

Finally, the events of these triumphant two days are but the passage to Holy Week: the “hour” of suffering and death for which Christ came. Thus the triumph in a earthly sense is extremely short-lived. Jesus enters openly into the midst of His enemies, publicly saying and doing those things which mostly enrage them. The people themselves will soon reject Him. They misread His brief earthly triumph as a sign of something else: His emergence as a political messiah who will lead them to the glories of an earthly kingdom.

**Our Pledge**

The liturgy of the Church is more than meditation or praise concerning past events. It communicates to us the eternal presence and power of the events being celebrated and makes us participants in those events. Thus the services of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday bring us to our own moment of life and death and entrance into the Kingdom of God: a Kingdom not of this world, a Kingdom accessible in the Church through repentance and baptism.

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!”

Thus, on the eve of Christ’s Passion, in the celebration of the joyful cycle of the triumphant days of Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday, we reunite ourselves to Christ, affirm His Lordship over the totality of our life, and express our readiness to follow Him to His Kingdom:

*... that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead (Philippians 3:10-11).*

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**April 1, 2018**

**The Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday )**

**Times of Services**

<b>Apr</b>	<b>01</b>	<b>Palm Sunday</b>		
	Sun	10:00	AM	Divine Liturgy
	04	Wed	5:30	PM Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts <i>(Not combined) (Pot luck follows)</i>
	05	Thu	6:00	PM0 Matins for Great Friday <i>(Reading of 12 Gospels)</i>

	06	Fri	3:00 PM	Vespers of Great Friday
			7:00 PM	Matins of Holy Saturday with procession
	<b>07</b>	<b>Sat</b>		<b>Holy Saturday</b>
			10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
			7:30 PM	Blessing of the Pascha baskets
Apr	07	Sat	8:00 PM	Nocturnes & Matins of Pascha
	<b>08</b>	<b>Sun</b>		<b>Holy &amp; Great Pascha</b>
			<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Divine liturgy for Pascha</b>
	<b>15</b>			<b>St. Thomas Sunday</b>
			10:00 AM	Divine Liturgy
				<b>Blessing of the Graves</b>
			1:00 PM	Rose Hill Cemetery
			2:00 PM	North Cemetery

#### April Birthdays

April	4	Peg Glagola
	10	Andrew Daller
	16	Michelle Daller
	20	Susan Campbell

#### Anniversaries

April	22	Dezso & Evelyn Csizmadia
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Many Blessed Years



#### Pierogi Making Party Dates

Dates that the Sisterhood of the Altar will be making pierogis are as follows:

April 25, 26 & 27 and  
May 23, 24 & 25 (optional).

#### Notice

Following the AGM, March 18, 2018, His Eminence, Archbishop Melchisdek has given his blessing for the newly elected members to the parish council,

Jeff Campbell,  
James Cochran,  
Mary Ann Mackrell,  
Sally Matuke,  
Eva Jean Minto,  
Martin Orlenic and

Andrew Skero to be sworn into office. The swearing in will take place today, Sunday April 1, 2018, following Divine Liturgy.

Under the parish by-laws the parish priest has scheduled the next parish council meeting to be held at 6:30 PM, April 19, 2018, where the council will proceed to elect new office holders. Further parish council meetings will be scheduled by the new parish president.

#### Palm Sunday

Palm Sunday is the celebration of the triumphant entrance of Christ into the royal city of Jerusalem. He rode on a colt for which He Himself had sent, and He permitted the people to hail Him publicly as a king. A large crowd met Him in a manner befitting royalty, waving palm branches and placing their garments in His path. They greeted Him with these words: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel! (John 12:13).

This day together with the raising of Lazarus are signs pointing beyond themselves to the mighty deeds and events which consummate Christ's earthly ministry. The time of fulfilment was at hand. Christ's raising of Lazarus points to the destruction of death and the joy of resurrection which will be accessible to all through His own death and resurrection. His entrance into Jerusalem is a fulfilment of the messianic prophecies about the king who will enter his holy city to establish a final kingdom. "Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass" (Zech 9:9).