



**Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Ukrainian Catholic Church
(St. Mary's)**

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Sunday Divine Liturgies: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Days as scheduled in the Bulletin

DIVINE LITURGY SCHEDULE

MARCH 28, 2021

Sunday, March 28, 2021 Palm (Flowery) Sunday

8:00AM – Confession, 8:30AM – For God's Blessings on Our Parishioners & in particular

For special intention of Julian Faulkner from Ann Woroniak

Blessing & distribution of Willow branches

Thursday April 01 GREAT THURSDAY, APRIL 01 6:00PM

- MATINS OF THE PASSION OF CHRIST (Reading of Twelve Gospels)

Friday, April 02 GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 02 3:00PM

- VESPERS & PROCESSION WITH THE HOLY SHROUD

Sunday, April 04, 2021 RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD - EASTER

8:00AM - NADHROBNE. PROCESSION. RESURRECTION MATINS.

DIVINE LITURGY - BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS.

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Palm (Flowery) Sunday



Today Christ enters the path not only of His sufferings but of that dreadful loneliness which enshrouds Him during all the days of Passion week. The loneliness begins with a misunderstanding; the people expect that the Lord's entry into Jerusalem will be the triumphant procession of a political leader, of a leader who will free his people from oppression, from slavery, from what they consider

godlessness – because all paganism or idol-worship is a denial of the living God. The loneliness will develop further into the dreadful loneliness of not being understood even by His disciples. At the Last Supper when the Saviour talks to

them for the last time, they will be in constant doubt as to the meaning of His words. And later when He goes into the Garden of Gethsemane before the fearful death that is facing Him, His closest disciples, Peter, John and James – whom He chose to go with Him fall asleep, depressed, tired, hopeless. The culmination of this loneliness will be Christ's cry on the cross, "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" Abandoned men, rejected by the people of Israel He encounters the extreme of forsakenness and dies without God, without men, alone, with only His love for God and His love for mankind, dying for its sake and for God's glory.

The beginning of Christ's Passion is today's triumphal procession; the people expected a king, a leader – and they found the Saviour of their souls. Nothing embitters a person so much as a lost, a disappointed hope; and that explains why people who could receive Him like that, who witnessed the raising of Lazarus, who saw Christ's miracles and heard His teaching, admired every word, who were ready to become His disciples as long as He brought victory, broke away from Him, turned their backs on Him and a few days later shouted, "Crucify Him, crucify Him." And Christ spent all those days in loneliness, knowing what was in store for Him, abandoned by every one except the Mother of God, who stood silently by, as she had done throughout her life, participating in His tragic ascent to the Cross; she who had accepted the Annunciation, the Good Tidings, but who also accepted in silence Simeon's prophecy that a sword would pierce her heart.

During the coming days we shall be present – not just remember, but be present – at Christ's Passion. We shall be part of the crowd surrounding Christ and the disciples and the Mother of God; as we hear the Gospel readings, as we listen to the prayers of the Church, as one image after another of these days of the Passion passes before our eyes, let each one of us ask himself the question, "Where do I stand, who am I in this crowd? A Pharisee? A Scribe? A traitor, a coward? Who? Or do I stand among the Apostles?" But they too were overcome by fear. Peter denied Him thrice, Judas betrayed Him, John, James and Peter went to sleep just when Christ most needed human love and support; the other disciples fled; no one remained except John and the Mother of God, those who were bound to Him by the kind of love which fears nothing and is ready to share in everything.

Once more let us ask ourselves who we are and where we stand, what our position in this crowd is. Do we stand with hope or despair, or what? And if we stand with indifference, we too are part of that terrifying crowd that surrounded Christ, shuffling, listening, and then going away; as we shall go away from church. The Crucifix will be standing here on Thursday and we shall be reading the Gospel about the Cross, the Crucifixion and death – and then what will happen? The Cross will remain standing, but we shall go away for a rest, go home to have supper, to sleep, to prepare for the fatigues of the next day. And during this time Christ is on the Cross, Christ is in the tomb. How awful it is that, like the disciples in their day, we are not able to spend one night, one hour with Him. Let us think about this, and if we are incapable of doing anything, let us at least realise who we are and where we stand, and at the final hour turn to Christ with the cry, the appeal of the thief, Remember me, Lord, in Thy Kingdom. *Source:OCA.org*

PALM SUNDAY

First Antiphon: I love the Lord, because He listened to my voice in supplication. Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

For He turned an ear to me on the day I called.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

I was caught by the cords of death; the snares of Sheol had seized me.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

I felt agony and dread, and I called on the name of the Lord.

Through the prayers of the Mother of God, O Savior, save us.

Glory to be... Only Begotten Son...

Third Antiphon: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

Troparion: O Christ our God, You confirmed the resurrection of all before the time of Your passion by raising Lazarus from the dead. Therefore, we, as the children of Israel carry the symbols of victory and cry out to You, the Conqueror of Death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Let the house of Israel say: His love endures forever.

Troparion: O Christ our God, You confirmed the resurrection of all before the time of Your passion by raising Lazarus from the dead. Therefore, we, as the children of Israel carry the symbols of victory and cry out to You, the Conqueror of Death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Let the house of Aaron say: His love endures forever.

Troparion: O Christ our God, You confirmed the resurrection of all before the time of Your passion by raising Lazarus from the dead. Therefore, we, as the children of Israel carry the symbols of victory and cry out to You, the Conqueror of Death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Let those who fear the Lord say: His love endures forever.

Troparion: O Christ our God, You confirmed the resurrection of all before the time of Your passion by raising Lazarus from the dead. Therefore, we, as the children of Israel carry the symbols of victory and cry out to You, the Conqueror of Death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. **Entrance Hymn:**

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; we bless You from the house of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. **Troparion and Kontakion:**

Troparion (1): O Christ our God, You confirmed the resurrection of all before the time of Your passion by raising Lazarus from the dead. Therefore, we, as the children of Israel carry the symbols of victory and cry out 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 (4): We have been buried with You through baptism, O Christ our God, and we have become worthy of immortal life by Your resurrection. So we cry out to You: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

Now and for ever and ever: Amen. Kontakion (6): In heaven You are carried upon a throne; on earth You rode upon a colt, O Christ our God. You received the praise of Angels and the hymns of children crying out to You: Blessed is He Who came to restore Adam.

Prokimenon (4): Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord; God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. **Verse:** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His love endures forever. **Prokimenon (4):** Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord; God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us.

Epistle: Reading of the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians (Phil 4,4-9) Brethren: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Alleluia Verses: Verse: Sing a new song to the Lord, for He has worked wonders. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia. Verse: All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Gospel: (Jn 12,1-18) Six days before Passover Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. They gave a dinner for him there, and Martha served, while Lazarus was one of those reclining at table with him. Mary took a liter of costly perfumed oil made from genuine aromatic nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and dried them with her hair; the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. Then Judas the Iscariot, one [of] his disciples, and the one who would betray him, said, "Why was this oil not sold for three hundred days' wages and given to the poor?" He said this not because he cared about the poor but because he was a thief and held the money bag and used to steal the contributions. So Jesus said, "Leave her alone. Let her keep this for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me." The large crowd of the Jews found out that he was there and came, not only because of Jesus, but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. And the chief priests plotted to kill Lazarus too, because many of the Jews were turning away and believing in Jesus because of him. On the next day, when the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, [even] the king of Israel." Jesus found an ass and sat upon it, as is written: "Fear no more, O daughter Zion; see, your king comes, seated upon an ass's colt." His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him. So the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from death continued to testify. This was [also] why the crowd went to meet him, because they heard that he had done this sign.

Instead of It is truly right... (Or the Hirmos of the Feast): O My soul, extol the Lord Who sat upon the colt. Hirmos: God the Lord has appeared to us. Let us celebrate the Feast, and let us rejoice and extol Christ. With palms and branches in hand, let us raise our voices to Him in praise, saying: Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord, our Savior.

Communion Verse: Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Parishioners and Friends! We welcome you to our Sunday Liturgy with the indoor service. Please keep in mind that social distancing applies and wearing a mask during the celebration of the Liturgy is mandatory to help stop the spread of coronavirus.

Important! Dear Parishioners and Friends! Please note that for the weekends of Sunday, April 11, and Sunday, April 18, the Sunday Divine Liturgy will be celebrated on Saturday at 3:00 PM instead of 8:30 AM on Sunday. The two weeks are related with the vacation of Father Alexander.

According to the recent instruction from Bishop Andriy Rabyi, "Considering the shortage of substitute clergy, general situation with virus and need for you to take time off, you may take your vacations but please ensure that your parishioners have a Divine Liturgy over the weekend at another time (for example, on Saturday or Sunday evening) by asking your neighboring brother - priest to celebrate it for you." Therefore, in accordance with the instruction above, Divine Liturgies will be celebrated on Saturdays, April 10 and 17, 2021. Thank you for your understanding, and may God bless you!

Support your Church In addition to caring for your neighbor and taking care of yourself, one of the most practical ways to help the Church is to continue to do what you have always done: support our parish with your financial resources. Please, continue to contribute to your parish, even during the period you are unable to attend the Liturgy, with your gifts of alms during this Great Fast. Parishioners' weekly contributions are the main source of financial support for our parish, and while some expenses may be a little lower during this time, parishes have many fixed costs that need to be attended to. You may send your donations to PO Box 2735, Manassas VA 20108

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YOUR OFFERINGS Collection March 21, 2021 -

Sincere thanks to all for your kindness and generosity to our Holy Church!



Dear Friends in Christ,

Exactly **ten years ago**, on March 23, 2011, the Electoral Synod of Bishops of the UGCC elected Bishop Sviatoslav Shevchuk as Father and Head of the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church. He was **enthroned as Primate of the UGCC** on March 27, at the Patriarchal Cathedral of the Resurrection of Christ in Kyiv.

With great pleasure and deep gratitude, we would like to invite you to join us on Sunday, **March 28, 2021** at **19:00** EEST (Kyiv time) for, **“Moving Forward Together: Reflections On the Vision of the UGCC on the Occasion of the Tenth Anniversary of the Enthronement of His Beatitude Sviatoslav.”**

This event will be broadcast live (with an English translation) on Zhyve TV's YouTube channel and Facebook page.

During the program, a **"living mosaic"** of the **UGCC** will be presented which will include representatives from the episcopate, clergy, monastics, youth, and laity from various professions and backgrounds (military personnel, intellectuals, members of the business community, and etc.). We aim to show the activities of our Church in these three terms: **global presence, unity, and service.**



"This year marks the tenth anniversary of this historic event. While ten years is only a short moment in eternity, nevertheless, we take this opportunity to thank God for His Beatitude Sviatoslav and to reflect together on our journey with him under his pastoral care. At the same time, we look forward to the future with our Patriarch and imagine all the possibilities for our Church in the decade to come," said the Head of the celebration's Organizing Committee, **Metropolitan**



HOW TO JOIN THE JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS?

The UGCC Information Department offers social network users **several practical tools** for direct participation in the celebration of the anniversary:

Mark our own posts on social media dedicated to the tenth anniversary of the ministry of His Beatitude Sviatoslav with **an official hashtag** - **#PatriarchSviatoslav10**.

In addition, Facebook users can mark their **own profile photos with a special frame**. *"Thank you for the first 10, Your Beatitude!"* - this text is placed on the frame, given that this anniversary is an opportunity not only to congratulate, but also to thank His Beatitude for the first ten years of his ministry. You can set a frame on your profile photo by clicking [here](#).

Furthermore, we invite our readers to **share their stories** of key events in the life of the UGCC over the last ten years which will be posted on the [official facebook page](#) of the UGCC

Join the conversation on **March 28** via Zhyve TV's [YouTube channel](#) or on their [Facebook page](#)!

The broadcast will be in [Ukrainian](#) and [English](#)!

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