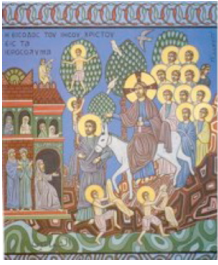


8, 9 April 2017 * Hosanna Sunday (Sha'neenee)



Hosanna Sunday

St. Joseph Maronite Catholic Church

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"The Eastern Rites are the Treasure of the Catholic Church"

St. John XXIII, Pope of Rome

- Liturgies:** Saturday 4:00 p.m., * Sunday 10:00 a.m. * Tuesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. in the St. Jude Chapel
The Miraculous Medal and the St. Jude Novenas are on Tuesday following the 9 a.m. Liturgy
- Sick Calls:** To receive the Eucharist and/or the Anointing of the Sick, Please call Fr. Larry.
- Confessions:** A Half-hour before all scheduled Liturgies, emergencies, and by appointment.
- Baptisms:** Call the Office
- Marriage:** Call the Office **6 months** before you finalize a date for your wedding and book your reception.

*Suggested donation for the Sanctuary Candles, St. Jude Chapel \$20, St. Joseph Church \$20, for the Altar Bread, \$25, and the Wine, \$25.
Suggested offering for Liturgies: \$10 for weekdays - \$15 for weekends.

Choir Director: Fefa Deeb	Sacristan: Laurie Nale	Parish Secretary: Paula Mitchell
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Sha'neenee mbaraka! May a blessing be upon you on this Glorious day.

John 12:12-22

On the next day, when the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they took palm branches and went out to meet Him, and cried out: "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, [even] the king of Israel." Jesus found an ass and sat upon it, as is written: "Fear no more, O daughter of Zion; see, your king comes, seated upon an ass's colt." His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about Him and that they had done this for Him. So the crowd that was with Him when He called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from death continued to testify. This was [also] why the crowd went to meet Him, because they heard that He had done this sign. So the Pharisees said to one another, "You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the whole world has gone after Him." Now there were some Greeks among those who had come up to worship at the feast. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him,

"Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Can you imagine what it must have been like for people to know that they had attended the funeral of a really loved man, and then hear that he was alive and walking around! That was why so many people were there cheering Jesus, for Lazarus was loved by so many people and now he was back among those who for four days were mourning his death. This is important for us to remember that one day we will be doing the same thing. We will be filled with wonder and awe to be again among all those we love and who faithfully departed in the Lord.

What would you do if you knew someone who was able to do that for your best friend, for the person you loved the most? We can do this for our friends by letting them know about Jesus who has this kind of power. I am sure a part of us wishes that He would do this all the time for us right now? With

faith, we know it will happen for those who seek Him.

This Sunday we are filled with excitement and joy because we can feel the emotion and excitement of a great King coming into town who brings the dead back to life and heals the wounded. We have to rejoice because it thrills us that this can happen through the power of God. Miracles are so wonderful and we cannot help but rejoice, but the miracle of everlasting life, is infinitely beyond even this. Let us walk in Light of the Messiah so that we may live forever in His eternal light of joy and peace.

Holy Thursday's message

This celebrates the institution of the Holy Eucharist and the sharing of Christ's priesthood with His Apostles. We can forever be intimately a part of the Sacrifice of Christ to reconcile us to the Father. In the first Passover when the Jews were slaves in Egypt; they gained freedom when God commanded the blood of the sacrificial Lamb be placed on the lamppost to save them from the angel of death. Those who held others in slavery died, and those who were in slavery were freed.

Jesus, the Sacrificial Lamb, showed His Apostles what He wanted them to do for the forgiveness of sins and for eternal life. His Body and Blood can save us from eternal death. He is the Bread of Life come down from heaven. This is why this Sacrifice is made present to us through the celebration of the Divine Liturgy.

Great Friday

In the garden, Jesus prayed there was some other way to have us be reconciled to the Father in order to dwell with Him in Paradise. All the beautiful scenery of the world can give us a glimpse of the love of the Creator, but the only way to restore Creation was for Him to die at the hands of His creation. The crosses we carry are meaningless and serve no purpose until we join our suffering to His. Without Jesus our suffering can only be despair and misery.

His death on the cross is what makes it possible to be raised up out of our brokenness and transformed into the Glory He shares with us. We Inherit all He has, as our prayers so often mention.

Each Liturgy is a triumphant walk into Jerusalem. He is the Manna, the Bread of life. He joins His Divinity with our humanity. We eat heaven to be in heaven. His cross is the bridge used to enter heaven. In His understanding of Himself, Holy week is the living journey of being a healing King to become the Redeemer of the world and giver of everlasting life.

Jesus gives us everything to have peace, if there is not peace, it is because we didn't take it or teach it.

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Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collections Apr. 8, 9 Fuel Collection
Apr. 29, 30 Catholic Home Missions

Liturgy: Hosanna Sunday

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Liturgy Intentions

- Sat 8 4:00 pm**
† **Tannous Harfouch Boles, & Mariam Saad**
By John Sleiman
- Sun 9 10:00 am**
† **Andrea Nagem**
By Joe Ferris

When the servers go to the side altar, those who will be carrying the gifts may go at this time.

PASSION WEEK

Services will be in the Church

- Tue 11 12:00 noon **Coming to the Harbor**
† **Lester Giguere**
By Ann Giguere
- Wed 12 12:00 noon **Rite of the Lamp**
Anointing with the Blessed Oil of Healing
H Sierra Lee
By Larry & Paula Mitchell
- HOLY THURSDAY**
- Thu 13 7:00 pm **Washing of the Feet**
† **Cathi Lee**
By Dan & Pam Casavant
- GREAT FRIDAY**
- Fri 14 11:00 am **Signing of the Chalice**
† **Theresa Lee**
By Cindy Elias
7:00 pm **Procession & Burial Service**
- Sat 15 10:00 am Service of Forgiveness**
LITURGIES OF THE RESURRECTION
- Sat 15 8:00 pm**
Intentions of the Parish
(No choir at this Liturgy)
- Sun 16 10:00 am**
Intentions of the Parish

Liturgy Codes: † = Faithful Departed, SI = Special Intention, AV. = Anniversary, H = Health.

April Food Pantry

Ravioli Stews
Jiffy Mixes Personal care items

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and help.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

*Heal Your servants, who are sick,
O Lord, and send them help
And comfort from Your holy place.*

Those who seek our prayers: **Jerry Fortin, Dorothy Furgus, Albert Joseph, Sierra Lee, Darrell Mitchell, Mary Morneau, Doreen Nader, Debbie Pomelow, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Gordon Webber.**

Be sure to let Aboona know if you would like a name added or removed.

Church Etiquette

Refrain from long and loud conversations, **no food or drinks in church**, no leaving of pews during the reading of the Gospel and the Consecration of the Bread and Wine. Check to see if your cell phone is off.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$2,710.00
God bless you for your generosity.

If you are not receiving envelopes and would like to start, please let the office know.

April Devotions

St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle

For Special Intention
By Gerard Brouillard

St. Jude Shrine 7 day Sanctuary Candle

Altar Bread

For John & Margaret Joseph Family
By Rosanna Joseph

Altar Wine

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Abstinence from meat is observed on all the Fridays of Lent by all faithful from the ages of 18 to 65. Fasting from all food and drink (except water and medicine) is to be observed from midnight until noon **on Ash Monday and Great Friday of the Crucifixion.** Optional would be the traditional abstinence from meat on Wednesdays. Those who are unable to fast because of health must perform other penances and acts of charity.

**Easter Basket Raffle
for Caritas – The Refugees Lebanon**

Lyn Rowden will be selling raffle tickets for a gift basket on Sunday, April 2 & 9. The drawing will be held on the 9th. All proceeds go to Caritas. Tickets are \$1 a ticket or 6 for \$5. For more information or to purchase tickets call Lyn at 314-4730.

READERS SCHEDULE

Hosanna (Palm) Sunday Shanee'nee

Philemon 1:1-13 John 12:12-22
April 8 Lenore Boles
 9 Lauraine Mansur

The GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

1 Corinthians 15:12-26 Mark 16:1-8
April 15 Lila Hallowell
 16 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR APRIL

HOLY WEEK

Sun 9 Palm Sunday – Holy Week Starts
 9 Children's' Basket Party
Tue 11 12 Noon - **Coming to the Harbor**
Wed 12 12 noon - **Rite of the Lamp**
Thu 13 7:00 pm - **Washing of the Feet**
Fri 14 11 a.m. - **Signing of the Chalice**
 7:00 pm - **Procession & Burial service**
Sat 15 **10:00 am - Service of the Light**
Sat 15 8 pm Easter Vigil – no Choir
Sun 16 10 am Easter Sunday
Sun 30 Lebanese Supper

Coffee Schedule

Apr 9 Mary Bard & Jan Bourque (Palm Sunday)
Apr 16 Betty Michaud & Rosanna Joseph (Easter Sunday)
Apr 23 Elizabeth Wilson & Rosanna Joseph
Apr 30 NO COFFEE
May 7 Sharon Crowe & Mary Hawes
May 14 Larry Mitchell & Gareth Belton (Mother's Day)

Vocation Icon – Prayers for Vocations

"Request therefore of The Lord of the harvest to send out laborers to his harvest." Matt. 9:38
Apr 8 Audrey Yotides (Sat)
Apr 9 Greg & Marianne Gillespie
Apr 16 Pearley & Alice Lachance
Apr 22 Ann Giguere (Sat)
Apr 23 Larry & Lisa Grard
Apr 29 Jim & Lenore Boles (Sat)
Apr 30 Lowell & Mary Hawes