



SAINT GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH

A parish of the Self-Ruled Antiochian
Orthodox Christian Church of North America

Most Rev. Metropolitan Philip, Primate
Very Rev. Father Joseph Kimmett, Pastor

*It is our pleasure to welcome visitors and friends to our church.
If you would like to know more about our parish,
or the Orthodox Church, please feel free to ask.*

*Orthodox Christians who have confessed their sins
and have prepared themselves by fasting
are invited to receive Communion.*

*Everyone is welcome to venerate the cross and share Holy Bread.
Following Liturgy, please join us in the parish hall
for coffee and refreshments.*

CALENDAR

<u>Tonight, Monday & Tuesday</u> -	Bridegroom Matins, 7:00 pm <i>Confessions will be heard before and after the Bridegroom services only.</i>
<u>Wednesday</u> -	Holy Unction, 6:00 pm
<u>Thursday</u> -	Vesperal Liturgy, 8:30 am Service of the Passion Gospels, 7:00 pm
<u>Friday</u> -	Royal Hours, 8:30 am (and decorating of the bier) Vespers, 1:00 pm (and start of Church School retreat) Lamentations, 7:00 pm (and start of All Night Vigil)
<u>Saturday</u> -	Vesperal Liturgy, 8:30 am (followed by cleaning / decorating) Procession, Matins & Paschal Liturgy, 10:30 pm (& breakfast)
<u>Next Sunday</u> -	Agape Vespers, 12:00 noon
<u>Fasting</u> -	Strict fasting each day of Holy Week. Katalysis for olive oil, wine and fish today. There is no fasting during Bright Week.

12 April 2009



**The Glorious
Entrance of
Our Lord
into
Jerusalem:
PALM
SUNDAY**

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Palm Sunday – April 12, 2009

“Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!”

Beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you and your children on this day as we celebrate our Lord’s Triumphant entry into Jerusalem. I pray you and your families are enjoying good health during this All-holy season.

On this day, we remember how Christ was received so amicably because He healed the sick of their physical and spiritual infirmities, cared for the poor, spoke against injustice and taught the people. As followers of His example, we too as a Church strive to do the same, emulating what He has taught us and living His passion and glorious Resurrection each and every day. Indeed, Christ left us the Church as a means of our salvation. As such, we remember our mother Church and our beloved Patriarch, IGNATIUS IV on this day by taking a special offering to support the continued work of His Beatitude so that He may continue to be a witness of the Gospel in the land where “the disciples were first called Christians.”

We ask you to give generously to support our mother Church just as we, even as grown children, continue to love and support our own mothers and fathers in every way we can.

Praying that this Holy Week and Pascha will be spiritually rewarding, I remain

Your Father in Christ,

Metropolitan PHILIP
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America

PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION

Following the "Prayer Behind the Amvon" after communion, the procession will begin. The bells are rung and the choir and people sing the festal apolytikion -- "O Christ God, when thou didst raise Lazarus ..." Weather permitting, the altar boys (carrying candles, the cross, incense and fans) lead the procession down the center aisle. They will be followed by the young people of our parish. From the front row to the back, parishioners should immediately join in the procession, carrying their candles. We will exit the church, turn left at the foot of the stairs and proceed around the block (when reaching Washington Street we will stay on the sidewalk.) The procession will conclude at the foot of the stairs outside the church -- those not able to process should meet us there. At that time the Gospel from Orthros will be repeated and the dismissal given. **Remember**, that while we are enjoying ourselves, this procession is a part of liturgical life of the Church, practised for centuries in the Patriarchate of Antioch. This is not a time for chatting with friends, nor permission to get a "head start" on the rest of your day. As we carry our palms we are proclaiming that Christ is King and showing our desire to follow Him.

PALM SUNDAY MATINS GOSPEL

When they drew near to Jerusalem and came to Bethphage, to the Mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately you will find an ass tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If any one says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord has need of them,' and he will send them immediately." This took place to fulfil what was spoken by the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on an ass, and on a colt, the foal of an ass." The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the ass and the colt, and put their garments on them, and he sat thereon. Most of the crowd spread their garments on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name

of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, "Who is this?" And the crowds said, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth of Galilee." But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children crying out in the temple, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" they were indignant; and they said to him, "Do you hear what these are saying?" And Jesus said to them, "Yes; have you never read, 'Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast brought perfect praise?'" And leaving them, he went out of the city to Bethany and lodged there.

GREAT AND HOLY FRIDAY

Orthodox Good Friday is not a holiday in the schools this year. Let your children know that this is a solemn day. Contact your teachers and coaches and ask that they be excused so they may attend the services in the church.

ALL NIGHT VIGIL

You are invited to spend the night in church following the Lamentation service on **Holy Friday**. This opportunity for reflection, Scripture reading and silence is sponsored each year by the Teen SOYO. If you will commit to an hour, please sign the sheet in the narthex.

PASCHA BASKETS

Bring a basket full of your favorite non-fasting goodies to be blessed at Liturgy on Saturday night. Baskets should be placed beneath the icons in the front of the church.

AGAPE VESPERS

Do you read a foreign language? Will you read a Gospel next Sunday? See Father Joseph for a text.

FOOD FOR HUNGRY PEOPLE

Please remember the poor and hungry throughout the world. If you took a **FFHP** box, don't forget to fill it each day. If you make a single donation after Lent, make yourself a note to write that check this week!

HOLY BREAD - The gifts are offered today by the Parish Council.

COFFEE HOUR - Please stay for refreshments following the Liturgy today, hosted by the members of the Parish Council.

BAKE SALE - During our coffee hour today, the Ladies of Saint George will be having a bake sale. Goodies are available to be eaten right away, as well as those you will want to freeze until Pascha.

PASCHA OFFERING Return the offering envelope inside this bulletin by Holy Wednesday. The list of donors will be printed next week.

GIFTS TO SAINT GEORGE

Carolyn Ferris, Cornelia and Jane Yavarow, Sophie DeGrazio, Delia Bartucca, Philp & Bette Ayoub, George & Nora David, Vincent & Nancy Penta, Al & Joanne Yanney, Raymond & Anita Allison and the South Norwood Committee *in memory of George Thomas* Sheila Bennett & Lillie Kelley, Mike & Samera Mike and anonymous donors *in memory of George Elias* Sheila Bennett & Lillie Kelley *in memory of Nick Kattas* Helen Abril and Nicholas *for David Franciosi on his birthday*

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Pray for the good health of the servants of God: Priest Robert, Khouriye Elizabeth, Khouriye Joanne, Deacon Elias, Chris, Elizaebth, Loretta, Eliana, James, Ricky, Michael, Frances, Samera, Stephanie, Mary, John, Jeanne, Gregory, Albert, Dimitri, James, Frederick, Anne, Grace, Renee, Robert, Nicole, Mary, Pauline, Ioana, Nicolae, Kathleen, Lillie, Jennifer, Carrie, Sam, Michael, Nancy, Kenneth, Joy, Thomas, Sarah, Nicholas, Charles, Catherine, Joyce, Janice, Barbara, Beverly, John, Katherine, Mary, Beverly, Najlae, Irene, Edmond, Helen, Frances, Felecia, Catherine, Gail, Margaret, Brian, Nicole, Marion, Donna, Linda, Edmond, Emaline, Carrie, Nicholas, Lovee, Sarah, Charles, Jenine, Josephine, George, Sandy, Edward, Michael, Madeline, Rosemary, John, Margaret, Sarah, Nima, Dean, David, Sterling, Mary.

April 5 Income	Pledges	Donations & Memorials	Tray	Special Collection
\$2065.00	\$1535.00	\$940.00	\$250.00	N.A.

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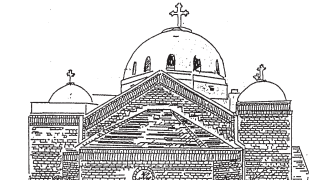
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The Glorious and Brilliant Feast of the Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem

PALM SUNDAY

Shaneeneh Mbaarki

EISODIKON

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God and hath appeared unto us. O Son of God who didst sit upon the foal of an ass, save us who sing unto Thee, Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

TROPARION OF RIGHTEOUS LAZARUS (TONE 1)

O Christ our God, when Thou did raise Lazarus from the dead before Thy passion, Thou did confirm the universal resurrection; Wherefore, we like babes carry the insignia of triumph and victory, and cry to Thee, O vanquisher of death: Hosannah in the highest; Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

TROPARION OF PALM SUNDAY (TONE 4)

O Christ our God, when we were buried with Thee in baptism, we became deserving of Thy resurrection to immortal life; wherefore, we praise thee, crying Hosannah in the highest; Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord.

KONTAKION OF 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 in the name of the Lord.

MEGALYNARION FOR PALM SUNDAY (TONE 4)

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 Saviour."

KOINONIKON FOR PALM SUNDAY

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Alleluia.

EPISTLE AND GOSPEL

Prokeimenon and Verse:

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good.

The Reading is from the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Philippians (4:4-9 - Palm Sunday)

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.

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

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Laz'arus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made him a supper; Martha served, and Laz'arus 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 there, they came, not only on account of Jesus but also to see Laz'arus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Laz'arus 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 Laz'arus 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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER will be read in several languages today, beginning with English, then Arabic, Greek, Russian, Romanian, Spanish ... Texts are on cards in the pews.