

Bulletin sponsors this week for:

Health of:

Brandon Staines. offered with love by Tammy, Nick, and Elizabeth.

Eternal memory of:

Walter Romanofsky, offered by Andrew and Maribeth

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.

Sunday Services:

Hours - 9:40 AM **Divine Liturgy – 10:00 AM**
General Confession – 9:45 AM on the first Sunday of each month
Private Confession - by appointment, contact Father Matthew
Pannikhidas – after Divine Liturgy 3rd Sunday of each month

Coffee hour - after Divine Liturgy.

We would like to welcome all parish visitors and invite you to join us after the Liturgy, downstairs, for Coffee hour.

Sunday school meets every Sunday after Communion.

Announcements:

- There is a separate **collection canister** for donations towards **Paschal flowers**. Please be generous, thank you!
- The **Sisterhood’s** annual Pascha **basket raffle** will be held today, **April 13th**, after coffee hour. The basket contains many traditional ethnic foods for the holiday, along with spirits and candy. The Sisterhood is asking **each parishioner** to sell or buy **10 tickets** at \$1 each. Tickets are still available, please see Maribeth Romanofsky.
- There will be a **meeting of the parish council on Sunday, May 4th**, after coffee hour.
- Anyone interested in our old safe, you are welcome to it. Just move it. The safe is small but very heavy. Please see any parish council member if you are interested.

Reminders:

- **Please remember the citizens of Ukraine in your prayers.** And please continue to pray for peace in the Middle East.
- Bulletin sponsors, prayer requests, or announcements for the bulletin, should be **submitted by email to: Bulletin@ChurchMotherOfGod.org**
- 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
 Thank you to everyone who has been sending in their donations. (There is also a donation basket at the candle stand. A **Venmo account** can also be used for donations to our parish. It is at <https://venmo.com/u/Hala-Dawson>)
- **The Grey Book Step Meeting Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Tuesday from 7-8:00 pm downstairs in the community room.
- **The Living Clean Group** of Narcotics Anonymous meets every Friday from 8-9:15 pm downstairs in the community room.

Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday):

On Palm Sunday, palm and willow branches are blessed in the Church. We take them in order to raise them up and greet the King and Ruler of our life: Jesus Christ. We take them in order to reaffirm our baptismal pledges. As the One who raised Lazarus and entered Jerusalem to go to His voluntary Passion stands in our midst, we are faced with the same question addressed to us at baptism: "Do you accept Christ?" We give our answer by daring to take the branch and raise it up: "I accept Him as King and God!"

*When we were buried with You in Baptism, O Christ God,
we were made worthy of eternal life by Your Resurrection!*

Now we praise You and sing:

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!

Tone 4 – Troparion

*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!

Tone 6 – Kontakion

To read about the saints remembered today, see:

<https://www.oca.org/saints/lives/2025/04/13>

List of upcoming services:

April 15 (Tuesday) 6:30 PM Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts

April 16 (Wednesday) 6:30 PM Sacrament of Holy Unction

April 18 (Friday) 6:30 PM Holy Saturday Matins

April 19-20 (Saturday-Sunday) 11:30 PM Holy Pascha Vigil (Nocturns,
Matins, Divine Liturgy, and blessing of baskets)

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Entry of Our Lord into Jerusalem
(Palm Sunday)

*Glory to
Jesus Christ*

*Glory
forever*

*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!

Tone 1 – Troparion

April 13, 2025

Today the Church remembers:

ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM • Palm Sunday • Hieromartyr Artemon of Laodikeia in Syria (303) • Martyr Crescens, of Myra in Lycia • Martyr Thomaïs, of Alexandria (5th c.)

Lenten Triodion Week 10
Palm Sunday

Holy Week