

Today's Bulletin Sponsor are:**For Memory of:**

Walter Romanofsky, offered by the Romanofsky family.

Readings: **Philippians 4:4-9** (*Palm Sunday*)
John 12:1-18 (*Palm Sunday*)

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.

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.

Saturday service:

Vespers – 6:30 PM

(Private Confession – After Vespers by appointment.)

Sunday service:

Hours - 9:40 AM **Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**
(General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month)
(Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month)

Church School

Church School is temporally not meeting

We are praying for all of our parishioners and their families. Let's keep praying for each other and remember to reach out and keep in touch.

Announcement:

- **We will not have a Pascha service (or any Holy Week services) this year due to this virus situation.**
- **We will not have Coffee Hour, Council meetings, or Sunday School** until this emergency has subsided.
- As we are asked to refrain from public gatherings, **please consider mailing your weekly donation to our treasurer:**
Church of the Mother of God, c/o Holly Dawson, treasurer,
111 Main Ave, Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234
 The parish still needs to pay its bills.
- **The Paschal basket and children's basket raffles, scheduled for April 5th and April 12th, have been postponed until it is safe for the entire congregation to meet again.** Raffle ticket entries into the children's basket will be based on children's attendance at Sunday School for the school year. Questions about either raffle can be addressed to Maribeth Romanofsky (609)204-1007.

Reminders:

- **Because of the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) pandemic, SERVICE and EVENT info, here and on our web site's calendar, may no longer be valid.**
- Announcements or Prayer Requests for the bulletin, can be submitted by email to: **Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org**
- The Living Clean Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.
- The Grey Book Step Meeting Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.

Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)

The Saturday of Lazarus, from the liturgical point of view, is the pre-feast of Palm Sunday –the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem. Both feasts have a common theme: triumph and victory. Saturday reveals the Enemy, which is death; Palm Sunday announces the meaning of victory as the triumph of the Kingdom of God, as the acceptance by the world of its only King, Jesus Christ. In the life of Jesus, the solemn entrance in the Holy City was the only visible triumph. Up to that day, He consistently rejected all attempts to glorify Him. But six days before the Passover, He not only accepted to be glorified, He Himself provoked and arranged this glorification. By doing what the prophet Zechariah announced: "behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass' colt" (Zechariah 9:9), He made it clear that He wanted to be acclaimed and acknowledged as the Messiah, the King and the Redeemer of Israel. And the Gospel narratives stress all these messianic features: The Palms and the Hosanna, the acclamation of Jesus as the Son of David and the King of Israel. The history of Israel is now coming to its end; such is the meaning of this event. For the purpose of that history was to announce and to prepare the kingdom of God, the advent of the Messiah. And now it is fulfilled. For the King enter His Holy City and in Him all prophecies, all expectations find their fulfillment. *He inaugurates His Kingdom.*

*Sitting on Your throne in heaven,
Carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God!
Accept the praise of angels and the songs of children who sing:
Blessed is He that comes to recall Adam!*

Kontakion -Tone 6

To read more about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://oca.org/saints/lives/2020/4/12>

To read about Holy Week, see an article on our website:

<https://churchmotherofgod.org/articleschurch/about-services-and-prayers/519-holy-week.html>

To read more about any day, see:

<https://churchmotherofgod.org/church-calendar/daily-evets.html>

Please read also, Covid Catechesis:

<https://www.oca.org/reflections/fr.-lawrence-farley/covid-catechesis>

Please check the website of our Diocese:

<https://nynjoca.org/>

and the website of the Orthodox Church in America:

<https://www.oca.org/>

And, as always, our website:

<https://ChurchMotherOfGod.org>

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**Glory to
Jesus Christ**

**Glory
Forever**

**Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm
Sunday)**

*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!*

Troparion – Tone 1

Today the Church remembers:

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. Palm Sunday • St. Basil the Confessor, Bishop of Parium (8th c.) • Hieromartyr Zeno, Bishop of Verona (ca. 260) • Ven. Isaac the Syrian, Abbot of Spoleto (550) • Monastic Martyrs Menas, David, and John, of Palestine (7th c.) • Venerable Anthusa of Constantinople (801) • Ven. Athanasia, Abbess, of Aegina (860) • Ven. Acacius the Younger, of Kavsokalyvia (Mt. Athos—1730)

April 12, 2020

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