



Saint Maron

Maronite Catholic Church



March 27-28, 2021

HOSANNA SUNDAY

Palm Sunday, also called Passion Sunday, is the first day of the Holy Week and the Sunday before Easter (Resurrection). It commemorates Jesus Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and it is mentioned in the four canonical Gospels. (Mark 11:1-11, Luke 19:28-40, Matthew 21:1-11, and John 12:1-17). Some Bibles title the passage "The Triumphal Entry" or "Jesus comes to Jerusalem as king" or "Jesus Anointed at Bethany." These passages provide insight and background into the significance of this celebration for Christians. Each Gospel account provides a different perspective on Jesus' life and ministry the way four friends might focus on different things to describe the same activity.

At that time, people were waiting for "the Son of David" to come and restore the kingdom of Israel under the Davidic dynasty. They were convinced that He was their Messiah and King, but they expected Him to fulfill their selfish hopes. All they wanted was a king who would save them from their oppressors.

Jesus was indeed the Messiah sent from God and born to be King. He made this fact clear when He stood before Pilate. However, Jesus had preached the kingdom of God rather than the kingdom of Israel (Luke 4:43).

The kingdom of God, as Jesus spoke about it, was not limited to a physical city, country, or land mass – even to the borders of ancient Israel. Rather, the kingdom of God was the dynamic reign of God over heaven and earth, all things visible and invisible.

The kingdom of God is defined differently than the kingdoms of this world. Jesus' kingdom would reject the violence and the corruption of the political systems of his day and, instead, be marked by radical, self-giving love. His would be a kingdom of peace and justice, a kingdom without end.

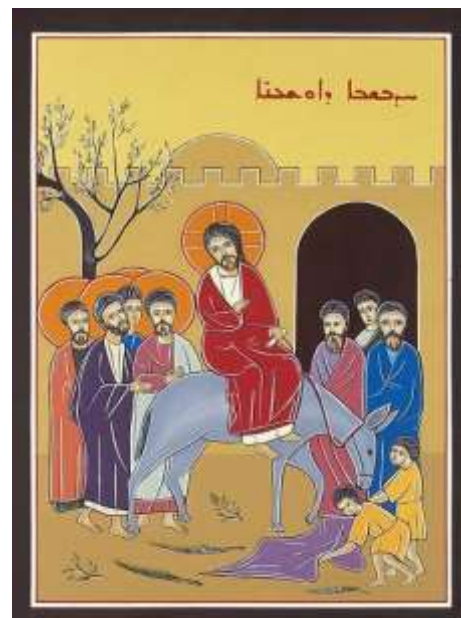
Palm Sunday reminds us that the reign of Christ is far greater than any the mind of man could ever conceive or plan. Man looked for someone to fight their battles in the present-day world. Yet God had the ultimate plan of sending His Son to fight the final battle over death. And this is the greatness of why we celebrate Holy Week. Because of Christ's ultimate sacrifice, we can be set free of death.

Let us this week repair our hearts for the agony of His Passion and the joy of His Resurrection. Let us choose to focus on worshipping our Lord, thanking Him for the gift of His sacrifice, celebrating the power of the Resurrection, and the new life found in Him alone. "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!" (2 Corinthians 9:15)

May God direct our thoughts and attention towards what matters most, Jesus Christ our King. May we always be reminded that we do not belong to this world (John 15:19).

Wish you all a Blessed Week.

Fr. Andrawos (Fadi) ElTabchi



Divine Liturgies will be in the Church.

Seating is limited to 50 people.

Please "SignUp" before attending.

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OFFICE HOURS: The Church office will be open Tuesday through Friday from 10:00 am until 4:00 pm.

DIVINE LITURGIES

Saturday, March 27, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Charles Matter requested by Ann Matter. May his soul rest in peace.

Sunday, March 28, @ 11:00AM, PALM SUNDAY, liturgy is offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Saliba, Kouri and Marrone families requested by family. May their souls rest in peace. And we remember in a special way all the Children in our parish.

Monday, March 29, @ 6:00PM, Coming to the Harbor

Tuesday, March 30, @ 6:00PM, Coming to the Harbor

Wednesday, March 31, @ 6:00PM, Rite of the Lamp and blessing of the Oil

Thursday, April 1, @ 6:00PM, Holy Thursday Liturgy

Friday, April 2, @ 10:30AM, Signing of the Chalice

Friday, April 2, @ 6:00PM, Great Friday of Crucifixion

Saturday, April 3, @ 12:00PM, Prayer for Forgiveness

Saturday, April 3, @ 6:00PM, liturgy is offered for the soul of Josephine Rudolph requested by her daughters. May her soul rest in peace.

Sunday, April 4, @ 11:00AM, GLORIOUS RESURRECTION liturgy is being offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Tavani, Joseph, Mosey and Rohanna families requested by Deebianne and Suzanne Tavani. May their souls rest in peace. And we remember in a special way the Parishioners of Saint Maron Church.

ELDERLY COMMUNION

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IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers John Joseph, Stephen Bressi, Pierre Khoury, Tina Grassia, Michelle Raymond, Elissar Ayoub, Lou Iovino, Ralph Passio, Joanne Simon-Turing, Diane McLaughlin, Bonnie Gorman, Kevin Khoury, Marie McCrea, Suzanne Haney, Luke Farrell Jr., Linda DiBernardo, Joan Speck, David Joseph Cook, Eddie Tayoun, Minarva Labbad, Dante Panichi, Dennis Strelchuk, Carol Krestos, Gladys Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Chucky Simon, Mirta Ruiz, Rita Impo, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impo, Lucy DiLuce, Laurent Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine, Emily Stone, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeir, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al-

Sawa, Rose DeJesse, James Cordisio, Stacey Fuentes, Debbie Freedenberg, Noel Andjuhar, and Angel Salerno. We ask Almighty God to bless them with good health so that they may join us in the Church and give glory and thanksgiving to God. Please notify the Church office of any family member who is ill so that we may remember them in our daily prayers and on our altar of intention.

THANK YOU

Thank you for everyone who donated to the Church this past week. Our Church's finances rely on the generosity of our community, including Sunday collections and donations. If you are able to donate, please do so via the following link: <https://saintmaron.org/donate> or you can always mail your weekly envelopes/donations to the Church office. Thank you for your continuous support during these challenging times.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR March 13-14, 2021

Sunday Collection	\$ 2,397.00
Donations	\$ 410.00
Online Collection	\$ 610.00
Total:	\$ 3,417.00
Weekly Budget	\$ 3,950.00
Deficit	- \$ 533.00

BISHOP'S APPEAL

TOTAL RECEIVED\$	3,340.00
GOAL	\$ 3,500.00
BALANCE	\$ 160.00



Holy Week Schedule

Monday March 29 6:00 PM	Tuesday March 30 6:00PM	Wednesday March 31 6:00 PM	Thursday April 1 6:00 PM
Coming to the Harbor	Coming to the Harbor	Rite of the Lamp Blessing of the Holy Oil	Holy Thursday Liturgy
			
Friday April 2 10:30 AM	Friday April 2 6:00 PM	Saturday April 3 12:00 PM	Saturday April 3 6:00 PM
Signing of the Chalice	Great Friday of the Crucifixion	Saturday of the Light Prayer for Forgiveness	The Glorious Resurrection Vigil
			
Sunday, April 4 11:00 AM			
The Glorious Resurrection Liturgy			
			

Due to the COVID-19 restrictions, this year, all processions are cancelled.

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" I am the Lady of the Rosary. Continue always to pray the Rosary every day" -*Our Lady of Fatima*



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PALM SUNDAY

First Reading Philippians 1:1-13

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to Philippians. Your blessing father...

Brothers and Sisters:

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. I want you to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ; **Praise be to God always.**

فصل من رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبي

يا إخوتي، مِنْ بُولُسَ وَطِيمُوثَاوُسَ، عَبْدَي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، إِلَى جَمِيعِ الْقَدِيسِينَ فِي الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ، الَّذِينَ فِي فِيلِبِّي،
مَعَ الْأَسَاقِفَةِ وَالشَّامِسَةِ: أَلْنِعْمَةُ لَكُمْ، وَالسَّلَامُ مِنَ اللَّهِ أَبِينَا وَالرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ! أَشْكُرُ إِلَهِي، كُلَّمَا ذَكَرْتُكُمْ، ضَارِعًا
بِفَرَحٍ عَلَى الدَّوَامِ فِي كُلِّ صَلَاتِي مِنْ أَجْلِكُمْ جَمِيعًا، لِمُشَارَكَتِكُمْ فِي الْإِنْجِيلِ مُنْذُ أَوَّلِ يَوْمٍ إِلَى الْآنَ. وَإِنِّي لَوَاقِعٌ أَنَّ
الَّذِي بَدَأَ فِيكُمْ هَذَا الْعَمَلَ الصَّالِحَ سَيَكْمِلُهُ حَتَّى يَوْمَ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. فَإِنَّهُ مِنَ الْعَدْلِ أَنْ يَكُونَ لِي هَذَا الشُّعُورُ نَحْوَكُمْ
جَمِيعًا، لِأَنِّي أَحْمِلُكُمْ فِي قَلْبِي، أَنْتُمْ جَمِيعًا شُرَكَائِي فِي نِعْمَتِي، سَوَاءً فِي قُيُودِي أَوْ فِي دِفَاعِي عَنِ الْإِنْجِيلِ
وَتَبَيُّنِهِ، فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ شَاهِدٌ لِي كَمْ أَتَشَوَّقُ إِلَيْكُمْ جَمِيعًا فِي أَحْشَاءِ الْمَسِيحِ يَسُوعَ. وَهَذِهِ صَلَاتِي أَنْ تَزِدَادَ مَحَبَّتَكُمْ أَكْثَرَ
فَأَكْثَرَ فِي كُلِّ فَهْمٍ وَمَعْرِفَةٍ، لِتُمَيِّزُوا مَا هُوَ الْأَفْضَلُ، فَتَكُونُوا أَنْفِيَاءَ وَبِغَيْرِ عِثَارٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْمَسِيحِ، مُمْتَلِئِينَ مِنْ ثَمَرِ
الْبِرِّ بِيَسُوعَ الْمَسِيحِ لِمَجْدِ اللَّهِ وَمَدْحِهِ. أُرِيدُ أَنْ تَعْلَمُوا، أَيُّهَا الْإِخْوَةُ، أَنَّ مَا حَدَثَ لِي قَدْ أَدَّى بِالْحَرِيِّ إِلَى نَجَاحِ
الْإِنْجِيلِ، حَتَّى إِنَّ قُيُودِي مِنْ أَجْلِ الْمَسِيحِ صَارَتْ مَشْهُورَةً فِي دَارِ الْوِلَايَةِ كُلِّهَا، وَفِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ آخَرَ.
والتسبيح لله دائماً.

Gospel Reading

Saint John 12:12-22

The Apostle Writes:

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord the King of Israel!' Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: 'Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!' His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, 'You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!' Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

This is the truth. Peace be with you.

مِنْ إِنْجِيلِ الْقَدِّيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

لَمَّا سَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْكَثِيرَ، الَّذِي أَتَى إِلَى الْعِيدِ، أَنَّ يَسُوعَ آتٍ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ، حَمَلُوا سَعَفَ النَّخْلِ، وَخَرَجُوا إِلَى مُلَاقَاتِهِ وَهُمْ يَصْرُخُونَ: "هُوشَعْنَا! مَبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ، مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلَ". وَوَجَدَ يَسُوعُ جَحْشًا فَرَكَبَ عَلَيْهِ، كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: "لَا تَخَافِي، يَا ابْنَةُ صِهْيُونِ، هُوَذَا مَلِكُكَ يَأْتِي رَاكِبًا عَلَى جَحْشٍ ابْنِ أَتَانَ". وَمَا فَهَمَ تَلَامِيذُهُ ذَلِكَ، أَوَّلَ الْأَمْرِ، وَلَكِنَّهُمْ تَذَكَّرُوا، حِينَ مُجِدَّ يَسُوعَ، أَنَّ ذَلِكَ كُتِبَ عَنْهُ، وَأَنَّهُمْ صَنَعُوهُ لَهُ. وَالْجَمْعُ الَّذِي كَانَ مَعَ يَسُوعَ، حِينَ دَعَا لِعَازَرَ مِنَ الْقَبْرِ وَأَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، كَانَ يَشْهَدُ لَهُ. مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا أَيْضًا لَأَقَاهُ الْجَمْعُ، لِأَنَّهُمْ سَمِعُوا أَنَّهُ صَنَعَ تِلْكَ الْآيَةَ. فَقَالَ الْفَرِّيسِيُّونَ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ: "انْظُرُوا: إِنَّكُمْ لَا تَنْفَعُونَ شَيْئًا! هَا هُوَ الْعَالَمُ قَدْ ذَهَبَ وَرَاءَهُ!". وَكَانَ بَيْنَ الصَّاعِدِينَ لِيَسْجُدُوا فِي الْعِيدِ، بَعْضُ الْيُونَانِيِّينَ. فَدَنَا هَؤُلَاءِ مِنْ فِيلِبُّسَ الَّذِي مِنْ بَيْتِ صَيْدَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَسَأَلُوهُ قَائِلِينَ: "يَا سَيِّدَ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَرَى يَسُوعَ". فَجَاءَ فِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَ لَأَنْدَرَاوُسَ، وَجَاءَ أَنْدَرَاوُسُ وَفِيلِبُّسُ وَقَالَا لِيَسُوعَ.

حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.