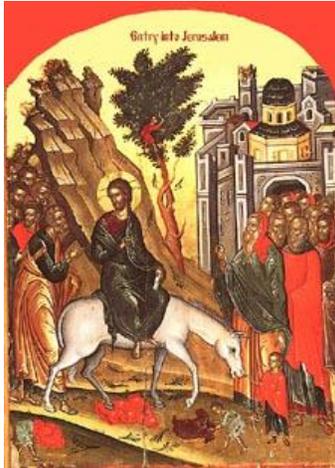


St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance, as part of Orthodox Campus Fellowship
at University of Mount Union, Dewald Chapel. Divine Liturgy, 9:00 am.
Very Reverend Father Joseph Cervo, Archpriest (AOCANA-retired)
Rev. Protodeacon James Gresh, Mission Administrator (Bulgarian Diocese OCA)
April 28, 2013: The Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem - Palm Sunday



Antiphon 1 (Ps 114/115)

v. I love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us!
(Refrain is sung after each of the following verses)

v. Because He inclined His ear to me; therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

v. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me.

v. I suffered distress and anguish, so I called on the Name of the Lord.

v. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

v. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever,
and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Antiphon 2 (Ps 115/116)

v. I kept my faith, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted."

Refrain: O Son of God, seated on the colt of an ass, save us who sing to You: "Alleluia!"
(Refrain is sung after each of the following verses)

v. What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has given me? (R)

v. I will receive the cup of salvation, and call on the Name of the Lord. (R)

v. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people. (R)

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever,
and unto ages of ages. Amen.

("Only-begotten Son and immortal Word of God ... ")

Antiphon 3 (Ps 117/118)

v. O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!

Tone 1 Troparion

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your Passion,
You confirmed the universal resurrection, O Christ God.
Like the children with the palms of victory,
we cry out to You, O Vanquisher of Death:
"Hosanna in the highest!//
Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

v. Let the house of Israel say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever!
(Troparion: "By raising Lazarus from the dead ...")

v. Let the house of Aaron say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever!
(Troparion: "By raising Lazarus from the dead ...")

v. Let those who fear the Lord say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever!
(Troparion: "By raising Lazarus from the dead ...")

(After the Entrance)

Tone 1 Troparion

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your Passion,
You confirmed the universal resurrection, O Christ God.
Like the children with the palms of victory,
we cry out to You, O Vanquisher of Death:
"Hosanna in the highest!//
Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

Tone 4 Troparion

When we were buried with You in baptism, O Christ God,
we were made worthy of eternal life by your Resurrection.
Now we praise You and sing: "Hosanna in the highest!//
Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!"

Tone 4 Troparion St. Nikolai

In truth you were revealed to your flock as a rule of faith, an image of humility and a teacher of abstinence; your humility exalted you; your poverty enriched you. Hierarch Father Nikolai, entreat Christ our God that our souls may be saved.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Tone 6 Kontakion

Sitting on Your 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 Who comes to recall Adam!"

(The Trisagion is sung)

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9

Tone 4 Prokeimenon

Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord! God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!
v: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!

Tone 1

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

v: O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things!

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

Gospel: John 12:1-18

(Instead of "It is truly meet ...," we sing:)

God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

Celebrate the feast and come with gladness!

Let us magnify Christ with palms and branches,

singing: "Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord, our Savior!"

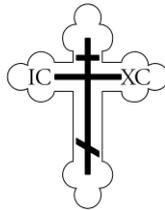
(Hirmos of the 9th Ode of the Kanon)

Communion Hymn

Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!

God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!



Pascha Donations:

Flowers: If you are interested, we are accepting donations towards flowers for Pascha. Please indicate on your envelope if you would like to contribute towards flowers and if you would like it to be a memorial. Parishioners will be able to take flowers and plant them.

Eggs: Please bring red eggs to be blessed and handed out following Pascha Liturgy.

Baskets: Recently you received information regarding Pascha Baskets. We are hoping to share these with each other and break the fast following the Pascha Liturgy.

Pascha Invitation: The Gresh family is inviting everyone to a Pascha celebration at their home (9135 Gans Avenue, Canton, Ohio 44721) beginning at noon, May 5. Please join in celebrating the Resurrection! Please bring a covered dish and if you have a favorite drink, bring that too!

Plashchanitsa-Epitaphios-Winding Clothe, depicting Christ in the Tomb, that is used in the Tomb on Holy Friday. A new one is being made for our mission. The Icon printed on canvas has been donated by Greg Rajsich, the brocade fabric is being provided by Deacon James & Heidi Gresh and the construction and sewing is being done by Linda Cervo for only the cost of materials (approximately \$150). This is an item that would normally cost \$500 to \$3000. Again, donations for this sacred item are most welcome.

Icon of St. Nikolai of Zica: Our mission is commissioning a handwritten icon of St. Nikolai. This will contain a compartment to hold the relics that we are to receive. We are humbly accepting donations towards the icon which will cost \$1200.00. If you would like to make a contribution, please make your check payable to "*St. Nikolai Orthodox Mission of Alliance*" make a notation that it is for the Icon of St. Nikolai of Zica.

Sacramental Wine: A case has been purchased (cost \$144), donations for all or part of it would be appreciated. Note: at the service of Preparation of the Holy Gifts before the Liturgy, the priest prays for "*those who brought this offering and for those whom they brought it.*"

Thought for the Week: There can be no Resurrection without the Cross. Let every Orthodox Christian take up his/her cross and come follow the footsteps of the Lord as He makes His way to His Holy Passion for "propitiation (reconciliation) for our sins" and reveals His empty-tomb to be "the fountain of our own resurrection."

Holy Week Schedule:

Tuesday, April 30, Bridegroom Matins, 7 pm.

Wednesday, May 1, Holy Unction, 7 pm.

Thursday, May 2, Holy Thursday Liturgy, 9 am.

Thursday, May 2, Matins for Holy Friday with 12 Passion Gospels, 7 pm.

Friday, May 3, Holy Friday Vespers, 3 pm.

Friday, May 3, Matins of Holy Saturday, 7 pm.

Saturday, May 4, Holy Saturday Liturgy, 9 am.

Saturday, May 4, Nocturn, Resurrection Matins & Pascha Liturgy, 10 pm.

With blessing of eggs & food baskets with fellowship following Liturgy.

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