

EPISTLE READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Apostolic Reading is from Saint Paul's First Letter to the Philippians Chapter 4 Verses 4 – 9: BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Ὁ Ἀπόστολος Πρὸς Φιλιππησίους κεφ. 9 ἔδάφ. 11 – 14.

GOSPEL READING OF THE DAY: This morning's Gospel Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to Saint John Chapter 12, Verses 1 - 18: Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros was one of those at table with him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said "Why was this ointment 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 as he had the money box he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of my burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon 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 this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him. The crowd that had been with him when he called Lazaros out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

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PHILOPTOCHOS PALM SUNDAY RECEPTION: Today following Divine Liturgy we welcome you to join us for a wonderful Palm Sunday reception hosted by our Ladies Philoptochos. The ladies have been working very hard for this event and they look forward to welcoming us all!

ELPIDA CLASSES TODAY: We will be holding our April Elpida classes today beginning during Communion. Please allow the children to receive Communion first so they may make their way to their classes.

MOTHER'S DAY LUNCHEON: Please join us in celebrating our 61st annual Philoptochos Mother's Day Luncheon & Fashion Show **Saturday, May 13, 2023.** This year, we'll be transporting you back to the 1800's in London, where the Bridgerton family lives, and the Royal family rules. This promises to be the event of the season! Additional details to follow soon. Contact **Foula Vasilogiorgis** at annunciationmothersday@gmail.com or (415) 378-7200 for more information and to make a reservation as seating will be limited!

STEWARDSHIP: We invite you to prayerfully consider sharing the resources given to you by God by filling out our Stewardship card and pledge for 2023 today! Cards are available at the pangari and information wall. *"All things are possible to the one who believes in Christ."* Mark 9:23

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Our next gathering of our Men's Fellowship group will take place on Thursday, April 27th. We will enjoy a hearty dinner since the fast will have ended and we will be welcoming Metropolis Family Wellness Rep George Papageorge to lead us in discussion. If you are interested in joining us please contact Jim Rakos at jim.rakos@annunciation.org

INTRODUCTION TO ORTHODOXY CLASSES: We provide classes over Zoom for people who are considering converting to Orthodox Christianity and for Orthodox people who want to refresh their knowledge of the faith. Please reach out to **Alex Kozak** at <https://agkozak.com/intro> to learn more.



“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.”