



Saint Nicholas Greek Orthodox
Shrine Church

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Κυριακή τῶν Βαῶων - Palm Sunday

ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ

Τὴν κοινὴν Ἀνάστασιν πρὸ τοῦ σοῦ Πάθους πιστούμενος, ἐκ νεκρῶν ἠγειρας τὸν Λάζαρον, Χριστέ ὁ Θεός· ὅθεν καὶ ἡμεῖς ὡς οἱ Παῖδες, τὰ τῆς νίκης σύμβολα φέροντες, σοὶ τῷ Νικητῇ τοῦ θανάτου βοῶμεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

ΕΤΕΡΟΝ

Συνταφέντες σοὶ διὰ τοῦ Βαπτίσματος, Χριστέ ὁ Θεὸς ἡμῶν, τῆς ἀθανάτου ζωῆς ἠξιώθημεν τῇ Ἀναστάσει σου, καὶ ἀνυμνοῦντες κράζομεν· Ὡσαννὰ ἐν τοῖς ὑψίστοις, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος, ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου.

ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ

Τῷ θρόνῳ ἐν οὐρανῷ, τῷ πάλῳ ἐπὶ τῆς γῆς, ἐποχοῦμενος Χριστέ ὁ Θεός, τῶν Ἀγγέλων τὴν αἴνεσιν, καὶ τῶν Παίδων ἀνύμνησιν προσεδέξω βοῶντων σοὶ· Εὐλογημένος εἶ ὁ ἐρχόμενος, τὸν Ἀδὰμ ἀνακαλέσασθαι.

ΑΠΟΛΥΤΙΚΙΟΝ

To confirm the general resurrection before Your Passion, You resurrected Lazarus from the dead, O Christ our God. Therefore imitating the children, carrying the symbols of victory, we cry out to You the Victor over death: “Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One, who comes in the name of the Lord.”

ANOTHER

We were buried with You through Baptism, O Christ our God, and thus by Your Resurrection we have been granted immortal life, and extolling You we cry aloud, “Hosanna in the highest! Blessed are You, the One who comes in the name of the Lord.”

ΚΟΝΤΑΚΙΟΝ

In heaven upon the throne, on earth upon the colt, You were carried, O Christ our God; and the praise of the Angels, and the hymns of the children, You received as they cried to You, “Blessed are You, the One, who is coming to call Adam back again.”.



ΑΠΟΣΤΟΛΙΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ (Φιλ. 4:4 - 9)

Ἀδελφοί, χαίρετε ἐν Κυρίῳ πάντοτε· πάλιν ἐρῶ, χαίρετε. τὸ ἐπιεικὲς ὑμῶν γνωσθήτω πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις. ὁ Κύριος ἐγγύς. μηδὲν μεριμνᾶτε, ἀλλ' ἐν παντὶ τῇ προσευχῇ καὶ τῇ δεήσει μετὰ εὐχαριστίας τὰ αἰτήματα ὑμῶν γνωρίζεσθω πρὸς τὸν Θεόν. καὶ ἡ εἰρήνη τοῦ Θεοῦ ἡ ὑπερέχουσα πάντα νοῦν φρουρήσει τὰς καρδίας ὑμῶν καὶ τὰ νοήματα ὑμῶν ἐν Χριστῷ Ἰησοῦ. Τὸ λοιπόν, ἀδελφοί, ὅσα ἐστὶν ἀληθῆ, ὅσα σεμνά, ὅσα δίκαια, ὅσα ἀγνά, ὅσα προσφιλῆ, ὅσα εὐφημα, εἴ τις ἀρετὴ καὶ εἴ τις ἔπαινος, ταῦτα λογίζεσθε· ἃ καὶ ἐμάθετε καὶ παρελάβετε καὶ ἠκούσατε καὶ εἶδετε ἐν ἐμοί, ταῦτα πράσσετε· καὶ ὁ Θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης ἔσται μεθ' ὑμῶν.

EPISTLE READING (Phil. 4:4 - 9)

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.





ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΚΟ ΑΝΑΓΝΩΣΜΑ (ΙΩΑΝ. 12:1 - 18)

Πρὸ ἑξ ἡμερῶν τοῦ πάσχα ἦλθεν ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς Βηθανίαν, ὅπου ἦν Λάζαρος ὁ τεθνηκώς, ὃν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐποίησαν οὖν αὐτῷ δεῖπνον ἐκεῖ, καὶ ἡ Μάρθα διηκόνει· ὁ δὲ Λάζαρος εἷς ἦν τῶν ἀνακειμένων σὺν αὐτῷ. ἡ οὖν Μαρία, λαβοῦσα λίτραν μύρου νάρδου πιστικῆς πολυτίμου, ἤλειψε τοὺς πόδας τοῦ Ἰησοῦ καὶ ἐξέμαξε ταῖς θριξίν αὐτῆς τοὺς πόδας αὐτοῦ· ἡ δὲ οἰκία ἐπληρώθη ἐκ τῆς ὀσμῆς τοῦ μύρου. λέγει οὖν εἷς ἐκ τῶν μαθητῶν αὐτοῦ, Ἰούδας Σίμωνος Ἰσκαριώτης, ὁ μέλλων αὐτὸν παραδιδόναι· διατί τοῦτο τὸ μύρον οὐκ ἐπράθη τριακοσίων δηναρίων καὶ ἐδόθη πτωχοῖς; εἶπε δὲ τοῦτο οὐχ ὅτι περὶ τῶν πτωχῶν ἔμελεν αὐτῷ, ἀλλ' ὅτι κλέπτῃς ἦν, καὶ τὸ γλωσσόκομον εἶχε καὶ τὰ βαλλόμενα ἐβάσταζεν. εἶπεν οὖν ὁ Ἰησοῦς· ἄφες αὐτήν, εἰς τὴν ἡμέραν τοῦ ἐνταφιασμοῦ μου τετήρηκεν αὐτό. τοὺς πτωχοὺς γὰρ πάντοτε ἔχετε μεθ' ἐαυτῶν, ἐμὲ δὲ οὐ πάντοτε ἔχετε. Ἔγνω οὖν ὄχλος πολὺς ἐκ τῶν Ἰουδαίων ὅτι ἐκεῖ ἐστι, καὶ ἦλθον οὐ διὰ τὸν Ἰησοῦν μόνον, ἀλλ' ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἴδωσιν ὃν ἤγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐβουλεύσαντο δὲ οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἀποκτείνωσιν, ὅτι πολλοὶ δι' αὐτὸν ὑπῆγον τῶν Ἰουδαίων καὶ ἐπίστευον εἰς τὸν Ἰησοῦν. Τῇ ἐπαύριον ὄχλος πολὺς ὁ ἐλθὼν εἰς τὴν ἑορτήν, ἀκούσαντες ὅτι ἔρχεται Ἰησοῦς εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα, ἔλαβον τὰ βαΐα τῶν φοινίκων καὶ ἐξῆλθον εἰς ὑπάντησιν αὐτῷ, καὶ ἔκραζον· ὡσαννά, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου, ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραὴλ. εὐρῶν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὀνάριον ἐκάθισεν ἐπ' αὐτό, καθὼς ἐστι γεγραμμένον· μὴ φοβοῦ, θύγατερ Σιών· ἰδοὺ ὁ βασιλεὺς σου ἔρχεται καθήμενος ἐπὶ πῶλον ὄνου. Ταῦτα δὲ οὐκ ἔγνωσαν οἱ μαθηταὶ αὐτοῦ τὸ πρῶτον, ἀλλ' ὅτε ἐδοξάσθη ὁ Ἰησοῦς, τότε ἐμνήσθησαν ὅτι ταῦτα ἦν ἐπ' αὐτῷ γεγραμμένα, καὶ ταῦτα ἐποίησαν αὐτῷ. Ἐμαρτύρει οὖν ὁ ὄχλος ὁ ὢν μετ' αὐτοῦ ὅτε τὸν Λάζαρον ἐφώνησεν ἐκ τοῦ μνημείου καὶ ἤγειρεν αὐτὸν ἐκ νεκρῶν. διὰ τοῦτο καὶ ὑπήνησεν αὐτῷ ὁ ὄχλος, ὅτι ἤκουσαν τοῦτο αὐτὸν πεποικέναι τὸ σημεῖον.



GOSPEL READING (JN. 12:1 – 18)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus 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 him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box 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 he 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 comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey'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 him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.



A Message on Stewardship and Giving

As faithful stewards of God's many blessings, we are called to give with trust and gratitude.

Scripture reminds us, *"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse... and see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing"* (Malachi 3:10).

Through our tithes and offerings, we support the mission of the Church, care for those in need, and sustain our parish community for future generations. We invite you to prayerfully reflect on your commitment to stewardship and consider how your generosity can continue God's work among us. Please consider the below suggestions.

Family Income	1%	3%	5%
\$50,000	\$500	\$1,500	\$2,500
\$100,000	\$1,000	\$3,000	\$5,000
\$200,000	\$2,000	\$6,000	\$10,000
\$500,000	\$5,000	\$15,000	\$25,000

Every gift, given in faith, makes a meaningful difference. Thank you for your continued support, prayers, and trust.





BRONZE DEDICATION LEAF	\$2,000
SILVER DEDICATION LEAF	\$5,000
GOLD DEDICATION LEAF	\$10,000
BENEFACTOR DOVE	\$25,000
GREAT BENEFACTOR STONE	\$50,000

Please consider supporting our Renovation For Our Future project to continue passing the torch of Orthodox faith and Hellenism to our future generations.

- BRONZE LEAF \$2,000
- SILVER LEAF \$5,000
- GOLD LEAF \$10,000
- DOVE \$25,000
- STONE \$50,000

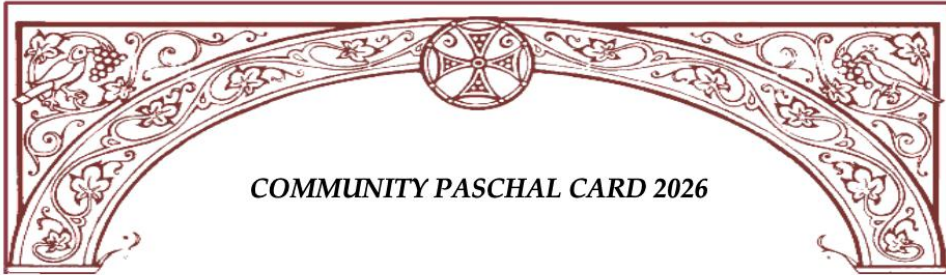
LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

PHONE NUMBER: _____ EMAIL: _____

PLEASE PRINT INSCRIPTION CLEARLY. 3 LINES (33 CHARACTERS MAX)

"SO LET EACH ONE GIVE AS HE PURPOSES IN HIS HEART; NOT GRUDGINGLY OR OUT OF





COMMUNITY PASCHAL CARD 2026

Pascha is the most significant day in the life of our Holy Orthodox Church. In the spirit of the Resurrection, the St. Nicholas Parish is preparing a community Paschal Card, in order to provide you with the opportunity to participate in this most Holy Feast.

The St. Nicholas community Paschal Card:

- Is a beautiful religious Card of Byzantine design.*
- Contains the names of all those in the parish (as well as friends of the parish) who wish to have their names included.*
- Is sent to over 1,700 families and friends on our church mailing list.*

We hope that your name, that of your family, your business or a message in memory of a loved one can be included in the Paschal greeting.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

*With Love in Christ,
Rev. Economos Aristidis Garinis
Proistamenos*

*Paschal Card Committee,
Christina Siroky*

TO PARTICIPATE IN THE CARD, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW:

- 1) PRINT THE FAMILY OR BUSINESS NAME(S) OR YOUR MESSAGE IN MEMORY OF A LOVED ONE AS YOU WOULD LIKE IT TO APPEAR IN THE CARD.

TELEPHONE #	E-MAIL ADDRESS		
HOME ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP

- 2) PLEASE MAKE YOUR CHECK FOR YOUR DONATION PAYABLE TO: ST NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX CHURCH

\$30 \$50 \$75 \$100 Other

- 3) ENCLOSE YOUR CHECK WITH THIS FORM IN THE RETURN ENVELOPE PROVIDED BY **April 1, 2026**

- 4) We are pleased to offer the option of completing this form and making payment electronically. Please scan this QR Code and follow the instructions to do so.

Or click on the link:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/SaintNicholasGOChurch/PaschalCardInformationPaymentForm2026>



For any questions, please call Christina Siroky at (917) 501-2888.

Thank You!

ST NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX SHRINE CHURCH



Myrrhophores



We are looking for 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th,
and 12th grade girls to participate in this
years Holy Friday and Holy Saturday
services as Myrrhbearers.

JOIN US

Holy Friday, April 10th

Holy Saturday, April 11th

Sign up: bit.ly/Myrophora

For more information
call/ text. Olga Dakis
917-584-0978



Prepare for Holy Week & Pascha at the Philokalia Bookstore!

As we draw near to the sacred journey of **Holy Week**, we invite you to stop by the bookstore to prepare your hearts and homes for the Resurrection of our Lord.

We have a full selection of essentials for the upcoming services:

- **Holy Week Service Books:** Follow every step of the Bridegroom Services, the Twelve Gospels, and the Lamentations with the complete bilingual texts.
- **Hand-Decorated Lambades:** Beautifully crafted Easter candles for the *Anastasi* service. We have styles for children, godchildren, and adults.
- **Pascha Gifts:** Explore our collection of new icons, incense, charcoal, and more.

Gus Cherevas Estia-Pindus Chapter 326

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

*Empowering Our Youth
Since 1982*

Established by Van Pappas and Andy George, the Estia-Pindus Chapter No. 326 of the Order of AHEPA is proud to announce our 2026 Scholarship Program.

For over 40 years, we have awarded more than \$75,000 to deserving students who have gone on to become leaders, doctors, lawyers, and educators. This year, we continue that tradition by awarding \$7,250 in total scholarships!

We are proud to announce \$7,250 in total scholarships for the Class of 2026:

- High School Seniors: (3) Awards of \$2,000 (Enrolled in College for Fall 2026)
- W. Spyropoulos 8th Graders: (2) Awards of \$500 (Entering High School in Fall 2026)
- St. Nicholas Hellenic School: (1) Award of \$250 (Graduating Student)

Eligibility: Applicants must be of Hellenic descent residing in Queens (or attend school in NYC), or be children/grandchildren of Chapter 326 members.

Application Deadline: **MAY 18, 2026** → **Apply Here: forms.gle/Um89bJPRrDKA56Gk7**

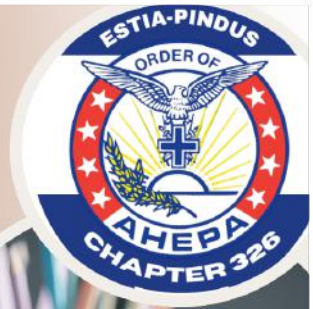
OTHER SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

AHEPA Empire District No. 6

<https://www.ahepad6.com/ahepa-district-6-scholarship>

The AHEPA Education Foundation (AEF)

<https://www.ahepa.org/education>



Contact Information:

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St. Stephanos Young Adults

Spring

Volunteer Opportunities

**Joy Retreat Volunteering
Friday, April 10th from 11 am - 4:30 pm**



**St. Mary's Hospital for Children Volunteering
Saturday, April 25th from 10:30 am - 12 pm**



ST. NICHOLAS GREEK ORTHODOX SHRINE CHURCH FLUSHING, NY

HOLY WEEK 2026

- APRIL 4TH** **Saturday of Lazarus - Σάββατο του Λαζάρου**
8:00 a.m. Orthros / 9:00 a.m. Liturgy
- APRIL 5TH** **Palm Sunday - Κυριακή των Βαΐων**
5:45 a.m. Orthros - Ὁρθρος
6:45 a.m. 1st Liturgy (Main church) - Πρώτη Λειτουργία (Κύριος Ναός)
8:45 a.m. 2nd Liturgy (Main church) - Δεύτερη Λειτουργία (Κύριος Ναός)
10:30 a.m. 3rd Liturgy (Sarantakos Hall) - Τρίτη Λειτουργία (Αίθουσα)
7:00 p.m. Nymphios Service - Νυμφίος
- APRIL 6TH** **Holy Monday - Μ. Δευτέρα**
8:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy - Προηγιασμένη
7:00 p.m. Nymphios Service / Νυμφίος
- APRIL 7TH** **Holy Tuesday - Μ. Τρίτη**
8:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy - Προηγιασμένη
7:00 p.m. Nymphios Service / Νυμφίος
- APRIL 8TH** **Holy Wednesday - Μ. Τετάρτη**
8:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy - Προηγιασμένη
10:30 a.m. Holy Unction - Ευχέλαιον
7:00 p.m. Orthros of Holy Thursday & Anointing of Holy Unction
Ὁρθρος Μ. Πέμπτης και μύρωμα Ευχελαιου
- APRIL 9TH** **Holy Thursday - Μ. Πέμπτη**
6:00 a.m. 1st Liturgy - Πρώτη Λειτουργία
8:00 a.m. Vespereal Liturgy - Εσπερινή Θ. Λειτουργία
6:45 p.m. Service of the HOLY PASSION - ΤΑ ΑΓΙΑ ΠΑΘΗ
- APRIL 10TH** **Holy Friday - Μ. Παρασκευή**
9:00 a.m. Royal hours - Οι Ώρες
2:00 p.m. Apokathlosis / Αποκαθήλωση
OFFICIATED BY HIS EMINENCE ARCHBISHOP ELPIDOPHOROS OF AMERICA
6:00 p.m. Trisagion - Τρισάγιον
7:00 p.m. Lamentations and Epitaphios - Εγκώμια και Επιτάφιος
- APRIL 11TH** **Holy Saturday - Μ. Σάββατο**
6:00 a.m. 1st Liturgy (Main church) - Πρώτη Λειτουργία (Κύριος Ναός)
7:00 a.m. 2nd Liturgy (Sarantakos Hall) - Δεύτερη Λειτουργία (Αίθουσα)
8:15 a.m. 3rd Liturgy (Main church) - Τρίτη Λειτουργία (Κύριος Ναός)
11:00 p.m. Paschal Vigil - Κανόνα
- APRIL 12TH** **+ PASCHA + ΠΑΣΧΑ. +**
12:00 a.m. Resurrection / Ανάσταση
12:30 a.m. Divine Liturgy of Pascha - Λειτουργία του Πάσχα
11:00 a.m. Agape Vespers- Εσπερινός της Αγάπης





**ST. NICHOLAS LADIES
PHILOPTOCHOS SOCIETY
YOUNG PHILANTHROPIST
SCHOLARSHIP**

***The Scholarship application is now open for a
Graduating High School Senior of the Greek
Orthodox faith who has excelled in Philanthropic
works during their high school career***

Our chapter will be offering two (2) scholarships

***Family must be a member in good standing of the parish of
St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Shrine Church, Flushing NY
and a member of the St. Nicholas Ladies Philoptochos chapter***



[stnicholasphiloptochos.org](https://forms.gle/NLks53pkCVJwA1kt5)

<https://forms.gle/NLks53pkCVJwA1kt5>

information email **priosm@gmail.com**

**APPLICATION DUE BY
MAY 11, 2026**

CLASS OF 2026

ST. NICHOLAS STEPHEN AND ARETI
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HELLENIC SCHOOL PROGRAM



**SAVE WITH EARLY
REGISTRATION**

- ✓ Register by **April 30, 2026**, to lock in Early Bird Tuition*.
- ✓ Expanded Curriculum: Greek Dancing, Theater, Mythology, and Conversation.
- ✓ Introduction of Weekday Classes and enhanced Greek Dancing organized by age groups (Pre-K through 8th Grade).
- ✓ Help us plan for a great year—register early!

**REGISTER
NOW!**

A joyful and supportive environment to
strengthen language and deepen cultural roots!

**Register by 4/30/26 and
Save \$250* on your first child's tuition!
Plus: Additional prorated savings for siblings.**



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**Must pay 50% of balance to qualify*

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St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Shrine Church
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Building Foundations for Life



OUR CORE VALUES

Welcome to a family-oriented community where children are lovingly nurtured in the Christian Faith and our rich Hellenic Heritage.



2-YEAR OLD PROGRAM

We provide a structured environment that honors faith and tradition while challenging young minds to grow and excel.



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Our accelerated curriculum integrates Hellenic language and values, ensuring students are fully prepared for the transition to primary education.

Call or Email to secure your child's spot

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Ready to ignite your child's imagination?
Enroll today!.



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AVAILABLE



Certified by the Department of Mental Health and Hygiene



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KIDS BULLETIN PAGE



Palm Sunday is the joyful start of **Holy Week**. On this day, we celebrate Jesus entering Jerusalem. People were so happy to see Him that they waved palm branches and shouted, "Hosanna!"

Unscramble these words to find things we see and hear on Palm Sunday!

1. **SANNAHO** — _____ (The special word people shouted to praise Jesus)
2. **YEKNOD** — _____ (The humble animal Jesus rode into the city)
3. **MLAPS** — _____ (The green branches people waved in the air)
4. **SSORC** — _____ (The shape the priest folds the leaves into)
5. **NIGK** — _____ (The people realized Jesus was their true _____)
6. **ELOV** — _____ (The reason Jesus came to save us)

WELCOME VISITORS

We welcome all visitors to our St. Nicholas Parish. While you are welcome to worship with us, please be aware that only baptized Orthodox Christians in good standing may approach for Holy Communion. We thank you for your understanding. Please reach out to one of our priests to learn about our Orthodox faith.



Today He returns from Bethany and proceeds of His own free will toward His holy and blessed passion, to consummate the mystery of salvation...He comes without pomp or ostentation...Let us run to accompany Him as He hastens toward His passion, and imitate those who met Him then, not by covering His path with garments, olive branches or palms, but by doing all we can to prostrate ourselves before Him by being humble and trying to live as He would wish...So let us spread before His feet, not garments or olive branches, which delight the eyes for a few hours and then wither, but ourselves, clothed in His grace, or rather, clothes completely in Him. We who have been baptized into Christ must ourselves be the garments that we spread before Him. -St. Andrew, Bishop of Gortyna, Crete

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