday—suggests there its message is of vital importance. It is, after all, the triumphal entry of Christ into Jerusalem. He enters, not as a conqueror would—on a stallion—but on a donkey, or rather, the offspring of a donkey. It's to fulfill an Old Testament prophecy, cited in the reading for today: *Rejoice greatly, Daughter Zion! Shout, Daughter Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and victorious, lowly and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey* (Zechariah 9:9). The celebratory tone quickly dissipates as the events of Holy Week unfold: The Messiah is betrayed, condemned, crucified, and buried. As everything seems to come to an end, something unexpected happens: He rises from the dead. The promise is reborn and the Church is born. For 2000 years, we proclaim: Christ is Risen, and death is annihilated. Our faith is a Resurrection faith. In this spirit, we invite you to pray with us all this week, as follows:

This evening, 7 p.m.	O Nymphios. The Bridegroom Service
Monday, April 22, 7 p.m.	O Nymphios. The Bridegroom Service
Tuesday, April 23, 7 p.m.	O Nymphios. The Bridegroom Service
Wednesday, April 24, 7 p.m.	Holy Unction
Thursday, April 25, 10 a.m.	The Divine Liturgy (Vespertal Liturgy). Holy Communion is served. In fact, on this day, the Eucharist is prepared and kept on the altar all year. In case of an emergency, when Holy Communion is offered as "last rites," it is from this Eucharist that that the dying person receives Holy Communion.
Thursday, April 25, 7 p.m.	The Twelve Gospels. Service of the Crucifixion
Friday, April 26, 10 a.m.	The Great Hours. The Epitaphios is decorated. TGIF for children.
Friday, April 26, 1 p.m.	The Descent from the Cross.
Friday, April 26, 7 p.m.	The Lamentations
Saturday, April 27, 8 a.m.	The Divine Liturgy (Vespertal Liturgy). Holy Communion is served.
Saturday, April 27, 11 p.m.	The Paschal Vigil. At 12 midnight: ANASTASIS

Note: The Anastasis service will take place in the new (although unfinished) Cathedral. We will convene in the chapel. At midnight, His Eminence Metropolitan Gerasimos of San Francisco will offer the Paschal light. Then, we will process to the new Cathedral, where the Resurrection Gospel will be proclaimed, followed by the singing of Christos Anesti and the Paschal Canon. We will return to the chapel for the Paschal Divine Liturgy. This will be an historic occasion. You will not want to miss it.

Sunday, April 28, 11 a.m.	Vespers. The service is called Agape Vespers. Vespers of Love. Recalling the great love of God, who sent us His only Son, that we might be saved. Holy Communion is not served at the Agape Vespers.
Monday, April 29, 10 a.m.	The celebration of St. George. Divine Liturgy will be celebrated.

For your convenience, our valet parking will operate every evening of Holy Week and Pascha.

SUPPORT YOUR CHURCH THROUGH STEWARDSHIP: We thank you for making your 2019 Stewardship support a priority. Your support makes possible the very existence of this parish, and its ability to offer Liturgical services, educational, & philanthropic programs. If you believe in Jesus Christ, and the mission of the Church, we also invite you, if you are not already a Steward, to become one. Pick up a card and informational material as you exit the chapel, on your right. Ask yourself: if we, who are believers, do not support the work of the Church, who will? The Parish Council will approach you today and ask, are you current Stewards of the Parish. If not, they will give you a Stewardship pledge card so that you, too, can pledge your support for your Cathedral parish.

PARKING UPDATE: We have signed a 6-month trial agreement with Golden State Parking so that, as soon as it obtains the necessary permits, it can operate our parking component. All permits but one have been obtained. We anticipate the permit by the fire department will be obtained as soon as the fire sprinklers and the hydrant have become operational, hopefully this week. Meanwhile, we've signed a contract with Albert Electric, to finalize the electrical work, finish the lobbies and install the necessary doors. We will need to install the final gates in order to satisfy the "clear path of travel" requirements, which includes the final inspection of the elevator. We've decided to embark upon a renewed Capital Campaign. Our goal is to raise \$1 million in 2019. As we go forward, let's stay positive and focused. Consider what you have accomplished so far! As with Moses, we hear God speaking to us: *"Build me a Sanctuary, and I will appear among you."* (from the Septuagint: *Καὶ ποιήσεις μοι ἅγίασμα, καὶ ὀφθήσομαι ἐν ὑμῖν*). (Exodus 25:8). Building also takes vision, determination and faith. You are doing something extraordinary: you are building His sanctuary, a great sacred space, right the heart of one of the world's premier cities. Here, the Orthodox Christian faith is poised to proclaim the Gospel message of salvation to a whole new generation of worshipers!



"The Church shall be a home for Orthodox Christians from every ethnic and national background. It shall be a house of prayer for all humankind, in which the Holy Name of our Triune God shall be extolled and all of creation sanctified."