

Announcements

- **Welcome guests and visitors!** We are very glad that you joined us this morning and hope you have enjoyed the beauty of today's service. Please approach Fr. Philip at the end and introduce yourself to him. You are invited to our fellowship meal downstairs.
- **Confessions!:** Remember no sacrament of confession in Holy Week. So, to receive holy communion on Holy Thursday at the Liturgy of Mystical Supper or on Holy Saturday and on Pascha you need to come to confession either Thursday 6pm before Holy Unction or on Saturday pm or Sunday am. The reason for this is primarily spiritual: We should not be thinking about our sins in Holy Week but rather we focus on Christ and his life-saving sufferings. Thank you in advance.
- **Birthdays!** Congratulations to Corina Alafgani and Kristina Tsourankova on April 3rd ! Many Years!
- **Thank you to all who help with Church Cleaning for Pascha!** God bless all of you – we had a good time too!

Holy Week at Christ the Saviour

Holy Thursday April 9 9 am Liturgy of the Last Supper
6pm Service of the 12 Gospels

Holy Friday April 10 9am Royal Hours
1.30 pm Vespers and Bringing out of the Plashchanitsa – burial shroud
6 pm Lamentation of the Mother of God and burial service with procession with burial shroud.

Holy Saturday 11

9 am Vesperal Liturgy with Baptism of Brent-Seraphim

Pascha of the Lord April 12th!

11.15 pm Midnight Office

11.45 pm Silence

12 am midnight Paschal matins with procession and Liturgy

Break-fast! Sunday 1pm Paschal Vespers and Lunch

Christ the Saviour Orthodox Church



Sunday, April 5th, 2026

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*Welcome to Christ the Saviour!
Join us for lunch downstairs after the service!*

Today's Epistle

Philippians 4:4-9

Today's Gospel

John 12:1-18

Palm Sunday

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Today's Epistle

Philippians 4:4-9

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me – put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

Today's Gospel

John 12:1-18

Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was ^lwho had been dead, whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's *son*, who would betray Him, said, "Why was this fragrant oil 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 had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it.

But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always." Now a great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!' The King of Israel!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on 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 these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and *that* they had done these things to Him. Therefore, the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

«Добрее надо быть, это же храм!» Как мы встречали Христа: [Елена Кучеренко https://pravoslavie.ru/152954.html](https://pravoslavie.ru/152954.html)

“Я очень люблю этот день – Вход Господень в Иерусалим. И, наверное, это неправильно, но ничуть не меньше, чем духовный его смысл, я люблю в нем человеческое – это самое Вербное воскресенье. Я люблю наблюдать за людьми, которые приходят в храм со своими веточками – совсем простыми или украшенными разными лентами и птичками. Люблю наблюдать за собой. Кто-то понимает – зачем пришел. А кто-то появляется здесь от силы три раза в год – на Пасху, Крещение и вот сейчас. Но ведь всех нас зачем-то собрал в этот день Господь. И, глядя на этих людей с их вербами, я всегда думаю, что вот также, наверное, чуть больше двух веков назад толпа встречала Христа... И так же Он всех их собрал. И кто-то понимал, что происходит. А кто-то вышел Ему навстречу, но пройдет совсем немного времени, и он будет кричать: «Распни!» Или уже готов это крикнуть. Но стоит он со своей украшенной веткой и сам того не ведает...”

