

## ***APOSTLES JASON AND SOSIPATER OF THE SEVENTY, THE VIRGIN KERKYRA, AND THOSE WITH THEM***

The Apostle Jason was from Tarsus. He was the first Christian in the city. The Apostle Sosipater was a native of Patra, Archaia. He is thought to be the same Sosipater mentioned in Acts 20:4. They both became disciples of St. Paul, who even called them his kinsmen (Romans 16:21). St. John Chrysostom says that this is the same Jason who is mentioned in Actus 17:5-9. St. Jason was made bishop in his native city of Tarsus and St. Sosipater in Iconium. They traveled west preaching the Gospel, and in 63 they reached the island of Kerkyra (Korful) in the Ionian Sea near Greece.

There they built a church in the name of the Protomartyr Stephen and they baptized many. The governor of the island learned of this and locked them in prison, where they met 7 thieves, whom they converted to Christ. For their confession of Christ, the 7 prisoners died as martyrs in a cauldron of molten tar, wax and sulfur. The prison guard, after witnessing this, declared himself a Christian. For this they cut off his left hand, then both feet, and finally his head. The governor ordered the Apostles Jason and Sosipater to be whipped and again locked in prison.

When the governor's daughter, Kerkyra, learned how Christians were suffering, she declared herself a Christian and gave her finery to the poor. Her father ordered her locked up with Murinus, a robber and murderer, for him to defile the betrothed of Christ. But as the robber approached her, a bear attacked him. St. Kerkyra drove off the beast and by her prayers, she healed Murinus. She enlightened him with the faith of Christ. He then declared himself a Christian and was executed.

The governor ordered the prison burned, but Kerkyra remained alive. He had her hanged on a tree, choked with bitter smoke, and shot with arrows. After her death, he decided to burn alive all Christians on the island. Some fled and crossed to an adjoining island. The governor set sail with soldiers but was swallowed up by waves.

The succeeding governor ordered Jason and Sosipater thrown into boiling tar, but they remained unharmed. Seeing this, the governor asked for mercy and set them free. They baptized him. With his help, they built several churches on the island and increased the flock of Christ, living there till old age.

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## **ENTYRY OF OUR LORD INTO JERUSALEM**

### ***Palm Sunday***

*Apostles Jason and Sospater of the Seventy, the Virgin Cercyra, and those with them;  
Martyrs Dada, Maximus, and Quinctilian, at Dorostolum; St. Cyril, Bishop of Túrov;  
Martyrs Saturninus, Jakischolus, Faustianus, Januarius, Marsalius, Euphrasius,  
Mammius, Zeno, Eusebius, Neon, and Vitalis*

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Your passion, You did confirm the universal Resurrection, O Christ God! Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to You, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!

Troparion, Tone I

TODAY'S EPISTLE: PHILLIPIANS 4:4-9

TODAY'S GOSPEL: JOHN 12:1-18

### **HOLY WORSHIP THIS WEEK:**

Today, April 28	6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins
Monday, April 29	6:00 p.m. Bridegroom Matins
Tuesday, April 30	9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
Wednesday, May 1	9:00 a.m. Presanctified Liturgy
	6:00 p.m. Matins of Holy Thursday
Thursday, May 2	9:00 a.m. Vesperal Divine Liturgy
	6:00 p.m. Matins with 12 Passion Gospels
Friday, May 3	9:00 a.m. Royal Hours
	2:30 p.m. Vespers with Entombment
	6:30 p.m. Matins with the Praises at the Tomb
Saturday, May 4	9:00 a.m. Vesperal Divine Liturgy
	11:00 p.m. Nocturnes; Paschal Matins, Liturgy; Blessing of Baskets

**SUNDAY, MAY 5, PASCHA - Paschal Vespers will be at 11:00 a.m.**

### **WELCOME GUESTS!**

We are very glad you have come to worship the Holy Trinity with us this morning! Please participate in the services at your comfort level. Our greeters will kindly assist you with whatever questions or needs you may have. During each Sunday service we offer Holy Communion. If you are a practicing Orthodox Christian and have come prepared to receive Christ's Body and Blood through fasting and prayer, please come forward to partake. All guests are invited to come forward at the end of the service to greet Fr. Christopher and receive the blessed bread. Please stay after the Divine Liturgy for coffee hour in the Fellowship Hall so we can get to know you better!

Families with children: we encourage children of all ages to be present and participate as they are able during worship. We know sometimes kids need a break, so please take good advantage of our Rest and Refocus Room located on the south side of the lobby/narthex when coming in the main entrance. If you have pre-school and school age children, we invite you to send them to Church School directly after the Divine Liturgy throughout the academic year. May God bless you!

**Daily Scripture Readings** can be found in the St. Tikhon's Wall Calendar or at [www.oca.org/readings](http://www.oca.org/readings).

**COMING EVENTS**

**APRIL:**

28, TODAY Pick-up of Nut, Poppysseed and Apricot Rolls

**MAY:**

12, Sunday Second Sunday Food Sale

18, Saturday 10:00 a.m. EOWG meeting at St. Mary Church; 3256 Warren Road

23, Thursday 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

28, Tuesday Cooking for St. Herman's House

29, Wednesday Serving dinner at St. Herman's House

**OUTREACH PASCHA BASKETS:**

The Outreach Group will prepare Pascha baskets for shut-ins during Holy Week. Help is needed preparing the baskets as well as delivering them on Holy Friday.

Please see Laura Gluntz after church on Sunday or call her at 216-396-6255 to offer your help.

**HOLY WEEK:**

There are sign-up sheets at a table in the narthex for various dates during Holy Week, such as palm preparation, readying the church for various services, helping for the Egg Hunt, and keeping vigil at the Tomb of Christ. Please read over the lists and see how you can participate.

**PASCHA FLOWERS:**

Please remember to offer a donation for the flowers that will adorn our church during the Paschal season. Use the special envelope in your box.

**DIRECTORY UPDATES:**

There are copies of our current directory on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Please take the time to read your entry and ensure that the information is complete and correct. If it is, check off your name. If it is not, make any corrections either next to your name or on the sheet attached to the directory.

**EGG HUNT:**

Parents, bring your children to Paschal Vespers next Sunday and stay for the Egg Hunt! This was a great success last year—fun for the kids and for us to watch!

**EOWG:**

The Eastern Orthodox Women's Guild will meet on Saturday, May 18, 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary Church; 3256 Warren Road in Cleveland.

In June, the EOWG is hosting a Pan-Orthodox luncheon here at HTOC. Please reserve Saturday, June 8 for this event! Doors open at noon; lunch is at 12:30. See Joanne Stoyka for tickets; Adults, \$15; children 6-12, \$7.50; under 6, free. There will be door prizes and a basket auction.

**IOCC:**

The 32nd International Orthodox Christian Charities Annual Banquet is Monday, June 3, at St. Michael's Woodside. Doors open at 6:00; dinner is at 7:00. Learn how your support is helping families in Greece, the Holy Land, Ukraine, as well as the U.S. See Diane Hastings by May 20 to purchase tickets; \$70. If you cannot attend the dinner, you can mail an offering for IOCC to Julie Hall; PO Box 560185; Macedonia, OH 44056.

**TRINITARIAN COVERS:**

The covers today are offered in blessed memory of Luba Evanoff, mother of Eric and Marjorie Evanoff.

**FLOWERS:**

The flowers today are offered by the Gardner Family in blessed memory of William and Helen Chycklyk.

**COFFEE HOUR:**

The refreshments today are hosted by the Stone Soup Group.

**THE GIFTS WE OFFER TO THE LORD WE LOVE**

REGULAR COLLECTION, 4/21/2024	\$ 3009.00
CHURCH ADMINISTRATION ASSESSMENT	550.00
CAPITAL CAMPAIGNS	872.00
CANDLES	174.00
PASCHA FLOWERS	360.00
MONASTERY MARCHA	200.00
SECOND SUNDAY FOOD SALE	424.00
SOUP SUPPER	66.00
COFFEE HOUR	84.00

**Reflections on Palm Sunday from The Incarnate God, Vol. II**

***Blessed Are the Meek***

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on an ass, on a colt the foal of an ass. (Zech 9:9)

In Jesus' time, the period of Roman occupation, the triumphal entry into a city by a conqueror would take place with a superb chariot, or a spirited, richly harnessed horse. As for the evangelists, they recognize the Son of David, foretold by the prophets, by his humble appearance. He is astride a donkey, a beast of burden which no one had even ridden before. On the icon, the animal sometimes lowers its head, as if straining under a heavy load. It represents all who suffer, who are weighed down with heavy burdens, which Christ has come to make light, by offering his own yoke, which is easy to bear, because he is the only gentle master, humble of heart:

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me: For I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. (Matt. 11:28-30)

***“Shine, Shine, O New Jerusalem”***

The canon of Pascha picks up this verse from Isaiah (60:1) to sing of the New Covenant between God and the holy city. Jerusalem forever remains the City of God, the center of the world, where the salvation of all nations is played out.

For the Lord delights in you...As the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. (Isaiah 62:4-5)

Christ comes to renew the alliance with his people, to recover the nuptial joy in the encounter between bridegroom and bride. This theme of the people betrothed to God is clearly announced by the prophet Hosea (Hos 2:21-22)

The New Jerusalem is the new covenant with a new people. The new bride is the Church. Today, she celebrates her wedding with the Lamb:

Then I heard what seemed to be the voice of a great multitude, like the roar of many waters and like the sound of mighty peals of thunder, crying out, “Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. Let us rejoice and exult and give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his Bride has made herself ready; it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure” (Rev 19:6–8)

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# MAY 2024

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<b>5 HOLY PASCHA</b> 11:00 a.m. Paschal Vespers Egg Hunt	<b>6 Bright Monday</b> 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  <b>T H I S</b>	<b>7</b>   <b>I S</b>	<b>8</b>   <b>A</b>	<b>9</b>   <b>F A S T -</b>	<b>10</b>   <b>F R E E</b>	<b>11</b>  5:00 p.m. Vespers  <b>W E E K .</b>
<b>12 Antipascha</b> <b>2nd Sunday of Pascha</b> St. Thomas Sunday <i>Mother's Day</i> Second Sunday Food Sale	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10:00 a.m. EOWG meeting at St. Mary's Church  5:00 p.m. Vespers
<b>19 3rd Sunday of Pascha</b> Holy Myrrhbearing Women	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>  7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>  5:00 p.m. Vespers
<b>26 4th Sunday of Pascha</b> Paralytic	<b>27 Memorial Day</b> Grave Blessings at St. Theodosius Cemetery	<b>28</b> Cooking for St. Herman's House  6:00 p.m. Vespers	<b>29 Midfeast of Pentecost</b> 9:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy  Serving dinner at St. Herman's House	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>June 1</b>  5:00 p.m. Vespers