

St. Mark Antiochian Orthodox Church

Self-ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese, Diocese of the West

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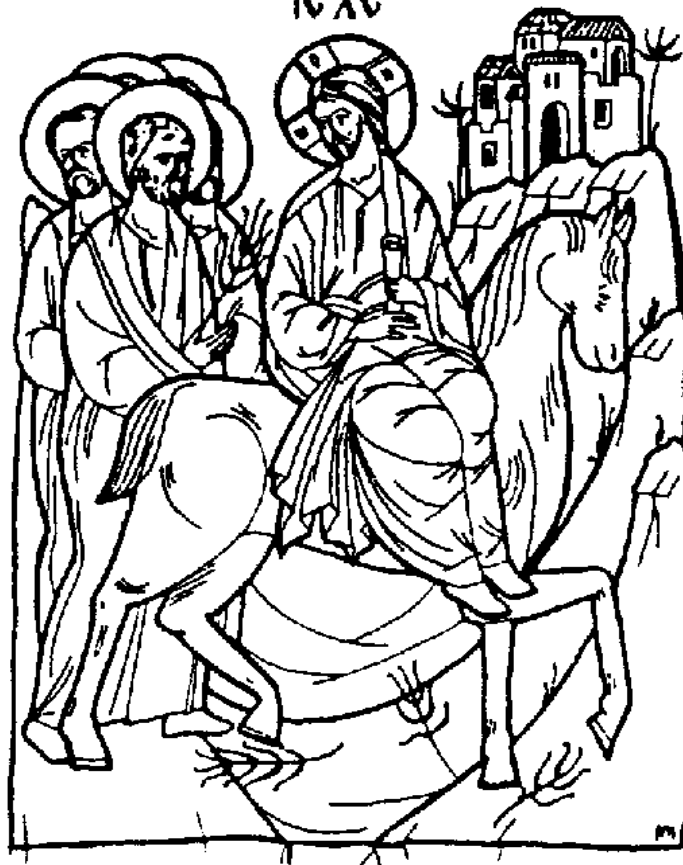
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**GLORIOUS AND BRILLIANT FEAST OF THE ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD JESUS
CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM (PALM SUNDAY)**

LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHYRSOSTOM

CHANGES FOR THE PALM SUNDAY DIVINE LITURGY

Refrain of Second Antiphon: O Son of God, who rode upon the foal of an ass, save us who sing to Thee, Alleluia.

Entrance Hymn: **Priest**: Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God and hast appeared unto us. **People**: Save us O Son of God, who rode upon the foal of an ass, who sing unto Thee, Alleluia.

HYMNS AFTER THE LITTLE ENTRANCE

Troparion for Palm Sunday in the First Tone: O Christ God, when thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead before thy passion, thou didst reveal the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we like the children carry palms of victory and triumph and cry to thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord!

Troparion for Palm Sunday in the Fourth Tone: When we were buried with thee in baptism, O Christ God, we became deserving of the resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise thee, crying unto thee: Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord!

Kontakion for Palm Sunday Tone 6: Upborne upon the heavenly throne, and seated upon the earthly foal, O Christ our God, receive the praises of angels and the hymns of men, exclaiming before thee, Blessed is he that cometh to restore Adam.

Prokeimenon (Ps. 117:26, 1) Blessed is he who comes in the Name of the Lord. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His mercy endures forever.

Reading from Saint Paul's Letter 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, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

Alleluia Verses (Psalm 97:1, 3): O sing to the Lord a new song. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of the Lord.

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (12:1-18)

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus 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, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box 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 here, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he 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 comes in the name of the Lord, even 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 him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard he had done this sign.

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Megalyrnarion of Palm Sunday (Instead of "It is truly meet...")

God the Lord hath appeared unto us; let us celebrate the Feast, and let us rejoice and magnify Christ; and with palms and branches let us raise our voices unto him with praise, saying, Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord our Savior. (Tone 4)

Communion Hymn (Instead of "Praise ye the Lord..."): Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Instead of "We have seen the true light..." we sing, "O Christ God, when thou didst raise Lazarus..." (as above in Tone 1).

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Holy Oblations are offered today Philip & Teriez Bahbah for their children Grace and George on the occasion of their 18th birthday.

Today our Antiochian Women are holding their Annual Palm Sunday Bake Sale.

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Please remember in your prayers: Michael Debbas, Reham Turk, Maha Kureh, Darlyne Dibs, Eleanor Wackeen, Georgette Salameh, June Anter, Kh. Lynn Wilson, Tarek Fakhouri, and the suffering people of Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt, Libya, Ethiopia, Somalia, Palestine, Venezuela, Ukraine, and all people afflicted with disease and violence.

Ushers this week: Special team for **Palm Sunday**

Ushers next week: Special team for **Pascha**

Altar boys serving this week: Special team for **Palm Sunday**

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Quote from the Saints

Let those of us who have wisely finished the course of fasting and who celebrate with love the beginning of the suffering of the Passion of the Lord, Let us all, my brothers, zealously imitate the purity of self-controlled Joseph; Let us fear the sterility of the fig tree; Let us dry up through almsgiving the sweetness of passion. In order that we may joyously anticipate the Resurrection, Let us procure like myrrh pardon from on high because the eye that never sleeps observes all things.
St Romanos the Melodist

Good Samaritan Fund

Several years ago, St. Mark Church established a fund for assisting those in need, both within our parish and in the general community. From time to time we ask for contributions to the Good Samaritan Fund, and this is one of those times. If you are in need of assistance or you are aware of someone in our parish that needs financial assistance, please speak with Fr. Michael.

Church Etiquette

- Please be on time for services; those arriving late should not approach the Chalice for Communion.
- To receive Communion, one must be a baptized/chrisdated Orthodox Christian who has prepared by prayer, fasting, alms giving, and regular confession.
- Confessions are heard on Wednesday and Saturday evenings after Great Vespers and during the week by appointment.
- Men, women, and children: please dress modestly for services.

- Please remove lip balm or lipstick before receiving Communion or kissing the holy icons, Chalice, or Gospel.

TO THE PARENTS OF OUR YOUNG CHILDREN

- Relax! God put the wiggle in children; don't feel you have to suppress it in God's home. All are welcome!
- Sit toward the front where it is easier for your little ones to see and hear what's going on at the altar. They tire of seeing the back of others' heads.
- Quietly explain the actions of the Liturgy (what the priests, deacon, altar boys are doing)
- Sing the hymns and responses. Children learn how to worship in church by copying you.
- Incidental noise and movement are not reasons to take your child out of church. If a child's crying or movements become a distraction to others, then it is time to leave until they are calm.
- If you have to leave the church with your child, do so but please come back. Our Lord said, "Let the children come to me and forbid them not, for such is the Kingdom of Heaven."
- Remember that the way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to the Church, to God, and one another. Let them know that they are at home in our house of worship.

TO THE MEMBERS OF OUR PARISH

The presence of children is a gift to the Church and they are a reminder that our parish is growing!

Please welcome our children and give a little encouragement to their parents.

Today

The Palm Sunday Bake Sale was chaired by Barbara Khamis & Julie Bahbah, thank you ladies and thank to all the Ladies who baked, donated and help at the bake sale.

New additions to our temple: Iconostasis Icons of St. Raphael of Brooklyn and St. Katherine the Great Martyr (donated by Joe and Goldie Daruty, and installed by Mark Ellis) and our new Processional Torches (donated by Joe and Salwa Bahbah and the Ranney/Kouri families) and Processional Fans and Cross (donated by Simon and Lourice Kishek) and Processional Banner (donated by the Dabbah and Schorr families and our Teen SOYO). The "final touch" on our Baptismal Fount was the addition of the Holy Cross on its face by Mr. and Mrs. Danny Kort. Thanks and Blessings on our donors!

This evening, 6:30 p.m. Bridegroom Orthros

On Palm Sunday, the fast of the Church is relaxed to allow fish, wine and olive oil. For Holy Week we keep a strict Lenten fast: We are to abstain from all meat and animal products (including eggs, milk, animal fats, etc.), wine and olive oil, through Holy Wednesday. Oil and wine are allowed on Holy Thursday. On Holy Friday we should eat as little as we possibly can. On Holy Saturday we are also fast strictly (though wine is allowed).

The red dye for Easter Eggs is for sale in our bookstore for \$1.50 each envelope.

Please remember to take your Sunday Bulletin with you home, it will help you to remember the services and the events going on in your church. Please put the Liturgy book service back in the pocket when you are done using it. Thank you!

2017 Stewardship Pledge Campaign!

We are less than \$20,000 away from our goal! As of April 6, 2017, we have a total of \$189,196 pledged which is 91% of our total goal of \$205,000. Thank you to those who have made their 2017 pledge commitment! We have also successfully collected 124 pledge commitments.

Please help us wrap up this campaign by turning in your pledge cards. They can be turned in to the white box at the back of the church. Your financial pledge and commitment is important and supports the work of the church, the parish itself and those who work for St. Mark. Your support and commitment to St. Mark is appreciated!

In Christ, St. Mark Stewardship Committee

This Week is Holy Week

Monday April 10, 6:30 p.m. Bridegroom Orthros

Tuesday April 11, 6:30 p.m. Bridegroom Orthros

Wednesday April 12, 7:00 p.m. Holy Unction Service at St. Luke Church in Garden Grove with Metropolitan Joseph. (Note time and location)

Thursday Morning April 13: Orthros 9:00 a.m., Holy Thursday Vespers Divine Liturgy, 10:00 a.m.

Thursday Evening April 13: Service of the Twelve Passion Gospels, 6:30 p.m.

Friday Morning April 14: Royal Hours, 9:30 a.m.

Friday Afternoon April 14: Vespers of the Taking Down of our Lord's Body from the Cross, 3:30 p.m.

Friday Evening April 14: Service of Lamentations 6:30 p.m. Followed by Vigil reading at the tomb of Christ. Teens, please sign your name to participate.

Saturday morning April 15, Holy Saturday Vesperal Divine Liturgy 10:00 a.m.

Saturday night April 15/ April 16: PASCHA Rush, Procession, Orthros and Divine Liturgy 11:00 p.m. Pascha Breakfast following. (Signup sheet is out at the hall to sign up for the food you would like to bring.

Next Week

April 16, Great and Holy PASCHA, Agape Vespers, 1:00 p.m. with the reading of the Gospel in many languages.

Upcoming events and services

Mark your calendar for two dates:

First date of **July 5–9, 2017** for the **Diocese of Los Angeles and the West Parish Life Conference.** Hosted by **St. Michael Church, Van Nuys, CA**

Please see Registration form included in this bulletin.

Second date is for the **53rd Biennial Archdiocese Convention.** Hosted by: **St. George Cathedral, Coral Gables, Florida – July 23-30 2017.** Event registration form is included in this bulletin.

St. Nichols Summer Camp sign-ups are now open!

Session 1: **July 16th-22nd**

Session 2: **July 23rd-29th**

Session 3: **July 30th-Aug. 5th**

***Earlybird price deadline is April 1st**

I encourage all parents with children from 8-18years of age to register at Campstnicholas.com to sign your kids up! The kids make friends and memories that will last a lifetime while learning about their faith!

Orthodox Christian Mission Center Opportunities for mission work. Empower youth and teens in countries where youth ministry is emerging and opportunities for youth leadership exist. Orthodox Mission Teams to Alaska, Kenya, and Albania will offer programs for students and adult leaders, giving them the opportunity to develop vision for their youth groups, as well teach the Biblical basics of youth ministry and what it means to be a leader. These teams will model servant leadership by assisting in small groups, recreation, and worship. OCMC invites you to join these opportunities in youth ministry. For more information, please visit www.ocmc.org, e-mail teams@ocmc.org, or call 1-877 GO FORTH (ext 141).

Arabic Lessons started at our Church

Lilian Zeidan is offering Arabic Lessons for ages Kindergarten to High school. The lessons are after Church School on Sunday at 12:00 noon for kids up to 7 years old, and from 1- 3 pm for adults. If you are interested please call Lilian Zeidan at 714-721-4148 or email her at lilianzeidan@yahoo.com

Orange County Forum

A place for Orthodox Christian young adults in the OC area, married and single, to have fellowship, fun and engage in social and service activities. This group serves to foster the unity of faith, love and friendship between the Orthodox young adults in the community with discussion, speakers and fun social events. Join our Facebook group at <http://www.facebook.com/groups/OrangeCountyForum> for a list of scheduled events and more information. We meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesday's at St. Paul's Greek Orthodox Church in Irvine starting at 6:30pm. Our upcoming schedule of events includes:

Tuesday, April 11 – Attend your home parish services for Holy Week

Tuesday, April 25 – Learn to Make Holy Bread

BUY SCRIP

Our Ladies Guild buys scrip from many and various stores and Restaurants (see list included in this Bulletin) at a 3 to 10% discount. When you buy the scrip, which is accepted just like cash at the issuing store, the Parish benefits. You pay no more for these goods and services and are making a donation to our parish. You can purchase this scrip from Saeda Turk at the coffee hour.

The Entrance of our Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

On Sunday, five days before the Passover of the Law, the Lord came from Bethany to Jerusalem. Sending two of His disciples to bring Him a foal of an ass, He sat thereon and entered into the city. When the multitude there heard that Jesus was coming, they straightway took up the branches of palm trees in their hands, and went forth to meet Him. Others spread their garments on the ground, and yet others cut branches from the trees and strewed them in the way that Jesus was to pass; and all of them together, especially the children, went before and after Him, crying out: "Hosanna: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel" (John 12:13). This is the radiant and glorious festival of our Lord's entry into Jerusalem that we celebrate today.