

**FEAST OF PALM SUNDAY
ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM**

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**ST. NICHOLAS
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V. Rev. Elias Mitchell
Rev. Theodore Sirotko
Rev. Deacon Justin Adolphson

Rev. Deacon Clement Nicoloff
Rev. Deacon John Kaufman
Subdeacon Nicholas Rock



WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Thank you for attending today's Divine Liturgy. Please register your visit by completing the guest book and taking a visitor's packet both located on the table in the Narthex. We would appreciate getting to meet you, so feel free to join us for refreshments & fellowship in the Cultural Center.

We believe **Holy Communion** to be a sign that in Christ we have all things in common, share an identical faith, and are united fully to the Orthodox Church. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith is encouraged to speak with one of our clergy. Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, & regular confession are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

WHO WE ARE

St. Nicholas Church is a worshipping community living and sharing the Faith Christ gave to the Apostles.

Our parish exists to seek and share Christ's love so that all will find eternal life in Him.

We would love to share more about our Orthodox Faith with you. Our website and our bookstore are great resources to assist you in learning more about us and what we believe! Also, feel free to make an appointment with our pastor.

We trust that you will experience Christ's presence as you worship with us today.



HYMNS AND READINGS OF THE DAY

HYMNS

APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY (TONE 1)

In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

APOLYTIKION OF PALM SUNDAY (TONE 4)

As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God, so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

KONTAKION OF PALM SUNDAY (TONE 6)

Being borne upon a throne in Heaven, and upon a colt on the earth, O Christ God, Thou didst accept the praise of the angels and the laudation of the children as they cried to Thee: Blessed art Thou Who comest to recall Adam.

EPISTLE

*Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.
O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good;
for His mercy endures forever.*

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians 4:4-9

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice! Let your forbearance be known to all people. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your petitions 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, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, 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 any praise, think about these things. The things which you both learned and received, and heard and saw in me, these things do; and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John 12:1-18

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His Disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have 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 on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His Disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

SYNAXARION

(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)

On this day in the Holy Orthodox Church, the Sunday of Palms, we celebrate the radiant and glorious festival of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.

Verses

Riding a colt, He that with a word stretched out Heaven,
Seeketh to loose mortals from brutish want of reason.

Jesus came to Bethany on the Sunday falling before the six days of the Mosaic Passover. On the following day He sent two of His Disciples, who brought Him a donkey on which He sat to enter the city. And when the great multitude heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they immediately took palm branches in their hands and went out to meet Him. All cried, "Hosanna! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, King of Israel!" The branches of palm trees were a symbol of Christ's victory over Satan and Death. And the meaning of "Hosanna" is, "We pray Thee, save." The donkey's colt, which was still an untamed animal, and impure according to the law, as well as Christ's sitting thereon, symbolize the former savagery and impurity of the Gentiles; and their subsequent taming and obedience to the holy law of the Gospel. By Thine ineffable compassion, O Christ our God, make us victors over our deceitful passions, and deem us worthy to behold Thy brilliant victory over death and Thy radiant and life-bringing Resurrection, and have mercy on us. Amen.

WELCOME BACK

We are so happy to have Fr. Elias and Marian Mitchell back at St. Nicholas! Please extend a warm welcome home to both!

HOLY OBLATIONS

For the Health and Blessings of our grandson, Andrew Peter Close, on the occasion of his 3rd birthday, offered with love from Giddo, Sitti, Uncle Paul, and Auntie Allison. May God's love and wisdom protect and guide our precious Andrew.

For the Health and Blessings of Maryrose Olson on graduating GVSU with a Master's in Public Health Epidemiology, offered by her adoring husband and family.

For the Health and Blessings of Melissa, Rick, Lexy, Maci, Melanie and Brooke, offered by Mike and Kaye Powell. May God Bless them and grant them many years!

In memory of the newly departed Handmaiden of God, Audrey Nicoloff, offered by the St. Nicholas family. May her memory be Eternal!

In memory of Dorothy Mary Sirotko, on her falling asleep in the Lord, offered by Fr. Ted. May her memory be Eternal!

In memory of Betty Storey, beloved mother and grandmother, on the first anniversary of her falling asleep in the Lord, offered by the Storey family. May her memory be Eternal!

In memory of the members of St. Nicholas who departed in the upcoming month of May. May their memory be Eternal!

REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

*Names are added to the Prayer List
for one week by offering Holy Oblation
or for up to 40 days in the case of an ongoing serious illness.*

LIVING

Metropolitan PAUL
Archbishop JOHN
Archpriest Joseph

And all the victims of tragedy, violence, and poverty
in the Middle East, Ukraine, and throughout the world.

Subdn. Nicholas Rock	Maci Powell	Kathy Corey
Andrew Peter Close	Melanie Powell	Tillie Sayfie
Maryrose Olson	Brooke Powell	Maddison Frawley
Melissa Powell	MaryAnn Maloley	Wadih Choueiri
Rick Powell	Joe Corey	Michelle Spruit
Lexy Powell	David Corey	

Newly illumined: Royce “Romanos” Lloyd, Adam “George”
Piotrowski, Nathan “Moses” Schimeck, Manny
“Gabriel” Torres, and Mary “Mary” Torres.

NEWLY DEPARTED

For the newly departed victims of tragedy, violence, and poverty
in the Middle East, Ukraine, and throughout the world.

Audrey Nicoloff

DEPARTED

Dorothy Sirotko	Lorraine Zain	Nicholas Courey
Betty Storey	Sarah Jabara	Mike Joseph
Robert Hickerty	Charlotte Colley	Charles Bendekgey
Asa Marod	Jennie Ziton	Elias Amash
Victor Ziton	David Hanna	Georgette Abraham
Salema Salhaney	Charles Riley	Wadiah Laam
Abraham Yared	Nathalie Collings	James Ayoub
Lilian Sickrey	Louise Philippi	Bertha Corey
Mary Martin	Adele Abraham	Abraham Kaleefey
Sadie Samra	Yesda Fraam	John Soukar
Fred Bendekgey	Shirley Salhaney	Stephen Lewis