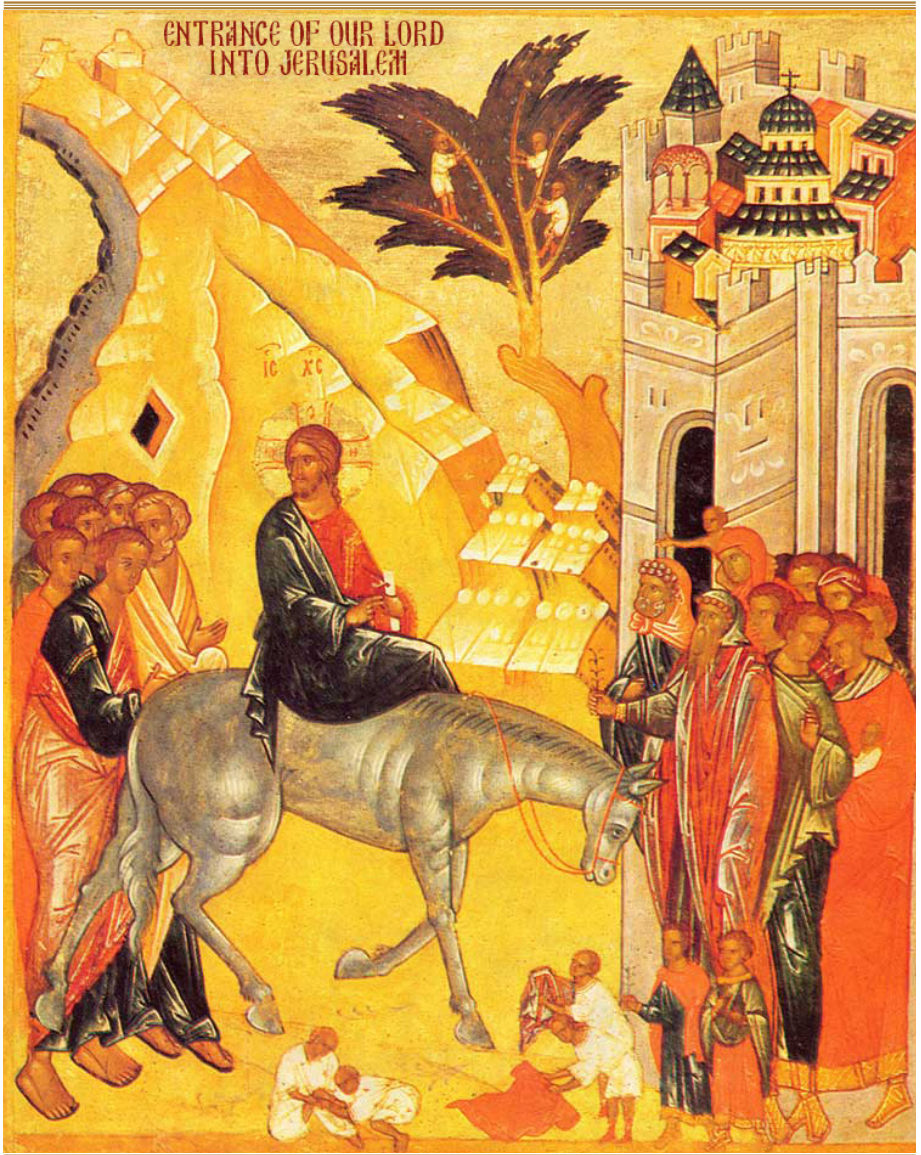




# ST. MARY'S

GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

April 28, 2024 — *Palm Sunday*



*“Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord”*

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# THE DIVINE LITURGY

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## *Commemoration*

Palm Sunday; The Holy Nine Martyrs of Cyzicus;  
John the Martyr of Romania; Memnon the Wonderworker.

*Morning Gospel: Matthew 21:1-11; 15-17*

## **Variable Hymns and Readings in the Liturgy**

### *At the Second Antiphon*

Save us, O Son of God, who rode on a donkey colt; we sing to you, Alleluia!

### *At the Third Antiphon*

Before Your passion You confirmed the resurrection of all by raising Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore, like the children of old, we also carry symbols of victory, and to You, the Victor over death, do we cry out: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

### *At the Small Entrance*

#### **Hymn of Entrance**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God and has appeared to us. Save us, O Son of God, who rode on a donkey colt, save us who sing to you: Alleluia.

#### **Hymn of the Feast, First Tone**

Before Your passion You confirmed the resurrection of all by raising Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore, like the children of old, we also carry symbols of victory, and to You, the Victor over death, do we cry out: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord

#### **Another Hymn of the Feast, Fourth Tone**

In our baptism we were buried with you, O Christ our God, and by your resurrection you have granted us eternal life. Therefore, we sing your praises, O Lord: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

#### **Kontakion of Palm Sunday, Plagal Second Tone**

In heaven upon the throne, on earth upon the colt, You were carried, O Christ our God; and the praise of the Angels, and the hymns of the children, You received as they cried to You, "Blessed are You, the One, who is coming to call Adam back again."

**Epistle.....Philippians 4:4-9**

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.

**Gospel.....John 12:1-18**

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.

**Megalynarion of Palm Sunday.**  
*(Instead of “It is truly meet...” on page 69)*

The Lord is God, and has appeared to us. Prepare the feast and come with rejoicing. Let us magnify Christ; bearing palms and branches, let us sing praise to him: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, our Savior.

*The Communion Prayers are found on page 40 of the hymnal.*

**Communion Hymn**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel.

**Post-Communion Hymn** *(instead of “We Have Seen the Light”)*

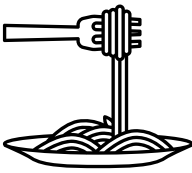
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## Today

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Prosforo is provided by **Ruta Kubits**



Today in the Great Hall after Liturgy is our annual **Palm Sunday Spaghetti Luncheon** hosted by the choir. A suggested donation of \$10 per adult and \$6 per child under 10 (cash, check, or Venmo) is accepted at the door. Proceeds benefit the choir’s trip to the Federation Choir Conference in the fall.

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## Announcements

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### Food Shelf Needs for May 5

#### *Ramen Noodles*

*May’s recipient is Joyce Uptown Food Shelf.*

Please do not bring opened packages. They will be discarded.

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#### *Digital Donation Options*

*Text to Give\**: Text smgoc to 73256 • *or Scan to Give*

*\*This number will never send unsolicited texts.*



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# Prayer Ministry

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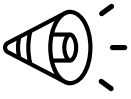
***Please remember the sick, the suffering, and those in need, especially:***

All victims of wars throughout the world; Our brothers and sisters living through the aftermath of disaster; For the victims of violence; Metro Hope Ministries; Orthodox Christian Prison Ministry; Families Moving Forward; FOCUS Minnesota; Our brothers and sisters serving in the Armed Forces throughout the world especially John Ellis; San Miguel Del Lago Orphanage; Demos, Eugenia, Aphrodite, James, Owen, Michael, Johnny, Jaclyn Jereczek, Andrew, Dena, Chris, Joy Rose, Peter, Nick, John, Demos, Kristina, Cleopatra, Milton, Maureen, Andrea, Bryan, Nausika, Ron, Phillip Hibberd, Maria, Matt, Laura, Dorla, Susan, Elias, Constance, Evdoxia, Marina, Dion, Annali, Sofia, Juan Cruz & family, Charlie, Stan, Helena, Byrdie, Jennifer, John S., Becky, Noel, Stephen, Alexey, Alexandra, Ray, Christina, Joanne, Athena, the Muñoz family, Charlie, Nuala, Pamela, Avgi, Elena, Speranta, Liz, Efstratia, Jordan, David, Nino, Joe, Gigi, Zossima, Donnarae, Samira, Mary K., Monte, Bethany, Mark, Owen, Chrysanthy, Estelle, Justine, Melissa, Megan, Lisa, Michael, Robbie, Judi, Evonne, James, Nichole, Constantine, Theodora, Mary, Irene Maria, Apostolos, Olivia, Lincoln, Carole, Patty, Karrisa, Corina, Tom, George R., Ken, Nancy and Tim, Olga, Peter, Cora and family, Bo, Lynn, Deb, Sarah, Maia, Travis, Kassie, Tahnlee, Lois, Kalli, Sue & Jim, Steve, Sue, Jane, Pat, Nancy, Dave, Pam, Gilbert, George P., Danielle, Jenny, John L., Steven E., Julia, Presvytera Janis, Sandra, Rick, Nancy, Alex, Eryn, Phil, Karen, Linda, Fr. Elias, Vicki, Bill, Diana, Doria, Mike, Stephanie, Tyler, Ben, Amy, Christy, Karen, Anastasia, Jamie, Alex and Alexander, Toni, Gina, Julie, R.J., Allie, Vickie, Petra, Bob, Joseph, Christopher, Elizabeth, Judi, Bodil, Ole, and others known to you.



## Prayer Ministry List Clean Up

During Great Lent, we wish to clean up our prayer list. If you have placed a name on the list in the past, or you are on the list, and can be removed, please let the office know. Also, if a name is on the list and needs to be kept on, please let us know that also. Those names currently on the list that are not brought to our attention will be removed at this time. *Thank you for your assistance.*



## Simpson House Meal Volunteers

Missions and Outreach would like to invite volunteers to help with the upcoming meal for Simpson House.

**8 Volunteers Needed—Tuesday, May 7, 5:30 p.m.**

The meal will be served at Simpson House Shelter, located inside Zion Lutheran Church, 128- 33rd Street W., Minneapolis, MN 55408

**Anyone interested can contact Terri Leckas, 612.710.0609**

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## Holy Week and Pascha Flowers

Donations are being accepted for Holy Week and Pascha flowers. Your generous donation helps us beautify our worship space for this most holy season. A large number of flowers and greens is needed for the various services. Please make your donation by Palm Sunday, April 28. Forms and envelopes are found in the narthex or you can donate online via our website.

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## FOCUS Needs Help on Friday Mornings

FOCUS needs help on Fridays serving bag lunches from 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon. We make, pack and distribute sandwiches at the FOCUS center. Your donation of time would make a difference to FOCUS's establishing a crew and a rhythm to the daily lunch offering. Please contact Vera at [vproctor@focusna.org](mailto:vproctor@focusna.org) or Loraine at 651.222.0712 with questions or to help.

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## St. Mary's Bookstore

The St. Mary's Bookstore will be open after the First Resurrection Divine Liturgy on Holy Saturday. Also, please note that the bookstore has copies of *Whatever Happened to Truth* by Father Anthony Coniaris in stock. This is the next book the Women's Book Club will discuss on June 6.

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## Stay Informed about YAL Events

There are lots of ways to stay connected to YAL! Fill out our contact form to receive emails (scan the code), follow @twincitiesyal on Instagram, and join our GroupMe for event reminders!

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## Church School News

### New This Year for Holy Friday

Remember and honor your departed loved ones. We will have lighted luminaries along the path of the *Epitaphio* as we process outside (God and weather permitting!) The name of your loved one will be on the luminary for all to see. Free will offering of five dollars is suggested. See table in the Great Hall after Liturgy today and see Dena Tortorelis if you have any questions.

### Graduate Recognition

We will honor and recognize our graduating seniors on Sunday, May 19. At the end of Liturgy, we will call the graduates to the Solea and then have a reception in the Great Hall after Liturgy where everyone can meet and greet them. ***All Graduating Seniors: Please give Mrs. Tortorelis your information as requested.***

Remember to sign up your children!

**Walk With Christ  
to The Cross**

## Church School Holy Friday Retreat

**Holy Friday, May 3, 2024 • 10:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.**

Please join us for an engaging day at our church in which children will learn about Holy Week, the Crucifixion, and Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We will have lessons, crafts, lunch, stations in the church, and gym time (to help get the wiggles out—even the big kids). Retreat ends at 1:15 p.m. so please be here at that time to check out your child(ren) and accompany them for the *Taking Down from the Cross* Service. The retreat is for Pre-K (4 year old) through grade 12.

*Please register early so we can plan accordingly for helpers, supplies, space and food ordering/packaging. Adults, we could use additional help with set up/clean up and food prep. Contact Dena Tortorelis at [churchschool@stmarysgoc.org](mailto:churchschool@stmarysgoc.org) to volunteer or with questions.*

**Register Today**

Register by scanning the code or  
by using the link:  
[tinyurl.com/HolyFriday2024](https://tinyurl.com/HolyFriday2024)



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# Calendar of the Week

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## Sunday, April 28: Palm Sunday

8:30 a.m. – Matins; 9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy  
after Liturgy – Palm Sunday Spaghetti Luncheon  
hosted by the Choir, Great Hall  
6:00 p.m. – Bridegroom Matins

## Monday, April 29: Holy Monday

6:00 p.m. – Bridegroom Matins

## Tuesday, April 30: Holy Tuesday

9:30 a.m. – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts  
6:00 p.m. – Bridegroom Matins

## Wednesday, May 1: Holy Wednesday

4:00 p.m. – Holy Unction  
6:00 p.m. – Orthros of the Mystical Supper; Holy Unction

## Thursday, May 2: Holy Thursday

9:30 a.m. – Divine Liturgy of the Mystical Supper  
6:00 p.m. – Service of Holy Passion

## Friday, May 3: Great and Holy Friday

9:00 a.m. – Royal Hours  
*Church School Retreat continues until 1:30 p.m.*  
1:30 p.m. – Vespers of the Descent from the Cross  
6:00 p.m. – Lamentations

## Saturday, May 4: Holy Saturday

10:00 a.m. – First Resurrection Divine Liturgy  
11:30 p.m. – Midnight Office

## Sunday, May 5: Great and Holy Pascha

12:00 midnight – Resurrection Service, Matins, Divine Liturgy  
Anastasi Meal and Celebration, Great Hall  
12:00 noon – Agape Vespers; *Easter Egg Hunt follows Vespers*



## The Annual Anastasi Meal

Our annual Anastasi Meal is on again this year! Following the midnight Resurrection Liturgy, we'll move to the Great Hall to break the Lenten fast and continue our celebration of the Resurrection. On the menu this year is lamb sausage. (We hope to feature this item at the upcoming A Taste of Greece Festival in September.) Plan to stay after the Liturgy here next Saturday night!



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# Philoptochos News

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## Tandem Drive

### *Collection Ends Today*

Our drive for the Tandem Family Resource Center ends on today. Please drop off your baby bottle or envelopes at the table in the Narthex and any of the items we are collecting for the Mamas and Littles at the Philoptochos table in the Great Hall. Bins are available for your donations.

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## Our Little Orthodox Library Needs More Books

The supply of books in our Little Library is running low. We would love additional Orthodox books to help keep our stock full. If you have read a book recently and would like to donate it, please stop by our table and drop it off... or you can bring it to the church office during the week.

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## Festival Baking Is Beginning!

Spring is here and we're getting ready to bake for the 2024 Taste of Greece! In May we will make Koulouria (May 15) and Kourambietes (May 23) and in June, Baklava will be prepared (assembly on June 3 and 12, cut/clove/syrup on June 13). Stop by the Philoptochos table to sign up or scan the code to register online.



## Ladies Afternoon Tea

Come and spend a wonderful afternoon with fellow Philoptochos ladies, featuring tea, delicious treats, and the warmth of Christian fellowship on Saturday, May 11, 1:00-4:00 p.m. in the St. George Social Hall, 1111 Summit Avenue, St. Paul. Please RSVP to Vicky, 763.742.0429, or email [Vicky.paraschou@gmail.com](mailto:Vicky.paraschou@gmail.com) by Tuesday, May 7

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## Philoptochos Service Day ~ Monday, May 13

Join Philoptochos for a day of service to sew various simple items for organizations like FOCUS, Days for Girls, Reach and Restore, etc. **NO NEED TO KNOW HOW TO SEW** to attend! We'll have plenty of needs for ironing and cutting, so all are welcome! Come for an hour, two hours, or whatever works for you! If you plan to attend, please bring a pair of scissors, or if you are a sewer, bring your sewing machine or serger. Donations of the following items are also welcome:

- Girls' underwear size 12 or larger
- Dark-colored washcloths
- Freezer Zip-Lock bags (gallon size)

# On Eternal Life...

“Remember, Christian, that you fight sin and the devil, experience sufferings and labors, and do pious deeds all in the name of eternal life! It is well worth the trouble of working hard and enduring sorrows! Forbearance is what brought all the Saints their Eternal life. So you, Christians, should never lose sight of your ultimate goal—Eternal Life.”

— Saint John of Kronstadt

## Daily Bible Readings

***Monday, April 29: Holy Monday***

Matthew 21:18-43 • Matthew 24:3-35

***Tuesday, April 30: Holy Tuesday***

Matthew 22:15-46; 23:1-39 • Matthew 24:36-51; 25:1-46; 26:1-2

***Wednesday, May 1: Holy Wednesday***

John 12:17-50 • Matthew 26:6-16

***Thursday, May 2: Holy Thursday***

I Corinthians 11:23-32 • Matthew 26:1-20; John 13:3-17;  
Matthew 26:21-39; Luke 22:43-44; Matthew 26:40-75; 27:1-2

***Friday, May 3: Great and Holy Friday***

I Corinthians 5:6-8 • Matthew 27:62-66

***Saturday, May 4: Holy Saturday***

Romans 6:3-11 • Matthew 28:1-20

***Sunday, May 5: Great and Holy Pascha***

Acts 1:1-8 • John 1:1-17



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