

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 comes 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, March 29, 2015 PALM SUNDAY



HOLY WEEK

Sunday, March 29, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. (Palm Sunday)

Msgr. Bechara Salwan

Sunday, March 29, 2015 at 11:00 o'clock

Joseph & Julia Shaar and deceased family members

Daily Liturgy in the Chapel (March 30 - April 3)

Monday: Abe, Julia and Peggy Massad

Tuesday: Salma Azar Juarez

Wednesday: Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

Thursday: For Vocations

Friday: Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

Saturday: Prayer of Forgiveness at 11:30

Sunday, April 5, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. (Easter Sunday)

Special Intention

Sunday, April 5, 2015 at 11:00 o'clock

For the Parish (living & deceased)

Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Marie Gibrall Rudd

Sunday, April 12, 2015 at 11:00 o'clock

Joseph & Julia Shaar and deceased family members

Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 8:30 a.m.

Sunday, April 19, 2015 at 11:00 o'clock

Salma Azar Juarez (40 day anniversary)

Scripture Readings: April 5, 2015: Easter Sunday

1 Cor 15:12-26; Mark 16:1-8



Choir Practice

Tuesday, March 31, 2015, at 7:00 p.m., there will be a Choir practice.

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 12, 2015.

Readers

Sunday, April 5, 2014 at 8:30 a.m. (Easter Sunday)

Cathy George

Sunday, April 5, 2014 at 11:00 o'clock

Mary Shaia

Ushers

April 2, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. (Holy Thursday)

Paul Thomas, Peter George, Bill Shulleeta and Vic Reynolds

April 3, 2015 (Good Friday)

Paul Thomas, Ken Sledd, Peter George, Bill Shulleeta, Fady Maroun and Kevin Fahed

Sunday, April 5, 2015 at 8:30 a.m. (Easter Sunday)

Paul Thomas, Bill Shulleeta, Ed Shibley, Jr., Thomas Anthony, Andy Shulleeta and Leigh McDaniel

Sunday, April 5, 2015 at 11:00 o'clock (Easter Sunday)

Ken Sledd, Peter George, Vic Reynolds, Raymond Houry, Elie Talej, Kevin Fahed, Brandon Shulleeta, Fady Maroun, Anthony Harika and John Nadder, Jr.

Second Collection

Sunday, March, 2015, a second collection will be taken for the **Holy Land**. The funds collected will be used for the preservation of Christianity in the Middle East and the holy places in Palestine. Requested by the Holy See, traditionally, this collection is taken on **Good Friday** in all the Catholic Churches, however, due to the solemnity of the Burial of the Lord, I've moved it to **March 29, 2015**, Palm Sunday.

Bishop's Annual Appeal

The deadline for the Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal is on Easter Sunday. Thank you for sending in your generous contribution. Our obligation to the **Eparchy is \$9000**. As of today, we are **\$4800 in the red**. If you have not yet sent in your contribution, please do so before or by Easter Sunday. Thank you for your generosity.

Easter Egg Hunt

On Sunday, March 29, 2015 (Palm Sunday) following both liturgies the Youth Club will sponsor an **Easter Egg Hunt** for all children of the parish.

Holy Week Events Holy Week Events Holy Week Events

March 30 - 31, 2015 Monday and Tuesday

9:00 A.M.: Divine Liturgy

5:30- 6:00 P.M.: Confession is available

6:30 P.M.: Special Service of *Coming to the Harbor*

April 1, 2015 Wednesday

5:30- 6:00 PM: Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession) is available

6:30 P.M.: Rite of the Lamp, anointing with holy oil and Divine Liturgy

April 2, 2015 Thursday of Mysteries (Holy Thursday)

5:00 - 6:00 P.M.: Mystery of Reconciliation (Confession) is available

7:00 P.M. Divine Liturgy with Washing of the Feet Ceremony

8:30 P.M. - Midnight Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament



April 3, 2015 Great Friday of Crucifixion

9:00 A.M.: Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts

5:00 - 6:00 P.M.: Mystery of Reconciliation

7:00 P.M.: Burial of the Lord



Great Friday of the Crucifixion is a day of complete fast and abstinence. Fast in the Maronite Church 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.

Saturday of the Light (April 4, 2015)

Prayer of Forgiveness at 11:30 A.M.

Easter Sunday, April 5, 2015

8:30 A.M.: Divine Liturgy

11:00 A.M.: Divine Liturgy

