

PALM SUNDAY



Sunday, April 17, 2021

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THE BRIGHT AND GLORIOUS ENTRY OF OUR LORD, GOD, AND SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM

Palm Sunday Morning Gospel
Epistle Reading:
Gospel Reading:

Matthew 21:1-11; 15-17
Philippians 4:4-9
St. John 12:1-18

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Holy Week Schedule



Palm Sunday, Divine Liturgy	9:30am
Sun., Mon., Tue., & Wed. Bridegroom	6:30pm
Holy Tuesday, Presanctified Liturgy	9:30am
Holy Wednesday, Unction	3:00pm
Holy Thursday, Institution of the Eucharist	9:30am
Holy Thursday, The Passion of Christ	6:30pm
Holy Friday, Royal Hours	9:30am
Apokathelosis	3:00pm
Lamentation Service	6:30pm
Holy Saturday, First Anastasi	9:30am
Holy Pascha, Vigil and Paschal Liturgy	11:15pm
Holy Pascha, Agape Vespers	11:00am

Apolytikion: *“Before Your Passion, You raised Lazarus from the dead to confirm the common Resurrection for all, O Christ God. Therefore, we carry symbols of victory as did the youths, and we cry out to You, the Victor over death, “Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.”*

Apolytikion: *“As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God, so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.”*

Kontakion: *“Being borne upon a throne in Heaven, and upon a colt on the earth, O Christ God, Thou didst accept the praise of the Angels and the laudation of the children as they cried to Thee: Blessed art Thou Who comest to recall Adam.”*

Palm Sunday

On the Sunday before the Feast of Great and Holy Pascha, and at the beginning of Holy Week, the Orthodox Church celebrates one of its most joyous feasts of the year. Palm Sunday is the commemoration of the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem following His glorious miracle of raising Lazarus from the dead. Having anticipated His arrival and having heard of the miracle, the people went out to meet the Lord and welcomed Him with displays of honor and shouts of praise. On this day, we receive and worship Christ in this same manner, acknowledging Him as our King and our Lord.

Palm Sunday summons us to behold our King; the Word of God made flesh!

We are called to behold Him not simply as the One who came to us once riding on a colt, but as the One who is always present in His Church, coming ceaselessly to us in power and glory at every Eucharist, in every prayer and sacrament, and in every act of love, kindness and mercy. He comes to

free us from all our fears and insecurities, to take solemn possession of our soul, and to be enthroned in our heart. He comes not only to deliver us from our death by His death and Resurrection, but also to make us capable of attaining the most perfect fellowship or union with Him. He is the King, who liberates us from the darkness of sin and the bondage of death. Palm Sunday summons us to behold our King, the vanquisher of death and the giver of life.

Palm Sunday summons us to accept both the rule and the kingdom of God as the goal and content of our Christian life.

We draw our identity from Christ and His kingdom. The kingdom is Christ—His indescribable power, boundless mercy and incomprehensible abundance given freely to man. The kingdom does not lie at some point or place in the distant future. In the words of the Scripture, the kingdom of God is not only at hand [Matthew 3:2; 4:17], it is within us [Luke 17:21]. The kingdom is a present reality as well as a future realization [Matthew 6:10].

Palm Sunday summons us to behold our King; the Suffering Servant!

We cannot understand Jesus' kingship apart from the Passion. Filled with infinite love for the Father, the Holy Spirit, and creation, in His inexpressible humility, Jesus accepted the infinite abasement of the Cross. He bore our grief and carried our sorrows; He was wounded for our transgressions and made Himself an offering for sin [Isaiah 53]. His glorification, which was accomplished by the Resurrection and the Ascension, was achieved through the Cross.

In the fleeting moments of exuberance that marked Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem, the world received its King; the King who was on His way to death. His Passion, however, was no morbid desire for martyrdom. Jesus' purpose was to accomplish the mission for which the Father sent Him. This is all accomplished during the forthcoming Holy Week. Please attend these inspiring and moving services.



Red Easter Eggs – Bring to Church this week

Today bags and instructions for preparing the red Easter eggs will be distributed. We ask that the red eggs be brought to the church kitchen on Holy Thursday 4/21, Holy Friday 4/22 or before 2:00 PM on Holy Saturday 4/23 for distribution on Holy Pascha. For questions, please contact Christina Colonias -917-825-5986.

*Blessed is He who comes
in the name of the Lord!*



Prayer Request



Andrew, Dianna, Thomas, Andrea, Thomas, Alexandra, Ronald, Galina, Angela, Lubove, Despina, Maria, John, Paraskevi (Parri), Dianna, Stephanie, Edward, Brian, Janeen, Cathy, James, Christine, Andrea, Molly, Anastasios, Michael, Angela, Lauren, John, Effie, Stella, Guerline, Phyllis, Denise, Cloy, Mirka, Stamatia, Theresa, James, Matthew, Antoinette, William, Angela, Tanner, Stefanos, Helen, Katherine, Ashley, Angela, Nick, Lindsey, Alexandria, Evdokia, Chris, Zach, Notis, Erica, Christina, Fran, Joan, Hellen, Joseph, Angela, Cleopatra, James, Rosa, George, Kathy, Theresa, Dorothy, Shannon, Jeff, Jeffrey, Rowena, Craig, Paul, John, Marien, John, Vasilias, Hellen, Natalia, Angela, Katherine, Patricia, Lily, Thomas, Brennan, Elvira, Bill, Alicia, Diane, Michael, Dorka, Stavroula, Maroulla

Capital Campaign Progress



Holy Trinity Capital Campaign Progress
Holy Trinity is still accepting donations for the 2022 Capital Campaign. We thank all who have donated thus far. Holy Trinity is blessed having received pledges for over half our goal but we still need your help to achieve our fundraising objectives. With your help and generosity, we can meet our goal and help maintain our facility pristine.

**In the May edition of The Promise, the names of our donors will be published. Only names will appear to thank you for your extraordinary donation towards the Capital Campaign.*

Call the church office to donate or donate online by clicking here:

[Holy Trinity Capital Campaign Donation](#)

How your donation will be spent

Refurbishment of church dome	\$220,000
Replacement of boiler, condenser, coils	\$260,000
Repaving of parking lot	\$120,000
Rooftop air conditioning	\$75,000
Church air conditioning	\$75,000
Total	\$750,000



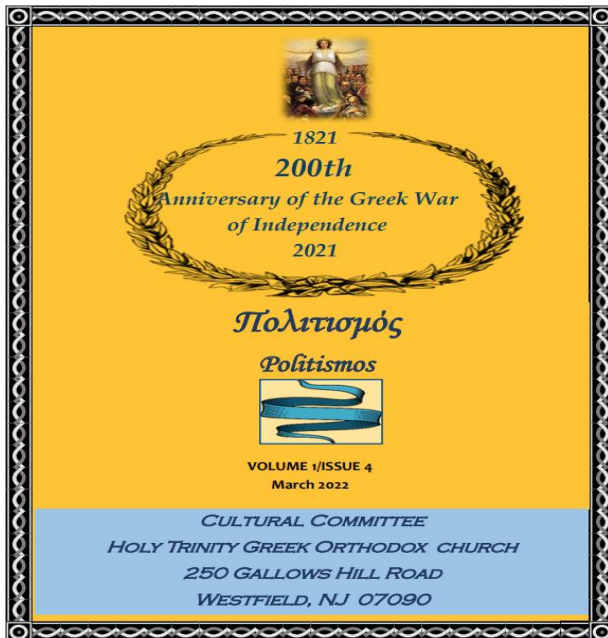
The Greek Revolution (1821-1829) Through American Eyes

This bicentennial exhibition explores common themes binding Greece and the United States in Greece's pursuit of universal freedom and liberty by focusing on the myriad connections between the Greek revolutionaries and individual Americans. It also allows viewers to consider the formation of U.S. identity in the first fifty years of the nation's existence, as U.S. foreign policy was taking shape and slavery was leading America to its own war.

[Enter Online Exhibition](#)

Last Sunday, Holy Trinity hosted an exhibition, “The Greek Revolution Through American Eyes”. Many people commented on the beautiful and informative panels. If you were not here or would like to revisit the presentation, you can link to the webpage to view the panels online.

[The Greek Revolution Through American Eyes](#)



Holy Trinity Cultural Committee is happy to announce the publication of the fourth edition of Politismos, a newsletter commemorating the bicentennial of the 1821 Greek War of Independence. This beautiful and informative newsletter is the collaborative work of the Cultural Committee of Holy Trinity. This special edition, released during the celebration of Evangelismos or the Annunciation on March 25 is dedicated to all heroines who declare independence from tyranny and oppression.

Click to view the newsletter

[Politismos](#)

Holy Friday Retreat

“Stations of the Cross”

for grades K-5

Friday, April 22, 2022 ~ 10 am to 4 pm



The Retreat will focus on the theology, symbols, and hymns of Holy Friday and Pascha

Followed by the taking down from the Cross:
Apokathelosis from 3pm to 4pm

Parents are asked to attend the Apokathelosis

A Lenten lunch and midday snack will be included

Register for the Holy Friday Retreat during the Fellowship hour or by clicking on the link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1ybkuutG40-9P11KHBKDT-aK3MctLaoZ0Ao6CF3rzvw/edit>

Contact Melissa Krikos mkrikos@gmail.com or Iris Love ilove45231@gmail.com for more details.

Agape Vespers Readers

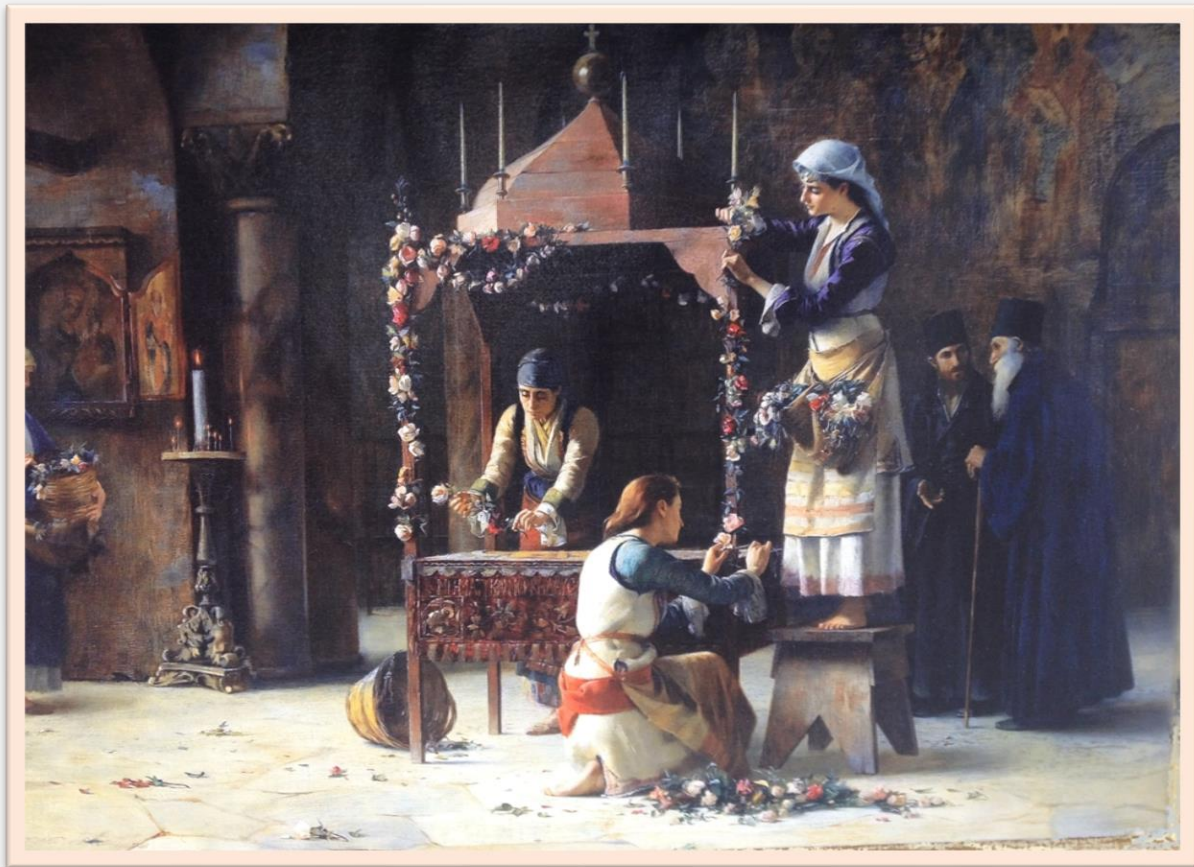
During the Agape Vespers on Easter Sunday at 11:00 AM, the Gospel passage is read in various languages to indicate the universality of Christ's Gospel of salvation. If you are able to read in a foreign language, please call Diana at the church office to volunteer.

Holy Week Books – on sale

The Pappadeas Holy Week Books (affectionately known as the “Black Holy Week Book”) are now on sale. Each service of Holy Week is included in these books and is a great guide for us to follow the divine services each night and to prepare for the Resurrection of our Lord. Cost is \$30.



Decorating The Kouvouklion



Holy Friday, April 22

*Come in the morning to help decorate the Kouvouklion or the
Sepulcher of our Lord*

Tsoureki (Easter Bread) – pick up today!

Please remember to pick up pre-ordered tsourekia from the Greek School table today. There will be some extra tsourekia for sale on a first come, first serve basis. The Greek School PTO thanks you for your support.

OCMC Coin Boxes

Please remember to bring your OCMC Coin Boxes to church. Thank you for participating in the parish Lenten project. If you forgot them bring to the church office during the week.

Metropolis of New Jersey to Honor Holy Trinity Parishioners

On Monday, May 9, at the honorees Grand Banquet, parishioners from Holy Trinity will be honored by Archbishop Elpidophoros of America. We thank this year's honorees who give selflessly of themselves to help benefit parish ministries: Avi Kiriakatis-Steward of the Community; Stephen A. Ladas-Parish Council; Elise Savnik-Philoptochos; Maggie Vasilopoulos-GOYA; Rel. Ed. Teacher-Elias Grivoyannis; Dr. Lauren Koniaris-Essential Medical Worker; Christina Colonias-Youth

Worker; Maria Grafas-senior parish member. The event will be held at the Venetian in Garfield, NJ, beginning at 6:00 PM. Tickets are \$125. RSVP April 22, for more info. call the church office.

Westfield Unity Day with Holy Trinity GOC & RC – Saturday, May 14

Join us for “A Celebration of Unity, Faith, and Fellowship” as Holy Trinity Roman Catholic Church in Westfield celebrates its 150 year Anniversary. This is the second of such gatherings. This time Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church will join Holy Trinity RC for a day of prayer, learning, group sharing, Greek dance, and food experiences from East and West. All are invited to this historic event between Eastern and Western Christianity beginning at 10:00 AM.

Ladies Philoptochos
Bake Sale Today



BLOOM!

A celebration of every woman's journey
towards greater inner strength and beauty.

The Ladies Philoptochos Society
of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in Westfield
cordially invites you to their Spring Fling!



SAVE THE DATE!

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

Join us for an evening of dining and fashion
at Brooklake Country Club.



YES, COUNT ME IN!

Please send me an invitation and other great
information about the Spring Fling.

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Let's make a difference together.

If you would like to volunteer or donate,
please specify below or email us at
fashionshow@htphiloptochos.com

I'd like to volunteer before & at event

I'd like to volunteer at event only

I wish to make a cash donation

I wish to donate a prize for the raffles

Please drop off this form at Philoptochos table
or with the BLOOM! Chairpersons,
Alexandra Mavridis and Elise Daniledes.

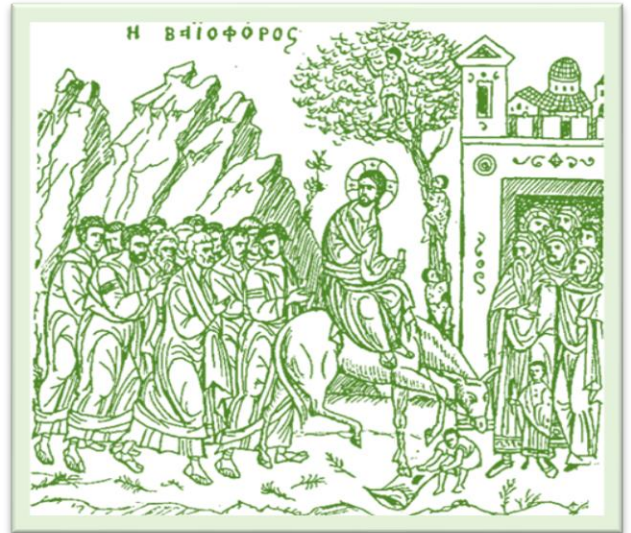


Πώλω καθίσας, ὁ λόγῳ τείνας πόλον,
Βροτοὺς ἐκζητεῖ λῦσαι τῆς ἀλογίας.

Τὴν ἡμέρα αὐτὴ γιορτάζουμε τὴν πανηγυρικὴ εἴσοδο τοῦ Κυρίου Ἰησοῦ Χριστοῦ
στὴν Ἱεροσόλυμα. Τότε, ἐρχόμενος ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἀπὸ τὴ Βηθανία στα Ἱεροσόλυμα,
ἔστειλε δύο ἀπὸ τοὺς Μαθητὲς του καὶ του ἔφεραν ἓνα γαῖδουράκι. Καὶ κάθισε
πάνω του γιὰ νὰ μπεὶ στὴν πόλη.

Ὁ δε λαός, ἀκούγοντας ὅτι ὁ Ἰησοῦς ἐρχεται,
πήραν ἀμέσῳς στα χέρια τοὺς βάρια ἀπὸ
φοίνικες καὶ βγήκαν νὰ τον υποδεχτοῦν. Καὶ
ἄλλοι μὲν με τὰ ρούχα τοὺς, ἄλλοι δε
κόβοντας κλαδιὰ ἀπὸ τὰ δέντρα, ἔστρωναν τὸ
δρόμο ἀπ' ὅπου ὁ Ἰησοῦς θὰ περνοῦσε. Καὶ ὅλοι
μαζὶ, ἀκόμα καὶ τὰ μικρὰ παιδιὰ, φώναζαν:
«Ὡσαννὰ· εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν
ὀνόματι Κυρίου, ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραήλ».

Ὁ Χριστὸς εἰσέρχεται στα Ἱεροσόλυμα «ἐπὶ
πώλον ὄνου». Πορεύεται καὶ οἱ Ἰσραηλίτες τον
υποδέχονται μὲ τιμές ὡς Βασιλιά. Εκείνος δὲν
δίνει ἰδιαίτερη σημασία στις τιμές, δὲν περιορίζεται στο πανηγύρι, στὴν πρόσκαιρη
δόξα, ἀλλὰ προχωρεῖ στο σταυρὸ καὶ τὴν Ἀνάσταση.



Ἡ εἴσοδος τοῦ Χριστοῦ στα Ἱεροσόλυμα εἶναι τελικὰ ἡ εἴσοδος τοῦ μαρτυρίου στὴν
ἐπίγεια ζωὴ τοῦ Κυρίου. Σε λίγες ἡμέρες θὰ μαρτυρήσει καὶ θὰ θανατωθεῖ στο
σταυρὸ, γιὰ νὰ θανατώσει τὸ θάνατο καὶ νὰ χαρίσει τὴ ζωὴ.

Λειτουργικὰ κείμενα
Ἀπολυτίκιον
Ἦχος α'.

Τὴν κοινὴν Ἀνάστασιν πρὸ τοῦ σοῦ πάθους πιστούμενος, ἐκ νεκρῶν ἤγειρας τὸν
Λάζαρον Χριστὲ ὁ Θεός· ὅθεν καὶ ἡμεῖς ὡς οἱ παῖδες, τὰ τῆς νίκης σύμβολα φέροντες,
σοὶ τῷ νικητῇ τοῦ θανάτου βοῶμεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ
ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.