

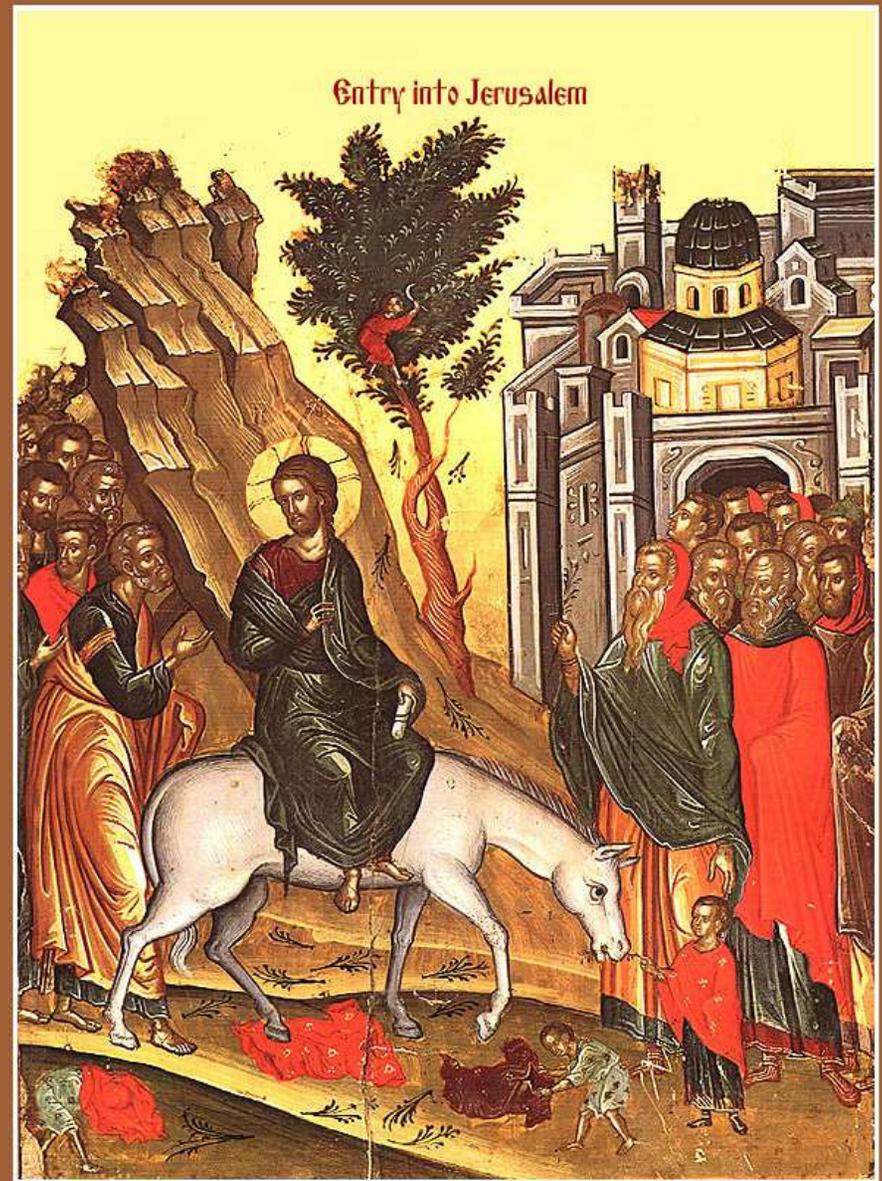
***SAINT BASIL THE CONFESSOR,
BISHOP OF PARIUM***

St. Basil the Confessor lived during the eighth century. He was elected as bishop by the inhabitants of Parium, who venerated the saint as a true pastor of the flock of Christ.

When the Iconoclast heresy broke out, St. Basil resolutely came out on the side of icon veneration and refused to sign the orders for their abolition (the "Iniquitous Scroll") of the Council of 754 which was convened under the emperor Constantine V Coprnymos (741-775). The saint avoided any contact with the heretics and did not permit them into his diocese. For his zeal he suffered much persecution, hunger and deprivation.

St. Basil remained faithful to the Orthodox Church until his death.

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ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Palm Sunday

St. Basil the Confessor, Bishop of Parium;

Hieromartyr Zeno, Bishop of Verona; Ven. Isaac the Syrian, Abbot of Spoleto;

Monk-Martyrs Menas, David, and John, of Palestine;

Ven. Anthusa the Virgin of Constantinople; Ven. Athanasia, Abbess, of Ægina;

Ven. Acacius the Younger, of Kavsokalyvia;

The "MUROM" Icon of the Most Holy Theotokos

"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!"

Troparion, Tone I

TODAY'S EPISTLE: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

TODAY'S GOSPEL: JOHN 12:1-18

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Please attend worship services online on our HTOC Facebook page, accessible on www.holy-trin.org

Monday, April 13	5:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins
Tuesday, April 14	5:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins
Wednesday, April 15	9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Matins; Prayers for Healing
Thursday, April 16	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Matins; Passion Gospels
Holy Friday, April 17	3:00 p.m. Vespers; Shroud Placement; Lamentations
Holy Saturday, April 18	10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 10:00 p.m. Nocturns; Matins; Paschal Liturgy

SUNDAY, APRIL 19, PASCHA — Paschal Vespers will be at noon.

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, April 13	Ezekiel 1:1-20	Exodus 1:1-20	Job 1:1-12
Tuesday, April 14	Ezekiel 1:21-29	Exodus 2:5-10	Job 1:13-22
Wednesday, April 15	Ezekiel 2:3-3:3	Exodus 2:11-22	Job 2:1-10
Thursday, April 16	Exodus 19:10-19	Job 38:1-23; 42:1-5	Isaiah 50:4-11
	I Corinthians 11:23-32	Matthew 26:2-20	
Friday, April 17	Exodus 33:11-23	Job 42:12-17	Isaiah 52:13-54:1
	I Corinthians 1:18-2:2	Matthew 27:1-38	
Saturday, April 18	Romans 6:3-11	Matthew 28:1-20	

**Father Alexander has blessed palms and pussy willows.
They will be available at church when we return to our regular schedule.**

WEEKLY OFFERINGS:

We ask that you do not forget to continue your financial support of the parish. The best way would be to mail in your contributions using your regular donation envelopes.

PASCHAL FLOWERS:

Donations for "Pascha Flowers" are also needed; we will have flowers in the church in anticipation of our returning during the Paschal season.

PRAYER LIST:

Mimi Matheis continues to update and publish our Prayer List. Please contact her if you know of people in need of prayers for their health. Email Mimi at: mamatheis@earthlink.net or call 440-886-6945.

PARISHIONER "SUNSHINE":

Dianna Kall continues our Sunshine program with cards to parishioners in need. Contact Dianna at 216-741-2888; or email dkall@ameritech.net

FASTING

Fasting is a means of salvation established by God. Who will escape blame if he neglects fasting? If the Savior Himself fasted, how can those who follow Him be exempt from fasting? Our Lord is the Leader and Exemplar of man's saving victory through fasting. Our Savior began the work of man's salvation by fasting. In the same way all those who follow in the footsteps of the Savior must build their own salvation on this foundation of fasting. For the practice of fasting deprives the evil one of his power.

St. Isaac the Syrian

THE MOST HOLY SACRAMENT

If anyone wonders how the same Christ can be on the altar and in heaven, let him wonder also how the one sun, which lights and warms us, is at the same time on earth and in the sky, in East and West, and in all the countries of the world. So Christ, the Almighty can be at once in heaven and in the Holy Mysteries, in heaven by true substance and on earth by the power of His incomprehensible and ineffable Divinity, beyond the mind of man, performing His great and glorious works.

St. Dimitri of Rostov

THE INSUFFICIENCY OF HUMAN STRENGTH

The Holy Fathers say with one voice: The first thing to keep in mind is never in any respect to rely on yourself. The warfare that now lies before is extraordinarily hard, and your own human powers are altogether insufficient to carry it on. If you rely on them, you will immediately be felled to the ground and have no desire to continue the battle. Only God can give you the victory you wish.

This decision not to rely on self is for most people a severe obstacle at the very outset. It must be overcome, otherwise we have no prospect of going further. For how can a human being receive advice, instruction and help if he believes that he knows and can do everything and needs no directions? Through such a wall of self-satisfaction no gleam of light can penetrate. "Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight" cries the prophet Isaiah (5:21), and the Apostle Paul utters the warning, "Be not wise in your own conceits" (Romans 12:16). The kingdom of heaven has been "revealed unto babes," but remains hidden from "the wise and prudent" (Matthew 11:25).

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OUR FRIEND JESUS CHRIST

“What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear.” That’s Christian piety in the words of a classic hymn proclaiming Jesus as our friend. It is Orthodox theology too. At Good Friday Matins, done on Holy Thursday evenings, the first of the twelve Gospels is about the “Final Discourse” at the Last Supper where Jesus tells the apostles, “Love one another.” He also says, “Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you” (John 15:13-14)

“You are my friends!” Because the gospel reading is long and because the central theme of Good Friday is Jesus’ Passion and Crucifixion, these amazing words do not resonate as much as they could. This friendship is ours by following Jesus’ teachings to “love one another,” and it is something that should cause hearts to explode with joy and souls to shine with dazzling light.

Friendship is something we take for granted (“some people are my friends, some are not”), or crave abnormally (“I need to be loved, so I need to make friends”), or dismiss (“I don’t need friends, I can do it on my own”). But friendship is an essential component of human sanity and wholeness. It is that quality that makes us realize (with comfort, not anxiety!) that we are not alone in the cold, dark universe. Friendship begins with us making friends with ourselves, and extends to healthy engagements with others. The philosopher Aristotle remarked that the “friend is like another self,” which means that with a friend you can carry on dialogue of thought as if with yourself.

The friend that we have in Jesus is the best you can possibly have. He is the trusted, intimate and confidential presence that makes life livable in darkest times; and He lifts us into eternal bliss when we experience moments of peace, love and joy. Most amazing is that Jesus’ friendship is ours even when we least deserve it! This is beautifully expressed in one of Emily Dickinson’s poems.

“Remember me” implored the Thief!
Oh Hospitality!
My Guest “Today in Paradise”
I give thee guaranty.

Of all we are allowed to hope
But Affidavit stands
That this was due where most we fear
Be unexpected Friends.

The repentant thief, on his cross and about to die, is accorded fulfillment of the only hope that really matters, “of all we are allowed.” Because of our sins we dare not presume divine “hospitality!” But Christ bestows a “guaranty” that stands even when “we fear most.” We become guests in Paradise through Jesus Christ, our unexpected Friend!

Fr. Alexander Garklaus