

### *Misplaced Expectations*

A young boy returned from his first major league baseball game very disappointed. Even though his favorite team won the game, the young boy said to his grandfather, "I'll never go to another game again!" "Why not," his grandfather asked, "your team won the game -why are you disappointed?" The boy answered, "I wanted my favorite player to hit a home run to where I was sitting and I wanted to catch the ball and I wanted to get it autographed after the game!" "I've been hoping for that all my life, too," said his grandfather with a smile.

Quite often, the disappointment that we feel towards a person or about a situation or circumstance is due to the fact that our expectations of that person or about that situation are misplaced, misguided, or misunderstood. We see an example of this in today's Gospel reading about our

Lord's entrance into Jerusalem.

Many of the same people who enthusiastically greeted Jesus when He entered into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday would just as passionately demand His crucifixion only a few days later. Why? It is because their expectations of Him were misplaced. That is, many people presumed that the long-awaited Messiah would be a great military leader or a political revolutionary who would lead them out of Roman subjugation and into independence. They did not consider the possibility of a Messiah who would conquer not armies, but death itself.

What do we expect from God? Like the little boy at the baseball game, are we disappointed when we don't get what we want? Let us recall that the Lord knows what we need even before we ask or are aware of it!

## THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM PALM SUNDAY



*Icon of the Entrance into Jerusalem*

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**Sunday – March 29, 2026**

**Glory to Jesus Christ – Glory to Him Forever + Слава Ісусу Христу – Слава на віки**

**Confessions are available before the Divine Liturgies**

**All Services will be Live Streamed at 9:00 AM and 11:30 AM**

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<b>Saturday March 28</b> 10:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m.	<b>Lazarus Saturday</b> Divine Liturgy and First Confession (Souls Enrolled in Sorokousty) <b>Great Vespers</b>
<b>Sunday March 29</b>  9:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	<b>Our Lord's Entrance into Jerusalem – Palm Sunday</b> <b>**Lenten Retreat** - Confessions-Сповідь</b> (For the Parish) (Deceased of the Luznycky-Kulchyckyj-Gut Family from Kulchyckyj Fam.)
<b>Monday March 30</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Great and Holy Monday - Presanctified Liturgy</b> (Peace in the Holy Land and Middle East)
<b>Tuesday March 31</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Great and Holy Tuesday - Presanctified Liturgy</b> (Peace in Ukraine)
<b>Wednesday April 1</b> 7:00 p.m.	<b>Great and Holy Wednesday - Presanctified Liturgy with Anointing of the Sick</b> (Blessings for the Aged and Sick)
<b>Thursday April 2</b>  7:00 p.m.	<b>Great and Holy Thursday - Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great</b> <b>Commemorating the Lord's Supper</b> (Vocations)
<b>Friday April 3</b> 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	<b>Great and Holy Friday</b> <b>Matins of Our Lord's Passion and Death - (Strasti - 12 Gospels)</b> <b>Vespers with the placing of the Shroud (Plaschanitsya)</b>
<b>Saturday April 4</b> 9:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 12:00 noon 8:30 p.m.	<b>Great and Holy Saturday</b> Church opens for Visitation of the Tomb All Day Jerusalem Matins at the Tomb Confessions Blessing of Easter Food Baskets Vespers and Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great (For the Parish) First Liturgy of Pascha-Easter Vigil [Satisfies Easter Obligation] Followed by Blessing of Easter Food Baskets
<b>Sunday April 5</b> 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m.	<b>PASCHA – THE RESURECTION OF JESUS CHRIST</b> Resurrection Matins Divine Liturgy Followed By Blessing of Easter Food Baskets (Deceased Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Religious)

### FIRST CONFESSION 2026 CONGRATULATIONS

God Bless our First Confession Children who all received the Mystery of Penance on Lazarus Saturday March 28 at the Divine Liturgy. We congratulate Kateryna and Oleksandr Borysenko, Alexandra Maria Dodds, and Lukas and Simon Fedyk. God Grant Them Many Happy Years – Mnohaya Lita!

### SPIRITUAL REGULATIONS FOR THE HOLY WEEK 2026

Although our Church traditionally prescribed abstention from meat and dairy products in days gone by for the entire duration of the Great Fast and Holy Week, the following are the minimal Lenten regulations today: Abstinance from meat and all dairy products on Good Friday and abstinance from meat only on Holy Saturday. It is also traditional to abstain from meat on Holy Wednesday and Holy Thursday. Everyone should receive the Holy Mysteries of Reconciliation and Holy Eucharist during the period from the onset of Great Fast to the Wednesday before Ascension Thursday. The Fasting and Abstinance regulations are not binding on persons 60 or older, the very poor, sick, nursing or pregnant women, children below the age of 14, and those who engage in physically very hard labor. However, all are urged, if able to do so, to observe the fasting and abstinance regulations.

### PRAYER LIST

Our prayer list of the sick or elderly and friends of our parish: **Theresa Aranda, Liana Arnold, Valarie Balthis, Barbara Blendy, Bluey Family, Yevhenia Borys, Terry Boyle, Taisia Bullard, Mary Connors, Veronica Cosio, Darlene Dossick, Robert Dulaine, Solomia Dutkewych and Theresa, Ruth Fedack, Bernard F, Myroslava Futey, Lilian Garland, Thomas Gutmann, H.H., Josie Hacker, Robert Harnest, Catherine Hetmansky, Vanessa Hetmansky, Bernadell Rita Higgins, Ellen Hitchens, Janet Hitchens, Fr. Robert Hitchens, Boris Hlynsky, Daniel Horeczko, Oksana Horszynska, Ihor Hulawyj, Nila Iwaskiw, Sarah Kelt, LTJG Lydia Kowalskyj USN, Dorothy Kozmoski, Suzanne Krumpelman, Mr. Marko, Melissa Martin, Paul Marynowych, Irene Nagurney, Myron Nagurney Jr, Michele Pretka Litvak, Yaroslava L., Mufada and Family, Sallie Miller, John Moeller, Deborah Pickering, Alexandra Pohorecka, Patricia Pylypec, Ron#119, Michael Joseph Radigan, Ivanna Richardson, Roman Rusynko, Chris Saboe, Lisa Schaible, Christopher Sell, Teresa Sherwood, Shliakhta Bogdana, Shliakhta Mark, Shliakhta, Andrew, Larry Sosnowich, Lindsey Sydnor, Thomas Sydnor, Lisa Pretka Turner, Gloria and Luis Vega, Fr. George Worschak, and Paul Yarrish. If you know of someone who should be on this list, please email or call with the name of the individual. Our intercessory prayer for the sick and the aged is truly helpful and comforting. In your Christian Charity, kindly remember our sick parishioners in your prayers and perhaps a card or note.**

### **Lenten Mission 2026 – Palm Sunday March 29**

**Fr. Yuriy Schurko, Dean of Theology and Philosophy at the Ukrainian Catholic University, will offer our 2026 Lenten Mission. Please join us on Palm Sunday for Divine Liturgy at 9AM and 1130AM. Confessions will be available during all of the services. Let us spiritually prepare for Easter 2026!**