






APRIL, 2019						GREGORIAN
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>14</b> Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 pm  Palm Sunday	<b>15</b> 	<b>16</b>  Brandon: 9 am Intention of Fr. Michael Offering: Chodorowski Family	<b>17</b>  Brandon: 9 am Sorokousty	<b>18</b>  Brandon: 9 am + Robert LeBoutillier Offering: Lawrence & Elsie Makwaychuk  Brandon: 7 pm 12 Passion Gospels  Holy Thursday	<b>19</b>  Brandon: 9 am Portage: 12 pm Exposition of the Holy Shroud  Brandon: 7 pm Jerusalem Matins  Black Fast Good Friday	<b>20</b> Brandon: 10:00 am - A-M 10:30 am - N-Z Bless Easter Baskets Portage: 5 pm Holy Sepulcher Service & Bless Easter Baskets Brandon: 8:00 pm Holy Sepulcher Service Holy Saturday
<b>21</b> Brandon: 10 am Portage: 10 am Fr. Krochak Officiating  Easter Sunday	<b>22</b>  Bright Monday	<b>23</b> Portage: 10 am God's Blessings Offering: Walter & Terry Kuzyk  Bright Tuesday	<b>24</b> Portage: 10 am  Martyr Sabbas Bright Wednesday	<b>25</b> Portage: 10 am Brandon: 7 pm Parish Council Meeting Apostle and Evangelist Mark Bright Thursday	<b>26</b> Portage: 10 am  Priest Martyr Basil Bright Friday	<b>27</b> Brandon: 5 pm Intention of Dr. Christian McMahan & Family Offering: Issigonis Family  Priest Martyr Simon Bright Saturday

### Palm Sunday

The hymns and prayers celebrating Christ's glorious journey into the Holy City reflect both the joy and the concern about what shall in short time occur in this City.

The introductory Vespers' hymn expresses these sentiments in these words: "Today the grace of the Holy Spirit has gathered us together, and we all take up Your Cross and say, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest!" The Palm Sunday exclamation, "Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord ..." is repeated over and over and we know that it was also taken into the Liturgy's solemn hymn, "Holy, holy, holy ..."

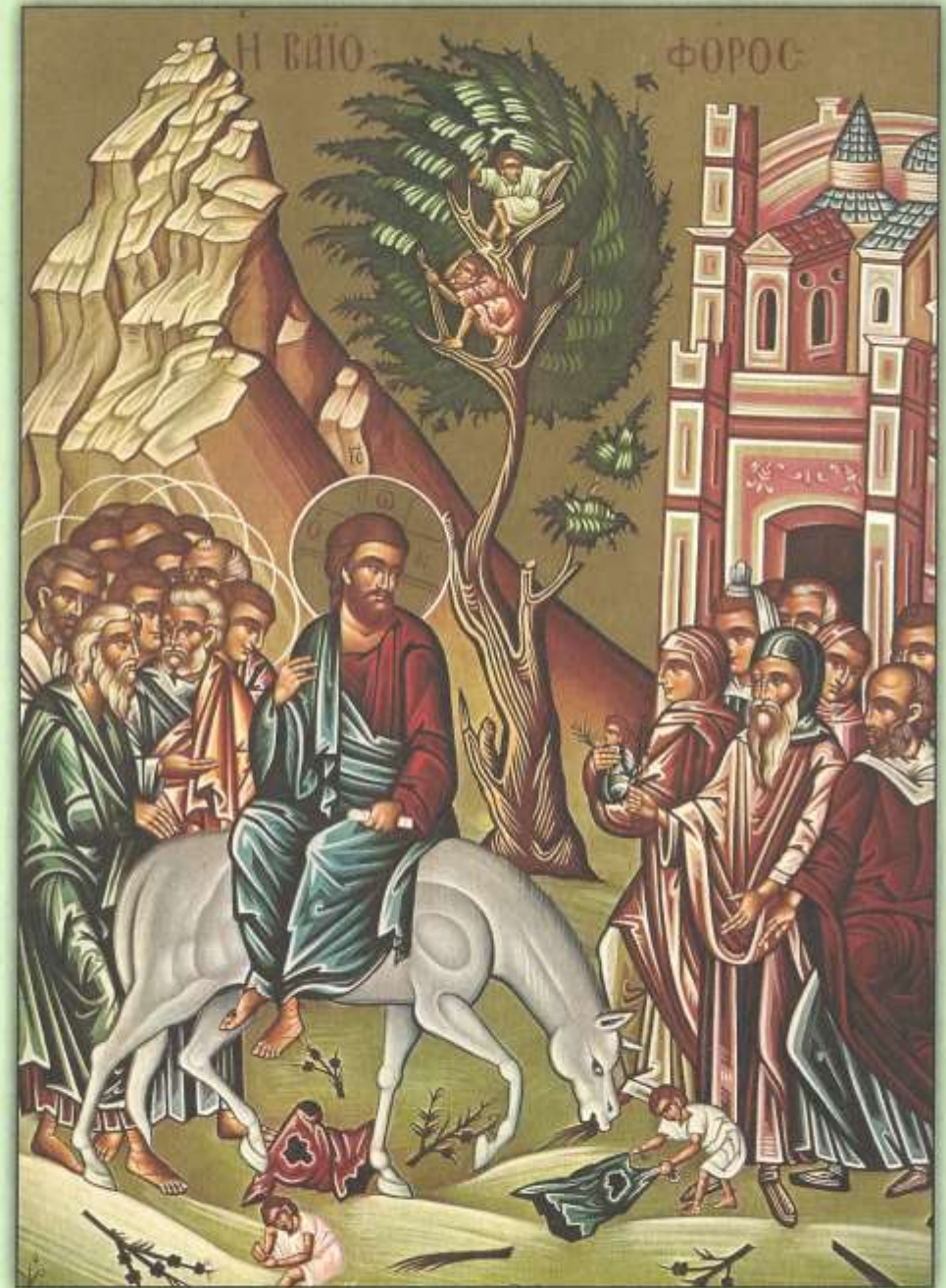
A Palm Sunday liturgical text beautifully expresses the full dimensions of this greeting when it says, "Blessed are You, You have come and are

coming again in the name of the Lord God our Savior!" The serene sunshine of the Palm Sunday could not last long. Evening is approaching of the first day of the Holy Week. Jesus' enemies were not idle; they gather and debate how to stop any similar demonstration. He should be arrested.

The Church reminds us of this change: "As we pass from one Divine Feast to another, O faithful, let us go with haste to the reverent and saving celebration of Christ's sufferings. Let us behold Him undergo voluntary suffering for our sake, and let us sing to Him with thankfulness a fitting hymn: O Fountain of tender mercy and Haven of salvation. Lord, glory be to You!" The Great, Holy Week of Christ's Passion began.

Father Vladimir Vancik

## PALM SUNDAY -- FLOWERY SUNDAY



Icon of the Entrance into Jerusalem

**WELCOME TO**

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**ROSARY AND CONFESSIONS**

One-half hour before Saturday and Sunday Liturgies.

**EMERGENCY**

Phone Fr. Michael at: Res: (204) 729-8056  
 Cell: (204) 729-7819

**DIVINE LITURGIES**

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

<u>DATE</u>	<u>READER</u>	<u>USHERS</u>	<u>SACRISTAN</u>	<u>GREETER</u>
Sun Apr 14	T. Yuriy	R. Kuszak / B. McKay	N. Zemliak	L. Olisnevych
Sun Apr 21	S. Sheeshka	S. Kachur / M. Sheeshka	I. Dyakiv	B. McKay
Sun Apr 28	B. MacKalski	D. Kostiw / L. Halchyshak	L. Makwaychuk	O. Stevenson
Sun May 05	H. Lazaruk	D. Shwaluk / A. Todosichuk	N. Zemliak	J. Solomon

**COLLECTIONS AND DONATIONS:**

Saturday, Apr 06 \$ 250.00  
 Sunday, Apr 07 \$ 581.00  
 Total \$ 831.00  
 Candles \$ 45.70

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT - FEBRUARY, 2019**

Total Credits: \$ 7,723.45  
 Total Debits: \$ 5,440.68

**SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2019**

**QUOTE OF THE DAY**

But Palm Sunday tells us that ... it is the cross that is the true tree of life.

- Pope Benedict XVI



**SERVICE TIMES CHANGE**

Although the Sunday service is now at 9:00 AM, please note that on Easter Sunday and Thomas Sunday the service will be at 10:00 AM.

**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.

**THANK-YOU**

A sincere thank-you to Shirley Baranyk for arranging for the purchase of the palms and pussy willows. Thank-you also to Shirley, Florence Yuriy, Henryka Chodorowski and Dolores Tkachuk for preparing them for distribution on Palm Sunday.

**HI-TEA**

Ladies: If you have not been contacted and would like to attend the Hi-Tea on Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM, please call Olga Stevenson at (204) 571-6928.

**POPE FRANCIS' PRAYER INTENTION (APRIL 2019)**

Universal: For doctors and their humanitarian collaborators in war zones, who risk their lives to save the lives of others.

**SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK**

	<b>Brandon</b>	<b>Portage</b>
<b>Holy Thursday</b> 12 Passion Gospels	7 PM	--
<b>Good Friday</b> Exposition of the Holy Shroud Jerusalem Matins	9 AM 7 PM	12 PM --
<b>Holy Saturday</b> Blessing of Easter Baskets Holy Sepulcher Service & Bless Easter Baskets Holy Sepulcher Service	A-M 10 AM N-Z 10:30 -- 8 PM	5 PM

**CONDOLENCES**

Condolences are extended to the family of the late Joseph Zacharliuk who entered into the presence of the Lord on April 5<sup>th</sup> in Brandon. Graveside service was held on Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM. Our prayers are extended to his family and friends at this time of sorrow. Vichnaya Pam'yat - Eternal Memory.

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**PALM SUNDAY**

We know Christ's tale about riding into Jerusalem on a donkey. We are living in a time far enough removed from Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem to know He was not coming as the destroyer of oppressive civil rule. He was not the vanquisher of taxes. He was not calling for military conquests or political coups. His was not an earthly kingdom. He was and is the Savior of sinners. The Victor of Life. The King of Kings. We have the benefit of Holy Scriptures, wisdom of the Holy Fathers, homilies of hierarchs, guidance from our spiritual fathers, and we have our own Byzantine Catholic Christian faith. We know Christ did not enter Jerusalem to achieve the self-interested expectations of crowds who would soon turn on Him. He came to fulfill His Father's mission. He came to save us from ourselves. He came to overcome death by His own death and to grant us eternal life. He didn't affirm the zealous enmity of the crowd. He asked for love. Prayer. Repentance. Love for our neighbors as ourselves. Even love for our enemies. We are blessed to be able to manifest our understanding of Christ's entrance into Jerusalem in many ways. We can feed the hungry, comfort strangers, clothe the naked, heal illness, and visit oppression. We can change a family in need in Canada or across the world. We can change a village in distress. We can change a country in peril. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! He saves our souls. He lifts our spirits. He enlightens our darkness. Praise Him! Glorify Him!

