

THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM
PALM SUNDAY



Icon of the Entrance into Jerusalem

Misplaced Expectations

A young boy returned from his first major league baseball game very disappointed. Even though his favorite team won the game, the young boy said to his grandfather, "I'll never go to another game again!" "Why not," his grandfather asked, "your team won the game -why are you disappointed?" The boy answered, "I wanted my favorite player to hit a home run to where I was sitting and I wanted to catch the ball and I wanted to get it autographed after the game!" "I've been hoping for that all my life, too," said his grandfather with a smile.

Quite often, the disappointment that we feel towards a person or about a situation or circumstance is due to the fact that our expectations of that person or about that situation are misplaced, misguided, or misunderstood. We see an example of this in today's Gospel reading about our

Lord's entrance into Jerusalem.

Many of the same people who enthusiastically greeted Jesus when He entered into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday would just as passionately demand His crucifixion only a few days later. Why? It is because their expectations of Him were misplaced. That is, many people presumed that the long-awaited Messiah would be a great military leader or a political revolutionary who would lead them out of Roman subjugation and into independence. They did not consider the possibility of a Messiah who would conquer not armies, but death itself.

What do we expect from God? Like the little boy at the baseball game, are we disappointed when we don't get what we want? Let us recall that the Lord knows what we need even before we ask or are aware of it!

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Willow (Palm) Sunday

THIS WEEKEND our Parish will celebrate Willow Sunday to mark Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish Passover. Just like His followers greeted Him that day with cut branches, so too will we greet Him today with blessed branches as a sign of our discipleship. We thank all the good folks who brought these branches to our Church.

CONFESSIONS WILL BE HEARD this weekend both before and after all the Liturgies. Be sure to wear a mask for this close encounter with Fr. Pastor, our standin for Jesus the Christ.

EASTER FOOD IN BASKETS will be blessed on Holy Saturday, the 16th, in our Parish hall with entrance on Hurst Street. This service will be conducted at 12 noon, 3 pm and 6 pm. Masks can be worn for health purposes and the tables will be spaced for everyone's protection.

OUR LIVESTREAMING SCHEDULE WILL BE AS FOLLOWS: Saturday, April, 6 pm; Good Friday, April 15, 6:30 pm; Easter Sunday, the 17th, 10 am. Be sure to tell all your friends and relatives to tune in on YOUTUBE THIS WEEK.

OUR SUNDAY SCHOOL will be in session this Sunday at 11 am. We will not have classes on Easter Sunday, the 17th. All children must attend these classes on GOOGLEMEET if they expect to receive the Sacraments.

WE HAVE SUBMITTED our parish check of \$50,000 to Archbishop Borys for delivery to our brothers and Sisters in Ukraine. Good folks can still donate funds for this cause, as we attempt to collect another \$10,000 gift to aid our suffering and hungry people in Ukraine.

BE SURE TO CHECK OUT the children's Easter-Bunny baskets today in the church. Take these items home for your little neighbors and friends. Our parish women are raising funds for our Ukrainian relief donation.

WE SEND OUT TODAY our personal and collective thanks to all the folks who responded so generously to our call for help in Ukraine. We have never seen such an outpouring of love and Christian giving in all our days on earth - from our faithful, neighbors, churches, YOUTUBE FOLLOWERS, RELATIVES AND FRIENDS! God bless all of you for your love!

SERVICES FOR THE WEEK

Willow Saturday, Ap. 9, 6 pm
Willow Sunday, Ap. 10, 9 am

Health of Mark (Luba Somits)
+Fr. Eugene, Pauline (Dychdala Fam.)

Holy Thursday Vespers, 6:30 pm
Good Friday Vespers, 6:30 pm
Holy Saturday, 8 am, Liturgy

Joe and Dot Popivchak (Cousine Mark)
Ф. Lyubynetsky (Naida Family)
All Parishioners, Fonock, Maruszczak
(The Family)

Easter Sunday, 6 am
Easter Sunday, 10 am

All the Faithful
+Plush, Martinick F. (Kathy, Ted)

PALM SUNDAY TROPAR:

O Christ God, You raised Lazarus as a proof of the General Resurrection. So today we raise today our branches, as we cry out that You are the Conquerer of death. Hosanna in the highest, blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

GLORY BE TO THE FATHER AND THE...

PALM SUNDAY KONTAK"

O Christ God, You are carried in heaven upon a throne, even as You were carried on earth by a donkey into Jerusalem. You received the praise of the angels and the song of the children, who cried out: "Blessed are You, O Lord Jesus."

PALM SUNDAY PROKIMEN:

Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord, Amen.

Глагола!

О. Романко