

HOLY TRINITY ORTHODOX CHURCH

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HTOC Weekly Update

Sunday, April 28, 2024 · 9:30 a.m.

Divine Liturgy and Blessing of Palms and Willows

Palm Sunday

Entry of Christ Jesus into Jerusalem

Where Do We Stand?

This weekend leads us closer to **Pascha** with the start of **Holy Week** on **Palm Sunday** – the **Entry of Christ Jesus into Jerusalem**.



On Palm Sunday, we'll hear Jerusalem's crowds welcome Christ Jesus with a victory cheer for a king: "**Hosanna!**" (Mark 11:9).

By Good Friday, we'll hear them turn hostile with a condemning cry for a criminal: "**Crucify him!**" (Mark 15:13).

And between those two points, Roman governor Pontius Pilate asks that mob: "**What shall I do with this Jesus...?**" (Matthew 27:22).

His question is one that we must answer too.

What shall we do with this Jesus? Shall we faithfully follow him as model and mentor, shaping our lives and values around his life, death, and resurrection? Or do we, by what priorities we choose and preoccupations we harbor, ignore, mock, or betray him? When it comes to Jesus, do our lives sing "**Hosanna!**" or shriek "**Crucify him!**"?

Pitch In!

Church doesn't happen on its own. It happens when all of us pool our time, talent, and treasure together and put them at God's disposal to do his will as followers of Jesus. In a word, that's **stewardship**. Want to lend a helping hand? See our parish priest, Father Alexis Woytek to find out what needs doing. Want to become a supporting member? See our parish treasurer, Mrs. Lydia Pinkowski to find out how. Thanks for pitching in to make **your** church happen!

Reach Out!

The Church doesn't exist for itself. God calls it to reach out and share his love with the world that it lives in. Our parish charity bin is one way that we do such **outreach**, by collecting nonperishable food that our friends at **People Helping People in Hernando County** (phphernando.org) share with locals in need. Download a **grocery list** from our website (tinyurl.com/htoc-list). Thanks for reaching out and helping others through **your** church's charity!

Safe and Sound

COVID is no longer a global pandemic, but coronavirus still crops up now and then, here and there. Please keep alert and take sensible precautions while our church remains open.

If you feel ill, please stay home, follow doctor's orders, and take good care of yourself. Let us know if

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you want us to pray for you. We look forward to seeing you again once you get well!

Please feel free to wear a face mask if your health requires it or you just feel safer doing so.

Please respect personal space and give each other courteous leeway.

Thanks for your consideration, which is simply part of doing what Christ Jesus told us to do: **“Love others as much as you love yourself”** (Mark 12:31).

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HTOC Holy Week and Pascha 2024



Join us for worship as we wend our way from Great Lent through Holy Week to Pascha:

Lazarus Saturday

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Divine Liturgy
9 a.m.

Palm Sunday

Entry of Christ Jesus into Jerusalem

Sunday, April 28, 2024

Divine Liturgy
Blessing of Palms and Willows
9:30 a.m.

Holy Monday

Monday, April 29, 2024

Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts
6 p.m.

Holy Tuesday

Tuesday, April 30, 2024

Bridegroom Matins
10 a.m.

Holy Wednesday

Wednesday, May 1, 2024

Holy Unction
Healing Sacrament of Anointing
6 p.m.

Holy Thursday

Thursday, May 2, 2024

Vespers and Divine Liturgy
Last Supper of Christ Jesus
10 a.m.

Set-up of the tomb of Christ Jesus
after the Divine Liturgy

Matins of the Twelve Passion Gospels
6 p.m.

Good Friday

Friday, May 3, 2024

Vespers: Burial of Christ Jesus
6 p.m.

Holy Saturday

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Church open for prayer and veneration
at the tomb of Christ Jesus
Times to be announced in church

Pascha: Resurrection of Christ Jesus

Sunday, May 5, 2024

Paschal Matins and Divine Liturgy
Blessing of Easter Baskets
9 a.m.