

*“The science of sciences is to conquer the passions
dwelling in us.*

For instance, it is great wisdom

not to be angry with anyone,

not to think evil of anyone,

even if they have done you harm;

it is wisdom to despise gain and luxuries

but to love simplicity especially of food and drink;

it is wisdom not to flatter but to be truthful.

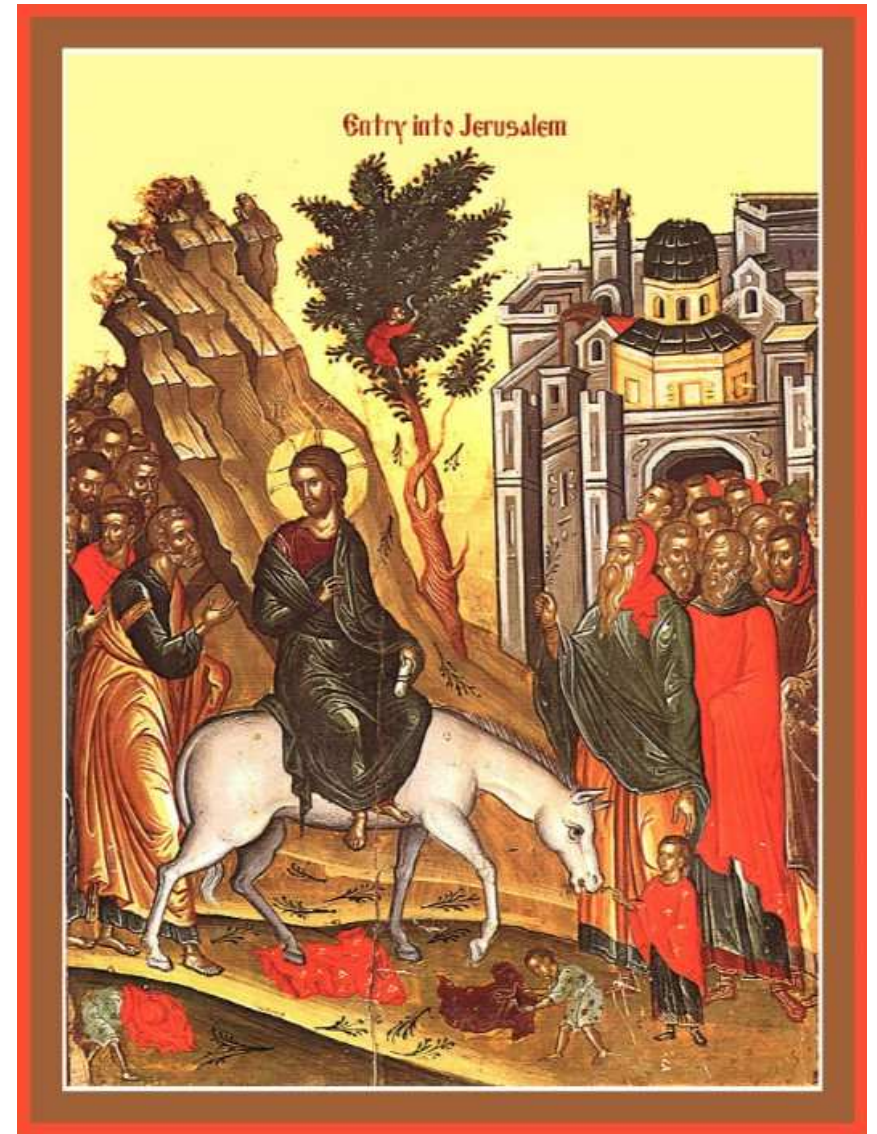
It is wisdom not to amass wealth for yourself,

but to give to the poor,

in order to gain for ourselves,

‘a treasure in the heavens that faileth not’ (Luke 12:33).”

St. John of Kronstadt



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ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

*Ven. Mary of Egypt; Ven. Evfimii of Suzdal';
Martyr Abraham of Bulgaria; Ven. Gerontius, Canonarch, of the Kiev Caves;
Ven. Macarius, Abbot of Pelecete;
Martyrs Gerontius and Basilides; Righteous Achaza*

“To assure us, before You suffered, of our own Resurrection, You raised Lazarus from the dead, Christ, our God. So we, too, acclaim You with victory branches, as we hail You for Your triumph over death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”

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TODAY'S EPISTLE: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

TODAY'S GOSPEL: JOHN 12:1-18

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, April 1	5:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins
Monday, April 2	9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
Tuesday, April 3	6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins
Wednesday, April 4	9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Matins with Anointing
Thursday, April 5	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Matins with 12 Passion Gospels
Friday, April 6	9:00 a.m. Royal Hours 3:00 p.m. Vespers with Entombment 7:00 p.m. Matins
Saturday, April 7	12:00 noon Divine Liturgy 11:15 p.m. Nocturnes; Paschal Matins; Divine Liturgy; Blessing of Baskets

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, April 2	Ezekiel 1:1-20	Exodus 1:1-20	Job 1:1-12
Tuesday, April 3	Ezekiel 1:21-28, 2:1	Exodus 2:5-10	Job 1:13-22
Wednesday, April 4	Ezekiel 2:3-3:3	Exodus 2:11-22	Job 2:1-10
Thursday, April 5	Exodus 19:10-19	Job 38:1-23; 42:1-5	Isaiah 50:4-11
Friday, April 6	Exodus 33:11-23	Job 42:12-17	Isaiah 52:13-54:1
Saturday, April 7	Romans 6:3-11	Matthew 28:1-20	

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT PASCHAL VESPERS WILL BE AT NOON ON HOLY PASCHA.

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COMING EVENTS

APRIL:

- 6, Friday Delivery of Pascha baskets to shut-ins
- 13, Friday 6:00 p.m. Bright Friday Celebration
- 15, Sunday 12:30 p.m. Blessing of graves at St. Theodosius Cemetery
- 16, Monday 12:30 p.m. St. Elizabeth Book Circle
- 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting

LENTEN CONFESSIONS:

Father Alexander will offer time for private confessions this week tonight after Matins; Monday, April 2, 8:00-9:00 a.m.; Tuesday, April 3, 4:00-6:00 p.m. and after Matins. Please call Father if other arrangements are needed.

PASCHA BASKET OUTREACH:

The Outreach Group will prepare Pascha baskets for shut-ins during Holy Week. We would appreciate assistance with food items, preparing baskets and delivering the baskets on Holy Friday. Please see Barb or Gene Filipow or Laura Gluntz after church; or call Laura at 440-331-5233 to offer your help.

GRAVE BLESSINGS:

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you would like Father Alexander to bless the grave of a family member on St. Thomas Sunday. Grave blessings will begin at 12:30 at St. Theodosius Cemetery.

GREETERS:

We are looking for new people to become greeters. If you are interested, contact Alex Cundik at 440-877-1980; or email ajcundik@cox.net

LA COUPOLE:

Please come and see the beautiful selection of pysanky donated by Jerry Petrykowski from his wife Daria's collection. Also, there is a new selection of books, icons, egg wraps and cards for Pascha.

BRIGHT FRIDAY CELEBRATION:

Join HTOC on Friday April 13! Appetizers are served at 6:00, with a family-style dinner catered by Stancatos at 7:00. BYOB; beer and wine included. Adults \$22.50 before April 6; Ages 7-17 \$8.00. Call Jewelann; 216-741-0985; jewelann1@roadrunner.com

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

We are conducting a collection for the St. Mary of Egypt Mission. Please consider helping this Cleveland-based ministry, which supplies food to the needy.

PASCHA FLOWERS:

Thank you to those who have already donated. Please use the designated envelope in your box if you wish to donate; your contributions are appreciated.

ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:

The Book Circle will meet Monday, Monday, April 16, at 12:30. Our new book is Becoming a Healing Presence by Dr. Al Rossi. Copies are available in La Coupole. Read chapters 1-3 for discussion.

KEEPING WATCH AT THE TOMB:

There is a sign-up sheet at the candle counter if you can help to keep watch over the shroud on Holy Friday and Holy Saturday.

FLOWERS:

The flowers today are offered by Dave and Judy Howe in memory of Andrew and Anna Boryk.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, MARCH 25	\$ 2868.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	1155.00
BUILDING FUND	59.00
MORTGAGE FUND	106.00
CANDLES	153.00
PASCHA FLOWERS	327.00

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OLD TESTAMENT HIGHPOINTS IN HOLY WEEK

Throughout Great Lent, during the weekdays, the only Scripture readings that are heard at divine services are from the Old Testament. Starting on the first day of Lent, we begin reading Genesis and, together with the Prophet Isaiah and Proverbs, this continues through the last day of Lent, the Friday just before Lazarus Saturday. The prominence of the Old Testament during Lent is accentuated by the ubiquitous chanting of the Psalter at all of the services. All of this enables us to immerse ourselves in the extraordinary sense of spiritual anticipation, the deep and profound yearning for messianic salvation which comes about through Jesus Christ and is fulfilled in His Crucifixion and Resurrection. As Holy Week commences, we venture anew into the Old Testament as portions of Ezekiel, Exodus and Job are read. Noteworthy is that from each of these highlighted sections are read at special points, emphasizing critical moments in the drama of Christ's life during Holy Week.

The concluding part of the Book of Job is read at the Vespereal Divine Liturgy on Holy Thursday (Job 38:1-23, 42:1-5). It presents the horrendously beleaguered but submissive Job beholding the magnificence of God. As God's wondrous creative powers are revealed, Job proclaims, "I know that You can do all things, and that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted." Inasmuch as that service is the commemoration of the institution of the Eucharist by Our Lord at the Last Supper, the reading communicated to us just how "awesome" Holy Communion is. God, the great Creator of the universe, is now present for us and our salvation which we can partake of directly in the Eucharist. Ezekiel's prophecies are distinguished by their "visionary" quality. The famous "dry bones" section is read at the end of the Holy Saturday Matins service, usually done on Good Friday evening (Ezekiel 37:1-14). It is a moving symbolic declaration of the Resurrection on the verge of Pascha.

The most significant Old Testament event in Holy Week is the story of the Crossing of the Red Sea (Exodus 13:20-15:19). This is one of the fifteen Old Testament selections that are read at the Vespereal Divine Liturgy on Holy Saturday. It is one of the longer Old Testament readings, and it concludes with the dramatic chanting of verses with a festive choral response, "For gloriously has He been glorified." The story is a part of the larger saga of the "exodus" of God's chosen people from captivity in Egypt to the promised "land of milk and honey." This is the basis for the Feast of Passover, the most important feast for Jews throughout the ages. It was for Passover that Christ came to Jerusalem just before His Crucifixion. The Last Supper was in fact the Passover meal. According to the Gospel of St. John, Our Lord was crucified on the Passover. After His Resurrection and Ascension, it did not take the Apostles long to realize that Jesus' Passion at Passover was not a coincidence but the providential elevation of the original event of emancipation into the feast of Christ's "passover." Christ's Resurrection is the "exodus" for all people from spiritual slavery to freedom and from death to life. The close relation of the Passover to the Feast of Christ's Resurrection is evident in the fact that the word "Pascha" comes from the Hebrew word for Passover, "Pesach."

Fr. Alexander Garklaus