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## Palm Sunday...April 9, 2017

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## TODAY'S READINGS

### St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians 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.

### Πρὸς Φιλιππησίους 4:4-9

Ἀδελφοί, χαίρετε ἐν κυρίῳ πάντοτε· πάλιν ἐρῶ, χαίρετε. Τὸ ἐπιεικὲς ὑμῶν γνωσθήτω πᾶσιν ἀνθρώποις. Ὁ κύριος ἐγγύς. Μηδὲν μερμινᾶτε, 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 προσφιλή, ὅσα εὐφρημα, εἴ τις ἀρετὴ καὶ εἴ τις ἔπαινος, ταῦτα λογίζεσθε. Ἄ καὶ ἐμάθετε καὶ παρελάβετε καὶ ἠκούσατε καὶ εἶδετε ἐν ἐμοί, ταῦτα πράσσετε· καὶ ὁ θεὸς τῆς εἰρήνης ἔσται μεθ' ὑμῶν.

### John 12:1-18

Six days before Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazaros was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Lazaros 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, 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 Lazaros, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazaros 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 Lazaros 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.

### Κατὰ Ἰωάννην 12:1-18

Πρὸ ἕξ ἡμερῶν τοῦ πάσχα ἦλθεν Ὁ Ἰησοῦς εἰς Βηθανίαν, ὅπου ἦν Λάζαρος ὁ τεθνηκώς, ὃν ἠγειρεν 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' ἑαυτῶν, ἐμὲ δὲ οὐ πάντοτε ἔχετε. Ἔγνω οὖν ὄχλος πολὺς ἐκ τῶν Ἰουδαίων ὅτι ἐκεῖ ἐστὶ, καὶ ἦλθον οὐ διὰ τὸν Ἰησοῦν μόνον, ἀλλ' ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἴδωσιν ὃν ἠγειρεν ἐκ νεκρῶν. ἐβουλεύσαντο δὲ οἱ ἀρχιερεῖς ἵνα καὶ τὸν Λάζαρον ἀποκτείνωσιν, ὅτι πολλοὶ δι' αὐτὸν ὑπήγον τῶν Ἰουδαίων καὶ ἐπίστευον εἰς τὸν Ἰησοῦν. Τῇ ἐπαύριον ὄχλος πολὺς ἐβλήθη εἰς τὴν ἐορτήν, ἀκούσαντες ὅτι ἔρχεται Ἰησοῦς εἰς Ἱεροσόλυμα, ἔλαβον τὰ βῆλα τῶν φοινίκων καὶ ἐξῆλθον εἰς ὑπάντησιν αὐτῷ, καὶ ἔκραζον· ὡσαννά, εὐλογημένος ὁ ἐρχόμενος ἐν ὀνόματι Κυρίου, ὁ βασιλεὺς τοῦ Ἰσραήλ. εὐρῶν δὲ ὁ Ἰησοῦς ὀνάριον ἐκάθισεν ἐπ' αὐτό, καθὼς ἐστὶ 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 ἠγειρεν αὐτὸν ἐκ νεκρῶν. διὰ τοῦτο καὶ ὑπήντησεν αὐτῷ ὁ ὄχλος, ὅτι ἠκούσαν τοῦτο αὐτὸν πεποιηκέναι τὸ σημεῖον.

**PALM SUNDAY** celebrates the glorious and brilliant feast of the Entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem. Zechariah had prophesied the entrance of the Messiah into Jerusalem, saying: *"Rejoice greatly ... O daughter of Jerusalem; behold, the King comes to you; He is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon a donkey, and upon a colt the foal of an donkey"* (Zech. 9:9). The contemporary Jews associated this prophecy with the expected Messiah. This action of Christ testifies to His nature as Savior, but with the definite declaration that His Kingdom was not of this world. The news that Christ was in Bethany provoked a general enthusiasm of acceptance, but also of indignation among the High Priests, who had decided to kill Christ. The main road leading to Jerusalem was covered with palm trees. The multitudes, with palm branches in their hands, spread their cloaks on the road as a show of respect, crying out, *"Hosanna to the Son of David, blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord"*. All the actions and words of the people and of Christ had a Messianic meaning readily recognized by the Jews of that time. As usual, Christ went immediately to the Temple, where He prayed and taught. That evening He departed for Bethany. A custom of distributing branches of palms to the people in the Church prevails to this day, commemorating the victory of Christ against the evil powers. – excerpted from [www.goarch.org](http://www.goarch.org).

### **Holy Week - Pascha Schedule 2017**

<b>Sunday 4/9</b>	1st Bridegroom Service	7:00pm–8:30pm
<b>Holy Monday 4/10</b>	Presanctified Liturgy	9:00am–10:30am
	2nd Bridegroom Service	7:00pm–8:30pm
<b>Holy Tuesday 4/11</b>	Presanctified Liturgy	9:00am–10:30am
	3rd Bridegroom Service	7:00pm–8:30pm
<b>Holy Wednesday 4/12</b>	Presanctified Liturgy	9:00am–10:30am
	Sacrament of Holy Unction	3:00pm–5:00 pm
	Sacrament of Holy Unction	7:00pm–9:00 pm
<b>Holy Thursday 4/13</b>	Vespers-Divine Liturgy of St. Basil	6:00am–8:30am
	Service of the 12 Gospels	7:00pm–10:30pm
<b>Holy Friday 4/14</b>	Service of the Great Hours	9:00am–10:30am
	The Removal of Christ from the Cross	3:00pm–4:45pm
	Service of the Lamentations at the Tomb	7:00 pm–10:00 pm
	<b><i>His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America officiating</i></b>	
<b>Holy Saturday 4/15</b>	Proto-Anastasi Vespers & Divine Liturgy	9:00am–11:30am
	Paschal Vigil	10:45pm
<b>Holy Pascha 4/16</b>	Distribution of the Light	12:00am
	Proclamation of the Anastasis Outdoors	12:15am
	Orthros - Divine Liturgy	12:20am–2:30am
	<b><i>His Eminence Archbishop Demetrios, Geron of America officiating</i></b>	
	Agape Vespers	10:00am–11:00am



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**PASCHAL FLOWER DONATIONS:** If you would like to donate flowers for our celebration of Christ's Resurrection, please contact the Cathedral Office at 212-288-3215. This is a great way to honor your departed loved ones.

**LITTLE GIRLS NEEDED AS MYROPHORES FOR THE HOLY FRIDAY EITAPHIOS:** On Holy Friday Evening, our young (under 12 years old) girls will be asked to participate in the service as Myrophores. The girls must wear white dresses and have a white basket as well. This is a blessed opportunity for our young ladies to enjoy the Holy Friday service by participating. Practice will be held after the Holy Unction service on Holy Wednesday afternoon around 5PM. If you have questions, please contact Effie at [Edoscas@ziffster.com](mailto:Edoscas@ziffster.com)

**CATHEDRAL CONNECT:** Each year, tables are set-up outside the Cathedral on Holy Friday and Holy Saturday to sell candles with drip cups. If you would like to volunteer to man the tables, please be in touch by e-mail at [connect@thecathedralnyc.org](mailto:connect@thecathedralnyc.org). Holy Friday: Up to 6 volunteers are needed (6:15pm arrival). Holy Saturday: Up to 15 volunteers are needed (11pm arrival).

**STEWARDSHIP 2017:** Have you submitted your pledge for 2017? This ministry involves the complete participation of each household that makes up our parish family. All are called to give their time, talent and treasures to our Lord and to His church. Please think and pray on the needs of our community and how you can contribute across all three of those pillars.

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You may contact Fr. John directly for home blessings; 1st-day & 8th-day newborn infant blessings; hospital, nursing home or home-bound visits; when a loved one passes – or in any situation where the blessing, comfort or counsel of the Church is needed. Appointments for confession may also be made with him.

#### Notes From The



#### Choir Loft ...

As we all journey through Great Lent and prepare for Holy Pascha, the choir is also rehearsing all the beautiful hymns that are sung during this sacred time of year. Visit us on [YouTube](#) & [Facebook](#) by searching for “Archdiocesan Cathedral Choir”.

**SAVE THE DATE:** On Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> (6PM) there will be a musical presentation by ARETI KETIME, “The Angelic Voice of Greek Traditional and Folk Music 2004 Athens Olympic Games Opening Ceremony Performer”. For tickets please call **646-623-0279**.

A poster for a Spring Luncheon event. The background is a scenic view of the Loeb Boathouse in Central Park, New York City, with many people in rowboats on the water. The text is overlaid on the image.

Archdiocesan Cathedral Philoptochos Society  
**SPRING LUNCHEON**  
Wednesday, May 17, 2017  
Our Guest Speaker  
**Michael Psilakis**  
Presenting his newly published book  
“LIVE TO EAT: COOKING THE MEDITERRANEAN WAY”  
Boutiques and Cocktails at 11:00 am  
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