

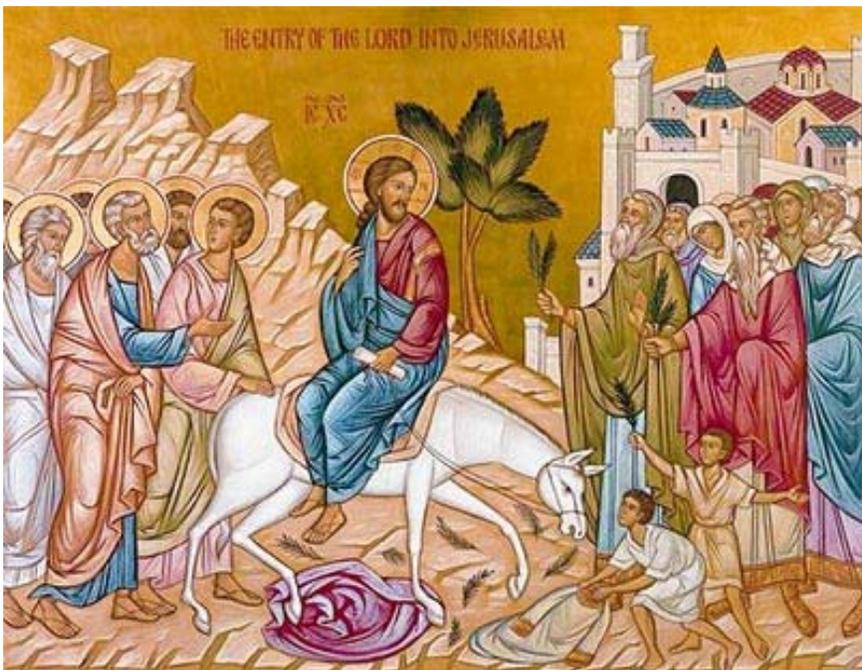
# SAINT INNOCENT'S WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR APRIL 4/5, 2015



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## Schedule of (Holy Week and Pascha)

- Today Sunday 04/05 at 10 AM: Divine Liturgy of St John Chrysostom
- Monday: Bridegroom Matins at 6 PM
- Tuesday: Bridegroom Matins at 6 PM
- Wednesday: Last Pre-sanctified at 6 PM
- Thursday: Liturgy of the Eucharist at 10 AM + Twelve Passion Gospels at 6 PM
- Friday: Great Vespers of the Burial of the Lord at 3 PM
- Saturday: Liturgy of the Great Sabbath at 9 AM + Great and Holy Pascha at 10:30 PM followed by blessing of the baskets and meal
- Sunday: Early Vespers of Pascha at 11 AM + Parish Feast either at Church or at the Cleenewercks



**APRIL 4/5, 2015: LAZARUS SATURDAY AND PALM SUNDAY**

During this week, each person should sit alone and remember his sins and put them on Christ's shoulders and tell Him in shame, "Carry O Lord my sins too, with the sins of the rest of humanity. Take my sins and nail them to the Cross with You, so that Your Blood may wipe them away!"

Look carefully at your sins and know that they are the cause of His crucifixion. Many people cry out of their sorrow for Christ's suffering while they crucify Him every day with their sins. We should not feel sorry for Christ during this week, but should be sorry for our sins that caused Him these pains. As Jesus told the women that were crying over Him, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not cry for Me, but cry for yourselves and your children." (Luke 23:28).

Before the Cross, we all stand as sinners, all under the condemnation. "no one is righteous, not even one." (Psalm 14:3). We confess our sins and prepare ourselves for communion. There are three liturgies during Holy Week: on Passover Thursday, Holy Saturday, and Easter Sunday (Preceded, of course, by the Liturgy of Palm Sunday).

Pascha Week is not an opportunity to benefit for a week only, but a time to store up spiritual nourishment enough to last the whole year.... (+Pope Shenouda)

*ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM. PALM SUNDAY. Martyrs Agathopodes the Deacon, Theodulus the Reader, and those with them, at Thessalonica (ca. 303). Ven. Publius of Egypt (4th c.). Ss. Theonas, Simeon and Phorbinus, of Egypt (4th c.). Ven. Mark the Anchorite, of Athens (400). St. Plato the Confessor, of Studion (814). Ven. Theodora of Thessalonica (892).*

## Readings for Sunday (below)

### **Philippians 4:4-9 (Epistle)**

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; 7 and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. 8 Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy - meditate on these things. 9 The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

### **John 12:1-18 (Gospel)**

Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. 2 There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. 3 Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. 4 But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, 5 Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor? 6 This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. 7 But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. 8 For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always. 9 Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. 10 But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, 11 because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. 12 The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13 took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!' The King of Israel!" 14 Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written: 15 Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt." 16 His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. 17 Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. 18 For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

### **Troparion — Tone 1**

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your passion, / You did confirm 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!

### **Troparion — Tone 4**

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!

### **Kontakion — Tone 6**

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 that comes to recall Adam!



## **Announcements and Finances:**

Holy Week begins. Make every efforts to attend (yes!) all the services. Do spread the word about Orthodox Pascha. There are many who will pass “Western Eastern” and not have been renewed in their conviction that Christ is Risen. Orthodox Pascha is for all Christians an occasion to renew that faith with great power.

Next Wednesday is the next-to-last Pre-Sanctified Liturgy! We will serve this beautiful and unique Liturgy at 6 PM followed by soup and bread with a spiritual reading, monastic style.

Congratulations to Shelly Rachel who is being received by Chrismation and Holy Communion into the Orthodox Faith. Many years!

Please do not turn off the thermostat downstairs. In order to keep things dry, the thermostat is set at 63 degrees. Please keep the library door open and the other doors closed.

There will be a parish council meeting today. Financials will be posted downstairs and available at the council table.

## Some of our current prayer intentions:

Fr Andrew, Subdeacon Ken, Patrice, James (Bill), Donna, Myriam, John, Maya, Lorraine, Larry, Julia, Ljiliana, Holly, Fr Laurent and family | **Please ask Fr Laurent to add names to the prayer list.**



**Our mission** as a parish is to unite people with Jesus Christ by manifesting here in Eureka “the Church of the Living God, which is the pillar and foundation of truth;” by being “witnesses to the suffering of Jesus Christ;” and by proclaiming the Good News of our deliverance from death by the same Lord Jesus Christ, though the blood of His Cross. (1Ti 3:15-16; Act 1:8; Mat 28:19-20; Col 1:20; 2Co 5:14-21)

**Our vision** is that everyone in Humboldt County would become aware that the fullness of the blessing of Christ (Rom 15:29) is available to them in the church of the living God, the pillar and bulwark of the truth (1Ti 3:15)

## Gift designations:

*You may designate your gifts and donations to the parish for these specific labels (write the specific label on your check):*

- Building Fund (General)
- Icon and Beautification Fund
  
- Supplemental Priest Gift Fund
- Priest Medical Deductible Fund (now need replenishment)
- Priest Retirement Fund
  
- Education and Community Engagement Fund
- Priest Discretionary Fund (full at this time)
- **Equipment Fund (including video cameras)**
- Sunday School Fund
- Booklets and Publications Fund
- Missionary Support Fund
  
- OCA and Diocese Fund
- Vestments Fund (also for altar servers!)
- **Pass-through donations (ask Fr Laurent about that)**

## **If you are a visitor...**

Welcome! Please sign our guest book so that we can get to know you. Please join us after liturgy for a time of fellowship. Don't hesitate to call if you have any questions about the Orthodox Christian faith or the Liturgy.

**Who receives communion?** The Eucharist is received by those who have been baptized (or chrismated) in the Orthodox communion, who are subject to the fellowship and discipline of a local Orthodox parish, and who have prepared themselves appropriately with a recent confession. Please arrive before the sermon if you wish to receive Holy Communion.



## Ministries:

*There are opportunities to be involved in new important ministries including multimedia. Please see Fr Laurent!*