

PALM SUNDAY -- FLOWERY SUNDAY



*Icon of the Entrance into Jerusalem*



## *Palm Sunday*

The hymns and prayers celebrating Christ's glorious journey into the Holy City reflect both the joy and the concern about what shall in short time occur in this City.

The introductory Vespers' hymn expresses these sentiments in these words: "Today the grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us together, and we all take up Your Cross and say; Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest!" The Palm Sunday exclamation, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord ..." is repeated over and over and we know that it was also taken into the Liturgy's solemn hymn, "Holy, holy, holy ..."

A Palm Sunday liturgical text beautifully expresses the full dimensions of this greeting when it says, "Blessed are You, You have come and are

coming again in the name of the Lord God our Savior!" The serene sunshine of the Palm Sunday could not last long. Evening is approaching of the first day of the Holy Week. Jesus' enemies were not idle; they gather and debate how to stop any similar demonstration. He should be arrested.

The Church reminds us of this change: "As we pass from one Divine Feast to another, O faithful, let us go with haste to the reverent and saving celebration of Christ's sufferings. Let us behold Him undergo voluntary suffering for our sake, and let us sing to Him with thankfulness a fitting hymn: O Fountain of tender mercy and Haven of salvation. Lord, glory be to You!" The Great, Holy Week of Christ's Passion began.

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"Glory to Jesus Christ!"

"Slava Isusu Khristoo!"

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Willow Sunday

THE GREAT FEAST of Christ's entry into Jerusalem will be celebrated this weekend. Known as Willow, Palm or Flowery Sunday, this holyday marks the start of Christ's last week on this earth, as He enters the great City of Jerusalem and is hailed by the people as the Messiah, the Savior of the People. We will bless and distribute willow branches Saturday and Sunday to give our public witness as followers of Our Lord Jesus. We thank all the folks who brought branches for this purpose.

AFTER THE SUNDAY LITURGY we will all gather in our spacious parish hall in fellowship of Faith in our Lord Jesus. We will enjoy an original playlet on stage, presented by our students and school staff. Then we will all share in a delicious breakfast, prepared by our parish women and served by our students. Father Pastor will then introduce our special guests on the dais, make several announcements and then hold a gigantic raffle of children's gifts and sweets. We expect that every parish family and all our parish children will be with us Sunday morning!

TODAY WE THANK all our parishioners and guests for their generous gifts and donations to our vibrant parish this Holy Season of Easter. Our blessed church is growing and thriving because of you, our generous faithful and friends. God's Risen Son Jesus, we pray, will bless all of you with health and joy and peace this year!

EASTER FOOD WILL BE BLESSED NEXT Saturday in the Hall at 12 noon, 3 pm and 6 pm. Please tell all your family and friends about this ancient and wonderful tradition of our Ukrainian Church.



ON HOLY THURSDAY AT 6 pm we will celebrate Matins with the reading of the 12 Gospels of Christ's Passion. On Holy and Good Friday at 6 pm we will celebrate Vespers with the procession of the Holy Shroud. Please come and pray with us this Holy Week. Following the Friday evening service we will keep our church open for all to pray and keep vigil. Please sign up so that we can maintain this sacred tradition.

ON EASTER SUNDAY we will sing Resurrection matins at 6 am, followed by the Easter Divine Liturgy at 7 am. The second Divine Liturgy for Easter will be at 10 am Sunday morning. Everybody goes to Church on Easter!

DIVINE SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, 6 pm +Anna Lonchar (The Brady Family)  
Sunday, 9 am +Fr. Eugene and Pauline (The Dychdala Family)  
Thursday, 6 pm Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels  
Friday, 6 pm Vespers with Procession of the Holy Shroud  
Saturday, 8 am Divine Liturgy for +Roman (Kay Kruk)  
Sunday, 6 am Resurrection Matins with Procession  
7 am Easter Divine Liturgy for all our People  
10 am Easter Divine Liturgy, +Peter and Barbara Martinick  
(Family)

PALM SUNDAY TROPAR: O Christ our God, we have been buried in You by our Baptism, and now we have become partakers in eternal life through Your Holy Resurrection. So today we sing out: "Hosanna in the highest, Blessed are You Who comes in the name of the Lord".

GLORY TO THE FATHER AND THE SON AND THE HOLY....

PALM SUNDAY KONTAK: O Christ God, You are carried in heaven upon a throne, but You were also carried by a donkey on earth. You received the praise of the angels and the song of the children, who cried out: "Blessed are You who comes to call back Adam and Eve

PALM SUNDAY PROKIMEN: Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J.R. Ronald". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.