

*Palm Sunday*

**TONE 6**

Sitting on Thy throne in heaven, carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God! Accept the praise of angels and the songs of children who sing: Blessed is He that comes to recall Adam!

*Prokeimenon*

**TONE 4:** Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord. / God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.  
vs. O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever.

**Epistle of the Holy Apostle Paul to the Philippians 4:4 – 9**

*Epistle*

*Brethren:* Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, 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 minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy – meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Alleluia*

*O sing to the Lord a new song, for the Lord hath done marvelous things.  
v: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

**John 12:1-18**

*Gospel*

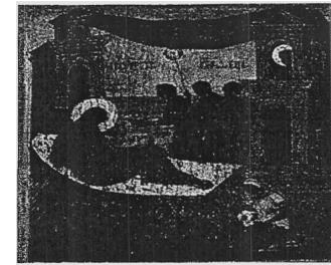
Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, "Why was this fragrant oil 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 had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always." Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out:

*"Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' The King of Israel!"*

Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on 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 these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.



*Schedule*

**Sunday, April 9, 2023**

7:00 P.M. Bridegroom Matins

**Monday, April 10, 2023**

9:30 A.M. Presanctified Liturgy  
(at Nativity)

7:00 P.M. Bridegroom Matins

**Tuesday, April 11, 2023**

9:30 A.M. Presanctified Liturgy  
(at Assumption)

7:00 P.M. Bridegroom Matins

**Wednesday, April 12, 2023**

6:00 P.M. Presanctified Liturgy  
(at Nativity)

7:30 P.M. Matins Holy Thursday

**Thursday, April 13, 2023**

10:00 A.M. Vespers Divine  
Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

7:00 P.M. Matins of Holy Friday

**Friday, April 14, 2023**

10:00 A.M. Royal Hours

3:00 P.M. Vespers

7:00 P.M. Matins Holy Saturday

**Saturday, April 15, 2023**

9:00 A.M. Vespers Divine  
Liturgy of St. Basil the Great

11:30 P.M. Nocturns

**Sunday, April 16, 2023**

12:00 A.M. Procession; Matins;  
Divine Liturgy of St. John  
followed by blessing of Pascha  
baskets

2:00 P.M. Vespers of Pascha  
followed by egg hunt

**Nativity of the Virgin Mary**

**Orthodox Church**

**416 Ewing Ave, Madison, IL 62060**

**Sunday, April 9, 2023**

*Palm Sunday; Entry of Our Lord Jesus Christ into  
Jerusalem*

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*"O how beautiful, how precious a creature is man! O, what a most graceful and splendid palm-tree is man! O, man is the best of God's creatures! O, most honorable of God's creatures, that ought, as the image of God, as the justly-revered temple of God Himself, to be inviolable to anything impure! May all impure, evil, blasphemous thoughts, as well as all doubting thoughts, flee from us. We are - the children of God; we are - holy in Christ; let us keep, let us preserve our hearts in holiness, so that the hand of the impure and evil spirits may not in any way touch us, the living arks of God, our thoughts and hearts! Word of God and God Thyself, Who wast incarnate for our sakes, preserve us in Thy holiness! Our Most Holy Head! Deliver not our hearts and bodies to the impure Satan, let him not sully them by evil thoughts, but ever dwell with us and keep us pure and spotless. Grant, Lord, that as members of Thy Body, we may ever have living union with Thee, our Most Divine Head - union in the thoughts of our hearts, in our prayers, and in our deeds. The falling away from Thee is darkness and death, sorrow and straitness, shame, humiliation and the spiritual abomination, Whilst with Thee we find - light, life, peace, joy, wideness of heart, boldness, greatness and holiness. You know that eternal life in God is promised you, that you must earn it by obedience to God and His Church during this transitory life, by patience in sickness, sorrows, misfortunes and various privations - and yet you do not wish to obey the Creator, you live in carelessness and neglect of your souls, in neglect of virtue, in continual sin! What can you expect after this, ungrateful, evil-natured, and"*

## Prayer Requests

### Those in this earthly life

Infant Milo	Theresa	Elaine
Haylee	Lori Ann	Victor
Rose Marie	Shawn	Wilma
Newly Illumined Mary	Gabriella	Michael
Magdalene	Catechumen Rebecca	April
Archpriest Christopher	Marie	Joseph
George	Michael	Michael
Dave	Reader Michael	Barb
David	Michelle	Barbara
Tom	Mikaela	Mark
Nancy	Zachary	Angela
Susan	Dymphna & CTBB	Elijah
Cathy	Justin	Sophia
Shawn	Hope	Matushka Tanya
Yulia	Nicholas	Mary
Patrick	Theodora	Archpriest Moses
Michaela	Presbytera Irené	Archpriest John
Barbara	John	Matushka Margaret
Charlotte (Anne)	Cyndi	Matthew
Janet	Diana	Priest Joseph
Don	Amy	Archpriest Michael
Mark	Michael	Matushka Virginia
Christine	Joseph	Paul
Ian	Andrew	Mary
Alexander	Magdalene	Nicholas
Nicoletta	Barbara	Andrew
Terry	Rebecca	Anthony
Carole	Nancy	Christopher
Neil	Maria	Jackie
Abba Thomas		
Subdeacon Andrew		

### Those in the life to come

Dale  
Rebecca  
Clarita  
Archpriest Thomas  
Metropolitan THEODOSIUS  
Archpriest Vladimir  
Archbishop PAUL

*"disobedient creatures? My soul, think and direct all your earthly life to the glory of God and the good of your neighbor. Do not gratify flesh and blood, but seek to please your Lord; for flesh and blood are - perishable like all earthly things. Why be suspicious, where there should be no suspicion? For instance, during reading and listening to the Word of God, or during the reading and singing in church, during the prayers, etc. God is truth, and that is enough; the church is "the pillar and ground of truth (1 Timothy 3:15)"; The Devil is - falsehood itself, the calumniator, the adversary - that is enough. Know the one God and His truth; shun the Devil and his lies, illusions and follies. The demons tremble at the sight and even at the sign of the life-giving cross, because the Son of God was nailed to the wood of the cross and sanctified it by His sufferings upon it; how much more do the demons tremble before Our Lady, the Mother of God, and even at Her Most Holy Name? Our Lady is like the brightest star: she is all radiant with the Light - in God, she is like a glowing ember in a large fire, all-luminous and full of fire. As it is easy to think that He, God, is Light and Holiness, so it is that She, too, is eternal light and eternal holiness. Amen. Jesus Christ, the same yesterday, and today, and for ever (Hebrews 13:8)"; as likewise God's truth - everything that is read in the Gospel, the Holy Scriptures, the Church prayers, the Canons, the Acatistos, the Psalms - is the one same eternal truth; it is the same now, as when you first found it, or when you prayed with a fervent heart, and felt its full verity, its sweetness, peace and life-giving effect. You change and place yourself in various relations to it, but the truth itself remains forever the same - the eternal enlightening, warning and life-giving sun." My Life in Christ - St. John of Kronstadt*

### Troparia

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#### **TONE 1**

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion, Thou didst confirm the universal Resurrection, O Christ God! Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosannah in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.*

### Kontakia

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#### **TONE 4**

When we were buried with Thee in Baptism, O Christ God, we were made worthy of eternal life by Thy Resurrection! Now we praise Thee and sing: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!

*Now and ever and unto the ages of ages. Amen.*