

April 9, 2023

Palm Sunday

Saints of the Day: Eupsychios the Martyr; Raphael, Nicholas and Irene

WELCOME TO ALL VISITORS!!!

Thank you for worshipping with us!!! Please join us for fellowship immediately following The Divine Liturgy. For those visiting an Orthodox Church for the first time, please be aware that Holy Communion is a sign of unity of faith which is only offered to Baptized or Chrismated Orthodox Christians. All present are welcome, and encouraged, to receive the antidoron (bread given to those who do not/are not able receive Holy Communion) which is distributed at the end of the service. For those interested in learning more about the Orthodox Christian faith, please feel free to speak with Fr. Demetri after the service.

WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO FOLLOW ALONG AND PARTICIPATE IN THE DIVINE LITURGY WITH THE BOOKS PROVIDED!!!

WEEK IN PREVIEW

GREAT AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES



As we celebrate this most Holy and Sacred week of our Lord's Passion, we pray that our entire Parish will prioritize and arrange their schedules to participate in as many of the Divine Services as possible.

We encourage all of our Faithful to be witnesses in the Passion of our Lord: His betrayal, arrest, death on the Cross, burial, and finally His Glorious Resurrection.

Fr. Demetri, the officers and members of the Board of Directors, wish a Blessed and Joyful Pascha to all of our Parish family members and friends.

Lazarus Saturday, April 8

Matins 8:30am Divine Liturgy 9:30am Pancake & Palm Cross making to follow

> Palm Sunday, April 9 Matins 8:45am

> Divine Liturgy1000am with Fish Dinner to follow

April 9, 10, 11
Bridegroom Services 6:00pm

Holy Wednesday, April 12 Mystery of Holy Unction 4:00pm

Holy Thursday, April 13 Vesperal Divine Liturgy 9:30am

The Passion of our Lord 6:00pm

Holy Friday, April 14

The Royal Hours 8:30am
Decorating of Kouvouklion
Youth Retreat 10:30am
Un-Nailing Service 2:00pm
The Engomia 6:00pm

Great Holy Saturday, April 15

Vesperal Divine Liturgy 9:30am Paschal Vigil 11:00pm Pascha Reception to follow

Great Holy Pascha Sunday, April 16 Vespers of Love 11:00am

Gospel Passages in many languages

Egg Hunt for kids to follow

Hymns Chanted Following the Small Entrance

Anthem of Palm Sunday in the First Tone

Τὴν κοινὴν Ἀνάστασιν πρὸ τοῦ σοῦ Πάθους πιστούμενος, ἐκ νεκρῶν ἤγειρας τὸν Λάζαρον, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός ὅθεν καὶ ἡμεῖς ὡς οὶ Παῖδες, τὰ τῆς νίκης σύμβολα φέροντες, σοὶ τῷ Νικητῆ τοῦ θανάτου βοῶμεν Ὠσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εύλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

To confirm the general resurrection before Your Passion, You resurrected Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore imitating the children, carrying the symbols of victory, we cry out to You the Victor over death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One, who comes in the name of the Lord."

Another Hymn for Palm Sunday in the Fourth Tone

Συνταφέντες σοι διὰ τοῦ Βαπτίσματος, Χριστὲ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, τῆς ἀθανάτου ζωῆς ἠξιώθημεν τῇ ἀναστάσει σου, καὶ ἀνυμνοῦντες κράζομεν Ὁσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εύλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

We were buried with You through Baptism, O Christ our God, and thus by Your Resurrection we have been granted immortal life, and extolling You we cry aloud, "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One who comes in the name of the Lord."

Seasonal/Kontakion Hymn in the Plagal of the Second Tone

Τῷ θρόνῳ ἐν ούρανῷ, τῷ πώλῳ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἐποχούμενος Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός, τῶν Ἁγγέλων τὴν αἴνεσιν, καὶ τῶν Παίδων ἀνύμνησιν προσεδέξω βοώντων σοι Εύλογημένος εἶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος, τὸν Ἀδὰμ ἀνακαλέσασθαι.

In heaven upon the throne, on earth upon the colt, * You were carried, O Christ our God; * and the praise of the Angels, and the hymns of the children, You received as they cried to You, * "Blessed are You, the One, who is coming to call Adam back again."

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Philippians 4:4-9

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.

Φιλιππησιους 4:4-9

Άδελφοί, χαίρετε ἐν κυρίῳ πάντοτε· πάλιν ἐρῶ, χαίρετε. Τὸ ἐπιεικὲς ὑμῶν γνωσθήτω πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις. Ὁ κύριος ἐγγύς. Μηδὲν μεριμνᾶτε, ἀλλ' ἐν παντὶ τῆ προσευχῆ καὶ τῆ δεήσει μετὰ εὐχαριστίας τὰ αἰτήματα ὑμῶν γνωριζέσθω 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, ὄσα ἐστὶν ἀληθῆ, ὅσα σεμνά, ὅσα δίκαια, ὅσα ἀγνά, ὅσα προσφιλῆ, ὅσα εὔφημα, εἴ τις ἀρετὴ καὶ εἴ τις ἔπαινος, ταῦτα λογίζεσθε. Ἡ καὶ ἐμάθετε καὶ παρελάβετε καὶ ἡκούσατε καὶ εἴδετε ἐν ἐμοί, ταῦτα πράσσετε· καὶ ὁ θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης ἔσται μεθ' ὑμῶν.

John 12:1-18

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.

Ιωαννην 12:1-18

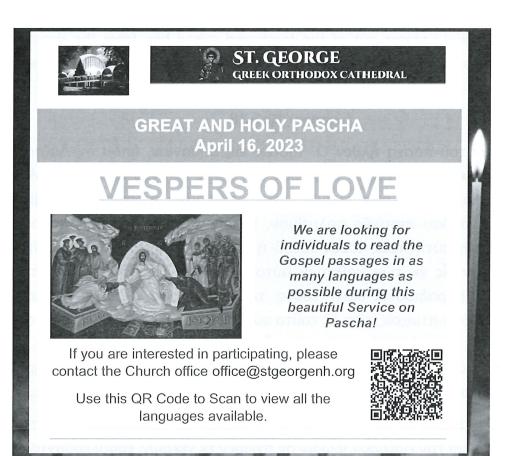
Πρὸ ἔξ ἡμερῶν τοῦ πάσχα ἦλθεν Ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς Βηθανίαν, ὅπου ἦν Λάζαρος ὁ τεθνηκώς, ὂν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐποίησαν οὖν αὐτῷ δεῖπνον ἐκεῖ, καὶ ἡ Μάρθα διηκόνει· ὁ δὲ Λάζαρος εἶς ἦν τῶν ἀνακειμένων σὺν αὐτῷ. ἡ οὖν Μαρία, λαβοῦσα λίτραν μύρου νάρδου πιστικῆς πολυτίμου, ἤλειψε τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ καὶ ἐξέμαξε ταῖς θριξὶν αὐτῆς τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ· ἡ δὲ οἰκία ἐπληρώθη ἐκ τῆς ὀσμῆς τοῦ μύρου. λέγει οὖν εἶς ἐκ τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, Ἰούδας Σίμωνος Ἰσκαριώτης, ὁ μέλλων αὐτὸν παραδιδόναι· διατί τοῦτο τὸ μύρον οὐκ ἐπράθη τριακοσίων δηναρίων καὶ ἐδόθη πτωχοῖς; εἶπε δὲ τοῦτο οὐχ ὅτι περὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ἔμελεν αὐτῷ, ἀλλ ὅτι κλέπτης ἦν, καὶ τὸ γλωσσόκομον εἶχε καὶ τὰ βαλλόμενα ἐβάσταζεν. εἶπεν οὖν ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἄφες αὐτήν, εἰς τὴν ἡμέραν τοῦ ἐνταφιασμοῦ μου τετήρηκεν αὐτό. τοὺς πτωχοὺς γὰρ πάντοτε ἔχετε μεθ ἑαυτῶν, ἐμὲ δὲ οὐ πάντοτε ἔχετε.

"Εγνω οὖν ὄχλος πολὺς ἐκ τῶν Ἰουδαίων ὅτι ἐκεῖ ἐστι, καὶ ἦλθον οὐ διὰ τὸν Ἰησοῦν μόνον, ἀλλ᾽ ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἴδωσιν ὃν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐβουλεύσαντο δὲ οἱ

ἀρχιερεῖς ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἀποκτείνωσιν, ὅτι πολλοὶ δι' αὐτὸν ὑπῆγον τῶν Ἰουδαίων καὶ ἐπίστευον εἰς τὸν Ἰησοῦν.

Τῆ ἐπαύριον ὄχλος πολὺς ὁ ἐλθὼν εἰς τὴν ἑορτήν, ἀκούσαντες ὅτι ἔρχεται Ἰησοῦς εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα, ἔλαβον τὰ βαΐα τῶν φοινίκων καὶ ἐξῆλθον εἰς ὑπάντησιν αὐτῷ, καὶ ἔκραζον· ὡσαννά, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου, ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραήλ. εὑρὼν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὀνάριον ἐκάθισεν ἐπ᾽ αὐτό, καθώς ἐστι γεγραμμένον· μὴ φοβοῦ, θύγατερ Σιών· ἰδοὺ ὁ βασιλεύς σου ἔρχεται καθήμενος ἐπὶ πῶλον ὄνου.

Ταῦτα δὲ οὐκ ἔγνωσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ τὸ πρῶτον, ἀλλ' ὅτε ἐδοξάσθη ὁ Ἰησοῦς, τότε ἐμνήσθησαν ὅτι ταῦτα ἦν ἐπ' αὐτῷ γεγραμμένα, καὶ ταῦτα ἐποίησαν αὐτῷ. Ἐμαρτύρει οὖν ὁ ὅχλος ὁ ὢν μετ' αὐτοῦ ὅτε τὸν Λάζαρον ἐφώνησεν ἐκ τοῦ μνημείου καὶ ἤγειρεν αὐτὸν ἐκ νεκρῶν. διὰ τοῦτο καὶ ὑπήντησεν αὐτῷ ὁ ὅχλος, ὅτι ἤκουσαν τοῦτο αὐτὸν πεποιηκέναι τὸ σημεῖον.





Drive Thru Event

St. George Greek Orthodox Cathedral
650 Hanover Street
Manchester, NH
603-622-9113

GYRO DAY

Saturday, April 22, 2023 11 am to 5 pm

Gyro Bag:
Gyro, chips and soda or water
\$10.00 per bag!
Cash Only







Dear Parents,

This letter is to inform you that the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival will once again be held in our Church on Sunday April 30 for Junior Divisions Grades 7th, 8th, 9th, and Senior Division Grades 10^{th} , 11^{th} & 12^{th} .

The St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival is a Nationwide program of the Department of Religious Education of our Archdiocese, where Orthodox youth present speeches discussing their Faith and Church.

Our Youth get to explore and deepen their faith and hone their speech writing and public speaking skills. Finalists can earn sizable awards and scholarships at the National Finals. And finalists can also earn scholarships at each of the three levels.

The festival begins on the local Parish level and from there two finalists (one from each division) advance to the Metropolis level.

Each participant must select a topic, fill out the registration form and submit it online and prepare a 3-5 minute speech/presentation on that topic.

We feel that the Oratorical Festival is an important component of the religious education of each Orthodox Christian student. In the words of St. Theophan the Recluse, "Of all holy works, the education of children is the most holy." There is "no finer way to embark on such a worthwhile ministry," than to have our youth participate in the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival.

Everything participants need to know about eligibility, speech requirements and guidelines can be found in the Oratorical Festival Manual under the Participant Information section. To help we have added a QR code to take you directly to the site.



Please contact Tom Tsirimokos by email tsirimokos@comcast.net by Saturday April 15 if you are interested in participating.



ST. GEORGE

GREEK ORTHODOX CATHEDRAL

Feast Day of St. George





Divine Services

Saturday, April 22
Great Vespers 6pm

Thomas Sunday, April 23
Orthros 845am Divine Liturgy 10am

We hope and pray all members of our Cathedral Family will be with us as we celebrate the Feast Day of our Patron Saint, George the Trophybearer.







St. George Cathedral Great & Holy Friday Retreat April 14, 10:30am to 2pm

The retreat welcomes children Pre-K thru 12th grade** for some Faith, Fellowship and Craft activities.

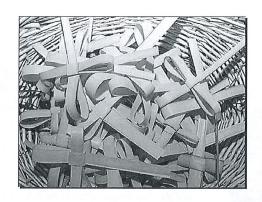
Lenten lunch will be provided

Father Demetri will have excuse forms available if needed for school.

Families interested in participating please contact the church office by email at beth@stgeorgenh.org or by phone at 603-622-9113

We welcome parents to join in worship with their children for the 2:00pm Un-nailing Service.

**Children 5 and under need to be accompanied by an adult during entire retreat.



Palm Sunday is celebrated with the Divine Liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom, which is preceded by the Matins service. A Great Vespers is conducted on Saturday evening according to the order prescribed in the Triodion. Scripture readings for Palm Sunday are: At the Vespers: Genesis 49:1,8-12; Zephaniah 3:14-19; Zechariah 9:9-15. At the Orthros (Matins): Matthew 21:1-17. At the Divine Liturgy: Philippians 4:4-9; John 12:1-18.

On this Sunday, in addition to the Divine Liturgy, the Church observes the Blessing and Distribution of the Palms. A basket containing the woven palm crosses is placed on a table in front of the icon of the Lord, which is on the Iconostasion. The prayer for the blessing of the Palms is found in the Ieratikon or the Euxologion. According to the rubrics of the Typikon, this prayer is read at the Orthros just before the Psalms of Praise (Ainoi). The palms are then distributed to the faithful. In many places today, the prayer is said at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, before the apolysis. The text of the prayer, however, indicates clearly that it is less a prayer for the blessing of the palms, even though that is its title, and more a blessing upon those, who in imitation of the New Testament event hold palms in their hands as symbols of Christ's victory and as signs of a virtuous Christian life. It appears then, that it would be more correct to have the faithful hold the palms in their hands during the course of the Divine Liturgy when the Church celebrates both the presence and the coming of the Lord in the mystery of the Eucharist.



Family Connections

Palm Sunday: The Triumphant Entry Philippians 4:4-9 & John 12:1-18

Today He returns from Bethany and proceeds of His own free will toward His holy and blessed passion ... He comes without pomp or ostentation ... Let us run to accompany Him as He hastens toward His passion, and imitate those who met Him then, not by covering His path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before Him by being humble and trying to live as He would wish ... So let us spread before His feet, not garments or olive branches, which delight the eyes for a few hours and then wither, but OURSELVES, clothed in His grace, or rather, clothed completely in Him.

-St. Andrew of Crete (8th century)

EXPLORE TOGETHER:

<u>Journey with the Lord</u>—As a family, make a plan for your journey with Christ to the Resurrection. Plan to attend as many Church services as possible during Holy Week.

Also, consider your prayer life at home and how you will prepare yourself and your children to attend the services. In

doing this, everyone can be active participants in the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. If you cannot attend services every evening, try to read portions of the scripture and the hymns from the Holy Week book. If you do not have a copy, talk to your parish priest about where you can purchase one. Visit www.lent.goarch.org for information about Holy Week and resources to guide your journey toward the Resurrection.

<u>Palms for Victory</u>—As the palms symbolize victory, have your family make a victory collage. Get a large sheet of poster paper and draw images of victory on it. You can also use magazines to cut out the images and glue them on. Look for quotes from the Bible but also from popular culture that could symbolize Christ's victory. Be creative and have fun. Discuss the difference between Christian victory and victory in popular culture. When you are done, hang the poster somewhere for all to see during Holy Week.

Before church next week, read the scripture passages for the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ Acts 1:1-8 & John 1:1-17

FOR MORE INFORMATION FOR COUPLES AND FAMILIES, VISIT:



Center for Family Care of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of America www.family.goarch.org



PRAYER LIST

Pondering on the words of St. Paul, "Let no one seek his own, but each one the other's wellbeing. (I Cor. 10:24).

Give rest to the weary, visit the sick, support the poor, for this is also worship. Aphahat

For any prayer concern (salvation, health, employment, stress and anxieties, etc.) please send baptismal names only to: office@stgeorgenh.org

We may not be able to help others materially or medically, but God does hear our prayers and always asks us to pray for each other and so build up the Body of Christ (Eph. 4:11-16).

For health, recovery from illness and surgery: Fr. Angelo, Fr. Nicholas, Fr. Peter, Leah, Thomas, Tom, Soultana, Nick, Maura, Ernie, Dean, Vasilios, Rigley, Zachary, Luke, Rachel, Daniel, Kathy, Helen, Eleftheria, Elanie, Andrew, Jamie, Megan, Stephanie, Katherine, Christos, Maureen, Vasiliki, Maria, Faye, Emily, Nicole, Olivia,

<u>For comfort, spiritual help & strengthening of faith:</u> Pres. Patricia and family, Pres. Diane, Pres. Sophia, Pres. Dianthe, Barbara, Nancy, Amantha and Family, Maddie, Dino, Nick, Connie, Amy

<u>For couples, parents and their families:</u> Neal and Elena, Paul – Kristin & Michael Francis, Penelope & Florence, Teddy, Alyssa and George, Tracy & family, Christina & Casey, Melanie and Michael

For those engaged to be married: Karleigh and Stavros, Katerina and Dennis

For conceiving of children:

For childbearing:

For those in the Armed Forces: Benjamin, Michael, Gabriel, Felipe

For those travelling abroad:

For those seeking employment: Lia, Jillian

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>CHANTERS/READERS NEEDED</u> -We welcome those who would like to assist and help with the readings during Great and Holy Week. If you would like to volunteer to help with reading various Scripture passages or to chant, please come to the chanter stand before the service to offer your participation.

<u>TSOUREKIA</u> - The Anagennesis Ladies Society is offering tsourekia for purchase on Holy Wednesday and Holy Thursday from 8:30am to 4pm. \$20 each while supplies last.

<u>GREAT & HOLY FRIDAY RETREAT</u> – We are happy to inform you that we are planning to have this retreat for the young people of our Parish Family. The retreat welcomes children from grades K – 12. Those families that are interested we ask that you email the church office so we can begin to know who is interested in this Retreat!

ORATORICAL FESTIVAL - The Parish level of the St. John Chrysostom Oratorical Festival will be held at St. George on Sunday April 30. Please contact the Festival Chairperson, Tom Tsirimokos by email at tsirimokos@comcast.net no later than Saturday April 15 if you want to participate. There is a handout in this bulletin with more information about the Festival. Junior Division (grades 7-9) and Senior Division (10-12).

MYROFORES – All young ladies of the community are welcome to be Myrofores for the Good Friday services in the afternoon and evening on April 14. Please email Athena Bevan at sundayschool@stgeorgenh.org.

<u>EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS</u> - The Anagennesis Ladies Society will be decorating the Cathedral to celebrate Easter. Easter Flower Offering Forms are available in the Narthex and Community Center. Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

<u>PASCHA EGGS</u> – The Anagennesis Ladies are asking for individuals to donate one or two dozen red, cooked eggs for Pascha. Eggs should be delivered to the Church during Holy Week, through Holy Friday, April 14. Your response to this appeal is greatly appreciated.

<u>PROCESSION OF EPITAPHIOS</u> - If anyone would like to assist during the procession on Great and Holy Friday evening, please speak with a member of the Board of Directors.

PASCHA FELLOWSHIP HOUR- Easter morning after the Divine Liturgy, come, break the fast, and celebrate the Glorious Resurrection of our Lord and Savior. The Board of Directors will provide roast lamb and liquid refreshments. Bring a dish to share and join your fellow parishioners in the celebration. All are welcome! Kindly let Tom Tsirimokos know what you will bring to share and if you can assist with setting up and cleanup after the event. His email is tsirimokos@comcast.net and telephone is 603-759-6071. Kαλή Ανάσταση!

<u>VESPERS OF LOVE SERVICE ON PASCHA</u> - As we have in previous years, we are looking for those who can read foreign languages to proclaim the Gospel in as many languages as possible (which is the tradition of the Church at this service). A flyer is included in this bulletin. Please write your name on the signup sheet.

GYRO DRIVE-THRU – Join us on Saturday, April 22 between 11am and 5pm for the Gyro Drive-Thru. Receive a gyro, a bag of chips, and a drink for \$10 (cash only).

<u>ST. GEORGE NAME DAY CELEBRATION</u> – Join us for Great Vespers on Saturday, April 22 at 6pm and for Orthros at 8:45am and Divine Liturgy at 10am on Sunday, April 23.

<u>ST. GEORGE DANCE</u> - Save the date of May 6 for the St. George Dance. More details coming soon.

esus was not simply tired that Palm Sunday when He rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. No, this was a symbolic act. The people around Him knew of the prophecy in the Old Testament: "Behold, your King comes to you, He is just and has

salvation; lowly, and riding ... on a colt ..." And so the people hailed Him as their King, waving branches, putting their coats on the path before Him and proclaiming "Hosanna! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord."

For more than three years Christ had gone from town to town teaching the multitudes that the kingdom of God was at hand, healing those who were sick in body and soul, even raising the dead unto life. In fact, the recent raising of Lazarus from the grave brought out the crowd when they learned Our Lord was coming to the city of Jerusalem.

Excitement gripped the crowd. Long had they waited to be freed from Roman dominance. And so the people hailed Jesus as their King. But they were mistaken as to the kind of King He would be. They wanted Him to be a political King, restoring the

throne of David and Solomon of centuries before. But Jesus wanted no part of that kind of kingdom. He is a spiritual King, reigning over people, not over lands. He is a King of Love, not of power; He doesn't have an army of guns and bombs; His is an army of people who freely follow Him, love Him and serve Him.

Jesus had come to Jerusalem, not to reign over the country, but to die for all mankind; He came not to sit on a throne of gold, but hang on the Cross of pain. And so it is no wonder that with the passing of a few days the shouts of exaltation would turn into taunts of scorn.

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Lord's Day (Sunday) Services: Orthros/Matins: 8:45 a.m. Divine Liturgy: 10:00 a.m.

An electronic copy of this bulletin is available on the website.

The Children's Word

"Let the little children come to me, and do not forbid them, for to such is the Kingdom of Heaven." Mark 10:14

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Rejoice in the Lord!

What makes you happy? Can you think of something that always makes you smile? A friend? A favorite thing you do? A joke? Did you know God wants us to be joyful, to be happy?

Today is Palm Sunday, a day full of joy and happiness. When we hear the Gospel reading, we hear how the people were so joyful when they saw Jesus coming into Jerusalem. They shouted and waved branches. They were so happy that their King, Jesus, was coming to the royal city!



The people rejoiced when they saw Jesus coming!

In today's epistle reading, we hear words that tell us, "Rejoice in the Lord always. Again, I will say, Rejoice...The Lord is near." God wants us to rejoice today...and every day! When we think about how God is with us, we have a reason to rejoice, to be full of happiness. When we think about what God has done for us, we have a reason to rejoice, to be full of happiness.

Palm Sunday is a beautiful day, and we can celebrate how God is the real King! But can you try to keep those special words in your heart all the time (not just today)? "Rejoice in the Lord *always*!" Be full of joy because God is with us!

WORD SEAR Can you find these Ε G words in the jum-Ε Χ ble? Ε Ζ Ν Blessed Bridegroom Callinicus Cernica Donkey Humility Jerusalem Palms Q Romania Saints

WHAT'S IN THE ICON?

Here is another icon of Saint Callinicus. In his icons, he is usually wearing his beautiful vestments. That's because he died as a bishop.

However, he spent most of his life wearing a plain black monk's cassock!



A LIFE OF FAITH

SAINT CALLINICUS OF CERNICA

You've heard the verse in the Bible

that tells us, "If you have faith as a grain of a mustard seed," you can move a mountain. If we just have a little bit of faith, God will do a lot!

Saint Callinicus had a *lot* of faith in God, and with God's power, this saint was able to do a lot of good for the Church and the people! Saint Callinicus was a faithful little boy in Romania about 300 years ago. He grew up to be a faithful monk and later on, a faithful and loving bishop.



Saint Callinicus lived at the beautiful monastery of

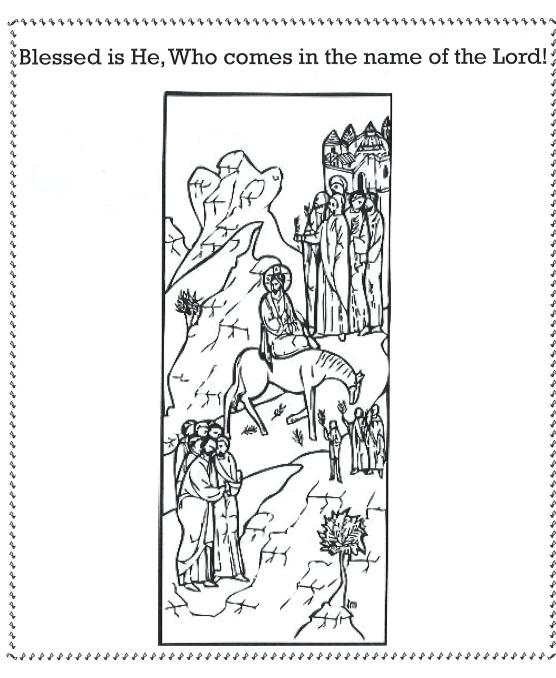
Cernica, in Romania for 43 years. He was responsible for lots of other monasteries too. He helped restore many of the churches and monasteries around him.

Once, the Ottomans had surrounded his monastery, and they were causing a lot of trouble for the monks. The monks had run out of food. Saint Callinicus encouraged the monks to pray with him, and soon a cart full of food came through the gates, pulled by two bulls!

Another time, the Turkish governor put even more pressure on the monastery and the monks. With Callinicus's strong prayers, the governor gave up on harming them.

All through his life, Saint Callinicus faced things that could have gone very wrong! But his faith in God was so strong that God made things come out right. The saint's faith helped other people be strong too. What an example for us!

We remember Saint Callinicus on Tuesday, April 11th (OC: April 24th).



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7pm to 11pm

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