

+ St. Nicholas Antiochian Orthodox Church +

Sunday Bulletin – April 28th, 2013 A.D.



+ HOLY 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.

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+ The Holy Epistle (Philippians 4:4-9) +

Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I will say, rejoice! Let your gentleness be known to all men. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, 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 anything praiseworthy—meditate on these things. The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

افرحوا في الرب كل حين وأقول أيضاً افرحوا. ليكون جلمكم معروفاً عند جميع الناس. الرب قريب. لا تهتموا بشيء، بل في كل شيء بالصلاة والدعاء مع الشكر، لتعلم طلباتكم لدى الله. وسلام الله الذي يفوق كل عقل يحفظ قلوبكم وأفكاركم في المسيح يسوع. أخيراً أيها الإخوة كل ما هو حق، كل ما هو جليل، كل ما هو عادل، كل ما هو طاهر، كل ما هو مسر، كل ما صيئته حسن - إن كانت فضيلة وإن كان مدح، ففي هذه افكروا. وما تعلمتموه، وتسلمتموه، وسمعتموه، ورأيتموه في، فهذا افعلوا، وإله السلام يكون معكم.

+ The Holy Gospel (St. John 12:1-18) +

Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, "Let her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial. For the poor you have with you always, but Me you do not have always." great many of the Jews knew that He was there; and they came, not for Jesus' sake only, but that they might also see Lazarus, whom He had raised from the dead. But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews went away and believed in Jesus. The next day a great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took branches of palm trees and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD! The King of Israel!" Then Jesus, when He had found a young donkey, sat on it; as it is written "Fear not, daughter of Zion; Behold, your King is coming, Sitting on a donkey's colt." His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done these things to Him. Therefore the people, who were with Him when He called Lazarus out of his tomb and raised him from the dead, bore witness. For this reason the people also met Him, because they heard that He had done this sign.

ثم قبل الفصح بستة أيام أتى يسوع إلى بيت عنيا حيث كان لعازر الذي أقامه من الأموات. فصنعوا له هناك عشاء. وكانت مرثا تخدم وأما لعازر فكان أحد المتكئين معه. فأخذت مريم مناً من طيب ناردين خالص كثير الثمن ودهنت قدمي يسوع ومسحت قدميه بشعرها فامتلاً البيت من رائحة الطيب. فقال واحد من تلاميذه وهو يهوذا سمعان الإسخریوطي المزمع أن يسلمه: «لماذا لم يبع هذا الطيب بثلاثمئة دينار ويعط للفقراء؟» قال هذا ليس لأنه كان يبالي بالفقراء بل لأنه كان سارقاً وكان الصندوق عنده وكان يحمل ما يلقى فيه. فقال يسوع: «اتركوها. إنها ليوم تكفيني قد حفظته لأن الفقراء معكم في كل حين وأما أنا فلست معكم في كل حين». فعلم جمع كثير من اليهود أنه هناك فجاءوا ليس لأجل يسوع فقط بل لينظروا أيضاً لعازر الذي أقامه من الأموات. فتنشاور رؤساء الكهنة ليقتلوا لعازر أيضاً لأن كثيرين من اليهود كانوا بسببه يذهبون ويؤمنون بيسوع. وفي الغد سمع الجمع الكثير الذي جاء إلى العيد أن يسوع أت إلى أورشليم فأخذوا سعوف النخل وخرجوا للقاءه وكانوا يصرخون: «أوصنا! مبارك الآتي باسم الرب ملك إسرائيل!» ووجد يسوع جحشاً فجلس عليه كما هو مكتوب: «لا تخافي يا ابنة صهيون. هوذا ملكك يأتي جالساً على جحش أتان». وهذه الأمور لم يفهمها تلاميذه أولاً ولكن لما تمجد يسوع حينئذ تذكروا أن هذه كانت مكتوبة عنه وأنهم صنعوا هذه له. وكان الجمع الذي معه يشهد أنه دعا لعازر من القبر وأقامه من الأموات. لهذا أيضاً لاقاه الجمع لأنهم سمعوا أنه كان قد صنع هذه الآية.

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- April 28: Palm Sunday - Outside Procession around the block!
2nd Tray Collection
- April 29: Holy Monday - Bridegroom Service at 7:00pm
- April 30: Holy Tuesday - Bridegroom Service at 7:00pm
- May 1: Holy Wednesday - Holy Unction Service at 7:00pm
- May 2: Holy Thursday - Holy Passion Gospel Service at 7:00pm
- May 3: Holy Friday - Lamentations Service at 7:00pm
Special Tray Collection & Outside Procession around the Church
- May 4: (Morning) Holy Saturday Divine Liturgy at 10:00am
Lenten Pancake Brunch (hosted by the Youth) & Movie: Jesus of Nazareth
(Evening) Holy Pascha Service beginning at 10:00pm. Followed by Reception (hosted by the Antiochian Women)
- May 5: Holy Pascha Agape Vespers Service at 3:00pm (with Candle-lit Procession inside the Church for the Children, especially those who were not able to attend the evening Paschal Liturgy)
- May 6: Bright Monday & Feast of St. George - Hierarchal Divine Liturgy 11:00am (Orthros at 10:00am) at St. George Church (Montreal)

Orthodox Charites Coin Box: Please take an Orthodox Charities Coin Box from the Bulletin Table and bring it back full of your generous love towards the less fortunate Orthodox Christians around the world and towards the establishment of Orthodox Churches in 3rd world countries!

Holy Friday Sponsorships for the Flowers used to decorate the Holy Tomb: Today is the **deadline** for the \$25 sponsorships for the Holy Friday Flowers used to decorate the Holy Tomb of our Lord. The form is on the Bulletin Table or call the Office tomorrow morning. Thank you!

Palm Sunday Bake Sale -TODAY!

Following the Divine Liturgy

Cheese Fatayer, Zaatar, Kaak bi-Halib,

Ajwee, Nammoura, Ghrayba, Barazek,

Mshabbak, Sanyoora, Sweet Holy Bread,

Lemon Cake, Chocolate Chip Cookies,

Knefi, Breyket & much more !!!



We pray for the safe release of H.E. **Metropolitan Boulos Yazigi** (above right) Antiochian Orthodox Metropolitan of Aleppo, Syria (*he is the brother of our Patriarch*) - and of H.E. **Metropolitan Gregorios-Youhanna Ibrahim** (above left) Syriac Orthodox Metropolitan of Aleppo, Syria. Both were abducted together by armed terrorists in Syria on Monday, while on a humanitarian mission to liberate two other abducted Priests.

We also again pray for the repose of our 2 Priest-Martyrs: Fr. Basilios Nassar (bottom left) & Fr. Fady Al-Haddad (bottom right), who were brutally murdered by these terrorists groups which have brought chaos & misery to Syria. Fr. Basilios was killed by a sniper who was firing upon the Syrian Army & Christian civilians, and Fr. Fady was also abducted while delivering ransom money to liberate one of his own abducted parishioners from the terrorists, his own ransom was not paid in time and his tortured/mutilated body was found in the street. We also pray for the eternal memory of all the innocent civilians who have lost their lives in this war, and those who died in defense of the country. We pray for the safety of our holy father Patriarch Youhanna X who lives in Damascus and all Christians who have become targets in their own homeland. And we thank the brave Syrian Army for protecting our Patriarchate & Churches until now with their own lives in the midst of the violence.

Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will persecute you also. (John 15:20)

"If the world hates you, know that it has hated me before it hated you. (John 15:18)

But I say to you, Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. (Matthew 5:44)

Indeed, the hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God. (John 16:2)

When we are cursed, we bless; when we are persecuted, we endure it. (1 Corinthians 4:12)

Indeed, all who desire to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted. (2 Timothy 3:12)

