


APRIL, 2017						GREGORIAN
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
09 Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 Nn Palm Sunday	10	11	12 Brandon: 9 am Sorokousty Brandon: 7 pm K of C Mass & Meeting	13 Brandon: 9 am + Paul Hrysak Offering: Judy & Craig Chaperon Brandon: 7 pm 12 Passion Gospels	 14 Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 Nn Exposition of the Holy Shroud Brandon: 7 pm Jerusalem Matins Good Friday	15 Brandon: 10 am A-M 10:30 am N-Z Bless Easter Baskets Portage: 5 pm Holy Sepulcher Service Bless Easter Baskets Brandon: 7:30 pm Holy Sepulcher Service
16 Brandon: 10 am Portage: 10 am Fr. Krochak officiating Easter Sunday	17 Bright Monday	18 Portage: 10 am + John + Doris Pollock + Michael + Francis Wawrykow Offering: Walter & Anna Pollock Bright Tuesday	19 Portage: 10 am Brandon: 7 pm Parish Council Meeting Bright Wednesday	20 Portage: 10 am Bright Thursday	21 Portage: 10 am Bright Friday	22 Brandon: 5 pm + Paul Hrysak Offering: Phil Hrysak

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

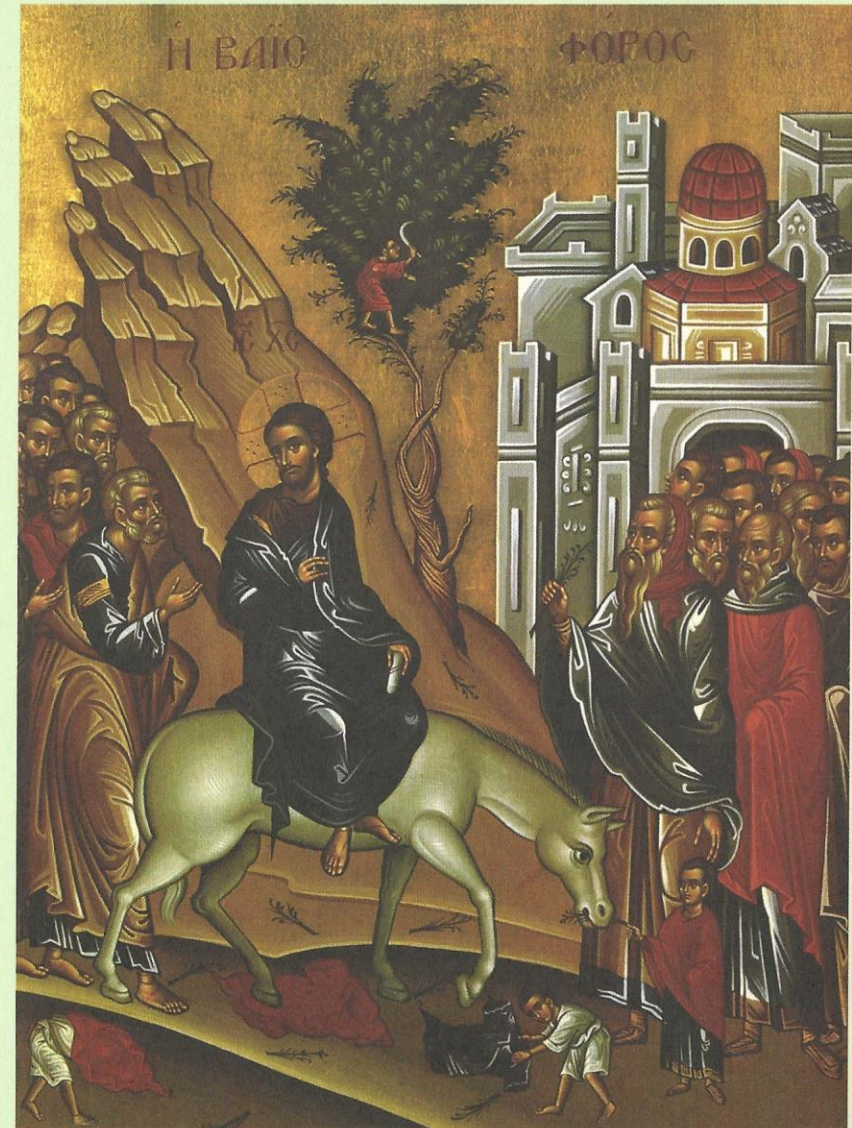
Him who laid your foundations on the palms of His hands. Receive Him, for He took upon Himself all that belongs to us except sin, to consume what is ours in what is His. Be glad, city of Zion, our mother, and fear not. *Celebrate your feasts.* Glorify Him for His mercy, who has come to us in you. Rejoice 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 exultation upon it, as He plainly says: *When I have been lifted up, I will draw all men to myself.*

St. Andrew of Crete

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ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM (PALM SUNDAY)



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DIVINE LITURGIES

Wednesday - Friday - 9:00 AM
 Saturday (English) - 5:00 PM
 Sunday (Bilingual) - 9:00 AM

DATE	READER	USHERS	SACRISTAN	GREETER
Sun Apr 09	S. Shwaluk	D. Shwaluk / A. Todosichuk	L. Makwaychuk	L. Olisnevych
Sun Apr 16	O. Stevenson	B. McKay / S. Kachur	N. Baranyk	B. McKay
Sun Apr 23	P. Zaliskyy	M. Sheeshka / D. Kostiw	N. Zemliak	O. Stevenson
Sun Apr 30	P. Todoruk	L. Halchyshak / D. Shwaluk	I. Dyakiv	B. Kachur

COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:

Saturday, Apr 01 \$ 363.00
 Sunday, Apr 02 \$ 621.00
 Total \$ 984.00
 Candles \$ 37.50

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Faith takes up the cross, love binds it to the soul, and patience bears it to the end.



SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 2017

ROSARY AND CONFESSIONS

One-half hour before Saturday and Sunday Liturgies.

GIFT OF LOVE

The Gift of Love is taken up twice a year, at Christmas and Easter. It is a free-will offering by the faithful to the Archbishop and Parish Priest in a similar fashion as we might give someone a gift on the occasion of their birthday or anniversary. Envelopes are provided for this in the pews.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences are extended to the family of the late Boris Kukurudz who entered into the presence of the Lord on Monday, April 3rd, 2017 in Brandon. Our prayers are extended to his family at this time of loss. Vichnaya Pam'yat.

THANK-YOU

The Men's Club would like to extend our thanks to the UCWLC for being part of your bake sale on April 1st, 2017 and allowing the sale of our traditional sausage for Easter.

- President: Lawrence Kristalovich

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

- Fish Fry at St. Augustine Parish Hall every Friday through Lent (except Good Friday).
- Wednesday, April 12th, 2017 - General Meeting
 7:00 PM - Divine Liturgy at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church
 7:45 PM - Meeting at Ukrainian Reading Hall

THANK-YOU

A sincere thank-you to Shirley Baranyk for purchasing the palms and pussy willows, as well as the ladies for arranging them for distribution on Palm Sunday.

- Fr. Michael

THANK-YOU

Thank-you to all the volunteers who assisted in making our bake sale and perogy luncheon a great success. Your donations of baking, paskas, babkas and raffle items were greatly appreciated. May God bless our parish family and friends for all their efforts.

-Shirley Shwaluk, President

GOOD FRIDAY VIGIL

Parish ladies can volunteer for Good Friday vigil (April 14th) by indicating their time preference on the sheet posted on the bulletin board.

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PALM SUNDAY

We occasionally see people striking one another on the shoulder with willow branches on Palm Sunday while reciting the verse below and we are reminded by the willow branch as symbol of life that Christ is risen from the dead, that by his death He trampled death and to those in the graves He granted life.

It is not I who beat you,

It is the willow.

In seven days is the Great Day.

The red painted eggs are very near.

Be mighty like a willow.

Be healthy like water.

And rich like the earth.

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THE LEGEND OF THE DONKEY'S CROSS

The story is told that the little donkey that had been Jesus' mount on Palm Sunday, followed his gentle master to the hill of Calvary. Seeing the tragic event occurring there, he wished with all his heart that he had been able to carry the cross for Jesus as he was the proper one to carry heavy burdens. Grief-stricken by the sight of Jesus on the cross, the donkey turned away but he could not leave because of his love for Jesus and stayed until all was over. It was then that the shadow of the cross fell upon the shoulders and back of the little donkey and there it has remained forevermore, a tribute to the loyalty and love of the humblest of God's creatures.



namely, the Father, and then of the Son, who is creator, and then of the Holy Spirit, the perfectos."⁸¹ Created in love, this world becomes a temple, the place and environment of God's relationship with humanity. The presence of God in the world, as if in a temple, is a prefigurement of the entry of the Son of God into human flesh, the incarnation (see Heb 10:5).

102 The Incarnation of the Son of God reveals the purpose of the created world. At the appointed moment of history, the Son of God descends into creation in order to raise creation to God. This is accomplished by the action of the Holy Spirit. In the six days of creation, the Holy Spirit prepares an environment for humanity (see Gn 1). In the Old Testament, God prepares humanity for the encounter with the incarnate Son of God, so that through Jesus Christ all creation might be brought to the Father, and "that God may be all in all" (1 Cor 15:28).

a. The Freedom of the Creator

103 Holy Scripture begins the account of the creation of the world with these words: "In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth" (Gn 1:1). God was, is, and remains always "in the beginning" of everything created, and all that comes forth in time. The evangelist John writes about God as the beginning of everything: "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty" (Rev 1:8). Saint Irenaeus of Lyons writes that all things came forth from the hands of God, by the Word and the Holy Spirit.⁸²

104 God realizes his plan for the creation of the world through his Word: "Let there be light ... let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters" (Gn 1:3, 6). This creative Word reveals himself in Holy Scripture as the Son of God, begotten of the Father: "He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation ... he is before all things, and in him all things hold together" (Coil: 15-17).

105 God creates freely; nothing limits his creative freedom. God's creativity is expressed in creation, in bringing forth being from non-being. God calls forth into being that which did not exist, and did not necessarily have to exist. In other words, what God called into existence did not come into being out of any necessity. Holy Scripture does not tell us how the world came to be. Instead, it speaks about the *who* (the Father),

⁸¹ BASIL THE GREAT, *On the Holy Spirit*, 16, 38: PG 32, 136.

⁸² See IRENAEUS OF LYONS, *Against Heresies*, IV, 20, 1, 3-4: PG 7, 1031. See also *Against Heresies*, V, 1, 3: PG 7, 1122-1123.

through whom (the Word, the Son), and *in whom* (the Holy Spirit) God called this world into existence.

106 God is the Creator. This means that God not only created the world but that he is always present in his creation, and that he is always creating. Hence, creation is a sign and expression of God's creative love. Through human beings, creation is called to respond to love with love and to long for God as God longs for them: "God desires that he might be desired and he loves that he might be loved."⁸³

b. The Goodness of Creation

107 In the account of the creation of the world, Holy Scripture discloses the way in which God assesses the world created by him: "And God saw that it was good" (Gn 1:10 et al.). Like an artist, God creates a masterpiece; he examines his creation with attention, and he delights in it. The Father contemplates the world and recognizes within its features the face of the Son—the first-born of all creation, by whom and for whom all was created (see Col 1:15f). The face of Christ comes through ever more distinctly throughout history—all the way to the incarnation of the Son of God and his second coming in glory. Creation is the visible icon of the invisible God. As history unfolds, this creation is being transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit into a "new creation," prefigured in the glorified body of the Risen Christ.

108 Contemplation—a deeper way of looking at the world, to which God calls us—teaches us to see the surrounding world not only as a material thing, or as something useful and pleasurable for our egos, but as the sphere of action of the personal God, who is distinct from us and from the world. The words of prayer from the Rite of the Great Blessing of Water provide us with a wonderful example of the Christian view of the world:

The sun sings your praises; the moon glorifies you; the stars entreat you; the light obeys you; the depths tremble before you; the springs serve you. You have stretched out the heavens like a tent; you have established the earth upon the waters; you have enclosed the sea with sand. You have poured forth air that living things may breathe...⁸⁴

109 Contemplation of the world, in light of an experience of the personal God who alone is good (see Lk 18:19), provides the foundation for affirming the goodness of the world, of matter, and of all creation. "The

⁸³ МЛХИМУС THE CONFESSOR, *Ambigua*, 31: PG 91, 1280.

⁸⁴ Trebnyk, *Rite of the Great Blessing of Water for the Feast of theophany*, Third Prayer.