

# The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



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Pray For Ukraine

*Palm Sunday*

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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 Lord.

The biblical story of Palm Sunday is recorded in all four of the Gospels (Matthew 21:1-11; Mark 11:1-10; Luke 19:28-38; and John 12:12-18). Five days before the Passover, Jesus came from Bethany to Jerusalem. Having sent two of His disciples to bring Him a colt of a donkey, Jesus sat upon it and entered the city.

People had gathered in Jerusalem for the Passover and were looking for Jesus, both because of His great works and teaching and because they had heard of the miracle of the resurrection of Lazarus. When they heard

that Christ was entering the city, they went out to meet Him with palm branches, laying their garments on the ground before Him, and shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!"

At the outset of His public ministry Jesus proclaimed the kingdom of God and announced that the powers of the age to come were already active in the present age (Luke 7:18-22). His words and mighty works were performed "to produce repentance as the response to His call, a call to an inward change of mind and heart which would result in concrete changes in one's life, a call to follow Him and accept His messianic destiny. The triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem is a messianic event, through which His divine authority was declared.

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," as someone has said. He comes not only to deliver us from our deaths 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).

The kingdom of God is the life of the Holy Trinity in the world. It is the kingdom of holiness, goodness, truth, beauty, love, peace and joy. These qualities are not works of the human spirit. They proceed from the life of God and reveal God. Christ Himself is the kingdom. He is the God-Man, Who brought God down to earth (John 1:1,14).



## Liturgical Schedule



<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>April 13</b> 8:15am Matins 9:00am Hours <b>9:30am</b> <b>Divine Liturgy</b></p>	<p><b>Palm Sunday</b> Sixth Sunday of the Great Lent. PALM SUNDAY. THE ENTRY OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM. Hieromartyr Artemon, presbyter of Laodicea in Syria (303). Martyr Crescens of Myra in Lycia. Martyr Thomais of Alexandria (476). Matins: Mt. 21:1-11, 15-17; Phil. 4:4-9; Jn. 12:1-18; Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom</p>
<p><b>Monday</b> <b>April 14</b> <b>6:30pm</b></p>	<p>Holy Monday Brightgroom Matins</p>
<p><b>Wednesday</b> <b>April 16</b> <b>6:30pm</b></p>	<p>Holy Unction service</p>
<p><b>Thursday</b> <b>April 17</b> <b>6:30pm</b></p>	<p>12 Passion Gospels</p>
<p><b>Friday</b> <b>April 18</b></p>	<p><b>5:30pm</b> children decorate Christ's tumb <b>6:30pm</b> Placing of the Holy Shroud</p>
<p><b>Saturday</b> <b>April 19</b></p>	<p><b>10:00am</b> Saturday Dvine Liturgy <b>10:30pm</b> Reading of the Acts of the apostles <b>11:30pm</b> Midnight office</p>
<p><b>Sunday</b> <b>April 20</b></p>	<p><b>Pascha Resurrection of Our Lord and God Jesus Christ</b> <b>12:00am</b> Matins <b>1:00am</b> Divine Liturgy <i>Blessing of the paschal baskets in the hall</i> <b>11:00am</b> Agape <i>Blessing of the paschal baskets outside</i></p>
<p><b>Monday</b> <b>April 21</b></p>	<p><b>9:00am</b> Bright Monday Divine Liturgy</p>



## Recaps of Sunday April 6, 2025

Last week in church Miss Faith and Miss Karen's class were combined. We played a game with long spoons and tried to feed ourselves candy, we realized that we couldn't, but we could feed others. The children learned the gift of sharing. They also learned about Saint Mary of Egypt, her life, and how she repented and then lived a life in solitude repentance to the Lord. We taught the children that even if they sin small or big, they can always come repent to the Lord and try to do better. We talked about things that they have done, maybe not listening to Mom or hurting our brother, and we can ask for forgiveness and do better next time.

*God's Blessings to one & all,  
Ms. Faith & Ms. Karen*

## Sunday School Recap for Teen Class: April 6, 2025

This Sunday's lesson was in part a "catch up" of the last two weeks. We began with the question that they may be asked by a teenage friend—why is the Orthodox Cross different from other Christian Crosses? Since most students could not completely answer this, each of them looked at a picture of our Orthodox cross and we discussed the three parts. The top horizontal small bar with the sign of INRI (in Latin letters) was originally ordered by Pontius Pilate and translates to "Jesus of Nazareth - King of the Jews" and more recent and frequent we see ICXC which are Greek letters for "King of Glory". The middle horizontal portion speaks for itself with the arms of Jesus Christ.

Lastly, we discussed the lower third horizontal bar generally slanted although sometimes straight across. The symbolism of the slanted version generally refers to the two thieves whose crosses were on each side of Jesus, with the one to His right the thief who went to Heaven and to his left the thief who went to Hell. Do you remember why?

We continued with last week's Lenten recognition of Saint John Climacus and his important book" - The Ladder of Divine Ascent,

with each step on the ladder, showing a virtue, such as , repentance, humility, obedience, prayer and love, which Christians must cultivate in their journey to Heaven. Students were given an assignment where they were asked to share an incident of their behavior this week which would connect or relate to one of those steps or virtues. They were asked to share this next week with us. Our weeks of Lent are filled with many topics and concepts to address and limited time is always a factor.

*May you have a Blessed Holy Week, Ms. Pat*  
Thank you, Ms. Debbie for the craft!

## **Announcements**

***Parish Council*** usually meets once a month on the second Sunday of the month.

Next Council meeting will take place today *Sunday April 13, 2025* after the coffee hour.

Guests are welcome. If you would like to participate at the council meeting, please let any of the officers know.

### ***Sunday's Second Collection***

Sunday's Second Special Collection is dedicated each month to a different cause: Month of April and May are dedicated to Parish Scholarship Fund.

### ***2025 Scholarship Applications***

Application forms for a graduating high school senior who is a member of our church and is planning to further their education at a community college, university or trade school are available from Pat Wolsko. They must be completed and returned by Sunday, April 27. The recipients of this church sponsored scholarship will be announced at the end of May.

## *Eternal Light*

In memory of Michael & Magdalene Bruce by Barbara & Katie Bruce



## *Seven Day Vigil Candles*

- For the health and quick recovery after the surgery of John Batura by PM Olenka
- Barbara & Katie Bruce for the health of Kim Pirtle
- For the health and quick recovery after the surgery of John Batuta by Halyna Kashpar
- For the health of Iryna with family by Halyna Kashpar
- For the health of my son Mykola by Halyna Kashpar
- For the health of Patti Faye by John Batura
- For the health of Pat Beck by Fr. Vasyl
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- In memory of my my parents Polina & Pavlo. Memory Eternal! Heavenly Kingdom! Halyna Kashpar
- In memory of Anthony Kaczor by Michael Supilowski
- In memory of Tony Kovco by Michael Supilowski



## *50/50 Club*

The winner for the month of March was Faith Neswick  
Next drawing will take place **on Sunday April 27, 2025**  
We encourage to buy tickets for the whole year for a discounted price of \$65.00. If you would like to buy for one or several months the ticket is \$6.00 for a month. You can win \$250.00.  
All of the proceeds go to College Scholarship Fund of our parish.  
Support children of our parish family.  
*For more info please see Ivan Bryndzia & Vitalii Kulyk*

## *Sisterhood of St. Anne*

***We had an amazing Easter sale on Thursday April 10.***



A lot of work and preparation.  
Thank you very much to all of our volunteers  
Morning crew and evening crew.  
God bless you and reward you hundredfold.

## Prayer Corner for the Month of April



***We ask all of you to remember in your prayers the following individuals, who are in need of God's healing and grace:***

Nina Gregosanc & family, Larry Pierog, Pat Beck. Mark, Roman, Judy Broud, Joshua Mark, Mary Wisniowski, Mary Pirtle, Nathan, Gail, Allie Branch, Mike Moran, Christopher Flavin, Even, Edward, Bob Lewandowski, Michael Melnyk, Lilia, Andy, Bohdan, Ralph Palm, David, Irine, Zoriana, Lev, Alla Grzynski, Kathy Grzynski, Nicole, John & Patti, Barbara Patronik, Barbara & Katie Bruce, Michael Kimak, Chloe McKinney, Yuriy Zmysly, Dorothy Seliga, Halyna & Wolodymer Kashpar, Mykola, Priest Vasyl Dovhan, Tina & Frankie, Alexander, Anatoli & Pamela, Janet, Sam and Natalia.

**Pray for soldiers in Ukraine:** Maksym, Taras, Yaroslav, Pavlo, Slavko, Mikola, Victor, Taras, Yuriy, Stepan, Volodimer, Mykola, Svitlana, medic Stella, Oleg, Yuriy, Dmitro, Bohdan, Roman, Mykola, Kostia, Vitaliy, missing in action Volodimer, Taras, Mykola, wounded Roman, prisoner Taras.

**Pray for Our expecting mother:**

Myroslava, Maria and Michelle.

*If there is anyone who is in need of prayers, and you want to add them to the prayer corner, please notify Fr. Vasyl*

## Memorial Service

**April 13** In memory of Robert Redmerski on his 30 year anniversary of passing into eternal life requested by Carol Redmerski.

In memory of my mother Caroline Podlecki, requested by Carol Redmerski.

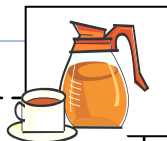
In memory of Helen Bobak on the anniversary of her passing into eternal life requested by Pat Wolsko.



In memory of our parents Michael & Magdalene by Barbara & Katie Bruce.

**April 27**— In memory of all of those who reposed in the Lord in the month of April.

## *Coffee Hour Schedule*



### **Sponsored coffee hours**

*You can sponsor coffee hour monetarily by donating \$50.00 to cover the cost of one coffee hour.* If you would like to volunteer, please let PM Olenka or Fr. Vasyl know:

April 13 — *Sr. UOL– Maria Popil*

April 20— *Easter*

*April 27— open*

May 4 — *Lamb & Chicken Roast*

May 11— *Mother’s Day Brunch men are cooking*

May 19- *Nina Gregosanc in memory of husband Vince*

## ***Jr. & Sr. UOL Українська Православна Ліга***



We are excited to announce that newly re-established Sr. UOL chapter has been very active, Plans are being made for 17 members of the UOL Jr & Sr. Chapter to go to UOL 2025 convention in FL. We pray, work and celebrate together! This what makes us strong.

## ***Selfreliance Association***



***Безкоштовне вивчення*** усіх документів для новоприбулих (Social Security. Work permit, Benefits) Кожної Середи у Церковній залі з 10:00-17:00. За інформацією просимо звертатись до Пані Матки Оленки Сендега “Асоціація Самопоміч.” або за телефоном (773) 692-1010

## ***ESL Classes***

### **ESL Announcement:**

ESL sessions have resumed in the church hall every Thursday at 6:30pm. For more information please see Pat Wolsko.

*Безкоштовні ESL класи* для усіх бажаючих кожного Четверга о 18:30 вечора у Церковній залі. Дотаковою інформацією просимо звертатися до о. Василя або Пані Матки Оленки.