



Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Ukrainian Catholic Parish

Українська Католицька Парафія Воздвиження Чесного Хреста

Sundays:

- 9:30 am Rosary
- 10 am Divine Liturgy

Wednesdays of Lent:

- 7 pm Presanctified Liturgy

Fridays of Lent:

- 10 am Akathist

Most Major Feasts*:

- 10 am or 7 pm Divine Liturgy

(* It's always best to check the calendar in this bulletin for upcoming special events & feasts.)

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More info on the next page.

Sunday, March 24, 2024

Palm Sunday: The Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem



Join us for coffee after today's Liturgy!



It's Children's Liturgy Today!

Which means the kids and I get to do the Homily!

"Children's Liturgies" are like a normal Liturgy, but way more fun. They are here to encourage active participation from young families. These normally take place on the last Sunday of the month, but because of Easter Fr. Bo says we get to do it today.



Yesterday's Bake Sale went superbly!

Did you miss it? Just for you, today after Liturgy it continues in the hall.

Thank you to all who helped in any and every way!



More photos on page 5

Holy Week and Easter Service Schedule on page 2.



Today: Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem (see page 3)

Tomorrow: Annunciation (see page 4)

All Week: Holy Week: the passion, Crucifixion, and Resurrection of our Lord. (see last week's bulletin online)



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call Lisa at: 780-222-9155
 or email: hallrental@ehcucp

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Membership:

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Funeral Dinners:

Call Cheryl: 780-456-2828

Reminder: To receive member rates for funerals/memorials the deceased person must have been a fully paid up member of Holy Cross Parish for the past 22 consecutive months. Deceased children of fully paid up members are also entitled to member rates however child must be a dependant or under the age of 18.

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Baptism, Chrismation & Eucharist:

- Contact Fr. Bo, at least a month in advance if possible

Weddings:

- Contact Fr. Bo, at least a year in advance if possible

Funerals:

- Contact Fr. Bo, as soon as you are able.

Confessions:

- Sundays from 9 till 9:30 with Fr. Bo
- First Sundays of the month with Fr. Myron before and during the Liturgy
- or anytime, just call Fr. Bo to arrange it.

Services at Holy Cross for Holy Week 2024

Sunday, March 24	Palm Sunday	10 am	Children's Divine Liturgy & Blessing of Willow branches
Monday, March 25	Feast of Annunciation	5:30 pm	Festal Divine Liturgy
Wednesday, March 27	Great and Holy Wednesday	7 pm	Presanctified Liturgy with anointing
Thursday, March 28	Great and Holy Thursday	10 am	Liturgy with Bishop David at the Cathedral
		2 pm	Shroud service at St. Michael's Extended Care
		7 pm	Matins of the Passion (the 12 Passion Gospels)
Friday, March 29	Good Friday	10 am	Plaschanytsia (Shroud) Service
		7 pm	Jerusalem Matins
Saturday, March 30	Holy Saturday	2 pm	Vespers & Liturgy of St. Basil the Great followed by the blessing of baskets*
Sunday, March 31	Pascha! (Easter Sunday)	8 am	Resurrectional Matins & Divine Liturgy followed by the blessing of baskets (Bilingual)
		10 am	Resurrectional Matins & Divine Liturgy followed by the blessing of baskets (English)
		2 pm	Resurrectional Divine Liturgy at St. Michael's Extended Care

Services that are in the darker font are the ones that the Church calls Obligatory. The other ones are profound and beautiful and totally worth attending. Grey ones are at St. Michael's Extended Care for their residents.

Triumphal Entrance of Christ into Jerusalem

Palm Sunday

From oca.org

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 fulfillment 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 fulfillment 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).

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 an 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).



Annunciation

From oca.org

The feast of the Annunciation of the Virgin Mary comes nine months before Christmas on the twenty-fifth of March. It is the celebration of the announcing of the birth of Christ to the Virgin Mary as recorded in the Gospel of Saint Luke.

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary.

And he came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to Him the throne of His father David, and He will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of His kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I have no husband?"

And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the Child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your kinswoman Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son, and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her (Lk 1.26–38).

The services of the feast of the Annunciation, the Matins and the Divine Liturgy, stress again and again the joyous news of the salvation of men in the birth of the Saviour.

Today is the beginning of our salvation, the revelation of the eternal mystery. The Son of God becomes the Son of the virgin, as Gabriel announces the coming of Grace. Together with him let us cry to the Theotokos: Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with you (Troparion).

A special feature of this feast is the Matinal Canon which has the character of a dialogue between the Archangel Gabriel and the Virgin Mary. Also among the more popular elements of the feast is the Magnification which has the form of our own salutation to the virgin mother with the words of the archangel:

With the voice of the archangel we cry to Thee, O Pure One: Rejoice, O Full of Grace, the Lord is with Thee! (Magnification).

The celebration of the Annunciation, therefore, is the feast of our own reception of the glad tidings of salvation, and our own glorification of the maiden Mary who becomes the Mother of God in the flesh.

Because the feast of the Annunciation normally comes during the season of Great Lent, the manner of

celebration varies from year to year depending upon the particular day on which it falls. If the feast comes on a weekday of Lent, which is the most common case, the Divine Liturgy of the feast is served in the evening with Vespers and thus is celebrated after a full day of total abstinence. When this happens, the fasting rules for the Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts are followed. The Divine Liturgy of the Annunciation is the only celebration of the eucharistic liturgy of Saint John Chrysostom allowed on a weekday of Great Lent.





What an awesome event!
Thank-you to Lasha and everyone for the hours and hours and hours and weeks of work.
You all rock!

Parish & Beyond News:

- The PPC meeting originally planned for tomorrow (Monday the 25) will **NOT** be taking place. Liturgy for the feast will however remain at 5:30 pm.
- **Blessed Breakfast** Sunday April 7 after the 10 am Divine Liturgy Tickets: Adults - \$20.00/\$8.00 Child. They are available after today's Liturgy and briefly on Easter Sunday only between the two services. After Easter Sunday, tickets will not be easy to find (if there are any left) and if you can, you will pay extra.
- Holy Cross Ladies' Club is **looking for a casual cook** for our parish. The position requires flexibility as functions/events occur on an as needed ongoing basis. Please get in touch with either Heather Gauthier at 780 982-4189 or Dianne Kluk at 780 242-1534 for further information.
- **Any 50th Anniversaries?** Let us know so that we can congratulate you and give you a plaque. Call Diana Horyn at 780-455-9926
- We are **recording our Liturgies** for those who are not able to come in person to church. Please note that the **recorded Liturgies** are not intended to be an option for those who simply want to stay at home.
- **BINGO !!** The team of bingo volunteers needed to host our monthly bingos is in dire need of new volunteers willing to step up and support this reliable fundraiser. Please call our volunteer chairperson, Darlene @ 780-476-8797.
- **Are you interested in joining our parish officially?** Speak to J'lynn. If you don't know who she is, talk to Fr. Bo and he'll introduce you to her, or get you in contact with her. Benefits of membership include, reduced rental rates, a warm fuzzy feeling, a nice box of envelopes, and much more.
- **May 4 & 5 - Our First Solemn Communion Weekend**
- **Brainstorming ideas for our parish in 2024-25...** let's meet on a Wednesday night a couple weeks after Easter. Date will be figured out soon. And start thinking of those ideas.
- **Hey Young Adults:** Let's meet some time during the second week after Easter to plan our next session. Would a Tuesday or Wednesday evening work?

Hey would you like to help make our parish the most awesome and welcoming parish in the whole world?

If you said yes, we would love your help as part of one of the coffee hour / welcoming teams. These are the people who greet you at the door, hand out the bulletins and also make the coffee, tea and juice for the fellowship after the Liturgy.

We would really appreciate your presence and energy. Simply call Diana Horyn at 780-455-9926.

Who is the group this Sunday you wonder?

It's "Group F" which includes: Todd & Dana, Eugene & Lorraine, and Kim & Wendy.

Next week is "Group A", however because there is no coffee, the main job is ushering.



Please join us if you have experienced the loss of a loved one.

Grief as a Journey is a 10 week grief support group for those searching for support in their grief over the loss of a loved one. Using video presentations and group discussion, we will build community, gain a better understanding of what we are experiencing, and give and receive support and encouragement while journeying through mourning.

DATES & TIMES: Tuesdays, April 16 – June 11. Time will be determined according to the group preference.

Please note that the starting date has changed from April 9 to April 16

LOCATION: Edmonton Eparchy Pastoral Centre, 9645 – 108 Ave

COST: \$20.00 to cover materials

REGISTER: 780-424-5496 or Bernadette.mandrusiak@eeparchy.com



Who's doing the Rosary today before Liturgy at 9:30???

It's the **Parish Pastoral Council** today, and nobody does it next week as it is Easter.



Men's Club Easter Blessed Breakfast Raffle

Apr 7th, 2024.

Basket # 1

- 1 x Liquor bottle from Rig Hand Distillery + Tasting tour (up to 30 pers)- Value - 350\$
- 1 x Widynowskis Sausage Gift Card - Value 25\$
- 4 x Calaway Amusement Park Passes - Value 220\$
- 1 x Family Pass: Alberta Railway Excursion - Value 460\$
- 6 x Mini-Golf pass- Value 80\$
- 1 x Family pass Reynold - Alberta Museum - Value 60\$
- 1 x Liquor bottle Fort Distillery - 40\$
- 2 x Kubasa Mundare sausage house- 25\$
- 1 x Salisbury Greenhouse gift card - 25\$
- 1 x Shumka gift card - 25\$
- 1 x 12 Pack of beers - 30 \$
- 1 x Family Pass Ukrainian village - Value 80\$
- 1 x BBQ Schack Restaurant-Value 55\$

Total Value = \$1475

Basket # 2

- 4 x Passes from Monster Mini Golf Edmonton - Value 60\$
- 1 x Edmonton Elks CFL fan Pack Value - 80\$
- 1 x Paintball pass - Value 450\$
- 2 x Liquor bottle Fort Distillery - 80\$
- 1 x Family Pass Ukrainian Village - Value 80\$
- 1 x Old Spaghetti Restaurant - Value 25\$
- 5 x Edmonton Riverhawks tickets - 200\$
- 1 x Shumka gift card - 25 \$
- 1 x Family Pass Royal Alberta Museum- 50\$
- 1 x Bottle Red wine - Value 20\$
- 1 x Widynowskis Sausage Gift Card - Value 25\$
- 1 x Family pass Reynold - Alberta Museum - Value 60\$
- 1 x Salisbury Greenhouse gift card - 25\$

Total Value - \$1180

Tickets will ONLY be for sale at the Blessed Breakfast on Apr 7th.

1 for \$5 or 3 for \$10

Note: Funds raised will go towards the nonprofit organizations the Men's Club support annually.

Blessed Breakfast

Sunday April 7 after the 10 am Divine Liturgy Tickets: Adults - \$20.00/\$8.00 Child. They are available after today's Liturgy and briefly on Easter Sunday only between the two services. After Easter Sunday, tickets will not be easy to find (if there are any left). If you can find some, you will need to pay extra (at least \$25... maybe a million!)... So... get yours today!

Kid's Bulletin Page

Kids: you are important and we love you. This page is for you.



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Jerusalem

Next Couple of Weeks at Holy Cross Parish

Note: If you are looking for the readings of the day, or the type of fasting required (if any) please check the online parish calendar on our website, or your liturgical calendar.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>24</p> <p>Flowery (Palm) Sunday: The Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem.</p> <p>9:30 am Rosary</p> <p>10 am "Children's" Divine Liturgy</p> <p>No. Sunday School but... Yes, Coffee Hour and Yes Bake Sale Continues</p> <p>2 pm Divine Liturgy at St. Michael's Extended Care</p>	<p>25 🐟</p> <p>Great Monday & Annunciation of Our Most Holy Lady, the Mother of God and Ever-Virgin Mary. Passing into Eternal Life (1944) of Blessed Omellian (Emil) Kovch, Priest of Peremshliany and Martyr of Majdanek</p> <p>Eparchial Children's Day Camp I of 3</p> <p>5:30 pm Festal Liturgy for Annunciation</p> <p>No PPC Meeting</p>	<p>26 🐟</p> <p>Great Tuesday. Synaxis of the Holy Archangel Gabriel. Great Week.</p> <p>Eparchial Children's Day Camp 2 of 3</p>	<p>27 🐟</p> <p>Great Wednesday. Our Holy Mother Matrona of Thessalonica. Great Week.</p> <p>Hall Rental: Funeral Lunch</p> <p>Eparchial Children's Day Camp 3 of 3</p> <p>7 pm Presanctified Liturgy</p>	<p>28 🐟</p> <p>Great Thursday. Our Venerable Father Hilarion the New. Holy Stephen the Wonderworker (464). Great Week.</p> <p>10 am Liturgy with Washing of the Feet Liturgy with Bishop at the Cathedral</p> <p>2 pm Plaschanytsia Service at St. Michael's Extended Care</p> <p>The "tomb" is set up for Holy Week Services anytime before 7</p> <p>7 pm Reading of the 12 Gospels</p>	<p>29 🐟</p> <p>Great (Good) Friday. Great Week. Strict Fast.</p> <p>10 am Plaschanytsia (Shroud) service</p> <p>7 pm Jerusalem Matins</p>	<p>30 🐟</p> <p>Great Saturday. Great Week.</p> <p>Altar linens and such are changed DURING the 2 pm service (but prepared beforehand).</p> <p>2 pm Vespers with Liturgy of St. Basil, followed by the Blessing of Easter Baskets!</p> <p>The "tomb" stays up till after this service.</p> <p>Nobody should vacuum the joyful mess till Monday at earliest. Yes, I will be making a joyful mess!</p>
<p>31</p> <p>Pascha. Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.</p> <p>No Rosary today</p> <p>8 am Resurrectional Matins and Liturgy Bilingual followed by the Blessing of Easter Baskets!</p> <p>10 am Resurrectional Matins and Liturgy in English followed by the Blessing of Easter Baskets!</p> <p>No Coffee Hour</p> <p>2 pm Divine Liturgy at St. Michael's Extended Care</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Bright Monday. Our Venerable Mother Mary of Egypt (527-65). Bright Week.</p> <p>No Ladies' Club meeting</p> <p>Fr. Bo will be resting most of this day, however at some point he plans to come and vacuum.</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Bright Tuesday. Our Venerable Father Titus the Wonderworker. Passing into Eternal Life (1959) of Blessed Mykola (Nicholas) Charnetsky, Exarch of Volhynia and Confessor. Bright Week.</p> <p>10:30 am Divine Liturgy at Venta Care Centre</p> <p>Anointing of the Sick at Venta Care Centre</p> <p>Often Fr. Bo Visit's Ann Fitzgerald School on Tuesday Afternoons</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Bright Wednesday. Our Venerable Father and Confessor Nicetas, Hegumen of the Monastery of Medicius (824). Bright Week.</p> <p>9 am Divine Liturgy</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Bright Thursday. Our Venerable Fathers Joseph the Hymnographer (886) and George of Maleum. Bright Week.</p> <p>Often Fr. Bo Visit's St. Matthew's School on Thursday Mornings</p> <p>1 pm Clergy Deanery Meeting</p> <p>If you have anything for the bulletin please send it to Fr. Bo by the end of this day.</p> <p>Thursdays are typically Fr. Bo's Day off.</p> <p>5:30 Appointment</p>	<p>5 No fasting!</p> <p>Bright Friday. Holy Martyrs Theodulus and Agathopedes and Those with Them (c. 305). Bright Week.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Bright Saturday. Repose of Our Holy Father Methodius, Teacher of the Slavs (885) and our Holy Father Eutychius, Archbishop of Constantinople (587). Bright Week.</p> <p>2pm First Solemn Communion</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Second Sunday of Pascha. Thomas Sunday. Our Venerable Father George, Bishop of Aethiopia (320-47). Resurrectional</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Holy Apostles Herodion, Agabus, Rufus, Asyncretus, Philegontus and Hermes. Acts 3:19-26. John 2:1-11.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Holy Martyr Eupsichius (360-63). Acts 4:1-10. John 3:16-21.</p> <p>10 am Clergy</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Holy Martyrs Terence, Pompeius and others with them. Acts 4:13-22. John 5:17-24.</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Holy Priest-Martyr Antipas, Bishop of Pergamos in Asia (81-96). Acts 4:23-31. John 5:24-30.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Our Venerable Father and Confessor Basil, Bishop of Parios (741-75). Abstinence from meat and foods that</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Holy Priest-Martyr Artemon and those with him (284-305). Acts 5:21-33. John 6:14-27.</p>

Today's Changeable Parts for Liturgy:

First Antiphon

I am filled with love* for the Lord will hear the voice of my plea.

*Through the prayers of the Mother of God,
O Saviour, save us.*

For He has inclined His ear to me,* and I will call to Him all the days of my life.

Through the prayers...

The pangs of death encircled me,* the trials of Hades befell me.

Through the prayers...

I met with anguish and pain,* and called upon the name of the Lord.

Through the prayers...

Glory... Now... Only-begotten...

Third Antiphon

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,* for His mercy endures forever.

Troparion, Tone 1: Assuring us before Your Passion of the general resurrection,* You raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ God:* and so, like the children we also carry signs of victory* and cry to You, the conqueror of death:* Hosanna in the highest!* Blessed is He who comes* in the name of the Lord.

Therefore, let the house of Israel say that He is good,* for His mercy endures forever.

Troparion, Tone 1: Assuring us before Your Passion of the general resurrection,* You raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ God:* and so, like the children we also carry signs of victory* and cry to You, the conqueror of death:* Hosanna in the highest!* Blessed is He who comes* in the name of the Lord.

Therefore, let the house of Aaron say that He is good,* for His mercy endures forever.

Troparion, Tone 1: Assuring us before Your Passion of the general resurrection,* You raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ God:* and so, like the children we also carry signs of victory* and cry to You, the conqueror of death:* Hosanna in the highest!* Blessed is He who comes* in the name of the Lord.

Let all who fear the Lord say that He is good,* for His mercy endures forever.

Troparion, Tone 1: Assuring us before Your Passion of the general resurrection,* You raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ God:* and so, like the children we also carry signs of victory* and cry to You, the conqueror of death:* Hosanna in the highest!* Blessed is He who comes* in the name of the Lord.

Entrance

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, we bless You from the house of the Lord,* the Lord is God and has appeared to us.

Troparion, Tone 1: Assuring us before Your Passion of the general resurrection,* You raised Lazarus from the dead, O Christ God:* and so, like the children we also carry signs of victory* and cry to You, the conqueror of death:* Hosanna in the highest!* Blessed is He who comes* in the name of the Lord.

Glory...

Troparion, Tone 4: Buried with You through Baptism, O Christ our God,* we have been granted immortal life by Your resurrection,* and we sing Your praises, crying out:* Hosanna in the highest!* Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Now...

Kontakion, Tone 6: Mounted on the throne in heaven, O Christ God,* and on a colt here on earth,* You accepted the praise of the angels,* and the hymn of the children who cried to You:* Blessed are You who have come to call Adam back.

Prokeimenon, Tone 4

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;* God the Lord has appeared to us.

verse: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9 (NRSV)

Brothers and Sisters, Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry 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 surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Today's Changeable Parts for Liturgy:

Alleluia verses, Tone I:

Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has worked wonders.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

Gospel: John 12:1-18 (NRSV)

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor 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 because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well,

since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus. The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!"

His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him.

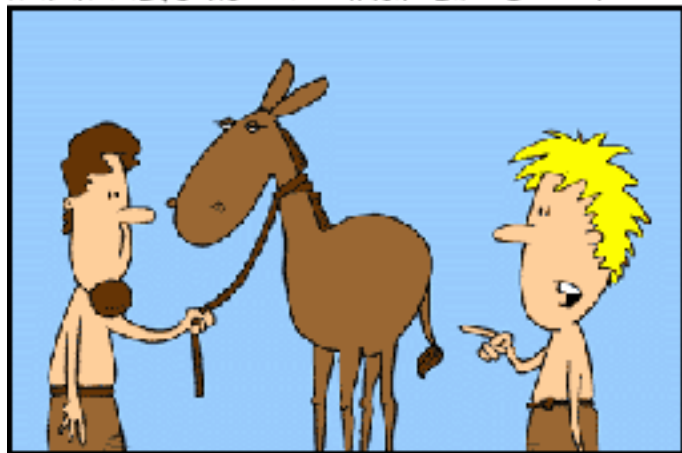
Hymn to the Mother of God And the irmos:

O my soul, magnify Christ who was seated on a foal. The Lord is God and has appeared to us:* together let us celebrate.* Come with great rejoicing; let us magnify Christ* with palms and olive branches, and with songs let us cry aloud to Him:* Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Communion Hymn

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;* God the Lord has appeared to us.* Alleluia, alleluia,* alleluia.

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(See Luke 19:28-31)

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BUT I DO ASK THAT YOU RETURN IT WITH A
FULL STOMACH

