



Palm Sunday

The Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem

The Holy Martyrs Claudius, Diodorus, Victor, Pappius, Nicephorus & Serapion – they suffered martyrdom for their faith during the reign of Emperor Decius (249-251) Holy Martyr Thedulus.

**** Sunday, April 5th, 2020 ****

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The Most Holy Trinity Parish Public Liturgical Services Postponed Until Further Notice



Glory be to Jesus Christ!

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

Although there are no public liturgical services in the church at this time, however, Fr. Andrzej will be celebrating various services privately, offering prayers and intentions for your needs and asking for God's blessings for you. God bless you all!



Lenten Scriptural Readings for this week

Monday: Ezekiel 1:1-20; Exodus 1:1-20 & Job 1:1-12

Tuesday: Ezekiel 1:21-28; Exodus 2:5-10 & Job 1:13-22

Wednesday: Ezekiel 2:3-3:3; Exodus 2:11-22 & Job 2:1-10

Thursday: Jeremiah 11:18-23; 12:1-5, 9-11, 14-15; Exodus 19:10-19 & Job 38:1-21; 42:1-5

Please join the Holy Eucharist Cathedral (New Westminster) or St. Nicholas parish (Victoria) Facebook page for live-streamed coverage of liturgical services

www.facebook.com/stnicholasvictoria

<http://www.stnicholasparish.org/index.php>

<https://www.facebook.com/holyeucharistcathedral/>



First Antiphon

Verse 1: I am filled with love* for the Lord will hear the voice of my plea (Ps 114:1).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God, * O Saviour, save us.

Verse 2: For He has inclined His ear to me,* and I will call to Him all the days of my life.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God...

Verse 3: The pangs of death encircled me,* the trials of Hades befell me (Ps 114:3).

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God....

Verse 4: I met with anguish and pain, * and called upon the name of the Lord.

Refrain: Through the prayers of the Mother of God....

Third Antiphon

Verse 1: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever (Ps 117:1).

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.

Verse 2: Therefore, let the house of Israel say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever (Ps 117:2).

Troparion (Tone 1): Assuring us before Your Passion...

Verse 3: Therefore, let the house of Aaron say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever (Ps 117:3).

Troparion (Tone 1): Assuring us before Your Passion...

Verse 4: Let all who fear the Lord say that He is good, for His mercy endures forever (Ps 117:4).

Troparion (Tone 1): Assuring us before Your Passion...

At the Little Entrance

Entrance Verse: 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.

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 to call Adam back.

Prokimenon (Tone 4): Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord;* God the Lord has appeared to us (Ps 117:26-27).

verse: Give thanks to the Lord for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.



A reading of St. Paul's letter to the Philippians (Phil 4:4-9) -

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Alleluia (Tone 1): 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):

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, 'Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?' (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, 'Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.' When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death as well, since it was on account of him that many of the Jews were deserting and were believing in Jesus. The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord—the King of Israel!' Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!' His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him.

Instead of "It is truly...": "O my soul, magnify Christ who is seated on a foal."

Irmos (Tone 4): 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 songs let us cry aloud to Him: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, our Saviour.

Communion Verse: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; * God the Lord has appeared to us. Alleluia! (3x).

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Entrance of the Lord into Jerusalem

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The Church begins to celebrate the Resurrection as victory over death with the commemoration of the raising of Lazarus, during which Jesus reveals

himself to be “the Resurrection and the Life.” “Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live” (Jn 1:25). The Floral Triodion begins with Lazarus Saturday. It leads into Holy Week, which bears the good news about Christ’s victory over sin and death through his Passion and the Cross. The sign of the imminent victory is the entrance of Christ, the God-man, into Jerusalem. “As man he wept for Lazarus, and as God he resurrected him from the dead. As man he sat upon the donkey, and as to God they cried out to him: ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’”

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In the liturgical hymns of Palm Sunday, also known as Flowery Sunday, we sing of the children of Jerusalem, who greeted Christ as King even though the Pharisees and scribes refused to accept Him: “O, evil and adulterous generation, why have you treated your Lord so faithlessly? ... Why have you rejected the prophet’s words which proclaim him? Your own children sang to your shame today: ‘Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!’” Just as the people greeted Christ with branches from trees, so Christians also greet Christ with “palms of virtue” as he enters upon his voluntary Passion. Those who have not acquired virtues and have rejected Christ are compared to the barren fig tree: “The rod of Aaron, though dried up and withered, was changed into a green branch that put forth leaves; but the lawless assembly was changed into an unfruitful fig tree.”

Catechism of the Ukrainian Catholic Church – “Christ Our Pascha” #221-2 p. 79-80 <http://catechism.royaldoors.net/catechism/>



Please Pray for health of ... All those affected by the coronavirus and Fr. Josaphat T., Olga P., Sharon B., Zonia R., Brian K., Maria Z., Jayne & Ernie P., Jessie P., Lawrence & Ping B., Allan N., Moris P., Mary W., Bill Ch., Piotr & Jadwiga W., Sam D., Ray O., Mary E., Sharon & Al L., Joe S., Jeanne R., Emily H., Lisa M., Michael L., Greg H., Melynda S., Dorothy N., Gloria N., Ann D., Joyce K., Suzanne C., Clay B., Maria W., Anne D., Rose K., Maria S., all sick brothers and sisters in our families and parish community. Please let Fr. Andrzej know if you would like to add names to the prayer list and also notify him about any sick and/or hospitalized parishioners and family members.



<i>The Gospel of Luke</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>	<i>Psalm(s)</i>
19:41-48	April 5	April 11	Ps 119:89-104
20:1-8	April 12	April 18	Ps 119:105-120
20:9-19	April 19	April 25	Ps 119:121-136

Catechetical Recourses on line in English & Ukrainian

1. Royal Doors with daily readings and reflections, UGCC Catechism online, articles, etc

<https://www.royaldoors.net/>

2. Formed. With a lot of Christian movies, TV shows, prayers, etc.

<https://watch.formed.org/browse>

3. Dynamic Catholic. Beautiful resource for the whole family with Catechism for children, marriage enrichment programs, etc.

<https://dynamiccatholic.com/>

1. Живе ТВ.

<https://zhyve.tv/>

2. Дивен Світ.

<https://dyvensvit.org/>

3. Катехизм УГКЦ.

<http://catechismugcc.org/>



Chancery Office Eparchy of New Westminster

Glory to Jesus Christ!

April 1, 2020

My Dear Parishioners,

Re: Holy Week and Easter Services

I pray that you and your families are safe and healthy. As we endure the COVID-19 Pandemic, we are evermore united as one global family - God's family - in our efforts to battle this disease, protecting in particular our seniors and those with medical conditions. In Christ, all things are possible. We will overcome.

Over these past several weeks, I have been moved by the love and pastoral care expressed towards you by our clergy. To them, I express my heartfelt gratitude. They are praying for you daily, celebrating the Lenten liturgical services and the Divine Liturgy for your intentions, visiting the sick and dying, celebrating funerals, hearing confessions upon request, phoning and keeping in touch with you - in particular, the elderly and shut-ins - providing counselling, and so on. They have also been sending you their weekly bulletins and homily reflections, with the Sunday epistle and gospel, and changeable parts, so that you pray and reflect upon the word of God at home, alone or with your family. Although our buildings are closed, the Church continues to be open - because we are the Church!

Holy Week and Easter Services

As we prepare to mark Holy Week, Our Lord's passion, crucifixion, death upon the cross, and then Easter and his glorious third-day Resurrection, our celebrations will be very different this year owing to the coronavirus. We simply continue doing what we're already doing, that is, stay home to prevent the spread of the virus, and to follow the Holy Week and Easter services from home through live stream.

Easter Sunday, April 12 at 8AM - Holy Eucharist Cathedral, New Westminster: www.facebook.com/holyeucharistcathedral or www.nweparchy.ca

Easter Sunday, April 12 at 8AM - St. Nicholas the Wonderworker parish, Victoria: www.facebook.com/stnicholasvictoria or www.nweparchy.ca

When following the live stream liturgical services, it is important to stay prayerful and focused, avoiding all distractions. Set up a prayer corner in your "domestic church." Place yourself in front of an icon. Light a candle. On the appropriate day, download a copy an icon of the Holy (Last) Supper, the Holy Shroud of Our Lord (plachanytsia), and the Resurrection of Our Lord (see attached). Meditate upon them.

Be assured that all our pastors will celebrate the Holy Week and Easter services for your intentions, either in church by themselves or with the assistance of a cantor, or privately in their home.

Palm Sunday and Pussy willows

Blessed pussy willows will not be distributed on Flowery (Palm) Sunday. Some parishes who have already pre-ordered pussy willows, may bless and

distribute them once the pandemic has passed.

Easter Basket-blessings

Easter baskets will be blessed via live stream, following the celebration of Resurrection Matins and Divine Liturgy. Alternatively, in these extraordinary circumstances, the faithful may recite the prayers of Easter-basket blessing yourself (see attached), sprinkling them with Holy Water, where available.

Easter Confessions

As it is not possible to celebrate our “Easter” confession at this time, nor receive the Divine Eucharist on the Feast of the Resurrection of Our Lord, pray by yourself or as a family the “Prayer of Spiritual Communion,” which can be found below.

Financial Support

At this critical time, your financial support is greatly appreciated. Our eparchy and parishes continue to incur expenses as we strive to fulfill the mission which God has entrusted to the Church. Please contact your local parish as to how you can make a donation.

Continued Prayer for you and your family

Please know that your bishop and your clergy are praying for you, for family and friends; for the shut-ins and elderly; for the sick and the dying; for government leaders and officials; and for the doctors, nurses, researchers, for all care givers, and for all who provide essential services.

As we celebrate the Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord, I pray that God’s grace and love fills your heart, and that of your family and friends, and brings joy and peace to all people.

Christ is Risen! Truly He is Risen!

Sincerely in Christ,

Bishop David Motiuk

Eparchial Bishop, Eparchy of Edmonton

Apostolic Administrator, Eparchy of New Westminster

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in these Holy Gifts! I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot receive You now, I place before You my whole life and hope, O loving Master; and I ask, pray, and entreat You: Make me worthy to partake in a mystical way and with a pure conscience of Your awesome and heavenly Mysteries: for forgiveness of sins, for the pardon of offenses, for communion of the Holy Spirit, for the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven, for confidence before You, and not for judgment or condemnation. I embrace You as You enter and abide in me, and I unite myself completely to You. Permeate my soul and body, and never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

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Please visit our Eparchial Website for more information:

<http://nweparchy.ca/project/pastoral-message-and-liturgical-directives-for-holy-week-and-easter/>



News from the Roman Catholic Diocese of Kamloops

HOLY WEEK AND THE CELEBRATION OF THE PASCHAL TRIDUUM 2020

Bishop Joseph's Letter on March 26, 2020

After reviewing the Decree: In Time of COVID-19, issued by mandate of our Holy Father, Pope Francis and published by the Offices of the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments (Prot. N. 153/20) on March 19, 2020. I, direct that the following to be observed during Holy Week and the Sacred Triduum 2020 in the Diocese of Kamloops.

- 1. Palm Sunday** will be celebrated privately by parish priests.
- 2. The Chrism Mass** will be celebrated on April 7th, 2020 at the Sacred Heart Cathedral by the Bishop. Priests are welcome; but are not expected to come or concelebrate. The Holy Oils will be distributed to the parishes at a later date.
- 3. The celebration of the Sacred Triduum is NOT** to be celebrated in public. Given the restrictions and limitations on public gatherings currently in

force by the Provincial Health Ministry of British Columbia and the number of ministers required for the observance of the Sacred Triduum, it is not possible to celebrate the various rites with the physical participation of the faithful.

4. The only exception for celebrating the Sacred Triduum is the cloistered Carmelite Monastery in Armstrong, provided that the mandatory social distancing is observed. These celebrations are not open to the public.

5. **Priests are permitted to celebrate privately the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday.** The faculty to celebrate Mass on this day without the people is granted in an exceptional manner by the Holy See to all priests. The washing of the feet, which is already optional, is omitted. Likewise, the procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the place of repose is omitted. The Blessed Sacrament is to be kept in the tabernacle. Priests who are unable to celebrate Mass should instead pray Vespers of the day.

6. **The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord on Good Friday** is NOT to be observed. Instead, priests are encouraged to read the Passion of the Lord and pray the Universal Prayer from the liturgy of the day, and include prayers for all whose lives are affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

7. **The Easter Vigil** is NOT to be celebrated in any parish in the Diocese. Priests are to pray the Office of Readings for Easter Sunday. The Sacraments of Christian Initiation and the reception of candidates for Full Communion are to be postponed until a later date.

8. **On Easter Sunday**, priests are to celebrate Mass, without the presence of the faithful. During the Mass, they are to light the Paschal Candle and bless water using the formula on page 358 (no. 54) in the Roman Missal.



For your reference on coronavirus: Non-medical information relating to COVID-19: Visit: www.gov.bc.ca/COVID19

As a general reference, there are two key federal web sites being updated on a regular basis:

Canada's COVID-19 Economic Response Plan

<https://www.canada.ca/en/department-finance/economic-response-plan.html>

Coronavirus disease (COVID-19): Canada's response

<https://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection/canadas-reponse.html>