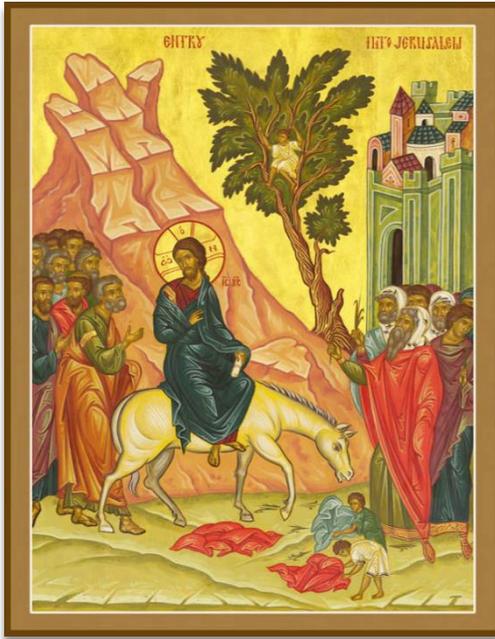


Diocese of Eastern Pennsylvania + Wilkes-Barre Deanery

Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church Williamsport, PA.



The Feast of Palms
The Entry of Our Lord into
Jerusalem
April 17th, 2022

Elevation of the Holy Cross Orthodox Church

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Scripture Readings:
Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9
Gospel: St. John 12:1-18

A warm welcome to everyone this morning! Please join us for some fellowship after in the Parish Hall!

Services, Events & Announcements

- + Bridegroom Matins – tonight (Sunday) @ 5:30pm**
- + Bridegroom Matins – Monday April 18th @ 5:30pm**
- + Bridegroom Matins – Tuesday April 19th @ 5:30pm**
- + Holy Unction – Wednesday April 20th @ 5:30pm**
- + Vesperal Divine Liturgy – Thursday April 21st @ 9am**
- + Matins w/Passion Gospels – Thursday April 21st @ 5:30pm**
- + If anyone needs to have their Lenten Confession heard, please see Fr Seraphim . . . real soon 😊**
- + Please pickup a copy of the Holy Week & Pascha schedule at the candle counter for a complete listing of services.**
- + 1st Official Announcement – Special Parish Meeting – Sunday May 1st after Fellowship Hour**

Our Giving – April 10th, 2022

Tithes/Offerings - \$2,281.00 / Candle Offerings – \$86.80

Love Offerings - \$50.00 / Memorial Gifts - \$500.00

Regarding Holy Communion: Only those faithful who are Orthodox Christians and have properly prepared themselves by fasting, prayer [i.e., *Prayers Before Communion*], recent 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 everyone too.*** If you have any questions about Communion, please see Fr. Seraphim. 😊

Lazarus Saturday and Palm Sunday

Lazarus Saturday is a paschal celebration. It is the only time in the entire Church Year that the resurrectional service of Sunday is celebrated on another day. At the liturgy of Lazarus Saturday, the Church glorifies Christ as “the Resurrection and the Life” who, by raising Lazarus, has confirmed the universal resurrection of mankind even before His own suffering and death.

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God! Like the children with the branches of victory, we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord! (Troparion).

Christ—the Joy, the Truth and the Light of All, the Life of the world and its Resurrection—has appeared in his goodness to those on earth. He has become the Image of our Resurrection, granting divine forgiveness to all (Kontakion).

Because of the resurrection of Lazarus from the dead, Christ was hailed by the masses as the long-expected Messiah-King of Israel. Thus, in fulfillment of the prophecies of the Old Testament, He entered Jerusalem, the City of the King, riding on the colt of an ass (Zech 9.9; Jn 12.12). The crowds greeted Him with branches in their hands and called out to Him with shouts of praise: Hosanna! Blessed is

He who comes in the name of the Lord! The Son of David! The King of Israel! Because of this glorification by the people, the priests and scribes were finally driven “to destroy Him, to put Him to death” (Lk 19.47; Jn 11.53, 12.10).

The feast of Christ’s triumphal Entry into Jerusalem, Palm Sunday, is one of the twelve major feasts of the Church. The services of this Sunday follow directly from those of Lazarus Saturday. The church building continues to be vested in resurrectional splendor, filled with hymns which continually repeat the Hosanna offered to Christ as the Messiah-King who comes in the name of God the Father for the salvation of the world.

The main troparion of Palm Sunday is the same one sung on Lazarus Saturday. It is sung at all of the services, and is used at the Divine Liturgy as the third antiphon which follows the other special psalm verses which are sung as the liturgical antiphons in the place of those normally used. The second troparion of the feast, as well as the kontakion and the other verses and hymns, all continue to glorify Christ’s triumphal manifestation “six days before the Passover” when he will give himself at the Supper and on the Cross for the life of the world.

(OCA Volume 2 The Church Year – Worship)

Prayers For the Health and Salvation of those in need: Many Years!
His Eminence Archbishop Mark, Priestmonk Ambrose (Young), Abbot Tryphon, Mitred-Archpriest Nicholas (Harris), Mitred-Archpriest Daniel & Mat. Myra (Kovalak), Archpriest Moses (Berry), Pres. Eva (Koutroulelis), Pres. Rosy (Tanveer), Helen Maybo, Paul Beard, Evelyn Chabal, Phoebe Davis, Michael Kuzmiak, Juliana Matusiak, & those suffering in Ukraine.

Prayers for the Newly Departed: Memory Eternal!
Hieromonk Arsanios +4/7, Protodeacon Sergius Miller +3/16 & those who have lost their lives in Ukraine.