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## April 13, 2025 Palm Sunday

### From St Epiphanius of Cyprus Homily (Palm Sunday)

Today let us cry out to Christ, "Hosanna," which means "Save us, O heavenly God." Oh, the new things! Oh, the unexpected wonders!

Yesterday, Christ raised Lazarus from the dead, and today He Himself walks toward death.

Yesterday as The source of life, gave life to others, and today the giver of life comes to death.

Yesterday, He unwrapped the bandages of Lazarus, and today He comes willingly to be wrapped, Himself, in bandages.

Yesterday, He brought out man from darkness, and today He comes to enter the darkness and shadows of death for the sake of man.

Yesterday, six days before Easter, who was resurrected on the third day, gifted the two sisters, their four-day brother with his five senses, and today He walks towards the cross voluntarily.

He gave Mary the four-day dead, while the resurrected on the third day, Christ, gives Himself to the church.

There, Bethany wonders, and here the whole church celebrates. Celebrates The Feast of all feasts, and in her midst, the king of the angelic Hosts, is like a groom and a king.



Sunday, April 13, 2025

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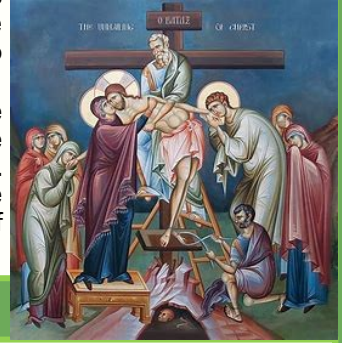
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Great and Holy Friday is the culmination of the observance of the Passion of Christ through which He suffered and died for our sins. This commemoration begins on Thursday evening with Matins of Great Friday (Sung on the evening of Holy Thursday by anticipation) and concludes with Vespers on Friday afternoon, which commemorates the **UN-NAILING OF CHRIST FROM THE CROSS** and the laying of His body in the tomb.

On the **afternoon of Great and Holy Friday**, the Church re-enacts the **taking down of Jesus from the cross** and **His burial in the tomb**: an Icon of Christ Crucified is taken down from the wooden cross, wrapped in a white linen sheet—as Joseph of Arimathea did, according to the burial customs of the Jews—and placed on the altar, where it remains until after the Feast of the Ascension. The Gospel is followed by readings from the Book of Exodus, the Book of Job, and the prophecies of Isaiah. Hymns of mourning are sung, describing the burial of our Lord by Joseph of Arimathea: "*When Joseph of Arimathea took You, the Life of all, down from the dead tree...*". While these hymns are being sung, the priest takes the *epitaphion*—the icon of the burial of Christ—from the altar and walks around the interior of the church before placing it inside the Sepulchre which is decorated with flowers. We are reminded that during Christ's entombment, He descends into Hades to free the dead of the ages before His Incarnation.

Great and Holy Friday is the only day of the year on which the Divine Liturgy is not celebrated, because we commemorate the supreme sacrifice of Christ. **Holy Friday** is a day of **mourning** and **strict fasting**. On this day, we are immersed in the awesome mystery of the extreme humility of our suffering God. It is a day of **deep darkness** as well as of **watchful expectation**.



صلاة غروب إنزال المصلوب (أبوكاثيلوسيس)

الجمعة العظيمة هي ذروة استذكار الآلام التي قاساها المسيح وموته من أجل خطايانا. يبدأ هذا الاحتفال مساء الخميس بصلاة السحر للجمعة العظيمة (جرت العادة أن تقام في المساء كتدبير رعائي) وينتهي بصلاة الغروب بعد ظهر يوم الجمعة، التي تُحيي ذكرى **إنزال المسيح عن الصليب** ووضع جسده في القبر المقدس.

في وقت **العصر ليوم الجمعة العظيمة**، تُقيم الكنيسة خدمة **إنزال الرب يسوع عن الصليب ودفنه في القبر**: يتم إنزال أيقونة المسيح المصلوب من الصليب الخشبي ولقها بقطعة من الكتان الأبيض - كما فعل يوسف الرّامي بحسب عادة اليهود - ومن ثم يتم وضعها على المذبح حيث تبقى حتى عيد الصعود الإلهي. تلي قراءة الإنجيل قراءة مَقَاتِعَ من أسفار الخروج ويونان ونبوءات أشعيا. تُرتل ترانيم الجَدَاد، التي تصفُ دفن ربنا على يد يوسف الرامي: "عندما أخذك يوسف الرامي، أنت حياة الجميع، من الشجرة الميتة..". أثناء ترتيل هذه الترانيم يأخذ الكاهن الأبيثافيون - أيقونة دفن المسيح - من المذبح ويطوف بها داخل الكنيسة قبل أن يضعها داخل القبر (التعش) المذّين بالورود ونستذكر أثناء دفنه أن المسيح قد نزل إلى الجحيم ليُحرّر الأموات من العصور التي سبقت تَجَسُّدُه.

يوم الجمعة العظيمة هو اليوم الوحيد في السنة الذي يُمنع في إقامة خدمة القدّاس الإلهي، لأننا نحتفل بتضحية المسيح العُظمى. يوم **الجمعة العظيمة** هو يوم **حزن** و**صوم صارم** فيه تتعمّق في سِرِّ التواضع الأعظم لإلهنا المتألم. إنه يوم **ظلام دامس** و**انتظار يقظ**.

**His Eminence  
The Most Reverend  
Metropolitan SABA**



**Archbishop of New York  
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**To be read from the pulpit and printed in the bulletin.**

Venerable Hierarchs, Reverend Clergy and Christ-loving Faithful of this Archdiocese, Greetings to you and your families on this Great Feast of the Church. As we complete the forty-day fast and prepare to enter into the most solemn week of the Church year, we pause this weekend to celebrate the raising of Lazarus and our Lord's triumphant and radiant entry into the holy city of Jerusalem.

Today, as we celebrate this feast, we also take time to remember our beloved Mother Church, headed by our Father in Christ, His Beatitude Patriarch JOHN X. For more than a decade, the lands of the Patriarchate have endured immense hardship, marked by war, displacement, economic collapse, and social instability. In recent months, these trials have deepened, and the remaining Christian communities throughout the region continue to experience heightened vulnerability, uncertainty, and fear. Let us fervently pray for His Beatitude, the hierarchs, clergy, and all the faithful of the entire region as they endure ongoing suffering with steadfastness and faith.

Each year on this special day, we appeal to you—the faithful of our God-protected Archdiocese—for an offering of love to be sent to His Beatitude from his spiritual children across North America. Amid the ongoing difficulties, His Beatitude is burdened with the sacred responsibility of sustaining the life and witness of the Church in conditions of great instability. Our spiritual brothers and sisters are in need—many are hungry, without heat, and lacking opportunities for work. While we lift them up in prayer, let us also offer material support as an expression of solidarity and love.

Wishing you a prayerful Holy Week and a most joyous and radiant Pascha, I remain,  
Yours in Christ,

**+SABA**

**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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## DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

### THE FIRST ANTIPHON

I am filled with joy, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication. The anguish of death encompassed me; the perils of hell beset me.

**Refrain:** Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.

I found tribulation and anguish, and I called upon the Name of the Lord. I will walk acceptably before the Lord in the land of the living. (**Refrain**)

Glory... Both now... (**Refrain**)

### THE SECOND ANTIPHON

I believed, and therefore have I spoken: but I was deeply humiliated. What shall I render unto the Lord, for all His benefits unto me?

**Refrain:** Save us, O Son of God, **Who didst sit upon the foal of an ass**, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

I will take the cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. (**Refrain**)

I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all His people. (**Refrain**)

Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

### THE THIRD ANTIPHON

O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

### THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF THE FEAST

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord: God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us. Save us, O Son of God, **Who didst sit upon the foal of an ass**, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

### APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY IN TONE ONE

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.

## DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

### APOLYTIKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE FOUR

O Christ God, when we were buried with Thee in Baptism, we became deserving of Thy Resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise Thee, crying: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

### KONTAKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE SIX

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.

### MEGALYNARION FOR PALM SUNDAY IN TONE FOUR

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.

### KOINONIKON (COMMUNION HYMN) FOR PSALM SUNDAY IN TONE EIGHT

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord. Alleluia.

#### الانتيفونا الأولى

لَقَدْ اَمْتَلَأْتُ فَرْحاً لَأَنَّ الرَّبَّ سَيَسْمَعُ صَوْتِ تَضَرُّعِي. عَمْرَأْتُ الْمَوْتِ اَكْتَنَفْتَنِي، وَأَهْوَالُ الْجَحِيمِ اَدْرَكْتَنِي.  
اللازمة: بِشَفَاعَاتِ وَالِدَةِ الْإِلَه، يَا مُخْلِصُ خَلِّصْنَا.  
لَقَيْتُ الصِّدِّيقَ وَالْأَسَى، وَدَعَوْتُ بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ، فَيَا رَبُّ نَجِّ نَفْسِي. اَسْأَلُكَ أَمَامَ الرَّبِّ فِي أَرْضِ الْأَحْيَاءِ.  
المَجْدُ ... الْآنَ وَكُلَّ ... (اللازمة)

#### الانتيفونا الثانية

أَمَنْتُ وَلِذَلِكَ تَكَلَّمْتُ، لَكِنِّي كُنْتُ مَكْرُوباً جِذَاً. بِمَاذَا أَكْفِيُ الرَّبَّ عَن كُلِّ مَا أَعْطَانِي؟  
اللازمة: خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللَّهِ، يَا مَنْ جَلَسَ عَلَى جَحْشِ ابْنِ آتَانَ، لِنُرْتَلَّ لَكَ: هَلْوِيَا.  
كَأْسِ الْخَلَاصِ أَقْبِلْ، وَبِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ أَدْعُو. (اللازمة)  
أُوفِي نُذُورِي لِلرَّبِّ أَمَامَ كُلِّ شَعْبِهِ. (اللازمة)  
المَجْدُ ... الْآنَ وَكُلَّ ... يَا كَلِمَةَ اللَّهِ الْإِبْنَ الْوَحِيدِ ...

## DIVINE LITURGY VARIABLES FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025

### الأتيفونا الثالثة

إِعْتَرِفُوا لِلرَّبِّ فَإِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، وَإِنَّ إِلَى الأَبَدِ رَحْمَتَهُ. لِيَقُلْ بَيْتُ إِسْرَائِيلَ إِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، وَإِنَّ إِلَى الأَبَدِ رَحْمَتَهُ. لِيَقُلْ بَيْتُ هَارُونَ إِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، وَإِنَّ إِلَى الأَبَدِ رَحْمَتَهُ. لِيَقُلْ خَائِفُو الرَّبِّ إِنَّهُ صَالِحٌ، وَإِنَّ إِلَى الأَبَدِ رَحْمَتَهُ.

### إيصودكيون ( ترنيمة الدخول) أحد الشعانين

مُبَارَكُ الآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ، اللهُ الرَّبُّ ظَهَرَ لَنَا. خَلِّصْنَا يَا ابْنَ اللهِ، يَا مَنْ جَلَسَ عَلَى جَحْشِ ابْنِ آتَانَ، لِنُرْتَلَكَ: هَلُوبِيَا.

### طروبارية سبت لعازر باللحن الأول

أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الإِلهُ، لَمَّا أَقَمْتَ لِعَازَرَ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَاتِ قَبْلَ الأَمِكِ، حَقَّقْتَ القِيَامَةَ العَامَّةَ. لِذَلِكَ وَنَحْنُ كَالأَطْفَالِ، نَحْمِلُ عَلامَاتِ العَلْبَةِ والطَّفَرِ، صَارِخِينَ نَحْوَكِ يَا غَالِبَ المَوْتِ: أَوْصِنَا فِي الأَعَالِي، مُبَارَكُ الآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ.

### طروبارية أحد الشعانين باللحن الرابع

أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الإِلهُ، لَمَّا دُفِنًا مَعَكَ بِالمَعْمُودِيَّةِ، اسْتَأْهَلْنَا بِقِيَامَتِكَ الحَيَاةَ الخَالِدَةَ. فَنَحْنُ نُسَبِّحُكَ هَاتِفِينَ: أَوْصِنَا فِي الأَعَالِي، مُبَارَكُ الآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ.

### القنطاق لأحد الشعانين باللحن السادس

يَا مَنْ هُوَ جَالِسٌ عَلَى العَرْشِ فِي السَّمَاءِ وَرَاكِبٌ جَحْشاً عَلَى الأَرْضِ، لَقَدْ تَقَبَّلْتَ تَسَابِيحَ المَلَائِكَةِ وَتَمَاجِيدَ الأَطْفَالِ، أَيُّهَا الْمَسِيحُ الإِلهُ، هَاتِفِينَ إِلَيْكَ: مُبَارَكُ أَنْتَ الآتِي لِتُعِيدَ آدَمَ ثَانِيًا.

### تعظيمة أحد الشعانين باللحن الرابع

اللهُ الرَّبُّ ظَهَرَ لَنَا، فَأَقِيمُوا العِيدَ وَابْتَهَجُوا، وَهَلِّمْنَا نُعْظِمِ الْمَسِيحَ، وَبِسَعْفٍ وَأَغْصَانٍ نَهْتِفُ بِالتَسَابِيحِ قَائِلِينَ: مُبَارَكُ الآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ مُخْلِصِنَا.

### كينونيكون (ترنيمة المناولة) لأحد الشعانين باللحن الثامن

مُبَارَكُ الآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ. هَلُوبِيَا.





## THE EPISTLE (For Palm Sunday)

*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 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 your forbearance be known to all people. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think about these things. The things which you both learned and received, and heard and saw in me, these things do; and the God of peace will be with you.

### الرسالة (الأحد الشعائين)

مُبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ . اِعْتَرِفُوا لِلرَّبِّ فَائِئَةً صَالِحَةً وَإِنَّ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ رَحْمَتُهُ.

### فَصْلٌ مِنْ رِسَالَةِ الْقَدِّيسِ بُولُسَ الرَّسُولِ إِلَى فِلِيبِّي.

يَا إِخْوَتِي، افْرَحُوا فِي الرَّبِّ كُلَّ حِينٍ وَأَقُولُ أَيْضاً افْرَحُوا. وَلِيُظَهَرَ حِلْمُكُمْ لِجَمِيعِ النَّاسِ. فَإِنَّ الرَّبَّ قَرِيبٌ. لَا تَهْتَمُّوا النَّبْتَةَ، بَلْ فِي كُلِّ شَيْءٍ فَلْتَكُنْ طَلِبَاتِكُمْ مَعْلُومَةً لَدَى اللَّهِ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالتَّصَرُّعِ مَعَ الشُّكْرِ. وَلِيَحْفَظَ سَلَامُ اللَّهِ، الَّذِي يَفُوقُ كُلَّ عَقْلِ، قُلُوبَكُمْ وَبِصَائِرِكُمْ فِي يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ. وَبَعْدُ أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَتِي، مَهْمَا يَكُنْ مِنْ حَقٍّ، وَمَهْمَا يَكُنْ مِنْ عَفَافٍ، وَمَهْمَا يَكُنْ مِنْ عَدْلِ، وَمَهْمَا يَكُنْ مِنْ طَهَارَةٍ، وَمَهْمَا يَكُنْ مِنْ صِفَةٍ مُحَبَّبَةٍ، وَمَهْمَا يَكُنْ مِنْ حُسْنِ صِيْتٍ، إِنْ تَكُنْ فَضِيلَةً، وَإِنْ يَكُنْ مَدْحًا، فَفِي هَذِهِ افْتَكِرُوا. وَمَا تَعَلَّمْتُمُوهُ، وَتَسَلَّمْتُمُوهُ، وَسَمِعْتُمُوهُ، وَرَأَيْتُمُوهُ فِيَّ، فَبِهَذَا اعْمَلُوا، وَإِلَهُ السَّلَامِ يَكُونُ مَعَكُمْ.





## L'ÉPÎTRE

*Béni soit celui qui vient au nom du Seigneur. Confessez le Seigneur car Il est bon, car sa miséricorde est éternelle.*

### Lecture de l'épître du saint apôtre Paul aux Philippiens

Frères, réjouissez-vous dans le Seigneur en tout temps ; je vous le répète, réjouissez-vous. Que votre bienveillance soit connue de tous les hommes. Le Seigneur est proche. N'entretenez aucun souci, mais en toute circonstance exposez vos requêtes à Dieu, recourant à la prière et l'oraison, dans l'action de grâces. Alors la paix de Dieu, qui surpasse tout esprit, prendra sous sa garde vos cœurs et vos pensées dans le Christ Jésus. En conclusion, mes frères, tout ce qu'il y a de vrai et de noble, tout ce qu'il y a de juste et de pur, tout ce qui est digne d'être aimé et d'être honoré, tout ce qui s'appelle vertu et qui mérite des éloges, voilà ce dont il faut vous préoccuper. Ce que vous avez appris et reçu, ce que vous avez vu et entendu de moi, mettez-le en pratique. Alors le Dieu de la paix sera avec vous.

### الإِنجِيل (الأحد الشعائين)

#### فصلٌ شَرِيفٌ مِنْ بَشَارَةِ الْقَدِيسِ يوحنا الإِنجِيلِيّ البَشِيرِ والتَلْمِيزِ الطَاهِرِ.

قَبْلَ الْفِصْحِ بِسِتَّةِ أَيَّامٍ، أَتَى يَسُوعُ إِلَى بَيْتٍ عَنِيَا حَيْثُ كَانَ لِعَازَرُ الَّذِي مَاتَ فَأَقَامَهُ يَسُوعُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ. فَصَنَعُوا لَهُ هُنَاكَ عِشَاءً، وَكَانَتْ مَرَّتَا تَخْدُمُهُ، وَكَانَ لِعَازَرُ أَحَدَ الْمُتَكَبِّرِينَ مَعَهُ. أَمَّا مَرْيَمُ فَأَخَذَتْ رَطْلًا طَيِّبًا نَارِدِينَ خَالِصٍ، كَثِيرَ الثَّمَنِ، وَدَهَنَتْ قَدَمَيْ يَسُوعَ وَمَسَحَتْ قَدَمَيْهِ بِشَعْرِهَا. فَامْتَلَأَ الْبَيْتُ مِنْ رَائِحَةِ الطَّيِّبِ. فَقَالَ أَحَدُ تَلَامِيذِهِ، يَهُودَا ابْنُ سَمْعَانَ الْأَسْخَرِيوطِيِّ، الَّذِي كَانَ مُزْمِعًا أَنْ يُسَلِمَهُ، " لِمَ لَمْ يَبِيعْ هَذَا الطَّيِّبُ بِثَلَاثِ مِئَةِ دِينَارٍ وَيُعْطَى لِلْمَسَاكِينِ؟ " وَإِنَّمَا قَالَ هَذَا لِأَنَّهُ لَا أَهْتِمَامًا بِالْمَسَاكِينِ، بَلْ لِأَنَّهُ كَانَ سَارِقًا وَكَانَ الصُّنْدُوقُ عِنْدَهُ، وَكَانَ يَحْمِلُ مَا يَلْقَى فِيهِ. فَقَالَ يَسُوعُ: "دَعُهَا، إِنَّمَا حَفِظْتُهُ لِيَوْمِ دَفْنِي، فَإِنَّ الْمَسَاكِينَ هُمْ عِنْدَكُمْ فِي كُلِّ حِينٍ، وَأَمَّا أَنَا فَلَسْتُ عِنْدَكُمْ فِي كُلِّ حِينٍ." وَعَلِمَ جَمْعٌ كَثِيرٌ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ أَنَّ يَسُوعَ هُنَاكَ، فَجَاؤُوا، لَا مِنْ أَجْلِ يَسُوعَ فَقَطْ، بَلْ لِيَنْظُرُوا أَيْضًا لِعَازَرَ الَّذِي أَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ. فَأَتَمَرَ رُؤَسَاءُ الْكَهَنَةِ أَنْ يَقْتُلُوا لِعَازَرَ أَيْضًا، لِأَنَّ كَثِيرِينَ مِنَ الْيَهُودِ كَانُوا بِسَبَبِهِ يَذْهَبُونَ فِيُؤْمِنُونَ بِيَسُوعَ. وَفِي الْعَدِ، لَمَّا سَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْكَثِيرَ الَّذِينَ جَاؤُوا إِلَى الْعِيدِ بِأَنَّ يَسُوعَ آتٍ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ، أَخَذُوا سَعْفَ النَّخْلِ وَخَرَجُوا لِلِقَائِهِ وَهُمْ يَصْرُخُونَ قَائِلِينَ: "هُوسَعْنَا، مُبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ مَلِكِ إِسْرَائِيلِ." وَإِنَّ يَسُوعَ وَجَدَ جَحْشًا فَرَكَبَهُ كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: "لَا تَخَافِي يَا ابْنَةُ صِهْيُونَ. هَا إِنَّ مَلِكًا يَأْتِيكَ رَاكِبًا عَلَى جَحْشِ ابْنِ أَتَانٍ." وَهَذِهِ الْأَشْيَاءُ لَمْ يَفْهَمُهَا تَلَامِيذُهُ أَوَّلًا، وَلَكِنْ لَمَّا مُجِدَّ يَسُوعَ حِينئِذٍ تَذَكَّرُوا أَنَّ هَذِهِ إِنَّمَا كَتَبَتْ عَنْهُ وَأَنَّهُمْ عَمِلُوهَا لَهُ. وَكَانَ الْجَمْعُ الَّذِينَ كَانُوا مَعَهُ حِينِ نَادَى لِعَازَرَ مِنَ الْقَبْرِ وَأَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ يَشْهَدُونَ لَهُ. وَمِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا اسْتَقْبَلَهُ الْجَمْعُ، لِأَنَّهُمْ سَمِعُوا بِأَنَّهُ قَدْ صَنَعَ هَذِهِ الْآيَةَ.



## THE GOSPEL (For PALM SUNDAY )

### 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.



## L'ÉVANGILE

### Lecture de l'Évangile selon saint Jean.

Six jours avant la Pâque, Jésus arriva à Béthanie, où était Lazare, qu'il avait ressuscité des morts. Là, on lui fit un souper ; Marthe servait, et Lazare était un de ceux qui se trouvaient à table avec lui. Marie, ayant pris une livre d'un parfum de nard pur de grand prix, oignit les pieds de Jésus, et elle lui essuya les pieds avec ses cheveux ; et la maison fut remplie de l'odeur du parfum. Un de ses disciples, Judas Iscariot, fils de Simon, celui qui devait le livrer, dit : « Pourquoi n'a-t-on pas vendu ce parfum trois cent deniers, pour les donner aux pauvres ? » Il disait cela, non qu'il se mît en peine des pauvres, mais parce qu'il était voleur, et que, tenant la bourse, il prenait ce qu'on y mettait. Mais Jésus dit : « Laisse-la garder ce parfum pour le jour de ma sépulture. Vous avez toujours les pauvres avec vous, mais vous ne m'avez pas toujours ». Une grande multitude de Juifs apprirent que Jésus était à Béthanie ; et ils y vinrent, non pas seulement à cause de lui, mais aussi pour voir Lazare, qu'il avait ressuscité des morts. Les principaux sacrificateurs délibérèrent de faire mourir aussi Lazare, parce que beaucoup de Juifs se retiraient d'eux à cause de lui, et croyaient en Jésus.

Le lendemain, une foule nombreuse de gens venus à la fête ayant entendu dire que Jésus se rendait à Jérusalem, prirent des branches de palmiers, et allèrent au-devant de lui, en criant : « Hosanna ! Béni soit celui qui vient au nom du Seigneur, le roi d'Israël ! » Jésus trouva un ânon, et s'assit dessus, selon ce qui est écrit : « Ne crains point, fille de Sion ; voici, ton roi vient, assis sur le petit d'une ânesse. » Ses disciples ne comprirent pas d'abord ces choses ; mais, lorsque Jésus eut été glorifié, ils se souvinrent qu'elles étaient écrites de lui, et qu'il les avaient été accomplies à son égard. Tous ceux qui étaient avec Jésus, quand il appela Lazare du sépulcre et le ressuscita des morts, lui rendaient témoignage ; et la foule vint au-devant de lui, parce qu'elle avait appris qu'il avait fait ce miracle.

## UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

Join us and come to the Church to attend church services in person.

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### APRIL 2025

#### Sunday 13— Palm Sunday

- \* 09:05 am Sunday Orthros
- \* 10:30 am Palm Sunday - Divine Liturgy
- \* 06:30 pm Orthros of the Bridegroom

#### Monday 14

- \* 09:30 am Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy
- \* 0630 pm Orthros of the Bridegroom

#### Tuesday 15

- \* 09:30 am Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy
- \* 06:30 pm Orthros of the Bridegroom

#### Wednesday 16

- \* 09:30 am Pre-Sanctified Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
- \* 06:30 pm Holy Unction Service

#### Thursday 17

- \* 07:30 am Vespereal Divine Liturgy
- \* 06:30 pm Hierarchical Orthros of The Twelve Gospels presided by His Eminence Metropolitan SABA

#### Friday 18

- \* 10:00 am Great Royal Hours
- \* 03:00 pm Taking down from the Cross
- \* 06:30 pm Hierarchical Orthros with the Lamentation for Christ presided by His Grace Bishop ALEXANDER

#### Saturday 19

- \* 09:00 am Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great
- \* 10:00 pm The Resurrection (Rush) Service Paschal Orthros & Divine Liturgy followed by a Paschal Meal.

#### Sunday 20

- \* 12:00 pm Great & Holy Pascha -Agape Vespers followed by Egg Hunt

#### Monday 21

- \* 09:05 am Bright Monday - Paschal Orthros followed by Divine Liturgy





## Prayers Offered For the Living

For the Orthodox Servants of God:  
Julie Grillakis; Amin Cassis; Julie;  
Teresa; Sophia Jabbour; George Khairallah; Avery Kravitz;  
Paul Ladouceur; Robert, Jessica & Anthony Shadeed;  
Solange & Charles Taraboulsi; Elie Doro; Mary Aboud;  
Josée Bernaquez; Gaby, Nada & Nicolas Mouacdié;  
Josephine Soury; Aline Helan; Fouad.

### We pray for the continued good health of our Clergy

His Grace the Rt. Rev. Bishop ALEXANDER Mufarrij  
V. Rev. Dr. Joseph F. Purpura, Kh. Kathleen & family  
Rev. Fr. Gabriel Abdel Nour, Kh. Michelle & family  
Kh. Souhaila El-Murr & family  
Deacon Nicolas Kassab & family  
Subdeacon Philip Genest & family  
Subdeacon Robert Bayouk & family  
Subdeacon Christian Kishfy & family

### We pray for St. George's organizations

The Parish Council; The Office Staff; Antiochian Women;  
Teen SOYO; Order of St. Ignatius; Youth Ministry; Legacy & Trinity Fund;  
Le Cercle/The Circle; Altar Servers; The Chanters; St. George Choir;  
Byzantine Youth Choir; St. George Children's Choir;  
West Island Bible Study; Mentoring Program; Community Care & Comfort;  
Raffle Committee; Oyster Party Committee; Volunteers;  
Church School Students, Teachers, Staff, and Parents;  
Sponsorship Program ; St. George Arabic Spiritual Group;  
St. George Social Club; Ushers; Young Adult Fellowship;  
Mother's Group; Men's Brotherhood Group; Mental Health Staff;  
All the Members and Benefactors of this Parish

**We pray for all our volunteers who work so diligently  
for St. George's well-being**

**A second collection will be held today for  
the Patriarchate of Antioch; Please be generous! Thank you**

## THE SYNAXARION

On this day in the Holy Orthodox Church, the Sunday of Palms, we celebrate the radiant and glorious festival of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.

### Verses

He Who stretcheth out the firmament and sat on the foal,  
Seeketh to release mortals from un-reason.

Jesus came to Bethany on the Sunday falling before the six days of the Mosaic Passover. On the following day He sent two of His Disciples, who brought Him a donkey on which He sat to enter the city. And when the great multitude heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they immediately took palm branches in their hands and went out to meet Him. All cried, "Hosanna! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, King of Israel!" The branches of palm trees were a symbol of Christ's victory over Satan and Death. And the meaning of "Hosanna" is, "We pray Thee, save." The donkey's colt, which was still an untamed animal, and impure according to the law, as well as Christ's sitting thereon, symbolize the former savagery and impurity of the Gentiles; and their subsequent taming and obedience to the holy law of the Gospel.

By Thine ineffable compassion, O Christ our God, make us victors over the irrational passions, and make us worthy to see Thy tangible victory over death, Thy radiant and life-bearing Resurrection, and have mercy on us. Amen.

## **MEMO FROM THE CEDARS HOME FOR THE ELDERLY RE: LES HABITATION ST. GEORGES / LES CÈDRES**

From time to time, apartments become available at Habitation St. Georges/Les Cèdres, 7255 Lajeunesse Street, located just behind St. George Church. These HLM apartments (low-rent social housing) are for low-income individuals who are senior citizens (65 years of age and over). They are always a one bedroom dwelling, for either a married couple or a single person from our Middle Eastern Christian community. All applicants must meet the qualifications as outlined by the OMHM (Office municipal d'habitation de Montréal).

For more information and to place your name on the waiting list, please call 514 826-8975.

انضموا إلينا بحضوركم شخصياً إلى الكنيسة للمشاركة في الخدم الكنسيّة

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يمكنكم متابعة البث المباشر على صفحة الفيسبوك الخاصة بكنيستنا

نيسان ٢٠٢٥



الأحد ١٣ - أحد الشعانين

- \* صلاة السحرية ٩:٠٥ صباحاً
- \* القدّاس الإلهي ١٠:٣٠ صباحاً
- \* صلاة الختن الأولى ٦:٣٠ مساءً

الاثنين ١٤

- \* قدّاس البروجيزماني (القدسات السابق تقديسها) ٩:٣٠ صباحاً
- \* صلاة الختن الثانية ٦:٣٠ مساءً

الثلاثاء ١٥

- \* قدّاس البروجيزماني (القدسات السابق تقديسها) ٩:٣٠ مساءً
- \* صلاة الختن الثالثة ٦:٣٠ مساءً

الأربعاء ١٦

- \* قدّاس البروجيزماني (القدسات السابق تقديسها) ٩:٣٠ صباحاً
- \* خدمة تقديس الزيت ٦:٣٠ مساءً

الخميس ١٧

- \* القدّاس الإلهي (قدّاس باسيلوس) ٧:٣٠ صباحاً
- \* خدمة 12 إنجيل برئاسة صاحب السيادة المتروبوليت سابا ٦:٣٠ مساءً

الجمعة ١٨

- \* خدمة الساعات الملوّكيّة ١٠:٠٠ صباحاً
- \* خدمة إنزال المصلوب ٣:٠٠ ب.ظ.
- \* خدمة جناز المسيح برئاسة صاحب السيادة الأسقف ألكسندر

السبت ١٩

- \* قدّاس سبت النور ٩:٠٠ صباحاً
- \* الهجمة وقدّاس عيد الفصح ١٢:٠٠ مساءً
- \* مأدبة محبّة بعد القدّاس

الأحد ٢٠

- \* غروب المحبّة - يليه نشاط فصحيّ للأطفال ١٢:٠٠ ظهراً

الاثنين ٢١

- \* إثنين الباعوث ٩:٠٥ صباحاً



# Holy Week

**Sunday, April 13** Orthros of the Bridegroom at 6:30 p.m.

**Monday, April 14** *Great Monday*

\*Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 9:30 a.m. / \*Orthros of the Bridegroom at 6:30 p.m.

**Tuesday, April 15** *Great Tuesday*

\*Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 9:30 a.m. / \*Orthros of the Bridegroom at 6:30 p.m.

**Wednesday, April 16** *Great Wednesday*

\*Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 9:30 a.m. / \*Holy Unction Service at 6:30 p.m.

**Thursday, April 17** *Great Thursday*

\*Vespereal Liturgy of St. Basil the Great at 7:30 a.m.

\*Hierarchical Orthros of the Twelve Passion Gospels at 6:30 p.m.

*presided by His Eminence Metropolitan SABA.*

**Friday, April 18** *Great Friday*

\*The Great (Royal) Hours and Typika of Holy Friday at 10:00 a.m.

\*Taking-Down of Christ from the Cross at 3:00 p.m.

\*Hierarchical Orthros with the Lamentation for Christ at 6:30 p.m.

*presided by His Grace Bishop ALEXANDER.*

## Paschal services

**Saturday, April 19** *Great Saturday*

\*Vespereal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, *the First Liturgy (Baptismal Liturgy) of Pascha* at 9:00 a.m.

\*Paschal services: the Resurrection (Rush) Service, Paschal Orthros & Paschal Divine Liturgy at 10:00 p.m.

\*Communion Breakfast at 12:30 a.m.

**Sunday, April 20** *Great Holy Pascha*

Agape Vespers at 12 p.m. followed by Egg hunt

**Bright Monday, April 21**

Paschal Orthros at 9:05 a.m. followed by Divine Liturgy at 10:30 a.m.

**Bright Tuesday, April 22**

Feast of St. George - Vespereal Liturgy at 6:30 p.m.





YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO

THE ORDER OF ST. IGNATIUS  
TOWN HALL MEETING



SATURDAY APRIL 26<sup>TH</sup>, 2025  
ST. GEORGE ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH  
7:30 PM FOLLOWING VESPERS (6:30PM)

We are pleased to invite you to a presentation by Mr. Roger David, North American Chair of the Order of St. Ignatius of Antioch. This session will provide valuable insights into the organization's mission and goals. Roger will address the key priorities for success in both the near and long term for The Order. More importantly, we invite you to engage with us, share your perspectives, and learn more about The Order. Your participation and feedback will be instrumental in shaping the future of our community. We look forward to your presence and input.

**7:30 PM**

St George Fellowship Hall  
555 Jean-Talon E. Montreal, H2R 1T8

**A LIGHT DINNER WILL BE SERVED PROMPTLY AT 7:30 PM**

**Please RSVP by Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

By phone: (514) 276-8533 ext. 200

Or by scanning the barcode below:



**WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!**

Carol Jazzar, Vice-Chair, Nicolas Badran, Ambassador St. Mary Church Montreal, Eric Zakaib, Member of the Governing Council  
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## ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN OF ST. GEORGE ORTHODOX CHURCH MONTREAL IN PREPARATION FOR THE JUNE 8, 2025, ELECTION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

The Nominating Committee invites nominations for the Executive Board of the Antiochian Women of St. George Orthodox Church Montreal. Open positions:

**PRESIDENT • VICE-PRESIDENT • TREASURER • RECORDING SECRETARY • CORRESPONDING SECRETARY • PUBLIC RELATIONS • RELIGIOUS CHAIR • HUMANITARIAN CHAIR • MEMBERSHIP MAINTENANCE-PHONE CHAIR**

Executive positions are for two years. Deadline for nominations is May 16, 2025.

Nominees must be members of St. George Orthodox Church of Montreal and active or willing to be active in the Antiochian Women organization.

Submit nominations (self or others) with Full name, Position, Phone number, and Email to:

✉ **COLLEEN CATTINY – ZACH-CO.CATTINY@SYMPATICO.CA**

✉ **CAROLINE HABIB – CAROLINE@STREETFORCE.CA**

### EXECUTIVE ROLES:

#### **PRESIDENT:**

Presides over all meetings, co-signs with Treasurer, prepares calendar of meetings and events for the year.

#### **VICE-PRESIDENT:**

Assumes President's duties in her absence and supports committees.

#### **TREASURER:**

Manages funds, keeps records, provides detailed reports to the Executive.

#### **RECORDING SECRETARY:**

Takes and distributes meeting minutes, assists the President.

#### **CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:**

Handles official correspondence.

#### **PUBLIC RELATIONS:**

Promotes the affairs and projects of the executive and committees – church bulletin – Can Am Newsletter.

#### **RELIGIOUS CHAIR:**

Encourages participation in spiritual and Christian programs.

#### **HUMANITARIAN CHAIR:**

Oversees charitable projects for those in need.

#### **MEMBERSHIP MAINTENANCE-PHONE CHAIR:**

Maintains and updates the member contact list; supports meetings and activities.

**WE ENCOURAGE ALL ELIGIBLE WOMEN TO PARTICIPATE!**

**FOR MORE DETAILS ON EACH POSITION, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT US.**

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# *Mother's day Night*

**Including:**  
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**Hosted by Teen SOYO & YAM**

**When:** May 10 at 7:30 p.m

**Where:** In the Parish Fellowship Hall

**RSVP by May 2 through this link:**

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