

Palm Sunday



Palm Sunday takes its name from the joyful shouts of the children of Israel as Jesus entered the city of Jerusalem in triumph, crying out: “Hosanna,” which means, “Save us now we pray!” They also shouted out: “Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.” Jesus was thus greeted as the Savior of Israel, the Messiah and Lord.

The procession with the palms and olive branches that takes place on this day, originated in Jerusalem as a commemoration of Christ’s triumphant entrance into the Holy City. By the fourth century the Church in Jerusalem gathered each year to recall the Lord’s entrance into Jerusalem. The faithful gathered on the Mount of Olives with their bishop. There they sang psalms and hymns and listened to readings from the Old Testament and to the gospel account of the Lord’s entry into the city. Late in the afternoon they went in procession from the Mount of Olives to the city of Jerusalem. The parents carried their children on their shoulders and all waved branches of palm and olive trees as they cried out: “Hosanna!” and “Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord!” Upon entering the city they went to the Church of the Resurrection, which was built over the Tomb of the Lord, where they ultimately celebrated the Eucharist.

As we prepare for the great week of the Lord’s Passion and Death, we begin by recalling that Jesus was first rightly greeted by the crowds as their Messiah. These same crowds that today cried “Hosanna,” would later shout, “Crucify him.” However, the Lord’s disciples, who today rejoiced over the reception that he received from the crowds, would desert Him and hide in fear. And yet Jesus remained Messiah even on the cross for His true glory come not at the hands of the people, but from His Father. As we follow the Lord on the way to the cross, may we remain ever faithful to Him who is our Savior and Lord !

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Sunday, April 1, 2007: PALM SUNDAY



Sunday, April 1, 2007 at 8:30 A.M.

Joseph & Julia Shaar, Mariam & Cleo Lee and Najebe & Henri Lalik

Sunday, April 1, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock

Harry & Zackia Shaia and Philip & Mary Gibrall

Daily Liturgy in the Chapel at 9:00 A.M.

Monday: Abe and Julia Massad

Tuesday: Ilda Rizk

Wednesday: Catherine Redeye

Thursday at 7:00 P.M.: For vocations

Friday at 7:30 A.M.: For the dead

Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007 at Midnight

For Members and benefactors of St. Anthony's, living and deceased

Easter Sunday, April 8, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock

Special Intention

Sunday, April 15, 2007 at 8:30 A.M.

George and Annie Mehfoud and Mehfoud family

Sunday, April 15, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock

Charlie and Rita Oley, their parents and deceased siblings

Scripture Readings

Sunday April 8, 2007, Easter Sunday

Romans 6: 3-11; John 20:1-18

Easter Flowers

If you would like to donate for Easter flowers, please do so no later than **Sunday April 1, 2007**. All donations will be acknowledged in Easter Sunday Bulletin. Donations could be in memory of loved ones or in thanksgiving to God for special favors granted or for whatever intentions you may have.

Easter lilies are \$20 each. Please make your check to St. Anthony's and have it earmarked Easter Flowers.

Second Collection

Sunday, April 1, 2007, a second collection will be taken for the **Holy Land**. The funds collected will be used for the preservation of the holy places in Palestine. Traditionally, this collection is taken on **Good Friday**. However, due to the nature and solemnity of the service of the Burial of the Lord, I've made the decision to move it to a different date.

Sunday School

Due to the Easter celebration, we will not have Sunday school on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Sunday school will resume on April 15, 2007.

Holy Thursday

Following the Liturgy of the Washing of the Feet on Holy Thursday, **April 05, 2007**, the Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for private prayer and meditation **until Midnight**. If you are planning to spend some time in adoration, please

WRITE your name on the chart in the back of the Church.

Easter Egg Hunt

Following the 11:00 o'clock Divine Liturgy on Palm Sunday, there will be an **Easter Egg Hunt** for all the children in the parish.

Readers**Easter Sunday at Midnight**

Bruce Amateau

Easter Sunday at 11:00 o'clock

Harry (Chip) Shaia

Ushers**Easter Sunday at Midnight**

Danny Shibley, Sr., Stephen Fahed, Frank Greco and Tom Cole

Easter Sunday at 11:00 o'clock

John Nadder, Jr., Peter George, Kevin Fahed, Anthony Shibley and Victor Reynolds

Altar Boys**Sunday April 8, 2007 at 8:30 A.M.**

Nick and Blake Edwards

Sunday April 8, 2007 at 11:00 o'clock

Nick and Philip Yesbeck, Joseph Haboush and Tom Shibley

**Choir Practice**

Tuesday, April 3, 2007 at 7:00 P.M., there will be a choir practice for both Liturgies.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

Thank you for sending in your contribution for the **Bishop's Appeal**. If you have not sent your donation yet, **the deadline is Easter Sunday**. Thank you for your kind generosity.

**Great Friday of the Crucifixion**

Great Friday of the Crucifixion (**Good Friday, April 6, 2007**) is a day of complete fast and abstinence. Abstinence means no meat or meat products may be consumed during the 24 hour period. Fast is observed by refraining from consuming food (save water and medicine) from Midnight until noon. All those who are physically able are to observe the obligation of Fast and Abstinence.



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*Bring forth branches of palms and olives and prepare to meet the Lord
O Sion, let the tongues of your children shout praises to the Redeemer Lord!*

Maronite Divine Liturgy