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***Palm Sunday and Holy Week, March 28, 2021***

***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.

***Thank you for your generosity***

Summary of the Collection for **Sunday, March 21, 2021**

Regular Sunday Collection	\$ 2697
Individual Contribution	\$ 300
Lenten Appeal	\$ 1500
Memorial Contribution	\$ 300
Pledge	\$ 200

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

***Second Collections***

**On Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021**, 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. The Chancery will send a part of this collection to the Holy Land and another part is sent directly by our Chancery to the Maronite Eparchy of Haifa.

**Bishop Gregory Mansour**, Bishop of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn, has authorized a special collection on **Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021**.

**Sunday, April 18, 2021**, a second collection will be taken to benefit the **Catholic Home Missions Appeal**. This collection is used for Missions in the USA. Our Eparchy has received large grants from the USCCB from this collection for several years. All funds collected will be sent to the Chancery office for transfer to the USCCB.

***Attention All Young Women***

The Maronite Servants of Christ the Light are opening their convent in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, for young adult women (**ages 18-35**) to come and visit during the week of **May 1-8, 2021**. This will be an opportunity to make a mini retreat, participate with the sisters in their day-to-day life and be rejuvenated in the Lord.

The sisters encourage any woman open to serving the Lord in a special way to contact Sister Marla Marie for more information. Please RSVP by April 17, 2021 by Phone: 508-996-1753 or by Email:

[sister@maroniteservants.org](mailto:sister@maroniteservants.org) Website: [www.maroniteservants.org](http://www.maroniteservants.org)

***MYO Virtual Easter Event***

Under the theme: Rollin' Stones, the National Maronite Youth Organization will be hosting an **Easter Event on April 9, 2021 at 8 p.m.** This 2 hours event is open to all youth ages 12-18.

The deadline for the required registration is **April 6, 2021**. Interested youth can register at [www.maroniteyouth.org](http://www.maroniteyouth.org). A ZOOM Link will be emailed out after registration, so please ensure that email addresses are included in the registration. You can direct any registration questions or issues to [office@maroniteyouth.org](mailto:office@maroniteyouth.org).

***Holy Week Schedule***

**March 29 - 30, 2021: Monday - Tuesday**

**9:00 A.M.:** Divine Liturgy

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

**March 31, 2021: Wednesday**

**7:30 P.M.:** Rite of the Lamp and Divine Liturgy

**Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021**

**7:30 P.M.** Divine Liturgy of Holy Thursday (**No washing of the feet ceremony**)

**Great Friday of Crucifixion (April 2, 2021)**

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

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

**Great Friday of the Crucifixion (Good Friday)**

is a day of complete fast and abstinence. Abstinence means no meat or meat products may be consumed. Fast is observed by refraining from consuming food (save water and medicine) from Midnight until noon.

**Saturday of the Light (April 3, 2021)**

Prayer of Forgiveness at 11:30 A.M.

**Easter Sunday**

**11:00 A.M.:** Divine Liturgy



**Sunday, March 28, 2021 (Palm Sunday) at 11:00 o'clock**

**Wednesday, March 31, 2021 at 7:30 P.M.**

Rite of the Lamp and Blessing of the oil

**Holy Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 7:30 P.M.**

Divine Liturgy of Thursday of the Mysteries

**Great Friday of the Crucifixion, April 2, 2021**

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

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

**Sunday, April 4, 2021 (Easter Sunday) at 11:00 o'clock**

Members of Our Lady of Lebanon, both living and deceased

**Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock**

Kozhia Gerges Choueiry

**Sunday, April 18, 2021 at 11:00 o'clock**

Joseph Fayad (Father of Micheline Fayad Maatouk)

40 Day Anniversary

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

**The last Sunday of every month**, a Holy Hour of Adoration will take place after the 11:00 a.m. Liturgy.

## *Palm Sunday*

**P**alm 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! (*Maronite Prayer of the Faithful*)



# HOLY WEEK

