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**SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2026**

**PALM SUNDAY: THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD  
JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM**

**\*\*DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM\*\***

## ***VISITORS WELCOME!***

***“The newest Church in Santa Clarita; the oldest Church in the World.”***

St. Simeon Orthodox Church welcomes you to our community this Sunday- for truly, ***“This is the Day that the Lord has made.”*** We are honored to have you worship with us. Please join us at the coffee hour following Liturgy. We have set up a table with a **blue tablecloth** for visitors so that our clergy can meet and chat with you after Liturgy. May our Lord bless you and your families.

### THE FIRST ANTIPHON

I am filled with joy, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication. The anguish of death encompassed me; the perils of hades beset me.

***Refrain:*** Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

I found tribulation and anguish, and I called upon the Name of the Lord. I will walk acceptably before the Lord in the land of the living.

***(Refrain)***

*Glory... Both now... (Refrain)*

### THE SECOND ANTIPHON

I believed, and therefore have I spoken: but I was deeply humiliated. What shall I render unto the Lord, for all His benefits unto me?

***Refrain:*** Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of an ass, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

I will take the cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord.  
***(Refrain)***

I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all His people.  
***(Refrain)***

*Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...*

### THE THIRD ANTIPHON

O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

*During the Little Entrance, after the verses of the Third Antiphon, chant the Apolytikion of **Lazarus Saturday**. Then, the following:*

### THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PALM SUNDAY

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord: God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us. Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of an ass, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

*After the Little Entrance (Eisodos), sing these hymns in the following order.*

### APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY (Tone 1)

In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

### APOLYTIKION OF PALM SUNDAY (Tone 4)

As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God, so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

### KONTAKION OF PALM SUNDAY (Tone 6)

Being borne upon a throne in Heaven, and upon a colt on the earth, O Christ God, Thou didst accept the praise of the angels and the laudation of the children as they cried to Thee: Blessed art Thou Who comest to recall Adam.

## THE EPISTLE

*Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.*

*O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.*

### **The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (4:4-9)**

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice! Let your forbearance be known to all people. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think about these things. The things which you both learned and received, and heard and saw in me, these things do; and the God of peace will be with you.

## THE GOSPEL

### **The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (12:1-18)**

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus 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, Simon's son, one of His Disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox 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 Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus 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 cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass'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 Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

#### MEGALYNARION FOR PALM SUNDAY (Tone 4)

God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us; ordain a feast, and rejoicing, come let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, crying out with hymns: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, our Savior.

#### KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR PALM SUNDAY IN TONE EIGHT

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

*During the Communion of the laity, the choir can sing "Rejoice, O Bethany."*

*Post-Communion Hymn: Instead of "We have seen the true light," sing the Apolytikion of **Lazarus Saturday**.*

*During the customary procession around the exterior of the church which follows "Blessed be the Name of the Lord," the choir can sing the apolytikia of **Lazarus Saturday** and **Palm Sunday**, "Rejoice, O Bethany" and the **Trisagion Hymn**.*

#### HOLY OBLATIONS

Prayers are offered in loving memory (40 days) of **Dn. Stephen's** parents **Ronald and Carol Lange**. May their memory be eternal.

Prayers are offered by **Michael Gavrizescu** in memory of **Guillerma Ceja**, the mother of his business partners, who reposed in the Lord this week after an extended illness. May her memory be eternal.

Prayers are offered for **Rusty Blanski** on the occasion of his birthday, April 6. May God grant you many happy and healthy years! With love, **Ramona, Alexi, Christina**, and all your friends at St. Simeon.

Prayers are offered by the St Simeon community for **Jeremy (Paisios) Babcock** and his sponsor **Dn. Seraphim, Jorge (George) Gonzalez** and his sponsor **Dennis Awad**, and **David (Paul) Heacock** and his sponsor **Chris Stinnett**. They were received into the Church on Lazarus Saturday. Many years.

Prayers are offered for **George Sunna** on the occasion of his birthday by his family **Sabrina, Jacob and Matthew**.

Prayers are offered by **Dn. Seraphim & Sh. Brigid Gilmartin** on the occasion of their grandson **Benjamin's** birthday.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are blessed to have our Bishop Anthony with us to celebrate Palm Sunday. We pray for his continued guidance and service to our Diocese for many years.

Today, as is our tradition, after the Divine Liturgy we will be having fresh grilled fish tacos prepared by Subdeacon Mark and his crew of top chefs. We will not be selling tickets for the lunch but a suggested \$5 donation per person will help offset our costs.

For those of you who love pickled turnips (a.k.a. lif't) we have freshly prepared jars from turnips and beets straight from Danny Andrews' farms in Bakersfield. You can sample them at the lunch, and jars will be available to purchase should you want to continue munching on them at home.

Our Easter Egg Hunt will happen right after the Agape Vespers, which starts on Pascha at noon. Please bring your children. Also, if you can speak a foreign language, please see Fr Andrew about

reading the Agape Vespers Gospel. We have the gospel printed in many languages for your convenience.

On Holy Pascha, late Saturday night, remember to bring a basket of your favorite foods so we can break the fast together after the Paschal Divine Liturgy in the wee hours of Sunday morning. Just place your basket on the solea by the iconostasis (just not blocking the beautiful gate or the deacons doors) when you arrive Saturday night. We will bless them at the end of the Paschal Divine Liturgy.

Bishop Anthony will be joining us at our Gala Celebration on May 16. Tickets are still available. Use this QR code to secure your spot. We hope that all our community will be able to attend this event. If the cost of admission is prohibitive, please speak confidentially to Fr. Andrew



We will not be having a catechism class on April 4 or April 11.  
Classes will begin again at 4:00 PM on Saturday, April 18.

### Coffee Hour Sponsors

April 5-Parish Council  
April 12- Bring Your Baskets  
April 19- Angela Rohan

April 26- Narek & Paulina Petrosyan  
May 3- Farid Najjar  
May 10- Glen Woshnak

*If you would like to host Coffee Hour, please pick a date using our Sign-Up Page: <https://tinyurl.com/SCV-Coffee>.*

### Epistle Reading Schedule

April 5- Michael Dabbour  
April 12- Mark Nassief

April 19-Glen Woshnak  
April 26-Ramona Blanski

### Greeter Schedule

April 5, Jorge Gonzalez (8:20-9:00); Dennis Awad (9:00-9:40)  
April 19, Larry Resendez (8:20-9:00); Natalie LeMar (9:00-9:40)

Please submit your announcements and oblations to:  
[bulletin@scvorthodox.com](mailto:bulletin@scvorthodox.com) by **9 P.M. on WEDNESDAY!**

## Holy Week

Sunday, April 5	6:30PM	Bridegroom Orthros
Monday, April 6	9:30AM	Presanctified Divine Liturgy
	6:30PM	Bridegroom Orthros
Tuesday, April 7	9:30AM	Presanctified Divine Liturgy
	6:30PM	Bridegroom Orthros
Wednesday, April 8	9:30AM	Presanctified Divine Liturgy
	6:30PM	Holy Unction Service
Thursday, April 9	9:30AM	Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St Basil
	6:30PM	Orthros With Twelve Passion Gospels
Friday, April 10	9:30AM	Royal Hours
	3:00PM	Un-Nailing Vespers
	6:30PM	Funeral of Christ with Lamentation Hymns
Saturday April 11	9:30AM	Paschal Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St Basil
	10:00PM	Paschal Midnight Office Rush Procession Paschal Matins Divine Liturgy of Pascha
Sunday, April 12	12:00PM	Agape Vespers