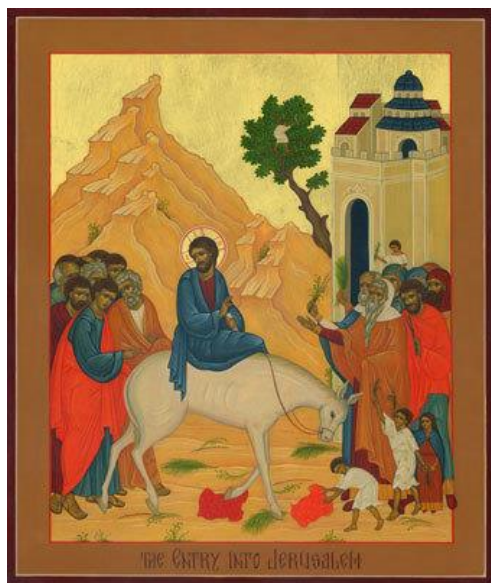


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ORTHODOX CHURCH
WILLIAMSPORT, PA.**



PALM SUNDAY

APRIL 21ST, 2019

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Today's Scripture Readings:

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Gospel: St. John 12:1-18

*Welcome to EVERYONE this morning to our visitors and guests!
Please join us over in the Parish Hall after the Liturgy for some
fellowship!*

Services, Events & Announcements

HOLY WEEK

****Bridegroom Matins – Today, Monday & Tuesday @ 6pm**

****Unction Service – Wednesday @ 6pm**

****Holy Thursday / Divine Liturgy @ 9:30am**

****Passions Gospels @ 6pm**

****Holy Friday / Burial Vespers @ 3pm**

****Matins / Lamentations @ 6pm**

****Holy Saturday – Vesperal Liturgy @ 10am**

****PLEASE PICK UP THE HOLY WEEK / PASCHA SCHEDULE
FOR THE COMPLETE LISTING OF SERVICES**

LAST SUNDAY – **Apr 14**
Attendance 70 - Regular Offering - \$2622.00
Candles - \$124.01 / Monthly Special - \$150.00
Memorial - \$50.00 / Benevolence - \$20.00

NEXT SUNDAY - **PASCHA**
Reading of the Epistle – Anthony A.

Fellowship Hour
Apr 28th – **PASCHA**
May 5th – Lamprino / Armstrong
May 12th – Lenora & Friends

Sign-up sheets in the Hall for PASCHA

Help with clean-up after our meals together is greatly appreciated, so let's ALL help each other! ☺

A Word from Your Pastor . . .

THANK YOU to everyone who helped with our Parish Work Day! The Church, grounds and the Hall look very nice!! A great effort by ALL . . . THANK YOU!

If you still need make your Lenten confession, there are few opportunities to do so, but let me know if you would like to schedule an appointment. We should have made our confession before the Unction Service on Wednesday Apr 24th.

With Love and God's Blessing,

+ Fr. Seraphim

What Type of Christian Are You?

There are two types of Christians. There are those who can say with the Apostle Paul, "I have been crucified with Christ: it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me (Galatians 2:20)". And then there are those Christians who believe Christ was crucified so

that we do not have to crucify ourselves. The first type are part of a Christianity of sacrifice, and the second are given over to the ego.

The Christian who believes he must be crucified with Christ will constantly call upon the Lord for help but will be ever willing to take up his own cross and follow Christ. He does not expect to have an easy road, nor is he easy on himself. This type of Christian is ever looking at his own sins, his own fallen nature, and seeing how far he has fallen short of the glory of God.

The second type of Christian expects the road to be easy, sees himself as more spiritual than most, and is constantly looking to see the error in his neighbor and offer correction. He rarely calls upon the Lord for help, for he expects an easy road and only prays for help when facing an unpleasant situation. He does not take up his cross since he sees no value in suffering. This second type of Christian fails to notice that refusing to judge another brings down God's mercy on himself.

The Lord tells both types of Christians, "If a man comes to me and does not bear his cross, he cannot be my disciple (Luke 14:26)". Only the first type of Christian notices those words and heeds them.

Love in Christ,

Abbot Tryphon, All Merciful Saviour Monastery, Vashon Island, WA.

Regarding Holy Communion: Only those faithful who are Orthodox Christians and have properly prepared themselves by fasting, prayer, confession [and who were at least present for the reading of the Epistle and Gospel] should approach to receive the Holy Eucharist. We should all be at peace with each other too. ☺