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March 28<sup>th</sup> – PALM SUNDAY – Entrance Of Our Lord Into Jerusalem

(Remembering – the Martyrs Agapius, Publius, Romulus and Nicander of Egypt)

Today's Epistle

Readings: Phil 4: 4-9

Today's Gospel

Readings John 12: 1-18

**Festal Troparion:** "By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ our God; like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to Thee, O Vanquisher of Death: 'Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!' "

**Festal Kontakion:** "Sitting on Thy Throne in heaven, carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God! accept the praise of angels and the songs of children, who sing: 'Blessed is He that comes to recall Adam!'"

Today's Meditation:

### The Day of God's Grace

We call what God did for us in Christ on Good Friday "the grace of God." Grace means something completely and forever undeserved. It is love allowing itself to be punished when it is someone else who deserves to be punished. It is love accepting the death penalty of sin on behalf of the one who is really guilty. Grace is the Creator allowing Himself to be jeered, ridiculed, spat upon, judged at a mock trial, jabbed in the side with a spear, and sentenced to death for us. Grace is love favoring us when we are not favorable, accepting us when we are not acceptable, loving us when we are not lovable, redeeming us when we are not redeemable. In short, grace is Good Friday. It is our best Friend, Jesus, the Son of God, the sinless One, dying on the cross for us, the sinful ones, that we may have life.

### Church Fathers Speak

Let them take courage who are humbled by their passions. For even if they fall into every pit and are caught in every snare, when they attain health they will become healers, luminaries, beacons and guides to all, teaching about the forms of every sickness and through their own experience saving those who are about to fall." — St. John Climacus

### Special Announcements Today – For Your Benefit!

(1) TODAY: we will serve a memorial parastos for +Sophie Strager, given by her family.

(1-A) **Special REMINDER:** the last day for Holy Confessions is this Wednesday morning before Pre-Sanctified Services – from 8:45-9:15 – AFTER services, we will clean the Church to be ready for Pascha! (YOU ARE NEEDED!!)

(2) **Please keep the following loved ones in our prayers:**

Arlene Crnkovich Gladys Mrvos Bertha Cervo Mika Rocknage Darinka Grba  
Louise Popelas-NH Mara Gasparovic-NH Milan Vranesevic-H Dawn Hamm  
Nick & Dorothy Trbovic Ann Siebert-H Ann Petrovich-H Mimi Pavlovich-H

(3) **As well as those who have fallen asleep in the Lord:**

+Ljubica Trbovich +Richard Sinsel +Milena Dokmanovich +Amy Pacura  
+Bertha Lalich +George Torbic +Patr. Pavle +Arch-Bishop JOB +Smilja Vuckovich  
+ Sophie Strager +Sophie Vranesevic

(4) **THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES:**

**TONIGHT:** Lenten Vespers here at 5:30 PM – Lenten Baked goods needed!

**Monday and Tuesday:** Bridegroom Matins – 6:30 PM!

**PLEASE CHECK** Schedule f Services for the rest of Holy Week!

**- SIGN UP to stand guard at the Tomb of our Lord! Also for Fellowship Hour!**

(5) **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**- BRIGHT MONDAY:** Paschal Liturgy followed by 'Youth Group' Luncheon and Social after! (School-Excuse Slips are at the Tutors' Desk)

(6) **MARK YOUR CALENDARS:**

**WE NEED YOU: THIS WEDNESDAY,** we will be cleaning the Church for Pascha – **HELP!** Bring buckets, rags, leaning fluids, etc. **ALSO,** on Holy Saturday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>, we will decorate the Church AFTER services that morning – again, your help is needed!!

(7) **NOTE THE CHANGE:** as a way of 'speeding up the Divine Liturgy', especially when we have many communicants – we will all say the Prayer before Holy Communion when Father says it BEFORE he receives – he will lead us! (So, this means when he invites us up, "In the fear of God..." we will just come forward having already said the prayer before this!)

(8) **ALSO:** Schedules for the next MONTH (or two) of Church Services were given out – Please utilize them to increase your participation in the life of our blessed Church!

(9) **PLEASE:** do your part in coming to Church regularly AND getting your 2010 Stewardship Pledge Card in as soon as possible!