

HOLY MARTYR EUPSYCHIUS OF CAESAREA

The Holy Martyr Eupsychius was born in the city of Caesarea in Cappadocia and received a Christian upbringing by his illustrious parents.

During the reign of Julian the Apostate(361-363), St. Eupsychius entered into a Christian marriage. As he was going to his wedding, the pagans were offering sacrifice to the goddess Fortuna, whom Julian revered, at a pagan temple in Caesarea. St. Eupsychius was filled with zeal for the Lord, and he destroyed the temple. He knew he would be punished, so he distributed all his possessions to the poor and prepared himself for martyrdom.

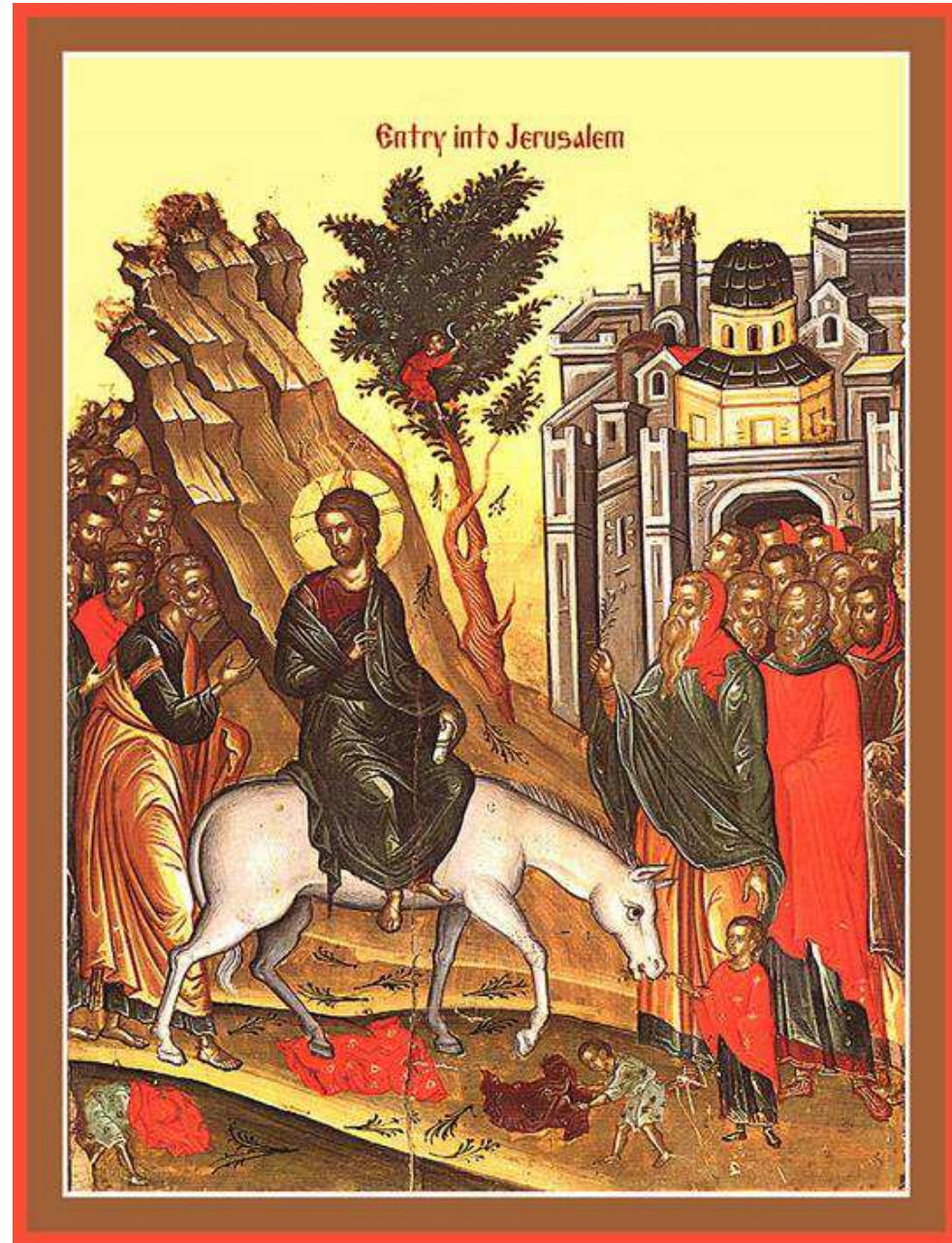
The enraged emperor Julian loosed his wrath not only on Eupsychius but against all the city's inhabitants. Some were executed, while the more respectable were exiled. Christian clergy were drafted into the military. Julian looted the churches of anything valuable. The city was deprived of its title Caesarea [i.e. "Imperial"] and resumed its original name of Maza. Inhabitants were severely taxed. The emperor threatened to annihilate the city if the people did not build a new temple in place of the one destroyed.

Julian tried to compel St. Eupsychius to offer sacrifice to idols. For many days they tormented the saint on a rack and also with iron claws. But his faith was firm. He was then beheaded with a sword.

Julian embarked on a campaign against the Persians, but he soon perished, struck down in the year 363 by the holy Great Martyr Mercurius.

After the emperor's demise, the Christians of the city of Caesarea built a splendid church over the grave of St. Eupsychius, and from his holy relics they received help and healing.

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ENTRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM

Martyr Euppsychius of Caesarea in Cappadocia;
Martyrs Desan—Bishop, Mariabus—Presbyter, Abdiesus, and 270 others in Persia;
Monk Marytr Bademus of Persia

“To assure us, before You suffered, of our own resurrection, You raised Lazarus from the dead, Christ, our God. So we, too, acclaim You with victory branches, as we hail You for Your triumph over death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!”

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TODAY'S EPISTLE: PHILIPPIANS 4:4-9

TODAY'S GOSPEL: JOHN 12:1-18

HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:

Today, April 9	5:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins
Monday, April 10	9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
Tuesday, April 11	6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins
Wednesday, April 12	9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Matins with Anointing
Thursday, April 13	9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy 6:00 p.m. Matins with 12 Passion Gospels
Friday, April 14	9:00 a.m. Royal Hours 3:00 p.m. Vespers with Entombment 7:00 p.m. Matins
Saturday, April 15	12:00 noon Divine Liturgy 11:15 p.m. Nocturnes; Paschal Matins; Divine Liturgy; Blessing of Baskets

Daily Scripture Readings

Monday, April 10	Ezekiel 1:1-20	Exodus 1:1-20	Job 1:1-12
Tuesday, April 11	Ezekiel 1:21-29	Exodus 2:5-10	Job 1:13-22
Wednesday, April 12	Ezekiel 2:3-3:3	Exodus 2:11-22	Job 2:1-10
Thursday, April 13	Exodus 19:10-19	Job 38:1-23; 42:1-5	Isaiah 50:4-11
Friday, April 14	Exodus 33:11-33	Job 42:12-17	Isaiah 52:13-54:1
Saturday, April 15	Romans 6:3-11	Matthew 28:1-20	

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT PASCHAL VESPERS WILL BE AT NOON ON HOLY PASCHA.

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COMING EVENTS

APRIL:

- 10, Monday 7:00 p.m. Parish Council meeting
- 21, Friday 6:00 p.m. Bright Friday Dinner Dance
- 23, Sunday 12:30 p.m. Grave Blessings at St. Theodosius Cemetery
- 29, Saturday 2:30 p.m. Retreat with Fr. Chad Hatfield, at HTOC Fellowship Hall

MAY:

- 1, Monday 12:30 P.M. St. Elizabeth Book Circle

LENTEN CONFESSIONS:

Father Alexander will offer time for private confessions this week tonight after Matins; Monday, April 10, 8:00-9:00 a.m.; Tuesday, April 11, 5:00-6:00 p.m. and after Matins; and Wednesday, April 12, 8:00-9:00 a.m. Confessions can also be scheduled by appointment.

A CHRISTIAN LIFE OF THANKSGIVING:

Fr. Chad Hatfield, Chancellor of St. Vladimir’s Seminary, will be with us in our Fellowship Hall on Sat., April 29, 2:30 p.m. for a short retreat. His presentation topic is: “God With Us: A Christian Life of Thanksgiving.” We will give Fr. Chad a gift for St. Vladimir’s Seminary from our parish—a special collection is beginning today. Please donate by using collection envelopes in the basket at the back of the church. If writing a check, make payable to “Holy Trinity Orthodox Church.”

KEEPING WATCH AT THE TOMB:

Sign up at the candle counter if you can keep watch over the shroud on Holy Friday and Holy Saturday.

PASCHAL FLOWERS:

Thank you to those who have already donated. Please use the designated envelope in your box if you wish to donate; your contributions are appreciated.

TRINITARIAN COVERS:

The covers today are offered by Helen Stoyka in memory of John and Mary Stoyka and Family.

OUTREACH PASCHA BASKETS:

The Outreach Group will prepare Pascha baskets for shut-ins during Holy Week. We would appreciate assistance with preparing baskets as well as delivering them on Holy Friday. Please see Marie Wallace or Laura Gluntz after church today; or call Laura (440-331-5233) to offer your help.

LA COUPOLE:

We have wonderful children’s books available for purchase—perfect for Easter baskets! Also for your gift-giving pleasure or personal enjoyment—unique look-like Faberge eggs with egg pendants inside.

GRAVE BLESSINGS:

Please sign up in the Fellowship Hall if you would like Father Alexander to bless the grave of a family member on St. Thomas Sunday. Grave blessings will begin at 12:30 at St. Theodosius Cemetery.

ST. ELIZABETH BOOK CIRCLE:

The Book Circle will meet May 1 at 12:30 p.m. We are reading The Joy of the Holy (Teachings of St. Seraphim), pages 1-24 and Appendix A (pgs. 93-122). All are welcome. Books are available at La Coupole.

COFFEE HOUR:

Many thanks to the recent donors of refreshments: The Goson Family; the Svilar Family; the Evanoff Family; the Bellack Family; the Garklavs Family and the Bohurjak Family. Donors are still needed for April 23 and April 30. Sign up in the kitchen.

THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE

REGULAR COLLECTION, APRIL 2	\$ 4698.00
CHURCH ADMINSTRATION ASSESSMENT	
590.00	
BUILDING FUND	410.00
MORTGAGE FUND	335.00
CANDLES	135.00
ST. MARY OF EGYPT	236.00

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TREASURES FROM THE TRIODION - IV

FROM THE SERVICES OF LAZARUS SATURDAY

O my Savior, You have raised Lazarus who was dead four days and freed him from corruption by Your almighty arm; and in Your strength You have revealed Your power. By calling Lazarus from the tomb, You immediately have raised him; but hell lamented below bitterly, and groaning trembled at Your power, O Savior.

You shed tears for Your friend Lazarus, O my Savior, proving that You have taken on Yourself our nature, and then You have raised him up. O Christ our God, You have made the tears of Martha and Mary to cease; You called Lazarus by voice and have raised him by Your power.

Wishing in Your love to reveal the meaning of Your Passion and Your Cross, You have broken open the belly of hell that never can be satisfied, and as God You have raised up a man four days dead. Who has ever known or heard of a man raised from the dead, when his corpse already stank? Elijah and Elisha raised the dead, yet not from the tomb or four days after death!

You have breathed life into my flesh, O Savior, when there was no breath within it; You have bound it fast with bones and sinews, and You raised me from death by Your command. You have clothed Yourself in all my human nature, O Savior, and have kept pure in childbirth the undefiled womb from which You came forth incarnate, being One of the Holy Trinity.

O Christ, who are the Resurrection and the Life of man, standing by the tomb of Lazarus You have confirmed our faith in Your two natures, O forbearing Lord, proving that You were born from the pure Virgin as both God and man. For as man You have asked, “Where is he buried?” and as God by your life-giving command You have raised him from the dead on the fourth day.

You have raised up Your friend, O Christ, and made the tears of lamentation of Martha and Mary to cease, showing to all that You are the One who fills all things by Your divine power. To You the angelic hosts without ceasing cry: “Hosanna in the highest, blessed are You, O God of all, glory to You!”