



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

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

شعنية مباركة



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Welcome to St. George! Thank you for attending today's Divine Services. 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. Everyone is invited to the final blessing and receive Holy Bread at the end of Liturgy.

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 اكتفتني، 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..."

آمنت لذلك تكلمت وأنا اتّضعت جدًّا.
خلّصنا يا ابن الله يا من جلس على جحش بن آتان، إذ نرتل لك هليلويا.
بماذا أكافئ الرب عن كلّ ما أعطاني، كأس الخلاص أقبل واسم الرب أدعو.
أوفي ندوري للرب أمام كلّ شعبه.
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 المسيحُ الإله لما أقمتَ لعازرَ من بين الأمواتِ قَبْلَ الآمِكِ. حَقَّقْتَ القِيَامَةَ العامَّة. لذلك ونحنُ كالأطفالِ نحملُ علامةَ الغلبةِ والظفرِ. صارخينَ إِلَيْكَ يا غالِبَ الموتِ. هوشعنا في الأعالي مباركُ الآتي باسمِ الربِّ.

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.

مباركُ الآتي باسمِ الربِّ. الله الربُّ قد ظَهَرَ لنا. خلصنا يا ابن الله يا من جلس على جحش أتان ، إذ نرتل لك هلوليا.

Hymns after the Entrance with the Gospel

Troparion of Lazarus—Tone 1

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 المسيحُ الإله لما أقمتَ لعازرَ من بين الأمواتِ قَبْلَ الآمِكِ. حَقَّقْتَ القِيَامَةَ العامَّة. لذلك ونحنُ كالأطفالِ نحملُ علامةَ الغلبةِ والظفرِ. صارخينَ إِلَيْكَ يا غالِبَ الموتِ. هوشعنا في الأعالي مباركُ الآتي باسمِ الربِّ.

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 المسيحُ الإله لما دفنا معك بالمعمودية، استحققنا بقيامتك الحياة الخالدة مستبحين وصارخين: هوشعنا في الأعالي مباركُ الآتي باسمِ الربِّ.

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 العرشِ في السماء. لَقَدْ رَكِبْتَ جَحْشاً على الأرضِ وَقَبِلْتَ تسابيحَ الملائكةِ ومدائحِ الأطفالِ الهاتفينَ إِلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا المسيحُ الإله. مباركُ أنتَ الآتي لِتُعِيدَ آدمَ ثانية.

Epistle for the Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. (Psalm 117:26) Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His mercy endures for ever. (Psalm 117:1)

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.

Priest: Peace be to you reader.

Reader: And to your spirit.

(Refrain) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

مباركُ الآتي باسمِ الربِّ
اعترفوا للربِّ فإنه صالحٌ وإنَّ إلى الأبدِ رحمتهُ
* فصلٌ من رسالةِ القديسِ بولسِ الرسولِ إلى
أهلِ فيلبِّي (4-9) *
يا اخوةُ افرحوا في الربِّ كُلَّ حينٍ وأقولُ أيضاً
افرحوا * ولتَظْهَرُ جِلْمُكُمْ لِجَمِيعِ الناسِ. فإنَّ الربِّ
قريبٌ * لا تَهْتَمُّوا التَّهْتَمُّ بل في كلِّ شيءٍ فلتَكُنْ
طَلِبَاتِكُمْ معلومةً لدى الله بالصلاةِ والتَّضَرُّعِ مَعَ
الشكرِ * ولتَحْفَظْ سلامُ الله الذي يفوقُ كُلَّ عَقْلِ
قلوبِكُمْ وبصائرِكُمْ في يسوعِ المسيحِ * وبعدُ أَيُّهَا
الاخوةُ مَهْمَا يَكُنْ مِنْ حَقِّ وَمَهْمَا يَكُنْ مِنْ عَفَافِ
ومَهْمَا يَكُنْ مِنْ عَدْلِ وَمَهْمَا يَكُنْ مِنْ طَهَارَةٍ وَمَهْمَا
يَكُنْ مِنْ صِفَةٍ مَحَبِّبَةٍ وَمَهْمَا يَكُنْ مِنْ حُسْنِ صِيْبِ
إنْ تَكُنْ فضيلةً وإنْ يَكُنْ مَدْحٌ فَفِي هَذِهِ افْتَكِرُوا *

(verse) O sing to the Lord a new song. (Psalm 97:1)
(verse) All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our
God. (Psalm 97:3)
(Refrain) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

وما تَعَلَّمْتُمُوهُ وَتَسَلَّمْتُمُوهُ وَسَمِعْتُمُوهُ وَرَأَيْتُمُوهُ فِي
قِيَهَذَا اَعْمَلُوا. وَإِلَهُ السَّلَامِ يَكُونُ مَعَكُمْ.

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." 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.

فصلٌ شريفٌ من بشارَةِ القديسِ يوحنا الإنجيلي البشيرِ والتلميذِ الطاهرِ (12:1-18)

قَبْلَ الفِصْحِ بَسْتَةَ أَيامٍ أَتَى يَسُوعُ إِلَى بَيْتِ عَنِيَا حَيْثُ كَانَ
لِعَازَرُ الَّذِي مَاتَ فَأَقَامَهُ يَسُوعُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ * فَصَنَعُوا لَهُ
هَنَّاكَ عِشَاءً وَكَانَتْ مَرَّتَا تَخْدِمُ وَكَانَ لِعَازَرُ أَحَدَ الْمُتَكَبِّينَ
مَعَهُ * أَمَّا مَرْيَمُ فَأَخَذَتْ رَطْلَ طَيِّبٍ نَارِدِينَ خَالِصٍ كَثِيرٍ الثَّمَنِ
وَدَهَنَتْ قَدَمَيَّ يَسُوعَ وَمَسَحَتْ قَدَمِيهِ بِشَعْرِهَا * فَأَمْتَلَأَ الْبَيْتَ
مِنْ رَائِحَةِ الطَّيِّبِ * فَقَالَ أَحَدُ تَلَامِيذِهِ يَهُوذَا بْنُ سَمْعَانَ
الْإِسْخَرْيُوطِيِّ الَّذِي كَانَ مُزْمِعًا أَنْ يُسَلِّمَهُ لَمْ يَبِيعْ هَذَا الطَّيِّبَ
بِثَلَاثِ مِئَةِ دِينَارٍ وَيُعْطَى لِلْمَسَاكِينِ * وَإِنَّمَا قَالَ هَذَا لِأَهْتِمَامًا
بِالْمَسَاكِينِ بَلْ لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ سَارِقًا وَكَانَ الصَّنَدُوقُ عِنْدَهُ وَكَانَ
يَحْمِلُ مَا يُلْقَى فِيهِ * فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ دَعَهَا إِنَّمَا حَفَظْتَهُ لِيَوْمِ دَفْنِي *
فَإِنَّ الْمَسَاكِينَ هُمْ عِنْدَكُمْ فِي كُلِّ حِينٍ وَأَمَّا أَنَا فَلَسْتُ عِنْدَكُمْ
فِي كُلِّ حِينٍ * وَعَلِمَ جَمْعٌ كَثِيرٌ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُنَاكَ
فَجَاءُوا لَا مِنْ أَجْلِ يَسُوعَ فَقَطْ بَلْ لِيَنْظُرُوا أَيْضًا لِعَازَرَ الَّذِي
أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ * فَأَتَمَرَ رُؤَسَاءُ الْكَهَنَةِ أَنْ يَقْتُلُوا لِعَازَرَ
أَيْضًا * لِأَنَّ كَثِيرِينَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ كَانُوا بِسَبَبِهِ يَذْهَبُونَ فَيُؤْمِنُونَ
بِيسُوعَ * وَفِي الْعَدِ لَمَّا سَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْكَثِيرُ الَّذِينَ جَاءُوا إِلَى
الْعِيدِ بِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ آتٍ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ أَخَذُوا سَعْفَ النَّخْلِ وَخَرَجُوا
لِقَابِهِ وَهُمْ يَصْرُخُونَ قَائِلِينَ: هُوَسَعْنَا مَبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ
مَلِكِ إِسْرَائِيلِ * وَإِنَّ يَسُوعَ وَجَدَ جَحْشًا فَرَكِبَهُ كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ *
لَا تَخَافِي يَا ابْنَةُ صِهْيُونَ. هَا إِنَّ مَلِكِكَ يَأْتِيكَ رَاكِبًا عَلَى
جَحْشِ ابْنِ آتَانٍ * وَهَذِهِ الْأَشْيَاءُ لَمْ يَفْهَمَهَا تَلَامِيذُهُ أَوَّلًا وَلَكِنْ
لَمَّا مُجِدَّ يَسُوعَ حِينِنْدِ تَذَكَّرُوا أَنَّ هَذِهِ إِنَّمَا كُتِبَتْ عَنْهُ وَأَنَّهُمْ
عَمِلُوهَا لَهُ * وَكَانَ الْجَمْعُ الَّذِينَ كَانُوا مَعَهُ حِينِ نَادَى لِعَازَرَ
مِنْ الْقَبْرِ وَأَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ يَشْهَدُونَ لَهُ * وَمِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا
اسْتَقْبَلَهُ الْجَمْعُ لِأَنَّهُمْ سَمِعُوا بِأَنَّهُ قَدْ صَنَعَ هَذِهِ الْآيَةَ.

Holy Bread, Palm, and Fern Offerings

- Protodeacon Michael and Pamela Bassett for the health of their family and in loving memory of niece **Amber** Veale (11 year) and **Michael** Perez (16 year, Dennis' father).
- Raed and Rania AbuAita for the health of their family especially children **Rubina** and **Romanos** on the occasion of their day of Baptism – *May God grant them many years!*
- Khaled and Sally Abuaita for the health of their family and in loving memory of aunt **Mary**, grandmother **Rahma**, **Androlla**, and uncle **Fawzi**.

- Karam and Aida Nassar for the health of their family especially sons **Fred, Omar** and **Sarah**, and **Salam**.
- The *Palms* are offered by **Hiam** Bathish for the health of her family especially her **children, grandchildren,** and **great-grandchildren** and in loving memory of husband **Emil**, parents **Yacoub** and **Marie** Farah, **Naif** and **Julia** Bathish, **Hani, Edward**, and **Cesar**.
- A *Palm Sunday Icon* is offered by **Jamal** and **Manal** Abuaita for the health of their family especially **Philip, Janett, Dr. Tamer, Samir,** and **Dr. Yara** and in loving memory of **Mounir, Hanan, Louisa,** and **Androlla**.
- A *Fern Arrangement* is offered by **Fares** and **Sahar** Abdallah for the health of their family especially children **Laila, Crystal,** and **Nicholas** and in loving memory of **Hilda** and **Yacoub** Zureikat, **Sylvia** Sophiea and all of their departed family and friends.
- A *Fern Arrangement* is offered by **Edward** and **Feryl** Joubran for the health of their family especially children **Jasmine, Eddie, Sam,** and **Frankie** and in loving memory of **Salim** Hanna, **Badiah** Kouri, **Frank** and **Joyce** Joubran, and **Joselyn** and **Elias** Elias.
- A *Fern Arrangement* is offered by **Najwa** Joubran for the health of her family especially **Jennifer, Martin, Emma,** and **Ava** Khoshaba.
- A *Fern Arrangement* is offered by **Robert** Teunion for the health of his family especially **Casey** Webb and in loving memory of wife **Lois**.

Baptism/Chrismation Days

The Church School offers the Holy Bread for their teachers and/or students who are celebrating their *New Birth* {Baptism and/or Chrismation} into the Church this coming week:

- ◆ **Adriana** Abuaita – April 24th
- ◆ **Romanos** and **Rubina** AbuAita and **Dionte** Wilson – April 29th
- ◆ **Angela** Qazaha – May 1st

May our children be children of the Light and heirs of eternal good things. {Baptismal Service}

- 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, **Asma** Abuaita (sister of Janett), **Shafiqah** Abuaitah, **Anwar** Abueita, **Emil, Elaine, Elias, George, Sandy,** and **Sharbel** Abueita, **Jane** Alatrash, **Wadia** Albaba, **William** Alsaouri, **Emil** Bathish, **Levi** Cooper, **Vera** Daoud, **Jimmy** David, **Evelyn** Delbridge, **Vera** Farah, **Averie** Fisher (niece of Doug and Sandy Thomas), **Elias** Gantos, **Mariam** Ghanim (mother of Manal Abuaita), **Phyllis** Good, **Carol** Haddad, **Gracyn** Haskins (granddaughter of Mike and Nancy Silpoch), **Daisy** Isaac, **Danny** Isaac, **David** Jordan (cousin of Dn. Mike), **Sally** Joseph, **Nakhleh** Khoury, **Nicola** Khoury, **George** and **Jeanette** Nassif, **Marlen** and **Nataly** Odeh, **Juliette** Qumseya, **Aida** Raffoul, **Deborah** Salim, **Ellis** Salim, **Nicholas** Saseen, **Elaine** Shaheen, **Michael** Silpoch, and **William** Sophiea Jr.; **Tony, Jenny** [Abueita], and newborn **Lukas** Salsa (April 20th).
- We also pray for those who are with child: **Mirna (Tamer)** Abuaita [son of Khader and Lucy], **Haneen (Benan)** Burbar, **Rachel (Andrew)** Sackllah [daughter of Suheil and Abeer Abuaita], and **Sarah (Matthew)** Thomas [son of Doug and Sandy].

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!*

اللَّهُ الرَّبُّ ظَهَرَ لَنَا فَأَقِيمُوا الْعِيدَ وَابْتَهَجُوا، وَهَلِّمْنَا بِنَا نِعْظَمِ الْمَسِيحِ. وَبِسُغْفٍ وَأَغْصَانٍ نَهَيْتُ بِالتَّسَابِيحِ قَائِلِينَ. مَبَارَكُ
الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ مَخْلَصِنَا.

Communion Hymn (for Palm Sunday)

(Refrain) Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. هَلْلُوِيَا. مَبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ.

(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. (Refrain)

(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 the following and keep watch over our children so they may safely carry their candles.

تعداد طروبارية أحد الشعانين (باللحن الرابع), وتعداد قدّوس الله (مرّات عديدة)

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

Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna to the Son of David!

أمدحى يا أورشليم الرب سبحى الهك يا قدس هؤشعنا هؤشعنا هؤشعنا لابن داؤد

THE PALMS ARE BLESSED!
PLEASE TREAT THEM AS HOLY ITEMS!
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 or watching as many services as you can!

Of special interest for EVERYONE, especially our children:

- ▶ *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 and the Devil* Liturgy (Saturday 10am)
- ▶ *Pascha, the Glorious Resurrection* (Saturday 11:30pm)
- ▶ *Vespers of Love/Baa’ooth* (Sunday 1pm)

Parents A letter from Fr. Joseph for our children to have “excused absences” from school, music, sports, or other activities for any of the Holy Week Services is in the Lounge on the counter.

Traditional Fasting Rules for the Great and Holy Week

1. The traditional fasting rules are for all who are physically able.
2. Meals are to be less frequent and less filling.
3. 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.
4. 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.
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 30th, beginning about 4pm, we will keep watch (vigil) over the tomb of Christ. We will be reading from the Psalms 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'OOOTH) on Pascha, May 2nd 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.

ST. GEORGE ALTAR SOCIETY God bless our Altar Society which was formed in September of 1997 with the general purpose of cleaning and decorating the church for Pascha, Christmas, and feast days. They will be cleaning and decorating for Pascha this Saturday, May 1st after the morning Vespers Divine Liturgy which begins at 10am -- everyone is welcome to come and help!

OUR STEWARDSHIP, OFFERINGS, AND DONATIONS This is a very difficult time for us and everyone around the world as we deal with COVID-19. Though all parishioners are not able to attend church, PLEASE help our parish by continuing to send your offerings to St. George or donating on our website: <https://saintgeorgeflint.org/>.

PLEASE FOLLOW OUR PROCEDURES Because of serious health concerns, **we all must wear masks at all times over our mouths and nose**. If this is difficult for you at this time, please watch our live-stream from home instead. Remember we are venerating icons by bowing (*not kissing or touching*) and the same for the priest's hand and the chalice at Holy Communion. Further, **our clergy and chanters are the only ones who should be singing at this time**. If you feel the need to sing, please do so **softly and with your mask on**.

ARE YOU VACCINATED? DO YOU HAVE QUESTIONS AND NEED ANSWERS? We are blessed to have a number of medical professionals in our parish and all of them want you to get your Covid-19 vaccine ASAP. There is lots of wrong information on TV and social media. Don't be fooled; it could cost you or your family and friends in a sad way! If you have any questions or need truthful information, please contact Dr. Lindsey (Farah) Brunner: **text ONLY**, please 810-908-9213 or Infarah2009@hotmail.com.

BANQUET CENTER SUPERVISOR NEEDED As the pandemic is slowly beginning to improve, our Center has many rentals in the months to come. We are in need of a Rental Supervisor to be here during rentals. Most rentals are on weekends (Friday-Sunday). Pay is up to \$75 per rental. If you are interested, please call the office 810-732-0720 and leave a message. This is a perfect part-time job for a responsible college student or young adult!

PRESCHOOL AND CHILDCARE MINISTRY

We are looking for a special person to lead our Preschool & Childcare Ministry. The Preschool has been in operation since 2018 and has had over 30 children in attendance. Though currently closed and without a Program Director we have a valid Child Care License. With proper staffing and leadership it could be reopened at any time. Dn. Michael, Kh. Leslee, Kelly (our Church Office Manager) and others are ready to assist you! We have a list of previous clients as well as a growing list of families looking for the intimate, faith based setting that we offer. Rooms are set up, in place, and waiting for children! Curriculum is purchased, learning centers are in place, and there is plenty of outdoor play space! This is an excellent opportunity for the right person to provide a needed service / ministry to the community and help generate revenues for St. George Church and have nearly full autonomy with minimal risk. If you are interested or you know someone who might be, contact the Preschool at 810-732-1500, stgeorgeschool17@gmail.com, or talk with Dn. Michael or Kh. Leslee.

Divine Presence ~ In Eternity, God's love consumes all

by Abbot Tryphon, head of All-Merciful Savior Monastery on Vashon Island, Washington

According to Saint Gregory of Nyssa, heaven and hell are not about location, but about relationship. God is everywhere, and He did not create a heaven for some, and a hell for others. If we love God, His fire will be a comforting warmth, but if we choose not to have a relationship with Him, His fire will be as hell fire. We choose how we will experience the presence of God in the afterlife, and since God can not be absent from anywhere, those who have chosen to ignore Him, will, nevertheless, be in His presence for all of eternity.

According to Saint Gregory, Paradise and Hell do not exist from God's point of view, but from man's point of view. It is all about man's choice and condition. According to him, heaven and hell are not two different locations. They are simply two different experiences of the same place.

Everyone will spend eternity in God's presence, but how we experience the Divine Presence will depend upon the condition of our soul. Those who have been transformed by the action and work of the Holy Spirit, will experience God as light and bliss. Those who have rejected God's love will experience it as pain and suffering. For the unbeliever and the unrepentant, their sins will not allow them to enjoy the Presence of God.

Get out your bible and read the Gospel of St. John chapter 3 and see what our Lord says! ~ love, FJ

CONDITIONAL LIFE

John 3:16-18

"BELIEVES" IS
PRESENT TENSE

16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17 For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God." (John 3:16-18)⁵⁴

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 2021

Beloved in Christ,

Blessings and joy to you on this great feast of Palm Sunday!

Today we celebrate our Lord's entry into Jerusalem, on His way to save us through the Cross. As the King of Glory rode into His Holy City, the crowds cheered and welcomed Him, but their leaders groaned and plotted against Him. The people rejoiced and waved the signs of victory, but the leaders accused and prepared a bribe. Those who embraced Christ found life in Him, while those who resisted Him stumbled over the Cornerstone, to their destruction. Having completed the course of the Fast, let us join those blessed crowds in warmly receiving our Savior, in order to be redeemed anew this year.

While we rejoice spiritually, we are also saddened by the serious humanitarian challenges confronting our Mother Church of Antioch. Having endured years of war, its historic homelands now face the dual health and economic catastrophes of the pandemic.

Each year on this feast day, we ask you to give generously to support our Antiochian Patriarchate in their work to restore and rebuild. Whatever our personal background, we share Antioch as our spiritual mother, and we are mindful of St Paul's admonition: "If anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever" (1 Tim. 5:8, NKJV). Let us provide for our spiritual kinsmen, in true faithfulness to our good and loving God.

Wishing you an enriching Holy Week and glorious Pascha, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style and is preceded by a large, stylized cross symbol.

+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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Mark your Calendars and Plan AHEAD!!!

THE GREAT AND HOLY WEEK

April

24	Saturday	Raising of Lazarus —Combined Preparation of Gifts/Liturgy at St. Nicholas - 9:30 am <i>Cleaning and Decorating of the Church (at St. George)</i> ----- 1 pm Great Vespers for Palm Sunday and Confessions ----- 5 pm
25	Sunday	Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem—Palm Sunday Matins – 8:50am Liturgy and Procession ----- 10 am Bridegroom Matins for Great and Holy Monday ----- 6:30 pm
26	Monday	Presanctified Liturgy ----- 9 am Bridegroom Matins for Great and Holy Tuesday ----- 6:30 pm
27	Tuesday	Presanctified Liturgy ----- 9 am Confessions (*Last opportunity before Pascha!) -----5-6 pm Bridegroom Matins for Great and Holy Wednesday ----- 6:30 pm
28	Weds.	Presanctified Liturgy ----- 9 am Sacrament of Holy Unction ----- 6:30 pm <i>Holy Unction is a Sacrament of the Orthodox Church and for Her members. Confession is required.</i>
29	Thursday	Celebration of the Institution of the Last Supper Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great ----- 10 am Holy Friday Matins with Reading of the Twelve Passion Gospels ----- 6:30 pm
30	Friday	Royal Hours of Pascha ----- 9 am Decoration of Tomb follows Vespers of the Descent from the Cross ----- 3 pm Vigil at the Tomb of Christ sponsored by Teen SOYO begins Matins with the Praises at the Tomb / Procession with the Tomb ----- 6:30 pm

May

1	Saturday	Descent into Hades—Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil ----- 10 am Cleaning and Decoration of the Church follows
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PASCHA

THE GLORIOUS RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

1/2		Nocturnes/Paschal Matins/Paschal Divine Liturgy ----- 11:30 pm
2	Sunday	Agape (Baa'ooth) Vespers—Vespers of Love ----- 1 pm Reading of the Gospel in Different Languages and Pascha Egg Hunt follows

THE NEW (BRIGHT) WEEK

3	Bright Monday	Paschal Liturgy at St. Mary Magdalene ----- 10 am
4	Bright Tuesday	Paschal Liturgy at St. Nicholas ----- 10 am
5	Bright Wednesday	Paschal Liturgy and Feast of St. George at St. George ----- 6 pm
7	Bright Friday	Paschal Liturgy at Assumption ----- 10 am