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### After Liturgy Today: Palm Sunday Brunch

Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, Noon-1:30pm

Adults: \$12, Children (under 12): \$6

Pancakes, Eggs, Ham, Fresh Fruit, Juice, Coffee, Pastries and More

### Divine Liturgy

#### Hymns

**First Antiphon/Isodikon:** O Son of God, Who rode upon a donkey's foal, save us who sing to you Alleluia!

**First Troparion:** O Christ God, when You raised Lazarus from the dead, before the time of your passion, you confirmed the future resurrection of all. We too, like the children of old, carry before You the symbols of victory and cry out to You, O conqueror of Death: "Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

**Second Troparion:** O Christ our God, we have been buried with You in baptism: wherefore we merited eternal life through your resurrection. We cry out to You, singing a hymn of praise: "Hosanna in the

highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!"

**Kontakion:** O Christ God enthroned in heaven, and on earth riding upon an ass; You have accepted the praise of the angels and the hymns of the children who were crying out to You: "Blessed are You who come to restore Adam."

**Hirmos:** The Lord is God and He has appeared to us. Therefore, let us celebrate and sing for joy. Come, let us glorify Christ, and with palms and branches, sing to Him canticles of praise: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord: our savior!"

**Kinonikon:** Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God and He has appeared to us.

**Prokimenon:** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and he has appeared to us.

*Stichon:* Sing to the Lord, for he is good, for his mercy endures forever.

**Apostolic Reading:** Philippians 4:4-9

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again, I say rejoice. Let your moderation be known to all men. The Lord is near. Have

no anxiety, but in every prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your petitions be made known to God. And may

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God's peace that surpasses all understanding guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. For the rest, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever honorable, whatever just, whatever holy, whatever lovable, whatever of good repute, if there

be any virtue, if anything is worthy of praise: consider these things. And what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, these things practice—and the God of peace will be with you.

**Alleluia:** Sing to the Lord a new song; for the Lord has done wonderful works.

*Stichon:* All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**Gospel:** Entrance to Jerusalem, Jn 12:1-18

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany the home of Lazarus, he had raised from the dead. And they made him a supper there; and Martha served, while Lazarus was one of those sitting at table with him. Mary therefore took a pound of ointment, genuine nard of great value, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and with her hair wiped his feet dry. And the house was filled with the odor of the ointment. Then one of his disciples, Judas son of Simon the Iscariot, the one who was about to betray him, said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii, and given to the poor?" Now he said this, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and holding the purse, used to take what was put in it. Jesus therefore said, "Let her be: she was to keep it for the day of my burial. For the poor you have always with you, but you do not always have me." Now the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there; and they came, not only because of Jesus, but that they might see Lazarus, the

man he had raised from the dead. But the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also. For on his account many of the Jews began to leave them and to believe in Jesus. Now the next day the great crowd which had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took up palm fronds and went out to meet him. And they cried out, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass, and sat upon it, as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Sion; behold, your king comes, sitting upon the colt of an ass." These things his disciples did not at first understand. But when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered these things were written about him, and that they had done these things to him. The crowd therefore, which was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness to him. And the reason why the crowd also went to meet him was that they heard he had worked this sign.

### Stewardship

Last Sunday: donations=\$343.14; candles=\$8.00; ordinary collections=\$744.00. Thanks for your generosity!

Owed to eparchy (assessment, retirement and medical insurance; last updated February 4, 2024): \$\$25,348.10.

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### Prayer List

Please remember—All those who are sick and in need: M.J. Harden and Ken Schmidt (sister and brother-in-law of Brian Harden), Barb Moden (sister of Jan Taylor), Eva Nora (niece of the Noras), Sandy Rabuse (godmother of Katerina Lessard), the Rebholz family, Eva Saseen (Theresa and Janelle Herro's niece), Dan Sylvester (neighbor of Benjamin Neumann), Jan Taylor, Kathy Tomaz and John Zambo. For those we have been asked to pray for: Justin & Krysten Hager (Jan Taylor). For the people of the Middle East.

### Schedule for This Week

**Monday:** 6pm Divine Liturgy for the Annunciation  
**Tuesday:** 6pm Healing  
**Wednesday:** 6pm Vespers & Liturgy of St. Basil the Great of the Mystical Supper  
**Friday:** 6pm Eulogy Service ("Lamentations")  
**Sunday:** *Glorious Easter Sunday*  
10:30am Divine Liturgy

### *The Annunciation*

**Troparion:** Today is the beginning of our salvation and the revelation of the mystery that was planned from all eternity: the Son of God becomes the Son of the Virgin and Gabriel announces this grace. Let us join him in crying out to the Mother of God: Hail, O Woman full of grace! The Lord is with you.

**Kontakion:** Triumphant leader to you belongs our prize of victory! And since you saved us from adversity, we offer you, our thanks. We are your people, O Mother of God! So as you have that invincible power, continue to deliver us from danger that we may cry out to you: Hail, O Virgin and Bride ever pure.

### COVID-19

According to the Milwaukee Health Department, the best way to stop the community spread of COVID-19 is to take preventative action to protect yourself and others: get vaccinated and boosted ([city.milwaukee.gov/CovidVax](https://city.milwaukee.gov/CovidVax)) when you are eligible, wear a mask ([city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus/masks](https://city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus/masks)) in public spaces, wash your hands often and practice physical distancing.

More information is available from the health department: [city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus](https://city.milwaukee.gov/coronavirus)

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### Accompanying Christ

Let us go together to meet Christ on the Mount of Olives. Today He returns from Bethany and proceeds of His own free will toward His holy and blessed passion, to consummate the mystery of our salvation. He who came down from heaven to raise us from the depths of sin, to raise us with Himself, we are told in Scripture, above every sovereignty, authority and power, and every other name that can be named, now comes of His own free will to make His journey to Jerusalem.

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 by trying to live as He would wish. Then we shall be able to receive the Word at His coming, and God, whom no limits can contain, will be within us.

In His humility Christ entered the dark regions of our fallen world and He is glad that He became so humble for our sake, glad that He came and lived among us and shared in our nature in order to raise

us up again to Himself. And even though we are told that He has now ascended above the highest heavens the proof, surely, of His power and godhead His love for man will never rest until He has raised our earthbound nature from glory to glory, and made it one with His own in heaven.

So let us spread before His feet, not garments or soulless olive branches, which delight the eye for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in His grace, or rather, clothed completely in Him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before Him. Now that the crimson stains of our sins have been washed away in the saving waters of baptism and we have become white as pure wool, let us present the conqueror of death, not with mere branches of palms but with the real rewards of His victory. Let our souls take the place of the welcoming branches as we join today in the children's holy song: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is the king of Israel.

*St. Andrew of Crete*

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