12, 13 April 2014 * Hosanna (Palm) Sunday "Sha'neenee"



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

Pope John XXIII

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.

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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:

"Fear no more, O daughter of Zion....". Jesus went to Jerusalem as a King receiving joyous acclamations from the youngest to the oldest. The people were aware of the prophecies that the king would come riding on a colt. Very few people could afford to have a colt. Only a high-ranking person of wealth or power owned or could ride a horse.

The gospel reveals the familiar message telling us to not fear. He comes as a humble King making every effort to calm our fears. They were there praising Him because they had heard about Lazarus being brought back to life. This is the ultimate sign of power; to raise the dead, and this is the whole purpose of His ministry, to provide the message that if one were to follow it, they will be raised to an eternal life of joy and peace.

The Pharisees were so focused on what they wanted for a king, that they couldn't see how the message of this King can change the whole world forever instead of just a few years of history. When we have only a vague understanding of who God is, and His plan for our life; we can cheer God when He seems to do what we want Him to do, and get angry when He doesn't. This is why He quickly went from being a hero for one group and a condemned criminal for another group.

Holy Thursday's message

We need to constantly seek His revelation and be open to the truth he reveals. He connects Himself to the Lamb of the Passover when the Israelites were slaves in Egypt. He connects Himself to the Bread that fell from the sky to feed the Israelites when they were in the desert. As a sacrificial Lamb, His blood protects us from eternal death. He is the Food of forgiveness and eternal life. These are the words the priest says when he gives Holy Communion.

Jesus asks us to remember Him by doing what He did this evening. From the time of the Last Supper the faith of Catholics is to celebrate the Eucharist. As Maronites we are especially blessed, because not only is the Eucharist celebrated as He commanded to show our belief, but we still use a dialect of the Aramaic language for the Eucharist.

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. We can formulate a feeling that we think of a God in the garden, or a walk through the woods, on a golf course, or sleeping in, and reading insightful books and experiences. However, Christ concludes in painful prayer with His Father that for humanity to be restored it would take more than a pretty landscape or moved emotionally by some teaching. Jesus personally believed that He had to die for our sins. and we must follow and believe in Him.

His death on the cross is what makes it possible to be raised up. This is why the Maronite Liturgy so often uses phrases like "we are heirs" or speaks of the inheritance. This eternal sacrifice transcends through history in the manner Jesus taught, commanded, and celebrated in His last Supper with the Apostles. We do this in an unbloody manner, not re-sacrificing, but as a timeless event that can touch us each day through the Divine Liturgy. Christians worship the Father like Christ did.

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 process of reaching heaven. This is His sense of Himself. If our religion is just what we have a "feeling or sense" about God, then I would think when Jesus was praying in the garden, His Father would have told Him to let the cup pass, and go for a walk instead.

There would be no cross, no altar, no Eucharist, no church of faith built on the Rock. We can make either happen, to have altars or no altars. The prodigal son gave up his earth bound senses and returned to the Divine Sense of his Father. Aboona

Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection 4/13 School- 4/18- Holy Land

Liturgy: Hosanna Sunday

Entrance chant: Pg. 286, Creed: Pg. 748,

Anaphora of St. Sixtus Pg. 856

Liturgy Intentions

12 4:00 p.m. Sat

> † Gerard Nadeau By M/M George & Dell Knight

13 10:00 a.m. Sun

> † Madelyn Joseph By The Bernie Thomas Family

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

Passion Week

Mon 14 12 Noon **Pg. 295**

† Madame Jeanette Marie Sleiman By John T. Sleiman

15 12 Noon Coming to the Harbor Tue Finding Safety and Forgiveness in God

† George & Mintaha Mitchell By John T. Sleiman

Wed 16 12 Noon Rite of the Lamp Anointing with the Blessed Oil of Healing

> H Emily & Stella By Audrey Williams

HOLY THURSDAY

Thu 17 7 p.m.

Vocations to the Priesthood GREAT FRIDAY

Fri 18 12 Noon - Signing of the Chalice

> † Gerald Joseph By Louise Saliem 7:00 p.m. -

Procession & Burial Service

19 10 a. m. Service of Forgiveness Sat

LITURGIES OF THE RESURRECTION

19 8:00 p.m. Sat

> † Subdeacon Frank & Lucille Joseph Their Daughter Sheila Bonenfant **Intentions of the Parish** (No choir at this Liturgy)

Sun 20 10:00 a.m. Intentions of the Parish

Attend Holy Week Services – Is strongly encouraged! They are profoundly spiritually moving.

PRAY FOR THE SICK OF THE PARISH

Real Your servants, who are sick,

O Lord, and send them help

And comfort from Your holy place.

Those who seek our prayers: Dianne Fjeldheim, Herb Jabar, Albert Joseph, Betsy Joseph, Deacon Peter Joseph, Theresa Lee, Brent Maroon, Kendra Maroon, Mitch Michaud, Hope Murphy, Anita Perreault, Tala Poulin, Virginia Poulin, Brent Williams.

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

See someone new? Make them feel at home, and hopefully they will call it their home. There is no such thing as outsiders.

April Devotions
Sanctuary Candles
St. Joseph 14 day Sanctuary Candle
For Victor & Stella Chadwick
By Dominick Rinaldi

St. Jude 7 Day Sanctuary Candle For John Tardiff

By Bernice Tardiff

Altar Bread and Wine:

For Victor & Stella Chadwick

By Dominick Rinaldi

Mount Merici Academy is accepting registrations for Nursery School, Pre-Kindergarten, and grades 3-7 (K, 1 & 2 are currently full). Please call or email the school to schedule a visit or for more information. We look forward to meeting you!

READERS SCHEDULE

Hosanna (Palm) Sunday "Sha'neenee"

Philippians 1:1-13 John 12:12-22

4 p.m. April12 Lenore Boles10 a.m.13 Mary Jo Hodgkin

SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION

Philippians 1:1-13 John 12:12-22

8 p.m. April 19 Lila Hallowell 10 a.m. 20 Joe Rowden

EVENTS FOR APRIL

Sun 13 Hosanna / Sha'neenee (Palm Sunday)
Holy Week Schedule

Mon 14 12 Noon Pg. 295 Passion Week

Tue 15 12 Noon Coming to the Harbor
Finding Safety and Forgiveness in God

Wed 16 12 Noon Rite of the Lamp

Anointing with the Blessed Oil of Healing

Thu 17 7 p.m. Washing of the feet And Eucharistic Procession

Fri 18 12 Noon Signing of the Chalice 7 p.m. Burial of Our Lord and Savior

Sat 19 10 a.m. Service of Light and Forgiveness

SATURDAY'S LITURGY WILL BE AT 8 p.m. Not 4 p.m.

FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

Sat 19 8 p.m. Sundown

Sun 20 10 a.m. Sunday of the Resurrection

Sun 27 Lebanese Supper

There is coffee and donuts served each Sunday after the 10 a.m. Liturgy, sponsored by the Rosary Sodality. Muffins will be served the second Sunday of each month.

Religious Education Schedule - 5/4

MYO Schedule - 4/13 Hosanna Sunday Celebration.

Last Week's Collection

Regular Collection \$3,299.00

God bless you for your generosity.

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

Christian One-Liners

- * We're called to be witnesses, not lawyers or judges.
- * God Himself doesn't propose to judge a man until he is dead. So why should we?
- * Some minds are like concrete; thoroughly mixed up and permanently set.

Entrance Song: Prepare Ye The Way of the Lord Entrance Chant: Pg. 286

Glory:

Er-ham-ni Ya Allah.

Hymn: O Daughter of David

1. Qamat Maryam bentoo Dawood behzal 'hood. Tan dob ebnaha almas loob be-eye diljoonood. Rom-hool hosnee ghes foonafseeha. Wamenalamaihee gha bat han hes-see ha. Somma fa'at alwaleedat wasa hat -ah ya wa-la dah.

Procession

Glorious and Majesty

1. Glorious in majesty, holy in His praises, Jesus, Our Savior and our King. Born a man yet God of old, let us all adore Him; filled with His Spirit, let us sing. **Refrain:**

Living is to love Him, serving Him to know His freedom. Come along with us to join the Praise of Jesus, Come to Jesus now. Go to live His Word rejoicing.

- 2. Victory He won for us, freeing us from darkness, dying and rising from the dead. Living with the Father now, yet He is among us; we are the body, He the head. **Refrain:**
- 3. Breth'ren, we live in love, living with each other, gladly we share each other's pain. Yet He will not leave us so; soon He is returning, taking us back with Him to reign. **Refrain:**

Transfer of Gifts:

O Bread of Life

- 1. O Bread of Life, O Food of Souls, God's joy unsealed. / The Son of God, now son of man, God's love revealed, the angels stand before your face with awe and fear; / How then shall we poor sinful men dare draw so near?
- 2. The ocean depths of God's great love became a flood. / The night he gave his precious food, his flesh and blood; Our bodies take, our souls receive this awesome Lord. / O mystery that shows how God should be adored!

Incense Hymn: Ik Bal

Peace: Sibi lius

Anaphora Parts when Sung

Cong: We remember Your death! We proclaim Your resurrection! We await Your coming!
Cong: Have mercy on us, Almighty Father, have mercy on us.

Cong: We praise You! We bless You! We

worship you, Hear us, O Lord.

Communion – Palms ... Holy City Closing – Blessed is He Who Comes

"The Catholic Church, East and West, breaths as two lungs in the same body"

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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 on **Great Friday of the Crucifixion**. Optional would be the traditional abstinence from meat on Wednesdays. Those who are unable to fast because of ill health must perform other penances and acts of charity.