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We are each of us angels with only one wing...

And we can fly embracing each other...

Luciano DeCrenzenzo

April 13, 2025 – Palm Sunday: The Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem.

Intentions this Sunday

Saturday at 4:15pm: Parishioners; Sunday at 10am: Parishioners

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.*

The pangs of death encircled me,* the trials of Hades befell me. *Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.*

I met with anguish and pain,* and called upon the name of the Lord. *Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Saviour, save us.*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen. Only-begotten Son...

Third Antiphon

Give thanks to the Lord for He is good,* for His mercy endures forever. *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. *Assuring us before Your Passion...*

Therefore, let the house of Aaron say that He is good,* for His mercy endures forever. *Assuring us before Your Passion...*

Let all who fear the Lord say that He is good,* for His mercy endures forever. *Assuring us before Your Passion...*

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.

Troparia and Kontakia

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 be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

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 and for ever and ever. Amen.

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.

Repeat: 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.

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

Epistle

Philippians 4:4-9

Alleluia, Tone 1

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

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

Gospel

John 12:1-18

Hymn to the Mother of God, in the place of It is truly right

O my soul, magnify Christ who 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 sings 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.

Liturgical Schedule

Monday, April 14 Great and Holy Monday	Exodus 1:1-20 Job 1:1-12 Matthew 24:3-35	4pm (Sunday) 2:30pm	Bridegroom Matins Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	<i>Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat.</i>
Tuesday, April 15 Great and Holy Tuesday	Exodus 2:5-10 John 1:13-22 Matthew 24:36-26:2	9:30am 2:30pm	Bridegroom Matins Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts	<i>Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat.</i>
Wednesday April 16 Great and Holy Wednesday	Exodus 2:11-22 Job 2:1-10 Matthew 26:6-16	9:30am 2:30pm 6pm	Bridegroom Matins Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts Service of Anointing of the Sick	<i>Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat.</i>
Thursday, April 17 Great and Holy Thursday	1 Corinthians 11:23-32 Matthew 26:2-20; John 13:1-17; Matthew 26:21-39; Luke 22:43-45; Matthew 26:40-27:2	9:30am 6pm	Matins of Betrayal Vespers and Divine Liturgy of Holy Thursday	<i>Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat.</i>
Friday, April 18 Great and Holy Friday	1 Corinthians 1:18-2:2 Matthew 27:1-38; Luke 23:39-43; Matthew 27:39-54; John 19:31-37; Matthew 27:5-61	3pm 4:30pm 6pm	Vespers of Entombment Jerusalem Matins Stations of the Cross	<i>Abstention from meat and dairy and foods that contain them.</i>
Saturday, April 19 Great and Holy Saturday	Romans 6:3-11 Matthew 28:1-20	2pm 4pm	Basket Blessings Paschal Vigil	<i>Abstention from meat and foods that contain meat.</i>
Sunday, April 20 Pascha: The Resurrection of Our Lord	Acts 1:1-8 John 1:1-17	9am 10am	Paschal Matins Divine Liturgy	Intention: Parishioners

Other Events this Week

Monday, April 14 – Senior Exercise Class from 11-11:30am

Wednesday, April 16 – Senior Exercise Class from 11-11:30am

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We welcome our guests and visitors. Thank you for worshipping with us!
2. **“Walking into Spring” Takeout Fundraiser:** Thank you to everyone (and there were a lot of you!) who made this event possible!
3. Holy Week schedule is posted. Copies are available in the vestibule. Take one!
4. Brunch today! 10am-12:30pm. Our 50/50 draw will be at the end of brunch.
5. Our Thursday volunteers are on Easter break now and return on May 1. Thank you for your service!
6. **SAVE THE DATE:** City-wide celebration for the Jubilee Year. Thursday, June 19th. Mass will be celebrated in the evening by the city’s priests at the Bondar Pavillion followed by a procession to Precious Blood Cathedral where there will be Eucharistic benediction. Details TBA!

Outreach to Homebound Parishioners: Know of someone who might like a priest’s visit? Contact the office or Fr. Michael to arrange.

PRAYER LIST OF SICK, SHUT-INS, AND DEAR ONES FAR AND NEAR: Lorraine Wilson, Msgr. Anton Szymychalski, Fr. Jaroslaw Lazoryk, Wanda Duczmal, Debbie Bromeley, Antoinette Blunt, Katherine Pasternak, Walter Borowicz, Pat Stratichuk, Elsie Barrett, Betty Pauliuk, Doris Lebel, Jo-Anne Stone, Nikolaos Georgas, Denise Jacques, Phil Marinelli, Mike Plastino, Theresa Barsanti, Patty-Ann Bellerive, Jim Parniak, Connie Sampson, Lee DeMelo, Fr. Oleh Yuryk, Fr. John Barszczyk, Dorothy McIntyre, Andrea Stone Pietramale, Lynn Dunne, Fr. Andrew Kormanik, Ray Robinson, Hunter Stone, Gavin Stone, Gerard Dosko, Anderson Knight, Jann, Ron Barasanti, Peter Harlow, Larisa Pochmursky, Elizabeth Cepecawer, MaryAnn Spadoni, Paul Taillefer, Erin, Dave Kowalyk, Mary Romanchuk, McGill Perry, Tammy Zalewski, Fernando Mannarino, Dave Redfern, Ora, Paul M, June, Bob, Dustin Wenmany and Tracey Burmaster, Sue and Mel Stanghetta, Norna Martynuck, Sylvie B, Bill McConnell, Anastasiia Pavliuk, Bernie Doran, Wanda Featherston, Roger McMillan.

Lord, Jesus Christ, You Who travelled throughout Galilee healing the sick, enabling the blind to see and the lame to walk, bring healing to Your people who need it this day. Grant relief to the ones who suffer pain and physical torment. Give peace to those whose minds are tortured by mental illness and anxiety. Comfort those who are alone in their suffering; may Your people reach out to them and to all the needy this day. Send Your grace to the caregivers that they may be gentle and effective agents of Your loving mercy. May our sufferings be joined with Yours to bring healing throughout the world. Amen

DONATIONS: Sunday April 6th Offering: \$650.00
[For](#) Easter Flowers: \$25.00

Building Fund: \$330.00

THANK YOU!!

“ON CALL” PRIEST

A priest is available in the city for emergencies 24/7. You can notify the chaplain, nurse or nursing home coordinators to contact the priest ON CALL. (705-256-6675)

This Week’s Humour

HOORAY! I’ve just learned that the human body is roughly 70 percent. That means I’m NOT FAT. I’m just **FLOODED!!!**
When I was young, I used to hope I’d wake up looking beautiful. These days I just hope that I wake up!!

One day you’re young...
the next you’re sitting
on the edge of the bed like this:

Get
up off
your knees.
Come out of your
churches, your mosques,
your temples. God can hear
your prayers for peace, justice,
and hope in this broken world just
fine while you're out creating peace,
working for justice, and giving hope to
this broken world. When are we finally
going to realize that humanity is the solution
to inhumanity? When will we finally understand
that we are all drops of the same ocean, hurting
together, healing together, hoping together?
So don't just pray for hands to heal the hurting.
Pray with hands that are healing the hurting.
Don't just pray for arms to help the helpless.
Pray with arms that are helping the helpless.
Don't just pray for feet to respond to the need.
Pray on feet that are responding to the need.
Don't just pray for someone to do something.
Be someone who does something.
Don't just pray for answers.
Be the answer.

From a post of Fr. Anton's (Clergy Coaching Network)

Doing some gardening work, Harry uncovered an 1893 Victorian half-penny.

"I looked it up," he told me. "It is not worth much unless it's in mint condition. But this one was worn, like it had been through many pockets, tills and purses."

"A deep score ran across it, and I wondered if it had been made by a spade, plough, or blade. I tried to remember the history of the land and guess whether a farmer or traveller had lost it."

"If it had been preserved straight from the mint, it would have been story-less. We're all born in mint condition," he continued. "But life marks and shapes us."

"That's what makes us unique.; that's what gives us our worth. So I'll keep the ha'penny until I lose it in my turn. It's worth more to me for having 'lived'"

I looked for a moment at Harry and considered the ways life had marked and shaped him and wholeheartedly agreed!

From: The Friendship Book – A THOUGHT FOR EACH DAY 2024 (entry for April 13th)

"The only place success comes before work is in the dictionary." - Vince Lombardi

"The road to success is always under construction." - Lily Tomlin

Have a wonderfully blessed week!!

A Brief Explanation of the Holy Week Themes and Services

Holy Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday: Christ the Bridegroom

On these three days, the coming of Christ is highlighted. He is coming and we must be ready lest we be shut out of the eternal wedding banquet of the Lamb of God. The hymns and scripture readings of Bridegroom Matins and the Presanctified Liturgy on these days highlight this fearful reality.

Holy Wednesday in the Evening: Anointing of the Sick

Ordinarily this sacrament is reserved for those who are seriously ill or are approaching a surgery. However, the Church extends this sacrament to all the faithful during Holy Week (or towards the end of Lent), usually on Holy Wednesday, as we all suffer from spiritual illness and are in need of Christ's healing. The service will be taken in our parish on Holy Wednesday at 6pm.

Holy Thursday: Betrayal and the Mystical Supper

Matins in the morning of Holy Thursday is sometimes called 'Matins of Betrayal' as it commemorates Judas' betrayal of Jesus. In the afternoon or evening, the Divine Liturgy is attached to Vespers, during which the Mystical Supper is commemorated in a special way. At this Divine Liturgy, the usual hymn 'Let us who represent the cherubim' is replaced by a special hymn 'Accept me this day, O Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical supper'. This service will be taken in our parish at 6pm.

Holy Friday: The Passion and Death of Christ

This day speaks for itself. Christ is handed over to the ruling authorities, tried, and condemned to death by Pilate. He goes to His Cross and dies. By His death, he conquers death. At the Vespers of Entombment at 3pm, we sing of Christ's death and walk in procession to His Tomb. At the Jerusalem Matins service at 4:30, we gather around Christ's tomb singing psalms and lamentations. Jerusalem Matins is a personal favourite of Fr. Michael and his family as it has beautiful and unique melodies sung only at this service.

Holy Saturday: God is in the Tomb—The Sabbath of Sabbaths

The earth is still. God is in the Tomb. Just like all humanity before Him, the Lord Jesus has died and is in hell. Unlike the rest of humanity, however, hell cannot keep Christ captive. Instead, Christ holds hell captive. He is there to destroy it, shatter its gates, and to free humanity from its grips. The Paschal Vigil Liturgy in the evening captures this. It begins with Vespers. At the time for the Old Testament readings, there are 15 appointed (we will take 3 of them). There is a joyful, yet lengthy, anticipation of salvation. Finally, the church erupts with the psalm verse *Arise, O God, and judge the earth, for to Thee belong all the nations*. The vestments are changed from dark to bright. This refrain is taken in the place of 'Alleluia' before Gospel is read—and the Gospel read is the account of the Resurrection. The service continues after the Gospel as a usual Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great—the first Liturgy of Pascha. This service will take place at 4pm on Holy Saturday.

Pascha: Christ is risen and all creation erupts in jubilation

Early in the morning after the sabbath, the women go to Christ's tomb to anoint His body. There they discover an empty tomb and encounter the Lord risen from the dead. This is the pivotal moment in the history of the world and the history of salvation. Christ shows us what awaits us—resurrection and glory! The women are terrified but erupt in joy. We too encounter the empty tomb and erupt in joy. Christ is risen! Truly He is risen!