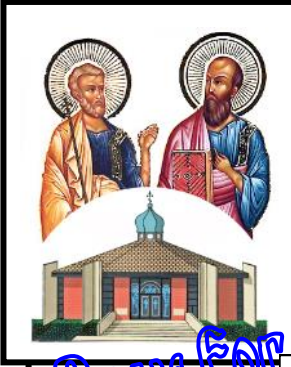


The Word of Sts. Peter & Paul



April 5, 2026

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Pray for Ukraine

Why Palm Sunday?

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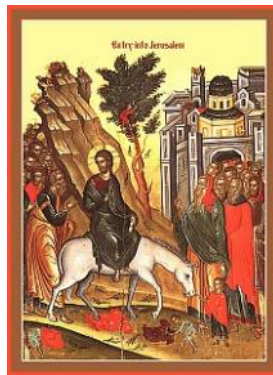
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As Orthodox Christians we consider Palm Sunday as one of our beloved Major Feast Days. This day is also known as the Tri-




umphal Entry of Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. All four Biblical Gospel accounts tell the story. A week before His Resurrection, Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem riding a donkey. The people who greeted Jesus, in a manner of hon-


or, covered His path by laying down clothing and branches. The entry of Jesus into Jerusalem is “triumphal” because it is an event intended to proclaim that the Prince of Peace (Jesus Christ) has arrived as the King of Israel. This is why Jesus rode on a donkey - a symbol of peace, as opposed to a warrior on horseback. This event can also prophetically be found in the Old Testament in Zechariah, where it states, “Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See,

your King comes to you; righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding a donkey.” The Gospel of John states that palms were used in particular. During the time of Jesus, the palm branch was understood to be a symbol of triumph and victory and therefore; used to greet Him. The Gospel story does not end with the triumphal entry. For those who opposed Jesus, His entry was provoking and consequently; triumph turned to tragedy. The triumphal entry was actually the beginning of the end of Jesus’ life. Those who wished to kill Jesus were able to achieve their goal. Within days of this entry into Jerusalem, Jesus would be arrested, tried and executed by crucifixion.

Why do we need to have Palm Sunday? What is so significant about Palm Sunday? Jesus’ arrival on a lowly donkey might seem almost as strange to us today as it did to the crowds who witnessed it. But Palm Sunday sets the stage for Pascha in several important ways. The important thing to remember is that Palm Sunday is not the end. There is a great deal more to the story. The answer would come seven days later on the following Sunday. In fact, the triumph which turned to tragedy, will turn again to triumph! Palm Sunday can be thought of as the prelude to Pascha. Pascha always follows immediately one week after Palm Sunday. This particular entry into Jerusalem was the beginning of the greatest triumph ever made in the history of the world - the defeat of death! A victory over death! A trampling down of death that granted life! No one, other than Jesus Christ, has ever been able to defeat death. Death couldn’t contain Him. That is why it is a triumphal entry. Palm Sunday also stresses significant truths about both humanity and God. It shows the wavering nature of the human heart. The city that joyfully welcomed Jesus would soon be calling for His death just a short while later. Palm Sunday reminds us that God often fulfills His promises in ways we don’t expect. Here was Israel’s promised king, but riding on a donkey, not the noble warhorse one might expect. Here was a king, but not the one Jerusalem thought it needed - instead of freeing them from Roman oppression through military might, Jesus intended to liberate His people from the oppression of sin by sacrificing Himself. Palm Sunday is a day of genuine joy - a day when we get a brief look of how things should have been. Here, Jesus is greeted with joy and celebration, praised as a king and welcomed by His people into their city and their lives. Even though the warm welcome will not last long and the darkness of His Crucifixion approaches on the horizon, Palm Sunday is an occasion of celebration. For this reason, we consider this as a Feast Day. There is a need to have Palm Sunday. The need that shows that the promised king has revealed Himself at last to His people! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!



Liturgical Schedule



Sunday
April 8:45am
 Matins
 9:30am Hours
10:00AM
Divine Liturgy

Sixth Sunday of the Great Lent. PALM SUNDAY. THE ENTRY OF THE LORD INTO JERUSALEM. Martyrs Theodulus, and Agathopodes, deacon, and others (303). Venerable Mark the Anchorite of Athens (400). Venerable Plato, abbot of the Studion (813). Matins: Mt. 21:1-11, 15-17; Phil. 4:4-9; Jn. 12:1-18; Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom

Wednesday
April 8
7:00pm

Holy Unction service

Thursday
April 9
6:30pm

Reading of the 12 Passion Gospels

Friday
April 10
5:30 pm

Children decorate the tomb at 5:30pm
 Vespers and procession with the Holy Shroud
 6:30 pm

Saturday
April 11
10:00am

Holy Saturday Vesperal Divine Liturgy

Saturday
April 11
 Reading of the
 Acts 10:30pm
 Burial 11:30pm
Sunday
April 12
12:00am Matins
1:00am Divine
Liturgy
Agape

Resurrection Of Our Lord and God Jesus Christ

Blessing of pashal baskets after Midnight service and after Agape service.

Monday
April 13
10:00am

Bright Monday Divine Liturgy



Sunday School Recap for March 29th:

We had a combined class and read about the similarities and differences between Orthodox Prayer Ropes and Catholic Rosaries.

Similarities:

*Both are used to say repetitive prayers
they both are made from various materials such as rope, beads, silk or dried flowers.*

*They each form a circle which is never ending
Each one has a cross included (the Orthodox is a simple Cross & the rosary is a Crucifix*

There are some prayers such as the Our Father and Hail Mary that are the same

Differences:

Some of the prayers are different

The number of beads vary

The sign of the Cross is different (hard to explain on paper)

Reciting the prayers for both the Holy Rosary and the Prayer Rope allows for a sense of peace and calmness while meditating. Saying either one deepens the relationship with God, Jesus and Mary to seek guidance and spiritual support. They both serve as a symbol to the lasting power of Prayer and the impact it can have on a persons'

Spiritual Journey † ‡

Blessings, Ms. Karen, Ms. Faith, Ms. Pat and Ms. Debbie

*** Each student received their own Prayer Rope**
Ms. Debbie*

Parish Council

The parish council meets once a month. Next meeting is April 19 after the Coffee hour. Guests are welcome.

Sunday's Second Collection

Sunday's Second Special Collection is dedicated each month to a different cause.

Month of April is dedicated to College care packages. Month of May is dedicated to sponsor a Seminarian at UOL Convention.

Advanced Education Scholarship

2026 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. She will be happy to answer any questions regarding the application and the process or applying. The deadline for accepting the form and its accompanying essay is April 19.

Recipients of this Church sponsored scholarship will be announced at the end of May.

Scholarship Committee

Sisterhood of St. Anne

Thank you to all of our volunteers for your hard work.

If you would like to purchase perogies or stuffed cabbage please see Carol Redmerski
If you would like to order pasha bread or babkas, please see PM Olenka



**We are taking a break for Easter Season.
Blessed Easter!**

Seven Day Vigil Candles



For the health and God's healing of Richard Kimak
by Fr. Vasyl
For the health and God's blessings of Patti Faye
For the health and God's blessings of lost in action Danylo
Drapala by Milanya Papic
For the health of Vasyl, Adelina (Anhelina) and David by Maria

"Watch out for complaining. It only makes the situation worse and increases the sorrow"

St. Macarius of Optima

Selfreliance Associations

Безкоштовне вивчення усіх документів для новоприбулих (Social Security, Work permit, Benefits) Кожної Середи у Церковній залі з 9:00-17:00. За інформацією просимо звертатись до Пані Матки Оленки Сендега "Асоціація Самопоміч." або за телефоном (773) 692-1010



Sr. UOL Fish Fry

We had 3 very successful fish fries. Thank you to all of the volunteers. Our customers had very warm comments. Everyone loved our food. We hosted not just regular fish fries, but gourmet meals. Besides hand battered fish, we offered hand breaded coconut shrimp and home made calamari, even the tartar sauce was made out of scratch.



People truly enjoy our fish fries. Many were asking us to do it every Friday.

Maybe next year we will do that.

God bless our volunteers!

Thank you for your generosity and hard work.

Yurii Sendeha

President of the Sr. UOL



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:

Danylo Drapala, Nina Gregosanc & family, Larry Pierog, Mark, Judy Broud, Mary Wisniowski, Mary Pirtle, Bob Lewandowski, Andy, Bohdan, Ralph Palm, David, Irine, Zoriana, Lev, Alla Grzymiski, Nicole, John & Patti, Barbara Patronik, Barbara Bruce, Chloe McKinney, Yuriy Zmysly, Dorothy Seliga, Halyna & Wolodymer Kashpar, Mykola, Priest Vasyl Dovhan, Tina & Frankie, Alexander, Anatoli & Pamela, Janet, Sam and Rocky, Natalia, Natalia.

Pray for soldiers in Ukraine: Petro Drapala, Yaroslav, Pavlo, Slavko, Mikola, Victor, Taras, Yuriy, Stepan, Mykola, medic Stella, Oleg, Yuriy, Dmitro, Bohdan, Roman, Mykola, Kostia, missing in action Vitaliy.

Pray for Our expecting mothers:

Maria, Bozhena, Viktoria, Olha

New moms: Tetiana, Natalia, Anna, Krystyna, Pavai, Myroslava, Nataliia, Maria, 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
If you would like me to visit with the Sacraments of the Holy Confession and Eucharist, please call the rectory.
to set up an appointment. I will gladly visit everyone.
Fr. Vasyl*

Memorial Service

April 26 — In memory of all of those who have stepped into eternity in the month of April.



Coffee Hour Schedule



We are back to 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 sign up the schedule is on the door of the church hall kitchen.

April 5— Sr. UOL Potluck

April 12— Easter

April 19— open

April 26— Beef & Chicken Roast

May 3 — open

May 10 — Mother's Day Luncheon

May 17 — Fr. Vasyl & PM Olenka

Mark your calendars

Sunday April 26— Beef & Chicken Roast served after the Divine Liturgy

Sunday May 10— Mother's day Luncheon

Sunday, June 14 at 9:30am — First Confession and visit of His Eminence Archbishop Daniel. Luncheon in honor of the First Confession Class.

Sunday, June 21— Father's day Luncheon

Free ESL Classes/Класи Англійської мови



ESL classes every Wednesday evening, in the Church Hall. Adults wishing to improve their English are welcome to join us at 5:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please see Pat Wolsko or Athena Gordan.

Безкоштовні заняття КЛАСИ ESL Кожної Середи о 5:30 вечора в церковній залі. Запрошуємо усіх, хто хоче вивчити мову, хто хоче стати більш вправним в розмові, читанні та написання англійської мови. Реєстраційні форми знаходяться на столі при вході у церкві. Якщо у вас є будь-які запитання, зверніться до Пет Волско, о. Василя або ПМ Оленки.