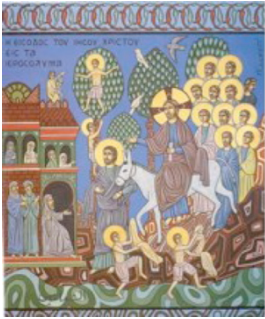


28, 29 March 2015 * Hosanna (Palm) Sunday



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Hosanna Sunday

“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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Sha'neenee mbaraka! May the blessing of the Palms be upon you.

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 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 wished 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 being in town who brings the dead back to life. We have to cheer; we have to rejoice because it thrills us that this can happen through the power of God.

Lazarus was brought back to life, but not in the supernatural restoration of the resurrection where he will not die again. He will experience death again, but I am sure with out any fear. We receive our glorified bodies after the general resurrection through the glorification that Jesus received in his resurrection. 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 His light so that we may live for ever in His light.

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.

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.

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Liturgy Helps:

Be sure your cell phone is off or silenced

2nd Collection: April 3 For the Holy Land

Liturgy: Hosanna (Palm) Sunday "Sha'neenee"

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

Anaphora of Twelve Apostles, Pg. 754

This weeks Songs: The Song number and page are on the back of the bulletin.

Liturgy Intentions

Sat 28 4:00 p.m.

† **Paul & Marlene Peters**

By Eric Peters

Sun 29 10:00 a.m.

† **Yvonne Nemer**

By John & Jeanne Thomas

Passion Week

Mon 30 12 Noon **Pg. 295**

† **Amine Mikael Saad**

By John T. Sleiman

Tue 31 12 Noon **Coming to the Harbor**

Finding Safety and Forgiveness in God

† **Deacon Peter Joseph**

By Dan & Pam Casavant

Wed 1 12 Noon **Rite of the Lamp**

Anointing with the Blessed Oil of Healing

H Rebecca Kane

By Jeanne M. Thomas

HOLY THURSDAY

Thu 2 7 p.m.

† **Bertha Jensen**

By Don & Marcia Kendra

GREAT FRIDAY

Fri 3 12 Noon - **Signing of the Chalice**

† **Yvonne Nemer**

By John & Jeanne Thomas

7:00 p.m. –

Procession & Burial Service

Sat 4 10 a. m. **Service of Forgiveness**

LITURGIES OF THE RESURRECTION

Sat 4 8:00 p.m.

† **Intentions of the Parish**

(No choir at this Liturgy)

Sun 5 10:00 a.m.

Intentions of the Parish

Attend Holy Week Services –

Is strongly encouraged!

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

Song Books are located in pews.

LB=Liturgical Book SB=Song Book

Liturgy of the Word: Healing of the Blind Man

Entrance Hymn:

Prepare Ye the Way of the Lord

Entrance Chant: LB - Pg. 286

Glory: SB - Pg.01 # 03 **Glory for Lent – Psalm 51**

Hymn: SB – Pg. 305 **Qamat Maryam (Purple Sheet)**

Procession Hymn; SB 13 - Pg.118

Liturgy of the Eucharist – After the (748) Creed

Transfer of Gifts:

LB – Pg. 15 **Lord Reigns**

Incense Hymn: SB – Pg. 3 #08

Peace Hymn:

SB – **Sibelius**

Anaphora Acclamations after Consecration:

when Sung: SB - Pg. 4 # 10

Communion: Palms

After Communion: **Holy City**

Closing Song: **Blessed Is He**

Questions regarding the Maronite Traditions

Over the years I was asked a variety of questions, regarding the Liturgy, here are some samples.

How are we supposed to receive Holy Communion?

The short answer is, reverently.

Going to Receive: In the Eastern tradition the communicants put their arms across their chest during their procession up to receive and returning to their pew. In the Latin Church, the arms crossed means they are not receiving; just the opposite for the Eastern Church. Just hanging the arms down is not proper for any of the Rites of the Catholic or Orthodox Churches. For all practical purposes, since we often have visitors and a mixture of ways people come up; to whether or not to give the person Holy Communion is if they bow their head to not receive or lift their head and open their mouth. Just a side note, I am more apt to graze the tongue, if you don't open wide enough and or move. I know some people might be thinking they are "helping" by moving toward the host, but sometimes that makes a miscalculation and am more likely to touch the tongue.

On returning to the Pew: Remain standing to say a prayer of thanksgiving and make your personal prayer intentions. The prayers you say at that time are very powerful being that at this time your humanity is being united with His Divinity. It is acceptable to sit after saying your prayers of devotion.

When to stand back up: When the priest is finished distributing Holy Communion and is ready to give the benediction with the Eucharist.

When to sit back down: When the congregation is finished saying the prayer, "Oh Lover of all people, have mercy on us."

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

***Our prayers run along one road
and God's answers by another,
and by and by they meet.***

~Adoniram Judson