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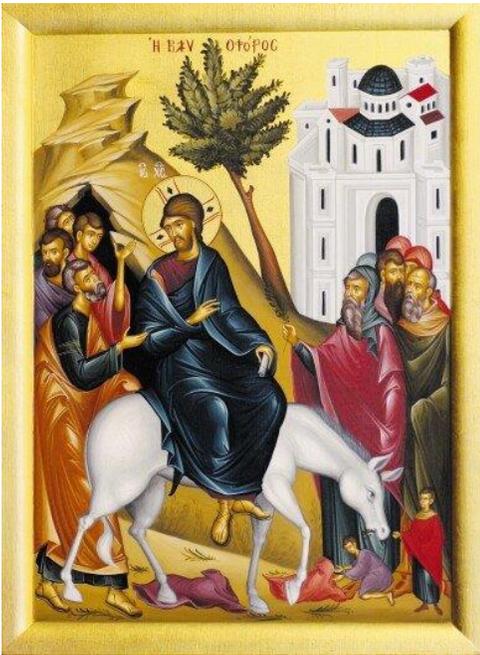
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PALM SUNDAY

ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM

Palm Sunday



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 straightway 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 that 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.

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.

مُبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ.
إِعْتَرَفُوا لِلرَّبِّ فَإِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ وَإِنَّ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ رَحْمَتُهُ.
فَصَلِّ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِيسِ بُولَسَ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى أَهْلِ فِيلِيبِي.

يا إخوة، أفرحوا في الربِّ كلَّ حينٍ وأقول أيضاً أفرحوا. ولْيُظَهَرْ جَلْمُكُمْ لِجَمِيعِ النَّاسِ. فَإِنَّ الرَّبَّ قَرِيبٌ. لا تَهْتَمُّوا الْبَتَّةَ، بَلْ فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ فَلْتَكُنْ طَلِبَاتِكُمْ مَعْلُومَةً لَدَى اللَّهِ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالتَّضَرُّعِ مَعَ الشُّكْرِ. وَلْيَحْفَظْ سَلَامَ اللَّهِ، الَّذِي يَفُوقُ كُلَّ عَقْلِ، قُلُوبَكُمْ وَبِصَائِرِكُمْ فِي يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ. وَبَعْدُ أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، مَهْمَا يَكُنْ مِنْ حَقٍّ، وَمَهْمَا يَكُنْ مِنْ عَفَافٍ، وَمَهْمَا يَكُنْ مِنْ عَدْلِ، وَمَهْمَا يَكُنْ مِنْ طَهَارَةٍ، وَمَهْمَا يَكُنْ مِنْ صِفَةِ مُحَبَّبَةٍ، وَمَهْمَا يَكُنْ مِنْ حُسْنِ صِيَتٍ، إِنْ تَكُنْ فَضِيلَةً، وَإِنْ يَكُنْ مَدْحٌ، فَفِي هَذِهِ افْتَكِرُوا. وَمَا تَعَلَّمْتُمُوهُ، وَتَسَلَّمْتُمُوهُ، وَسَمِعْتُمُوهُ، وَرَأَيْتُمُوهُ فِيَّ، فَبِهَذَا اْعْمَلُوا، وَإِلَهُ السَّلَامِ يَكُونُ مَعَكُمْ.

THE GOSPEL

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 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.

فَصَلُّ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ يوحنا الإنجيليِّ البشيرِ، والتلميذِ الطاهرِ.

قَبْلَ الْفِصْحِ بِسِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ، أَتَى يَسُوعُ إِلَى بَيْتٍ عَنِّيَا حَيْثُ كَانَ لِعَازِرُ الَّذِي مَاتَ فَأَقَامَهُ يَسُوعُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ. فَصَنَعُوا لَهُ هُنَاكَ عِشَاءً، وَكَانَتْ مَرَّتَا تَخْدِمُهُ، وَكَانَ لِعَازِرُ أَحَدَ الْمُتَكَبِّرِينَ مَعَهُ. أَمَّا مَرْيَمُ فَأَخَذَتْ رَطْلَ طَيْبٍ نَارِدِينَ خَالِصٍ، كَثِيرِ الثَّمَنِ، وَدَهَنَتْ قَدَمَيْ يَسُوعَ وَمَسَحَتْ قَدَمَيْهِ بِشَعْرِهَا. فَاثْمَلًا الْبَيْتُ مِنْ رَائِحَةِ الطَّيْبِ. فَقَالَ أَحَدُ تَلَامِيذِهِ، يَهُوذَا ابْنُ سَمْعَانَ الْأَسْخَرِيوطِيِّ، الَّذِي كَانَ مُزْمِعًا أَنْ يُسَلِمَهُ، " لِمَ لَمْ يُبْعَ هَذَا الطَّيْبُ بِثَلَاثِ مِئَةِ دِينَارٍ وَيُعْطَى لِلْمَسَاكِينِ؟" وَإِنَّمَا قَالَ هَذَا لِأَهْتِمَامًا بِالْمَسَاكِينِ، بَلْ لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ سَارِقًا وَكَانَ الصُّنْدُوقُ عِنْدَهُ، وَكَانَ يَحْمِلُ مَا يُلْقَى فِيهِ. فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ: "دَعَهَا، إِنَّمَا حَفِظْتَهُ لِيَوْمِ دَفْنِي، فَإِنَّ الْمَسَاكِينِ هُمْ عِنْدَكُمْ فِي كُلِّ حِينٍ، وَأَمَّا أَنَا فَلَسْتُ عِنْدَكُمْ فِي كُلِّ حِينٍ". وَعَلِمَ جَمْعٌ كَثِيرٌ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُنَاكَ، فَجَاؤُوا، لَا مِنْ أَجْلِ يَسُوعَ فَقَطْ، بَلْ لِيَنْظُرُوا أَيْضًا لِعَازِرَ الَّذِي أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ. فَأَتَمَرَ رُؤَسَاءُ الْكَهَنَةِ أَنْ يَقْتُلُوا لِعَازِرَ أَيْضًا، لِأَنَّ كَثِيرِينَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ كَانُوا بِسَبَبِهِ يَذْهَبُونَ فَيُؤْمِنُونَ بِيَسُوعَ. وَفِي الْغَدِ، لَمَّا سَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْكَثِيرُ الَّذِينَ جَاؤُوا إِلَى الْعِيدِ بِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ آتٍ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ، أَخَذُوا سَعَفَ النَّخْلِ وَخَرَجُوا لِلِقَائِهِ وَهُمْ يَصْرُخُونَ قَائِلِينَ: "هُوشَعْنَا، مُبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلِ". وَإِنَّ يَسُوعَ وَجَدَ جَحْشًا فَرَكِبَهُ كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: "لَا تَخَافِي يَا ابْنَةَ صِهْيُونَ. هَا إِنَّ مَلِكًا يَأْتِيكَ رَاكِبًا عَلَى جَحْشِ ابْنِ أَتَانٍ". وَهَذِهِ الْأَشْيَاءُ لَمْ يَفْهَمَهَا تَلَامِيذُهُ أَوَّلًا، وَلَكِنْ لَمَّا مُجِدَّ يَسُوعَ حِينَئِذٍ تَذَكَّرُوا أَنَّ هَذِهِ إِنَّمَا كُتِبَتْ عَنْهُ وَأَنَّهُمْ عَمِلُوهَا لَهُ. وَكَانَ الْجَمْعُ الَّذِينَ كَانُوا مَعَهُ حِينَ نَادَى لِعَازِرَ مِنَ الْقَبْرِ وَأَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ يَشْهَدُونَ لَهُ. وَمِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا اسْتَقْبَلَهُ الْجَمْعُ، لِأَنَّهُمْ سَمِعُوا بِأَنَّهُ قَدْ صَنَعَ هَذِهِ الْآيَةَ.

"Love your Neighbor"- A Ministry of St John the Evangelist Orthodox Church

During this year's Great Lent, and for March and April, St John's will be collecting donations as we have done for many years, alongside all parishes in the Antiochian Archdiocese for the following two important programs of the Archdiocese.

April – Archdiocese Collection for Palm Sunday (April 17): Each year, the Archdiocese asks each parish to take a collection to help support the Patriarchate in Antioch on Palm Sunday. This will be our "neighbor" for the month of April.

May – Project Mexico/ St Innocent Orphanage – Project Mexico is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that performs works of mercy in the name of Jesus Christ, building homes for the poor in Mexico and by providing education and shelter for orphaned boys through St. Innocent Orphanage.

Palm Sunday Rose Bake Sale:

To Pre-order, please call Denise Dudum at (925) 360-3350 and we would love to see you all at the church to pick up the delicious sweets prepared by our Ladies.

Nammoura	\$24/dozen
Ghraibeh	\$20/dozen
Baklawa (walnuts)	\$30/dozen
Ka'ak (dates)	\$24/dozen
Warbat (cream)	\$30/dozen

Easter Egg Hunt Planning

Hi All,

Happy Monday! Pascha is quickly approaching and we'd like to host an event for our children before Pascha. We're planning on hosting an Egg Hunt and brunch on Holy Saturday April 23 right after liturgy. Service starts at 10:00 a.m.

Please let me know if you would like to join so we have a good headcount for planning. We already have a generous donation of eggs from Rula and Deacon Nicholas. (Thank you)

What we need? More parents involved. I don't have the bandwidth to do it all. I need a few parents to help bring some snack items and a few parents to help with the Egg Hunt and activity tables. If this is you, please let

me know! 🙏

Please let me know if you're planning to bring your kids, and secondly, if you can help make it a success!

Warmly,

Rania Kashou

Upcoming Events

April 17 th	Palm Sunday Rose's Bake Sale
Sunday, April 24 th	Pascha / Easter followed by breakfast (scrambled eggs, sausages, cheese, Lebneh... etc.)

Coffee Hours

April 17 th	Palm Sunday Rose's Bake Sale
Sunday, April 24 th	Pascha / Easter

Memorial Service

- † 40 days memorial service on Sunday may 8th for the handmaiden of God Carla Karanikola. May her memory be eternal!

Holy Oblations

This week Holy Oblations are offered by:

- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Noha Schulze, George Messih, and Nabil Wahbeh**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Helen Addes**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family in memory of **Carla Karanikola**. May her memory be eternal!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **George Wahbeh**. Many years!
- † St. John Parish Family for the good health of **Stacy Simon**. Many years!

Candles for the altar table and in front of the icons of Christ and the Theotokos offered by:

- † Ibrahim Fasheh in memory of Hanada Fasheh for one full year. May her memory be eternal!



Palms for Palm Sunday are offered **by Jim and Denise Dudum** for the good health of their family. Happy and blessed Palm Sunday!



Also, in memory of **John and Mesadeh Dudum; Jim and Rose Romley**. May their memoirs be eternal!

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Holy Week Schedule

<u>April 16th</u> : Lazarus Saturday	Liturgy of Lazarus' Saturday at 10:00am
<u>April 17th</u> : Palm Sunday	Matins at 9:00am, Divine Liturgy at 10:00am Bridegroom Service صلاة الختن at 6:00pm
<u>April 18th</u> : Holy Monday	Bridegroom Service صلاة الختن at 6:00 pm
<u>April 19th</u> : Holy Tuesday	Bridegroom Service صلاة الختن at 6:00 pm
<u>April 20th</u> : Holy Wednesday	Holy Unction صلاة الزيت المقدس at 7:00 pm
<u>April 21st</u> : Holy Thursday	Vesperal Liturgy and Washing of the Feet at 10:00am Passion Gospels at 7:00 pm
<u>April 22nd</u> : Holy Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Royal Hours, Vespers and Taking the Body from the Cross – 2:30 pm• Lamentations تقاريط الجناز at 7:00 pm• Vigil at Christ's Tomb at 9:00pm
<u>April 23rd</u> : Holy Saturday	Vesperal Liturgy at 10:00am Rush Service 10:30 pm followed by the Divine Liturgy
<u>April 24th</u> : Great and Holy Pascha	Agape Vespers at 1:00pm

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
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**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

Palm Sunday 2022

To be read from the pulpit and printed in the bulletin.

Brother Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy, and Beloved Faithful in Christ:

Joyous festal greetings to you in the name of our Savior Jesus Christ! Today we celebrate the triumphal entry of Him who came “in the name of the Lord” to redeem us (Matthew 21:9). We enter the commemoration of His sufferings with shouts of victory, for we know that the forces of evil are no match for Him. Yet let us be careful to cling to our Faith and remain faithful to our King, not imitating the treachery of those who shout “Hosanna” today and then “Crucify Him” on Friday. Instead, let us continue to shout in praise of Him even as He leads us down the road to Golgotha, and let us be willing to suffer there with Him so that we might also be raised with Him.

As has been our custom for many years, today we remember our Father in Christ, Patriarch JOHN X, and all our brothers and sisters of the Patriarchate of Antioch, especially those in its historic homeland of the Middle East. Christians there know the path of suffering better than most of us, as they have endured decades of wars, leading to countless deaths, crippling destruction, and economic collapse. Yet they do not give up, but through the humanitarian work of our patriarchate, they continue to minister compassionately to the needs of those around them, caring for Christ by caring for “the least of these” (Matthew 25:40).

Once again, I ask you to donate generously in support of our patriarchate and its humanitarian work. Through our gifts we show our solidarity with those who are keeping the Christian Faith alive in these apostolic and historic places by practicing the love that defines followers of our Lord Jesus (John 13:35). By helping them, we share in this beautiful work and show that Christ’s love still burns within our own hearts.

Wishing you all a deeply meaningful Holy Week and a glorious Pascha, I remain,

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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

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