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April 2, 2023; Hosanna (Palm) Sunday

Sunday, April 2, 2023 (Palm Sunday Liturgy) at 11:00 o'clock

- Special Intention

Monday, April 3, 2023 (Holy Monday)

- 9:00 A.M.: Divine Liturgy
- 7:30 P.M.: Special Service of Coming to the Harbor

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

- Divine Liturgy and Benediction with the Holy Cross

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

- Rite of the Lamp and anointing with the Holy Oil

Thursday, April 6, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

- Divine Liturgy of the Washing of the Feet

Friday, April 7, 2023 (Great Friday of the Crucifixion)

- 9:00 A.M.: Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified Gifts
- 7:30 P.M.: Burial of the Lord

Saturday, April 8, 2023 (Holy Saturday)

- Prayer of Forgiveness at 11:30 A.M.

Saturday, April 8, 2023 (Easter Vigil) at 6:00 p.m.

- Easter Vigil Divine Liturgy

Sunday, April 9, 2023 at 11:00 o'clock (Easter Sunday)

- For the Parish

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 9, 2023

Fawzi Abouchabke, Maroun Mezher, Tony ElKhouri and Mark Malkoun

Thank you for your generosity

Summary of the Collection for Sunday, March 26, 2023

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| Regular collection | \$1260 |
| Donation by mail | \$ 650 |
| Pledge | \$ 200 |
| March 22, 2023 | \$ 135 |
| Coffee hour/Lenten Meal | \$ 148 |

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

Marriage Banns

The Marriage Banns are announced for the third time between **David Lundberg and Marie Sonia Skaff**. Anyone knowing why they should not be joined in marriage is bound in conscience to make it known to the priest. Thank you

Bishop's Annual Lenten Appeal

The Bishop's **Annual Lenten Appeal for 2023** started on **Ash Monday, [February 20]**, and will last until Easter Sunday. Please send in your contribution, earmarked Bishop's Appeal 2023 before Easter Sunday.

Second Collection

On Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023, 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. This collection is requested by the Holy See to be 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 **April 2, 2023**, Palm Sunday.

Sunday School

Please note that due to the Easter celebrations, there will be No Religious Education (Sunday School) **on Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023 and on Easter Sunday, April 9, 2023**. Sunday School will resume on Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 10 a.m.



Following the **Easter Sunday Liturgy on April 9, 2023**, there will be an Easter Egg Hunt for children up to 12 years old.

Great Friday of the Crucifixion

Great Friday of the Crucifixion (Good Friday) 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.



Great News



The Dicastery for the Causes of Saints (the Vatican department responsible to investigate the causes of Saints) acknowledged the miracle of healing obtained through the intercession of His Beatitude the Venerable Patriarch Estephan Douaihy. This is the most important step in the process of declaring him Blessed (the last step before canonization).

Patriarch Douaihy, born in Ehden, Lebanon, on August 2, 1630, was the 57th Patriarch of the Maronite Church serving from 1670 until his death on May 3, 1704, in Kadisha Valley.

May this great news be like a rainbow ushering in the end of the many storms that have been engulfing our native country, Lebanon, and may he intercede for us always.



Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 2, 2023

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

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

Holy Thursday, April 6, 2023 (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 7, 2023)

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

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

Saturday of the Light (April 8, 2023)

Prayer of Forgiveness at 11:30 A.M.

Easter Vigil: Saturday, April 8, 2023, Divine Liturgy at 6:00 P.M.

(Please note there will be no midnight Liturgy)

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

