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April 10, 2022, Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 10, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock (Palm Sunday)

Private intentions

Wednesday, April 13, 2022 at 7:30 P.M.

Rite of the Lamp, anointing with the holy oil and Divine Liturgy

Thursday, April 14, 2022 at 7:30 P.M. (Holy Thursday)

Liturgy of the Washing of the Feet

Friday, April 15, 2022 (Good Friday)

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

7:30 P.M. Service of the Burial of the Cross

Saturday, April 16, 2022 (Saturday of the Light)

11:30 A.M.: Prayer of Forgiveness

6:00 p.m. Easter Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 17, 2022 (Easter Sunday) at 11:00 o'clock

For the Parish

Sunday, April 24, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock

Ibrahim Nicolas Al Bana (40 Day Anniversary)

Sunday, May 1, 2022 (Feast of Our Lady of Lebanon) at 11:00

For the Parish

Sunday, May 8, 2022 at 11:00 o'clock

First Communion children and for all mothers living and deceased

Reconciliation (Confession) is available every Sunday between 10:15 and 10:45 a.m. before the Divine Liturgy.

Let us Pray the Rosary

Please join fellow parishioners as we pray the Holy Rosary every **Sunday at 10:15 a.m.** in preparation for the Divine Liturgy and in honor of our Blessed Mother, Mary.

Ushers for Sunday, April 17, 2022

Fawzi Abouchabke, Maroun Mezher, Tony ElKhouri & Mark Malkoun

Ushers for Sunday, April 24, 2022

Halim Younes, Victor Beasley, Rafah Elias and Salah Dagher

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, April 3, 2022**

Regular Collection \$ 1616

Pledge \$ 850

Memorial Contribution \$ 400

Individual Contribution \$ 2550

Donation by mail \$ 1000

2nd Collection (Maintenance) \$ 436

Thank you for your generosity and may God bless you all.

Second Collections

On Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022, 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.

Bishop Gregory Mansour, Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron, has authorized a special collection on **Easter Sunday, April 17, 2022**.

On Sunday, April 24, 2022, a second collection will be taken to benefit the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. This collection is used for Missions in the U.S.A. Our Eparchy has received large grants from the USCCB from this collection for several years.

Easter Bake Sale

An Easter bake sale will take place in the social hall following the Divine Liturgy. Items Knafeh and Maamoul (One dozen/ box: Dates, Walnuts, Pistachio or Mixed). For more information or to place your order, please contact Gebran Fattouch at 443-600-9484.

Holy Week Events Holy Week Events Holy Week Events

Palm Sunday, April 10, 2022

Palm Sunday Liturgy and Procession with the Palms at 11:00 o'clock

April 11 - 12, 2022: Monday - Tuesday

9:00 A.M.: Divine Liturgy

7:30 P.M.: Special Service of *Coming to the Harbor*

April 13, 2022: Wednesday

7:30 P.M.: Rite of the Lamp, anointing with holy oil and Divine Liturgy

Holy Thursday, April 14, 2022 (Thursday of the Mysteries)

7:30 P.M. Divine Liturgy with Washing of the Feet

9:00 P.M. The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed for private prayers and meditation

Great Friday of Crucifixion (April 15, 2022)

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

7:00 - 7:20 P.M.: Choir will sing Lenten Hymns

7:30 P.M.: Burial of the Lord

Saturday of the Light (April 16, 2022)

Prayer of Forgiveness at 11:30 A.M.

Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 16, 2022, Divine Liturgy at 6:00 P.M.

(Please note there will be no midnight Liturgy)

Easter Sunday: 11:00 A.M.: Divine Liturgy



Following the **Easter Sunday Liturgy on April 17**, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children up to 12 years old.

Reflection on Palm Sunday

We made it! Well, almost...we are about to enter the second part of Great Lent, and that is Passion Week. We have journeyed with our Lord throughout his ministry, listening to His Word and teachings and witnessing to His miraculous healings. Today, we join Him on His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where He fulfills the Old Testament prophecy and affirms His role as the long-awaited Messiah. As we begin Passion Week, we continue our journey alongside the Lord, now through His passion up to Calvary, His death upon the Cross, and His foretold resurrection from the tomb.

But before we begin this final stride of our Lenten journey towards the Cross, and ultimately the empty tomb, we pause and rejoice with the children of Jerusalem, exalting "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord," - or do we? In our Divine Liturgy today, we pray to the Lord that we may "go out and meet you." But we pause and reflect on the things in our lives that are keeping us from welcoming the Lord into our circumstances. What keeps us from rejoicing and welcoming our Messiah into our everyday lives, our everyday celebrations, our everyday struggles? Is it pride, that we don't need someone to 'save us' from whatever we may be going through? Is it ignorance, of the love that God has for each one of us? Maybe, we know that love exists, but we struggle to believe we are worthy of it. Is it fear, that if we give up control, things might not go the way we had planned?

Giving up control and surrendering to the will that God has for us is not easy. But we take courage knowing that Jesus had to do the same thing! Zechariah prophesied that a king would come to save, riding on a donkey. (Zech. 9:9) Pope Benedict XVI reflects that Jesus fulfilled this prophecy, not out of his own desires and wishes, but rather based on the obedience to the mission that the Father had given him. His obedience to the will of God allowed the love of God to be poured forth upon humanity and He redeemed her.

Imagine the endless possibilities that we could fulfill through our own lives, if only we welcome Christ into each part of it. As the children spread their cloaks and branches before Him, may we have the courage to spread our entire being, inclusive of all the good and the bad, in front of Him, allowing Him to be glorified in all that we do. Some days might be easier to do this than others, but we are a people of hope and must not succumb. Every day is a new opportunity for us to praise God for whatever He has called us to experience, good or bad, to bring Him into all that is before us, welcoming Him and rejoicing by saying "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Jn. 12:13).

Subdeacon Christian Hbaiter

Scripture Readings

Sunday, April 10, 2022 (Palm Sunday)

Phil 1:1-13; Jn 12:12-22

Sunday, April 17, 2022 (Easter Sunday)

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

Sunday, April 24, 2022 (New Sunday and Divine Mercy)

2 Cor 5:11-21; Jn 20:26-31

