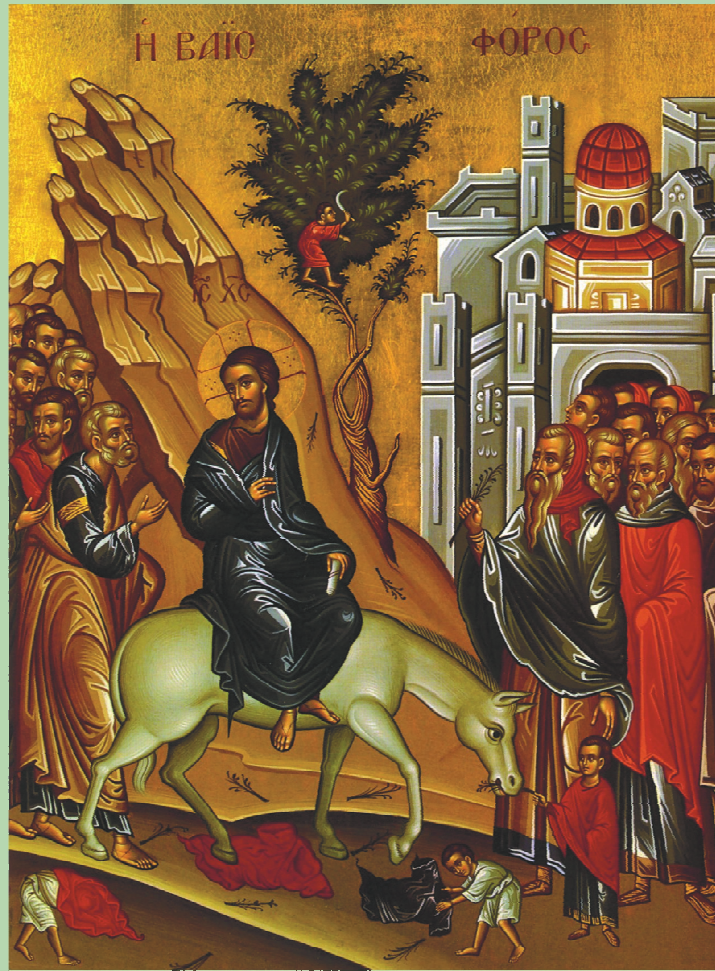


ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM (PALM SUNDAY)



Icon of the Entrance into Jerusalem

Rejoice at His Coming!

Let us say to Christ: *Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel.* Let us hold before Him like palm branches those final words inscribed above the cross. Let us show Him honor, not with olive branches but with the splendor of merciful deeds to one another. Let us spread the thoughts and desires of our hearts under His feet like garments, so that entering us with the whole of his being, He may draw the whole of our being into Himself and place the whole of His in us. Let us say to Zion in the words of the prophet: *Have courage, daughter of Zion, do not be afraid. Behold, your king comes to you, humble and mounted on a colt, the foal of a beast of burden.* He is coming who is everywhere present and pervades all things; He is coming to achieve in you His work of universal salvation. He is coming who came to call to repentance not the righteous but sinners, coming to recall those who have strayed into sin. Do not be afraid, then: *God is in the midst of you, and you shall not be shaken.*

Receive Him with open, outstretched hands, for it

was on His own hands that He sketched you. Receive Him who laid your foundations on the palms of His hands. Receive Him, for He took upon Himself all that belongs to us except sin, to consume what is ours in what is His. Be glad, city of Zion, our mother, and fear not. *Celebrate your feasts.* Glorify Him for His mercy, who has come to us in you. Rejoice exceedingly, daughter of Jerusalem, sing and leap for joy. *Be enlightened, be enlightened, we cry to you, as holy Isaiah trumpeted, for the light has come to you and the glory of the Lord has risen over you.*

And what is this *glory of the Lord*? Clearly it is the cross on which Christ was glorified, He, the radiance of the Father's glory, even as He said when He faced His passion: *Now is the Son of Man glorified, and God is glorified in him, and will glorify him at once.* The glory of which He speaks here is His lifting up on the cross, for Christ's glory is His cross and His exaltation upon it, as He plainly says: *When I have been lifted up, I will draw all men to myself.*

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**Just a few articles for your information this week.
Go to our website for the most current news.**

DVD'S OF LITURGY AVAILABLE

We have been putting the Sunday liturgy on YouTube. We also know that are some people who do not have computers at home but do own a DVD player. If you fall into that category and would like a DVD of the liturgy, please contact Father and we'll try and get a copy to you courtesy of the A-OK Club.

GOOD FRIDAY FASTING REGULATIONS

Good Friday is a day of strict fasting (no meat, eggs or dairy products).

ALMSGIVING BANKS

Lenten almsgiving banks can be dropped off at the church if you are making a visit.

PALMS AND PUSSY WILLOWS

Blessed Palms and pussy willows will be available on Saturday (from 3-6) and Sunday (from 10-6). They will be placed on a card table outdoors beneath the overhang in the front of the church. (They will also be available in the vestibule starting on Monday when the church is open from noon-6:00.)

CONFESSIONS

Anyone wishing to make use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation can make an appointment with Father.

HOLYWEEK/EASTER SERVICES

YouTube videos will be made of Good Friday Vespers, Resurrection Matins and the Easter Divine Liturgy. Stay close to our website for further details. (If you want to follow along at home, go to mci.archpitt.org, look at the top of the site, click on "publications" and then scroll down to the service for that day. Please note that the translations may differ slightly.)

April 5, 2020

Glory to Jesus Christ!

PALM SUNDAY

SEE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE NEWS

A Prayer for Inner Strength

Dear God,

Please give me the strength
to endure this situation,
and to find the blessings
and lessons that it contains.

Please give me the endurance
to continue ahead.

Please guide my thoughts,
words and actions,
so that I walk your
path of peace and love.

Amen



PARISH SYMPATHIES

Frank Mikolay died at the age of 84. He has been ill for the past year. Funeral Services were private. Parish sympathies are extended to his son Frank Jr.

In blessed repose grant rest O Lord to Your Servant Frank and may his memory be eternal!

THANK YOU TO OUR CHURCH CLEANERS!

Many thanks to **John/Linda Greifenstein** and **Nick/Marie DeCapua** who made sure that the church interior received its usual detailed cleaning before Easter.

ST. EUGENE'S ALTAR/ICON SCREEN

Bishop Milan has indicated that the altar from St. Eugene will be moved to the Shrine of Mariapoch in Burton. He also said there's a good possibility that the icon screen would find a new home there.

SANCTUARY LAMP

The sanctuary lamp will burn during the month of April in memory of **Andrew and Helen Krajnyak**.

FATHER'S FIRESIDE CHAT

On April 8 please feel free to join the conversation as we discuss "Memories of Holy Week." If you need the WebX call-in number, contact the church.

Your Weekly Offering

March 29, 2020

Sunday:	5,915.00
e-giving:	130.00
Candles:	82.00
Holy Days:	133.00
Easter Flowers:	93.00
Building Fund:	93.00
Good Friday:	20.00
Holy Saturday:	15.00
Easter:	1,100.00
In Memory of Carol Sandy:	250.00
Total:	\$7,837.00

**Have you considered e-giving?
We can set up direct debit for you.
Just call the office at 440-526-0016.**

WEEKLY OFFERING

Donation envelopes can be mailed or slid under the office door.

THANK YOU!

Parish "thanks" to the Men's Club for the GCU Matching Funds donation of \$5,000.00. (From the "Night at the Races.")

A PRAYER FOR PEACE OF MIND AND HEART

Lord Jesus, Give Me Your Peace. Give me confidence in the depths of danger. Give me hope when I am surrounded by fear. Still my worries, calm the anxieties pressing in on me from the world I live in. Lord Jesus, give me Your peace. Reassure me that You are with me when I seem alone. Ease my doubting, as You did Thomas's. Lord Jesus, give me Your peace. Guide my searching for peace, so that I may not seek it where it is not to be found, but I may seek it in You. Lord Jesus, live in me and give me Your peace.

PARISH INFORMATION

ACTIVITY CENTER & HALL RESERVATIONS: 440-526-0016

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK: 440-526-6464 (24 hours)

CONFESSIONS: One half hour before liturgies for fifteen minutes and by request

MEN'S CLUB: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

LADIES' AUXILIARY: 2nd Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

A-OK CLUB: 2nd Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

COFFEE SOCIAL: Every Sunday after liturgy

EASTERN CATHOLIC FORMATION (ECF) CLASSES: Sundays 9:00 a.m.–10:20 a.m.

BULLETIN INFORMATION DEADLINE: Tuesday noon

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