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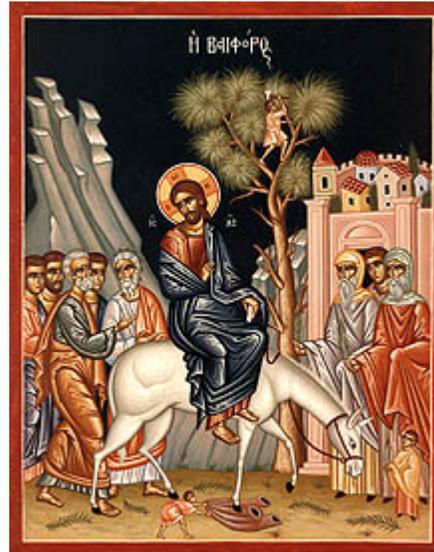
Raising of St. Lazarus
(after Four Days in the Tomb)

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The Glorious and Triumphant Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem
(Palm Sunday)

April 1, 2018



Raising of Lazarus (Saturday before Palm Sunday)

Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary, the friends of the Lord Jesus, had given Him hospitality and served Him many times (Luke 10:38-40; John 12:2-3). They were from Bethany, a village of Judea. This village is situated in the eastern parts by the foothills of the Mount of Olives, about two Roman miles from Jerusalem. When Lazarus - whose name is a Hellenized form of "Eleazar," which means "God has helped," became ill some days before the saving Passion, his sisters had this report taken to our Savior, Who was then in Galilee. Nonetheless, He tarried yet two more days until Lazarus died; then He said to His disciples, "*Let us go into Judea that I might awake My friend who sleeps.*" By this, of course, He meant the deep sleep of death. On arriving at Bethany, He consoled the sisters of Lazarus, who was already four days dead. Jesus groaned in spirit and was troubled at the death of His beloved friend. He asked, "*Where have ye laid his body?*" and He cried over him. When He drew near to the tomb, He commanded they remove the stone, and He lifted up His eyes, and giving thanks to God the Father, He cried out with a loud voice, "*Lazarus, come forth.*" He who had been dead for four days came forth immediately, bound hand and foot with the grave clothes, and Jesus said to those standing there, "*Loose him, and let him go.*" This is the supernatural wonder produced by the Savior that we celebrate on this day.

According to an ancient tradition, it is said that Lazarus was thirty years old when the Lord raised him; then he lived another thirty years on Cyprus and there reposed in the Lord. It is furthermore related that after he was raised from the dead, he never laughed till the end of his life, but that once only, when he saw someone stealing a clay vessel, he smiled and said, "*Clay stealing clay.*" His grave is situated in the city of Kition, having the inscription: "*Lazarus the four days dead and friend of Christ.*" In 890, his sacred relics were transferred to Constantinople by Emperor Leo the Wise, at which time undoubtedly the Emperor composed his stichera for Vespers, "*Wishing to behold the tomb of Lazarus . . .*"

Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem

On Sunday, five days before the Passover of the Law, the Lord came from Bethany to Jerusalem. Sending two of His disciples to bring Him a foal of an ass, He sat thereon and entered into the city. When the multitude there heard that Jesus was coming, they at once took up the branches of palm trees in their hands, and went forth to meet Him. Others spread their garments on the ground, and yet others cut branches from the trees and strewed them in the way that Jesus was to pass; and all of them together, especially the children, went before and after Him, crying out: "*Hosanna: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel*" (John 12:13). This is the radiant and glorious festival of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem that we celebrate today.

The branches of the palm trees symbolize Christ's victory over the devil and death. The word Hosanna means, "*Save, I pray,*" or "*Save, now.*" The foal of an ass, and Jesus' sitting thereon, and the fact this animal was untamed and considered unclean according to the Law, signified the former uncleanness and wildness of the nations, and their subjection thereafter to the holy Law of the Gospel.

Mark your Calendars and Plan AHEAD!!!

THE GREAT AND HOLY WEEK APRIL 1ST - 8TH

PALM SUNDAY	<i>Bridegroom Matins for Great and Holy Monday</i>	6:30 pm
HOLY MONDAY	<i>Presanctified Liturgy</i>	9 am
	<i>Bridegroom Matins for Great and Holy Tuesday</i>	6:30 pm
HOLY TUESDAY	<i>Presanctified Liturgy</i>	
9	am	
Please Note	Confessions (Last opportunity before Pascha!)	5-6 pm
	<i>Bridegroom Matins for Great and Holy Wednesday</i>	6:30 pm
HOLY WEDNESDAY	<i>Presanctified Liturgy</i>	9 am
	<i>Sacrament of Holy Unction</i>	6:30 pm
<u><i>Holy Unction is a Sacrament of the Orthodox Church. The Sacrament of Holy Repentance (Confession) is required. Only Orthodox Christians may be anointed.</i></u>		
HOLY THURSDAY	<i>Celebration of the Last Supper Vespereal Liturgy</i>	10 am
	<i>Matins and Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels</i>	6:30 pm
HOLY FRIDAY	<i>Royal Hours</i>	9 am
	Decorating of the Holy Tomb follows	
	<i>Vespers of the Descent from the Cross</i>	3 pm
	Vigil at the Tomb of Christ begins following Vespers	
	<i>Matins with Lamentations and Procession with the Tomb</i>	6:30 pm
HOLY SATURDAY	<i>Descent into Hades—Vespereal Liturgy of St. Basil</i>	10 am
	Cleaning and Decoration of the Church follows	

PASCHA APRIL 7TH/8TH

THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

	<i>Nocturnes/Paschal Matins/Paschal Divine Liturgy</i>	11:30 pm
	Pascha Breakfast follows	
HOLY PASCHA	<i>Agape (Baa'ooth) Vespers—Vespers of Love</i>	1 pm
	Reading of the Gospel in Different Languages and Pascha Egg Hunt follows	

THE NEW (BRIGHT) WEEK APRIL 9TH-14TH

BRIGHT MONDAY	Combined Paschal Liturgy at <i>St. Nicholas</i>	9:30 am
BRIGHT WEDNESDAY	Combined Paschal Liturgy at <i>St. George</i>	6 pm
BRIGHT FRIDAY	Combined Paschal Liturgy at <i>Assumption</i>	10:30 am

Welcome to St. George! Thank you for attending today's Divine Liturgy. Please register your visit by completing the guest book located in the narthex. We would appreciate getting to meet you, so feel free to join us during Coffee Fellowship in our Banquet Center!

Every Sunday we remember the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. The word "*Liturgy*" means *work of the people* that means everyone participates through singing, praying, hearing the teaching, and opening our hearts to allow God's grace to enter. We believe Holy Communion to be a sign that in Christ we have all things in common, share an identical faith, and are united fully to the Orthodox Church. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith are encouraged to speak with one of our clergy. Holy Communion can be given to Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting (no food or drink from midnight the night before), the Sacrament of Confession (7 years and older) within the last 2 months, being at peace with others, and attending the Divine Liturgy regularly. Please know everyone is invited to venerate the Holy Cross and receive Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy.

Tone - Festal

Festal Matins Gospel {*Matthew 21:1-11, 15-17*}

Altar Servers: **EVERYONE** {Shane Gantos, captain}

Greeters / Ushers: **Members of our Parish Council**

(Khaled Abuaita, Anwar Abueita, Emil Abueita, Basil Andoni, John Farah, Habeeb Ghattas, Aida Nassar, Jeanette Nassif, and Fadi Rishmawi)

2nd Tray for the Patriarchate of Antioch

<u>Confessions</u>	<u>Matins (Red Service Book p.44)</u>	<u>Divine Liturgy (Red Service Book p.91)</u>
8:30-9:30am	8:50am	10:00am

In the **Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom**, we sing the following special hymns,

First Antiphon -- Psalm 116

Verse 1. I will love the Lord because He has heard the voice of my supplication.

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

Verse 2. Because He inclined His ear to me, therefore I will call on Him as long as I live.

Refrain

Verse 3. The snares of death encompassed me; the pangs of hell laid hold on me. Refrain

Verse 4. I suffered distress and anguish, then I called upon the Name of the Lord. Refrain

Glory to the Father..., Now and ever and unto ages of ages. Refrain

أحببت أن يسمع الرب صوت تضرّعي، لأنّ أوجاع الموت اكتنفتني، وشدائد الجحيم صادفتني.
بشفاعات والدة الإله يا مخلص خلّصنا.

الحزن والوجع وجدت واسم الرب دعوت.

سأكون حسن الارضاء أمام الرب في بلدة الأحياء.

المجد للآب والابن والروح القدس، الآن وكلّ أوانٍ وإلى دهر الداهري ن.

Second Antiphon -- Psalm 116

Verse 1. I kept my faith even when I said, "*I am greatly afflicted.*"

Refrain: O Son of God who sat upon the foal, save us who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

Verse 2. What shall I render to the Lord for all the things He has given me? Refrain

Verse 3 I will receive the cup of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord. Refrain

Verse 4. I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people. Refrain

Glory to the Father... Now and ever... "Only begotten Son..."

أمنت لذلك تكلمت وأنا اتضعت جداً.
خلصنا يا ابن الله يا من جلس على جحش بن آتان، إذ نرتل لك هليلويا.
بماذا أكافئ الرب عن كل ما أعطاني، كأس الخلاص أقبل واسم الرب أدعو.
أوفي نذوري للرب أمام كل شعبيه.
المجد للآب والابن والروح القدس، الآن وكلّ أوانٍ وإلى دهر الداهرين، أمين.
يا كلمة الله الابن الوحيد...

Third Antiphon -- Psalm 118 (Verses) and Troparion of St. Lazarus—Tone 1

Verses: O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever. Let the house of Israel, Aaron, and all those who fear the Lord say: 'For He is good, for His mercy endures forever!'

By raising Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection, O Christ God. Like the children with the palms of victory, we cry out to Thee, *O Vanquisher of death; Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that comes in the name of the Lord!*

أيها المسيح الإله لما أقمّت لعازر من بين الأموات قبل الأملك. حققت القيامة العامة. لذلك ونحن كالأطفال نحمل علامة الغلبة والظفر. صارخين إليك يا غالب الموت. هوشعنا في الأعالي مبارك الآتي باسم الرب.

Entrance Hymn

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord! We have blessed you from the Lord's house. God is the Lord and hath revealed Himself to us. O Son of God, who did sit upon the foal, save us who sing unto Thee: Alleluia.

مبارك الآتي باسم الرب. الله الرب قد ظهر لنا. خلصنا يا ابن الله يا من جلس على جحش آتان، إذ نرتل لك هليلويا.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of Lazarus—Tone 1 (see above)

Troparion of Palm Sunday—Tone 4

When we were buried with Thee in baptism, O Christ God, we became deserving of the resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise Thee, crying unto Thee: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord!

أيها المسيح الإله لما دفنا معك بالمعمودية، استحققتنا بقيامتك الحياة الخالدة مسبحين وصارخين: هوشعنا في الأعالي مبارك الآتي باسم الرب.

Kontakion of Palm Sunday—Tone 6

Sitting on Thy throne in heaven, carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God, accept the praise of angels and the songs of children who sing: "Blessed is He who comes to recall Adam!"

أيها المستوي على العرش في السماء. لقد ركبت جحشاً على الأرض وقبّلت تسابيح الملائكة ومدائح الأطفال الهاتفين إليك أيها المسيح الإله. مبارك أنت الآتي لتعيد آدم ثانية.

Epistle for the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem

Prokeimenon: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His mercy endures for ever.

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians (4:4-9).

Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplications with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do, and the peace of God will be with you.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

(verse) O sing to the Lord a new song.

(verse) All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

مباركُ الآتي باسم الرب
اعترفوا للربِّ فإنه صالحٌ وإنَّ إلى الأبد
رحمتهُ

* فصلٌ من رسالة القديس بولس الرسول
إلى أهل فيلبي (4:4-9) *

يا اخوة افرحوا في الربِّ كلَّ حينٍ وأقولُ
أيضاً افرحوا* وليظهرْ جلمكم لجميع
الناس. فإنَّ الربَّ قريبٌ* لا تهنئوا البتة بل
في كلِّ شيء فلتنكُن طلباتكم معلومة لدى الله
بالصلاة والتضرُّع مع الشكر* وليحفظ
سلام الله الذي يفوق كلَّ عقلٍ قلوبكم
وبصائرکم في يسوع المسيح* وبعد أيها
الاخوة مهما يكن من حقٍّ ومهما يكن من
عقافٍ ومهما يكن من عدلٍ ومهما يكن من
طهارةٍ ومهما يكن من صفةٍ محببةٍ ومهما
يكن من حسنٍ صيبت إن تكن فضيلة وإن
يكن مدحٌ ففي هذه افتكروا* وما تعلمتموه
وتسلمتموه وسمعتتموه ورأيتموه فيَّ فبهذا
اعملوا. وإله السلام يكون معكم .

Gospel for the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem

The Reading of 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 money box 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."

فصلٌ شريفٌ من بشارة القديس يوحنا
الإنجيلي البشير والتلميذ الطاهر (12:1-18)

قبل الفصح بستة أيام أتى يسوع إلى بيت عنيا
حيث كان لعازر الذي مات فأقامه يسوع من
بين الأموات* فصنعوا له هناك عشاءً وكانت
مرتا تخدم وكان لعازر أحد المتكئين معه* أمّا
مريم فأخذت رطل طيب ناردين خالص كثير
الثمن ودهنت قدمي يسوع ومسحت قدميه
بشعرها* فامتلا البيت من رائحة الطيب* فقال
أحد تلاميذه يهوذا بن سمعان الاسخريوطي
الذي كان مزمعاً أن يسلمه لم يبع هذا الطيب
بثلاث مئة دينارٍ ويُعط للمساكين* وإنما قال
هذا لا اهتماماً بالمساكين بل لأنه كان سارقاً
وكان الصندوق عنده وكان يحمل ما يُلقى فيه*
فقال يسوع دعها إنما حفظته ليوم دفني* فإن
المساكين هم عندكم في كلِّ حينٍ وأمّا أنا فلست

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 comes 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.

عِنْدَكُمْ فِي كُلِّ حِينٍ* وَعَلِمَ جَمْعٌ كَثِيرٌ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ
أَنْ يَسُوعَ هُنَاكَ فَجَاءُوا لَا مِنْ أَجْلِ يَسُوعَ فَقَطْ
بَلْ لِيَنْظُرُوا أَيْضاً لِعَازَرَ الَّذِي أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ
الْأَمْوَاتِ* فَأَتَمَرَ رُؤَسَاءُ الْكَهَنَةِ أَنْ يَقْتُلُوا لِعَازَرَ
أَيْضاً* لِأَنَّ كَثِيرِينَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ كَانُوا بِسَبَبِهِ
يَذْهَبُونَ فَيُؤْمِنُونَ بِيَسُوعَ* وَفِي الْعَدَلِ لَمَّا سَمِعَ
الْجَمْعُ الْكَثِيرُ الَّذِينَ جَاءُوا إِلَى الْعِيدِ بِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ
أَتَى إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ أَخَذُوا سَعْفَ النَّخْلِ وَخَرَجُوا
لِقَائِهِ وَهُمْ يَصْرُخُونَ قَائِلِينَ: هُوَسَعْنَا مَبَارَكُ
الَّذِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ مَلِكِ إِسْرَائِيلِ* وَإِنَّ يَسُوعَ
وَجَدَ جَحشاً فَرَكَبَهُ كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ* لَا تَخَافِي
يَا ابْنَةُ صِهْيُونَ. هَا إِنَّ مَلِكَكَ يَأْتِيكَ رَاكِباً عَلَى
جَحشِ ابْنِ أَتَانَ* وَهَذِهِ الْأَشْيَاءُ لَمْ يَفْهَمَهَا
تَلَامِيذُهُ أَوَّلًا وَلَكِنْ لَمَّا مُجِدَّ يَسُوعَ حِينَئِذٍ تَذَكَّرُوا
أَنَّ هَذِهِ إِنَّمَا كُتِبَتْ عَنْهُ وَأَنَّهُمْ عَمَلُوا لَهُ* وَكَانَ
الْجَمْعُ الَّذِينَ كَانُوا مَعَهُ حِينَ نَادَى لِعَازَرَ مِنَ
الْقَبْرِ وَأَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ يَشْهَدُونَ لَهُ* وَمِنْ
أَجْلِ هَذَا اسْتَقْبَلَهُ الْجَمْعُ لِأَنَّهُمْ سَمِعُوا بِأَنَّهُ قَدْ
صَنَعَ هَذِهِ الْآيَةَ.

Holy Bread and Palm Offerings

- The *Palms* and Holy Bread are offered by Emil and Hiam Bathish for the health of their family especially **Emil** on the occasion of 93rd birthday, their children, grandchildren, and great-grandson – *May God grant him many years!* – and in loving memory of parents **Yacoub** and **Marie** Farah and **Naif** and **Julia** Bathish.
- A *Palm Sunday Icon* is offered by George and Hiam Ishaq for the health of **Nusta, George, Hiam, Nida, Nidal,** and **Samer**.
- A *Palm Sunday Icon* is offered by Areen Bathish for the health her family especially parents **Emil** and **Hiam** and in loving memory of grandparents, aunts, uncles, and **Brendon** Fitch.
- A *Fern Arrangement* is offered by Najwa Joubran for the health of the **Hanna, Elias, Joubran,** and **Khoshaba Families** and in loving memory of **Badia** Khoury, **Saleem, Joselyn, Elias, Ghais, Zahwee, Naeem,** and **Hermiz**.
- A *Fern Arrangement* is offered by Khouriya Leslee Abud and Family for the health of their family and in loving memory of parents **Leereese** (2 year) and **Lester** (27 year) Nicola.
- Protodeacon Michael Bassett for the health and well being of beloved wife **Pamela** who is celebrating her name's day of the Venerable Mary of Egypt, sons **Christopher** and **Jonathan** and in loving memory of Pam's parents **Otto** and **Louise**.
- This morning we also pray for the servants of God who have fallen asleep in the Lord: **George** Rutherford (+Feb. 23rd, known to Protodeacon Michael) **Lydia** Rishmawi (+March 14th, aunt of Jamil Rishmawi), and **Tatiana** (Tina) Shamie (+March 26th, known to Fr. Joe and Leslee).

- Prayers are offered for our parishioners who are ill, recovering, or in need, especially His servants: **Metropolitan Paul** and **Archbishop John** who are in captivity, **Sahar Abdallah**, **Androlla Abu Aita**, **Asma Abuaita** (sister of Janett Abuaita), **Shafiqah Abuaitah**, **Abla Abufarha**, **Maher Alatrash**, **Cesar** and **Naila Banna**, **Emil Bathish**, **Alex Deligorges**, **Fadi** and **Micheline El-Chaer**, **Vera Farah**, **Mariam Ghanim** (Manal's mother), **Elaine Gejoff**, **Phyllis Good**, **Carol Haddad**, **Roland Haddad**, **Daisy Isaac**, **Daniel Isaac**, **Nawal Iseid**, **Sally Joseph**, **Nakhleh** and **Nicola Khoury**, **Chuck Koory**, **Danny Mortensen**, **George** and **Renee Nassif**, **Aida Raffoul**, **Elaine Shaheen**, **Deborah** and **Mary Salim**, **Widad Salomon**, **Michael Silpoch**, **William Sophica Jr.**, and **Lois Teunion**.
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Rasha** (Luai) Abuaita, **Dunyah** Abufarha (daughter-in-law of Ibrahim and Eman) **Ghaida Awad**, **Wiam Khair**, **Amanda Rishmawi** and **Rachel Sackllah** (daughter of Suheil and Abeer Abuaita).

Instead of 'It is truly meet...', we sing the following in Tone 4:

God is the Lord and has revealed Himself to us. Celebrate the feast and come with gladness! Let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, singing: *Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord!*

اللهُ الرَّبُّ ظَهَرَ لَنَا فَأَقِيمُوا الْعِيدَ وَابْتَهَجُوا، وَهَلِّمْنَا بِنَا نَعْظُمُ الْمَسِيحَ. وَبِسُغْفٍ وَأَغْصَانٍ نَهْتَفُّ بِالتَّسَابِيحِ قَاتِلِينَ. مَبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ مَخْلَصِنَا.

Communion Hymn (for Palm Sunday)

- (Refrain) Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. هَلِّلُويا. مَبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ هَلِّلُويا.
 (Verse) We have blessed you out of the house of the Lord. God is the Lord, and hath appeared unto us. (Refrain)
 (Verse) Ordain a feast with thick boughs, even unto the horns of the altar. (Refrain)
 (Verse) Thou art my God, and I will confess Thee; Thou art my God, and I will exalt Thee. (R)
 (Verse) I will give thanks unto Thee, for Thou hast heard me, and Thou art become my salvation. (Refrain)
 (Verse) O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endureth forever. (Refrain)
 Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Instead of "We have seen the True Light...", we sing the **Troparion of Lazarus** (see above).

The **Procession with Palms** takes place at the end of the Divine Liturgy. Please follow in an orderly, respectful, and quiet manner. Also, sing along with the choir 'Holy God...', and keep watch over our children so they may safely carry their candles.

تَعَاد طُرُوبًا رِيَاءِ أَدَا الشَّعَانِينَ (بِالْحَنِّ الرَّابِعِ)، وَتَعَاد قَدُوسَ اللَّهِ (مَرَّاتٍ عَدِيدَةً)

Praise the Lord, O Jerusalem! Praise thy God, O Holy City!

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

أَمْدَحِي يَا أُورُشَلِيمَ الرَّبِّ سَبِّحِي الْهَيْكَلِ يَا قَدْسَ هُوْشَعْنَا هُوْشَعْنَا هُوْشَعْنَا لَابْنِ دَاوُدَ

THE PALMS HAVE BEEN BLESSED!

PLEASE DO NOT THROW THEM AWAY!

Proper disposal is to burn them or bring them back to Fr. Joe.

Announcements

Tonight begins the Great and Holy Week! Plan ahead to celebrate our Lord and Savior's Passion (Suffering), Death, and Resurrection by attending as many services as you can!

Of special interest for EVERYONE, especially our children:

- ▶▶ *Holy Unction* (Wednesday 6:30pm)
- ▶▶ *Liturgy of the Last Supper* (Thursday 10am)
- ▶▶ *Passion Gospels/Procession of the Holy Cross* (Thursday 6:30pm)
- ▶▶ *Burial of Jesus/placing of the Holy Shroud in the Tomb* (Friday 3pm)
- ▶▶ *The Lamentations & Procession of the Tomb* (Friday 6:30pm)
- ▶▶ *Descent into Hades: Victory over Death/the Devil Liturgy* (Saturday 10am)
- ▶▶ *Pascha, the Glorious Resurrection* (Saturday 11:30pm)
- ▶▶ *Vespers of Love/Baa'ooth and Egg Hunt* (Sunday 1pm)

Traditional Fasting Rules for the Great and Holy Week

1. During the days of Holy Week The traditional fasting discipline (*no meat, poultry, fish, eggs, dairy, wine, and olive oil*) is observed on all days, except Palm Sunday when fish, wine, and olive oil are allowed and Holy Thursday morning after Divine Liturgy when wine and olive oil are allowed.
2. Meals are to be less frequent and less filling.
3. On Great and Holy Friday, no meal is eaten after breakfast. On Great and Holy Saturday, after the morning Divine Liturgy, a light lunch may be eaten, then a total fast until after Pascha Divine Services on Saturday night/Sunday morning.
4. The traditional fasting rules are for all who are physically able.
5. The full strictness of the fast is lessened for the aged or those in poor health.

Holy Week notes and activities:

- The **Sacrament of Holy Repentance (Confession)** will be heard before and after Divine Services from this evening until Holy Tuesday.
- You must be an Orthodox Christian and have a recent Confession to partake of the Sacrament of Holy Communion and the Sacrament of Holy Unction.
- **KEEPING VIGIL AT THE TOMB OF CHRIST** - Following Great Vespers on Holy and Great Friday afternoon, April 6th, beginning at 4pm, we will keep watch (a vigil) over the tomb of Christ. We will be reading from the Psalms until *The Lamentations & Procession of the Tomb* (Friday 6:30pm) and encourage you to sign up for at least ½ hour to come and keep watch together. Please sign-up on the poster in the Lounge.

VESPERS OF LOVE (BAA'OOTH) AND EGG HUNT on Pascha, April 8th at 1pm. During the service, the Gospel is read in different languages. If you would like to read, speak with Fr. Joe or come to church by 12:45pm. Also, please have our children bring a basket to collect their goodies at the Egg Hunt. **The Church School needs donations of wrapped candy for the Egg Hunt! If you can help, please see Janet Abueita TODAY!**

PASCHA BREAKFAST It's always a joy for us to break the fast together during our celebration of our Lord's Resurrection. Our Ladies Auxiliary will be preparing and serving the breakfast and are looking for donations for this joyous occasion. If interested, please see Hiam Bathish or any member of the Auxiliary.

THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU...

... to **Everyone** who brought Baked Goods and to **ALL** who support the Church School's only fund-raiser!

PASCHA EGGS We are blessed to have a sponsor to donate our eggs for Pascha, however, we are in need of 3 or 4 people to help color them. If you can take a few hours, please contact Hiam Andoni 810-813-1076 ~ THANK YOU!

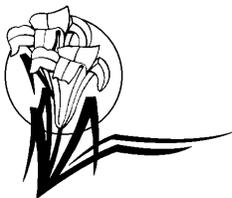
APRIL EUCHRE TOURNAMENT

We have this on the 2nd Friday of the month (April 13th). Registration is at 6:30pm and Play begins at 7pm. Next month, it is organized and chaired by Cam Takach (248-515-1733).

A number of our regular volunteers/workers will be out-of-town so we need YOU! Have you worked before? If you would like to help for a couple of hours, please contact Cam TODAY!

ST. GEORGE ALTAR SOCIETY The Altar Society was formed with the general purpose of cleaning and decorating the church for Pascha, Christmas, and the major feast days. They will be cleaning and decorating for Pascha this Saturday, April 7th after the morning Vesperal Divine Liturgy which begins at 10am -- everyone is welcome to come and help!

WEEKLY OFFERINGS Our average weekly offerings need to be \$5,630 to meet our 2018 Budget. On March 25th, our offerings were \$2,026 so we were short \$3,604 ☹! If you haven't already, please fill out your 2018 Offering Form and support the work of St. George!



*I would like to donate the following for
Pascha. . .*

Lillies: @ \$25 each Total _____

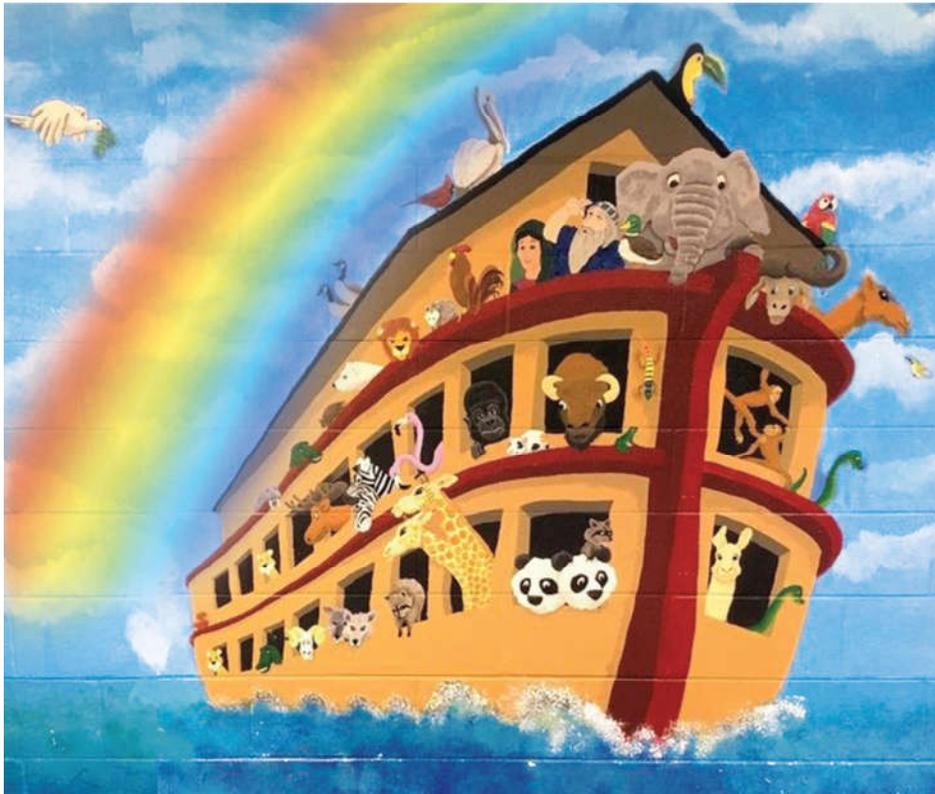
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Your name: _____

For the health of: _____

In loving memory of: _____

Please use the envelope in the Pew and mark it *Pascha Decorations* and put in the Offering Tray. The names of the Living and Departed will be remembered at the Service of Preparing the Gifts (Bread and Wine) for Divine Liturgy on Pascha morning.



If you are looking for a safe, nurturing, and fun learning environment for your child within a Christian setting this is where you need to be! We encourage all to stop in, tour our center, and meet our Program Director and team!

We will provide developmentally appropriate programs focusing on each child's growth and needs in the following areas:

- ❖ Spiritual
- ❖ Social and Emotional
- ❖ Physical
- ❖ Language and Cognitive
- ❖ Literacy
- ❖ Mathematics
- ❖ Science and Technology
- ❖ Arts
- ❖ Social Studies

Meet our team:

- ❖ Clergy: Father Joseph Abud
- ❖ Clergy: Protodeacon Michael Bassett
- ❖ Preschool Ministry: Leslee Abud
- ❖ Program Director: Jessica Blake
- ❖ Preschool Administrator: Kelly Dotson

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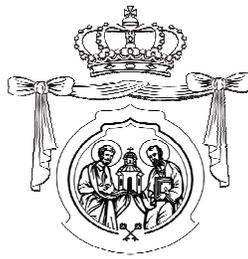
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Questions? Call or email us!

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



Archbishop of New York and
Metropolitan of
All North America

**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

Palm Sunday 2018

Beloved in the Lord:

A blessed feast of our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem to you and your families. I pray you all completed a spiritually rewarding Fast and are now ready to enter into Passion Week which culminates with our Lord's glorious resurrection from the dead next Sunday as we celebrate Great and Holy Pascha.

Today, as we rejoice in this feast, we also pause to take time to remember our beloved Mother Church headed by our Patriarch, His Beatitude JOHN X. We were blessed to have him make a short visit to us last fall to bring the message of peace and love to our government leaders in the United States. We pray that our Lord will bless him and all the people of that area of the world that continues to endure suffering and pain on a daily basis.

Each year on this special day, we ask you, the faithful of our God-protected Archdiocese for an offering of love to send to His Beatitude from his spiritual children here in North America. His Beatitude faces an enormous challenge as he tries to alleviate the pain and suffering of those affected by the war in Syria and the effects of the same war on his flock in Lebanon, Iraq and other areas. With hundreds of thousands of displaced people as a result of the civil war, the needs and demands on our Patriarchate are great. Churches have been destroyed and vandalized by terrorists and families have been driven from their homes and are in desperate need of our help. With that in mind, we hope you will be as generous as possible.

Wishing you a prayerful Holy Week and a most joyous Pascha, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

+JOSEPH

Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)

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PASCHA DINNER PARTY

**ST. GEORGE
ORTHODOX CHURCH
5191 LENNON RD. FLINT,
MI**

**Sunday, April
8th, 2018 at 4 PM**

St. George is hosting a Pascha Dinner Party and we want to celebrate together as a parish. This event is B.Y.O.B. but there will be music, games, and a raffle. Tickets are \$20 per person and kids under 3 are free! Call or text for reservations.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT ANWAR
ABUEITA | (810) 394-2918, FADI RISHMAWI | (810)
625-5790, AND KHALED ABUAITA | (810) 343-2614

STEWARDSHIP REMINDER We thank the 45 families who filled out their 2018 Offering Form as of March 27th as part of our Stewardship program – they are listed on the door entering the church. We need the faithful stewardship of ALL of our 240 families whether you filled out a form or not. Offering Forms are in your weekly envelope box, the Narthex Table, or another one is below – Thank you and God bless you always!

Total Offered: \$55,648 (our 2018 budget is \$292,690!)

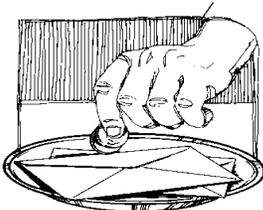
Mail it to the Church or put it in the Sunday Offering Tray -- *Thank You and God Bless You!*

2018 Offering Form

St. George Orthodox Church • Flint, Michigan

*"A rich person is not one who has, but one who gives, for this remains forever."
{Saint John Chrysostom}*

In thanks to God for all of His blessings, I/we will offer \$_____ per week and understand this as my/our minimum gift & commitment to support His Holy Church.



**A TIME FOR
GIVING**

Name _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip _____
Telephone { _____ } _____
Date _____
Signature _____

All Offerings are treated confidentially

Is this YOUR Church?
Of course the answer is YES!
Please fill out the form and put it in the offering tray
TODAY or send it by mail as soon as possible.