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Feast of Palm Sunday: Entrance of Our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem



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Palm Sunday 2021

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Beloved in Christ,

Blessings and joy to you on this great feast of Palm Sunday!

Today we celebrate our Lord's entry into Jerusalem, on His way to save us through the Cross. As the King of Glory rode into His Holy City, the crowds cheered and welcomed Him, but their leaders groaned and plotted against Him. The people rejoiced and waved the signs of victory, but the leaders accused and prepared a bribe. Those who embraced Christ found life in Him, while those who resisted Him stumbled over the Cornerstone, to their destruction. Having completed the course of the Fast, let us join those blessed crowds in warmly receiving our Savior, in order to be redeemed anew this year.

While we rejoice spiritually, we are also saddened by the serious humanitarian challenges confronting our Mother Church of Antioch. Having endured years of war, its historic homelands now face the dual health and economic catastrophes of the pandemic.

Each year on this feast day, we ask you to give generously to support our Antiochian Patriarchate in their work to restore and rebuild. Whatever our personal background, we share Antioch as our spiritual mother, and we are mindful of St Paul's admonition: "If anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever" (1 Tim. 5:8, NKJV). Let us provide for our spiritual kinsmen, in true faithfulness to our good and loving God.

Wishing you an enriching Holy Week and glorious Pascha, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

+**JOSEPH** Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America *"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)*

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APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY (TONE 1)

In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

APOLYTIKION OF PALM SUNDAY (TONE 4)

As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God, so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

KONTAKION OF PALM SUNDAY (TONE 6)

Being borne upon a throne in Heaven, and upon a colt on the earth, O Christ God, Thou didst accept the praise of the angels and the laudation of the children as they cried to Thee: Blessed art Thou Who comest to recall Adam.

PROKEIMENON:

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever.

THE EPISTLE

The Reading from the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians. (4:4-9) Brethren, rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, these do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Join St. George weekdays at 11am via Life Stream:

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Schedule of Holy Week Services:

Bridegroom Orthros - Sunday, April 25th, 6:30pm Bridegroom Orthros - Monday, April 26th, 6:30pm Bridegroom Orthros - Tuesday, April 27th, 6:30pm Holy Unction - Wednesday, April 28th, 6:30pm Vesperal Divine Liturgy of Holy Thursday - April 29th, 9:00am 12 Passion Gospels - Thursday, April 29th, 6:30pm Royal Hours and Unnailing Vespers - Friday, April 30th, 9:00am Lamentations - Friday, April 30th, 6:30pm Vesperal Liturgy of Holy Saturday - May 1st, 10:00am Rush Procession (Hajme) - Saturday, May 1st, 11:00pm Paschal Liturgy - Sunday, May 2nd, 12:00am Agape Vespers - Sunday, May 2nd, 12:00pm

THE GOSPEL

The reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John. (12:1-18) Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus who had died was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at table with Him. Mary took a pound of costly ointment of pure nard and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped His feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the fragrance of the ointment. But Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, one of His Disciples (he who was to betray Jesus), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not because he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the moneybox he used to take what was put into it. Jesus said, "Let her alone, let her keep it for the day of My burial. The poor you always have with you, but you do not always have Me." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that He was there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus also to death, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing in Jesus. The next day a great crowd who had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, "Hosanna! Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!" His Disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of Him and had been done to Him. The crowd that had been with Jesus when He called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet Jesus was that they heard He had done this sign.

Those to Remember in Prayer

LIVING:

Romy, Chase, Gloria, Don, Mary, Joshua, Peter, Richard, Anthony, Moira, Mac, George, Michael, Ray, Pam, Iskander, Amal, Nejwa, Farouk, Randa.

LITURGICAL OFFERINGS:

George Homsey offers a Holy Oblation for the good health and salvation and in memory of all who bear the name George on the occasion of the Feast of St. George (April 23rd), for all living and departed members of St. George, and for the living and departed members of the Homsey family.

Lydia Hanna Dahdal offers Holy Oblation in memory of the dearly departed members of the Dahdal family in Arizona: Suleiman, Dalal, Hanna, Eliana, George and Lourice Dahdal. May their memory be eternal.

Messages from THE LADIES

Happy and Blessed Palm Sunday! Because this is a day to be with your families, we will not have Coffee Hour so you can enjoy family time!

Ladies: flower decoration will happen after the Royal Hours and Unnailing Vespers on April 30th, if you would like to help. Have a safe and blessed day!

To include an oblation or announement in the bulletin, submit text to Tisha at office@stgeorgeaz.org **before noon on Tuesdays**. All oblations received in the office after the deadline will be included in the following Sunday's bulletin. Church office hours are Monday - Friday, 9am - 1pm.