



# Saint Maron

## Maronite Catholic Church



# HOSANNA SUNDAY

April 9-10, 2022

## Lenten Reflection by Our Seminarians

We made it! Well, almost...we are about to enter the second part of Great Lent, and that is Passion Week. We have journeyed with our Lord throughout his ministry, listening to His Word and teachings and witnessing to His miraculous healings. Today, we join Him on His triumphal entry into Jerusalem, where He fulfills the Old Testament prophecy and affirms His role as the long-awaited Messiah. As we begin Passion Week, we continue our journey alongside the Lord, now through His passion up to Calvary, His death upon the Cross, and His foretold resurrection from the tomb.

But before we begin this final stride of our Lenten journey towards the Cross, and ultimately the empty tomb, we pause and rejoice with the children of Jerusalem, exalting "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord," – or do we? In our Divine Liturgy today, we pray to the Lord that we may "go out and meet you." But we pause and reflect on the things in our lives that are keeping us from welcoming the Lord into our circumstances. What keeps us from rejoicing and welcoming our Messiah into our everyday lives, our everyday celebrations, our everyday struggles? Is it pride, that we don't need someone to 'save us' from whatever we may be going through? Is it ignorance, of the love that God has for each one of us? Maybe, we know that love exists, but we struggle to believe we are worthy of it. Is it fear, that if we give up control, things might not go the way we had planned?

Giving up control and surrendering to the will that God has for us is not easy. But we take courage knowing that Jesus had to do the same thing! Zechariah prophesied that a king would come to save, riding on a donkey. (Zech. 9:9) Pope Benedict XVI reflects that Jesus fulfilled this prophecy, not out of his own desires and wishes, but rather based on the obedience to the mission that the Father had given him. His obedience to the will of God allowed the love of God to be poured forth upon humanity and He redeemed her.

Imagine the endless possibilities that we could fulfill through our own lives, if only we welcome Christ into each part of it. As the children spread their cloaks and branches before Him, may we have the courage to spread our entire being, inclusive of all the good and the bad, in front of Him, allowing Him to be glorified in all that we do. Some days might be easier to do this than others, but we are a people of hope and must not succumb. Every day is a new opportunity for us to praise God for whatever He has called us to experience, good or bad, to bring Him into all that is before us, welcoming Him and rejoicing by saying "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!" (Jn. 12:13)

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## DIVINE LITURGIES

**Saturday, April 9, @ 6:00PM,** liturgy is offered for the soul of Linda Stella requested by her friends. May her soul rest in peace.

**Sunday, April 10, @ 11:00AM, PALM SUNDAY** liturgy in offered for the souls of the deceased members of the Saleba, Kouri, and Marrone families. Requested by family. May their souls rest in peace.

**Monday, April 11, @ 7:00PM, Coming to the Harbor**

**Tuesday, April 12, @ 7:00PM, Coming to the Harbor**

**Wednesday, April 13, @ 7:00PM, Rite of the Lamp and Blessing of the Oil**

**Thursday, April 14, @ 7:00PM, Thursday of the Mysteries**

**Friday, April 15, @ 10:30AM, Signing of the Chalice**

**Friday, April 15, @ 7:00PM, Adoration of the Cross**

**Saturday, April 16, @ 6:00PM, Prayer of Forgiveness**

**Saturday, April 16, @ 6:00PM, the Glorious Resurrection**

**Sunday, April 17, @ 11:00AM, the Glorious Resurrection** liturgy in 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.



## RICE BOWL

If you participated in the **Rice Bowl** Campaign, please return the boxes to the Church Office **by Resurrection Sunday, April 17, 2022** and we will forward the donations to the Catholic Relief Services (CRS) office. May God bless you for your generous donation toward the needy.

## ELDERLY COMMUNION

If you wish to receive communion at home, please contact the Church Office at 215-389-2000.

## WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR April 2-3, 2022

Sunday Collection	\$	2,238.00
Donations	\$	600.00
Online	\$	270.00
Coffee Hour	\$	17.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,889.00</b>

## BISHOP'S APPEAL

<b>TOTAL RECEIVED</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,590.00</b>
<b>GOAL</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,500.00</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>910.00</b>

## IN OUR PRAYERS

Please keep in your prayers Marentha Young-Heart, Allison Tretina, Stephanie Devinney, Angela Scorza Anderson, Lisa McBride, Robert Nigro, Thomas Jones, Raymond Fitzpatrick, Henry George, Linda Yeckes, Frankie Olivieri, Richy Grande, Marie Eddis, Mia Andrilla, Jimmy Romeo, Natalie Ciancaglini, Ashley Iaconelli, Stephen Bressi, Elissar Ayoub, Joanne Simon-Turing, Suzanne Haney, Linda DiBernardo, Joan Speck, David Joseph Cook, Eddie Tayoun, Dennis Strelchuk, Gladys Dalcourt, Denise Furey, Mirta Ruiz, Rita Impo, Jade Kellam, Marion Thomas Branca, Francesca Impo, Lucy DiLuce, Laurent Chidiac, Tom Hart, John Hart, Fadi Jaber, Joseph Realdine, Lisa Alestra, John Nader, Joey Gdowick, Francis Joseph Kerns, Samer Chokeir, Kathy Newman, Rita Arrigale, Maryann Bratton, Renee Sahar, Sister Nahida Al-Sawa, 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.

## Readings

### First Reading

Philippians 1:1-13

### Gospel Reading

John 12:12-22

## Our Mission Statement

To seek to know the love of God revealed in Jesus Christ, to celebrate together as a united family of faith, and to share our gifts and talents in loving service to others.

## Sanctuary Candle

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### **PALM SUNDAY BRUNCH**

**Sunday, April 10, 2022**

**Tickets are Now Available in the church office**



### **ANNUAL BAKE SALE**

**Sunday, April 10, 2022**

**Pre-order Now. Online or contact the office**



### **GOOD FRIDAY PUTLOCK**

**Friday, April 15, 2022**

**Following the Adoration of the Cross**



### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION**

**Sunday, April 24, 2022**

**Keep our First Communicants in your prayers**



### **ANNUAL FESTIVAL**

**Friday, June 3 to Sunday, June 5**

**All the details are posted on our website**



# HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



## **Coming to the Harbor**

Monday, April 11, 2022

**7:00PM**



## **Coming to the Harbor**

Tuesday, April 12, 2022

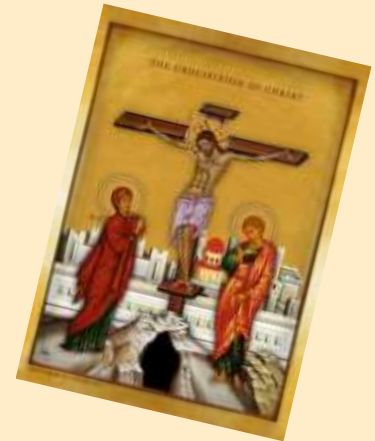
**7:00PM**



## **Rite of the Lamp**

Wednesday, April 13, 2022

**7:00PM**



## **Thursday of the Mysteries**

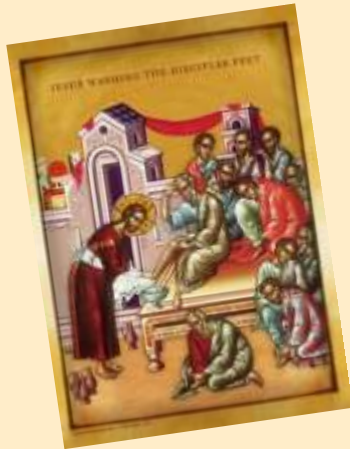
Thursday, April 14, 2022

**7:00PM**

## **Signing of the Chalice**

Friday, April 15, 2022

**10:30AM**



## **Adoration of the Cross**

Friday, April 15, 2022

**7:00PM**



## **Prayer of Forgiveness**

Saturday, April 16, 2022

**12:00PM**

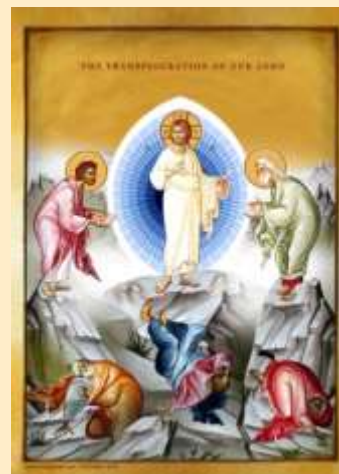
## **The Glorious Resurrection**

Saturday, April 16, 2022

**6:00PM**

Sunday, April 17, 2022

**11:00AM**



## MOTHER'S DAY PARTY IN ALLENTOWN

The newly named Saints Joachim and Anne Maronite Catholic Mission of Allentown

extends an invitation to all our parishioners to join them for their

**Mother's Day Spring party**

in their social hall (924 N. Front Street, Allentown, PA)

on **Saturday, April 30, 2022.**

Tickets are \$60.00 and include Arabic food, live entertainment, and soft drinks.

They will also have a Raffle and door prizes.

We hope you participate and support our sister parish.

More information can be found in the flyer below:

The flyer features a purple and blue background with a starburst pattern. On the left is a woman in a black sequined dress, and on the right is a man in a black suit. Text is overlaid on the image.

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# 2022 ANNUAL LEBANESE FESTIVAL

**FRIDAY, JUNE 3**

**5pm - 11pm**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 4**

**3pm - 11pm**

**SUNDAY, JUNE 5**

**1pm - 9pm**

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## Introducing Me

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### REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Yes, you heard right! We are so excited to announce that registration for our **2022 National MYO Conference** is now open!

Head on over to [www.maroniteyouth.org](http://www.maroniteyouth.org) and register now for our early bird pricing! **Pricing increases after March 26, so please encourage your youth to register as soon as possible!**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at [office@maroniteyouth.org](mailto:office@maroniteyouth.org). **Please mark your calendars, save the date, and spread the word!** We can't wait to see you June 23-27, 2022 at Saint Vincent College in Latrobe, PA!

In Christ,  
**The National Maronite Youth Organization**

You have received this email because you have subscribed to [Maronite Youth Organization](#) as [srtherese2010@gmail.com](mailto:srtherese2010@gmail.com). If you no longer wish to receive emails please [unsubscribe](#).





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April 9-10, 2022

### 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، من بولس وطيموثاؤس، عبدي المسيح يسوع، إلى جميع القديسين في المسيح يسوع، الذين في فيلبي، مع الأساقفة والشمامسة: النعمة لكم، والسلام من الله أبينا والرب يسوع المسيح! أشكر إلهي، كلما ذكرتكم، ضارعا بفرح على الدوام في كل صلواتي من أجلكم جميعا، لمشاركتم في الإنجيل منذ أول يوم إلى الآن. وإني لواتق أن الذي بدأ فيكم هذا العمل الصالح سيكمله حتى يوم المسيح يسوع. فإنه من العدل أن يكون لي هذا الشعور نحوكم جميعا، لأنني أحملكم في قلبي، أنتم جميعا شركائي في نعمتي، سواء في قيودي أو في دفاعي عن الإنجيل وتبنيته، فإن الله شاهد لي كم أتشوق إليكم جميعا في أحشاء المسيح يسوع. وهذه صلاتي أن تزداد محبتكم أكثر فأكثر في كل فهم ومعرفة، لتميروا ما هو الأفضل، فتكونوا أقباء وبغير عثار إلى يوم المسيح، ممثلين من ثمر البر بيسوع المسيح لمجد الله ومدحه. أريد أن تعلموا، أيها الإخوة، أن ما حدث لي قد أدى بالحري إلى نجاح الإنجيل، حتى إن قيودي من أجل المسيح صارت مشهورة في دار الولاية كلها، وفي كل مكان آخر.  
والتسبح لله دائما.

## 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 الْقَدِيسِ يُوْحَنَّا

لَمَّا سَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْكَثِيرَ، الَّذِي أَتَى إِلَى الْعِيدِ، أَنَّ يَسُوعَ آتٍ إِلَى أُورَشَلِيمَ، حَمَلُوا سَعَفَ النَّخْلِ، وَخَرَجُوا إِلَى مُلَاقَاتِهِ وَهُمْ يَصْرُخُونَ: "هُوشَعْنَا! مُبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ، مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلَ". وَوَجَدَ يَسُوعُ جَحْشًا فَرَكِبَ عَلَيْهِ، كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: "لَا تَخَافِي، يَا ابْنَةُ صِهْيُونِ، هُوَذَا مَلِكُكَ يَأْتِي رَاكِبًا عَلَى جَحْشِ 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 لَاقَاهُ الْجَمْعُ، لِأَنَّهُمْ سَمِعُوا أَنَّهُ صَنَعَ تِلْكَ الْآيَةَ. فَقَالَ الْفَرِيسِيُّونَ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ: "أَنْظُرُوا: 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 وَقَالَ لِيَسُوعَ.

**حَقًّا وَالْأَمَانُ لَجَمِيعِكُمْ.**