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HOSANNA / PALM SUNDAY



We are entering the most important week of the liturgical year, the week that prepares us to live intensely the Christian Mystery of the Death and the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ: the Holy Week. The Holy Week is the memorial of those great



days of our salvation when Jesus Christ died on the Cross to redeem and save our human race and give us the opportunity to share in His Divine Life. The Holy Week, in our Maronite Church, is considered an independent Liturgical Season inside the Season of Lent. It starts with “Naheero” or the “Coming to the Harbor” on Palm Sunday evening and is over on Easter Sunday.

CLERGY

Fr. Paul Damien, Pastor
Subdeacon Ronald Foster

PARISH OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday through Friday
10:00 AM to 2:00 PM

LITURGY:

Saturday: 5:00 PM

Sunday: 10:30 AM

Weekdays Tues - Fri : 9:00 AM

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The “Coming to the Harbor” is an old rite of the Maronite Church. It reminds us that Jesus is the Harbor of Salvation. The ship or the vessel, which is the Church, and often compared to Mary the New Vessel of life, reaches the Harbor after the safe journey of Lent. The prayers of Monday, Tuesday and Wednesdays of the Passion Week are called “Sotooro” or Lenten evening prayers. We have a special prayer for every day with a cycle of readings from the Old and the New Testament announcing the death of Jesus Christ as the fulfillment and the achievement of all the promises of the Prophets. Jesus is the Son of God who was delivered to human hands, put to death, suffered and was humiliated for our own sake.

Wednesday of the Passion Week is also called Wednesday of Ayoub (Job). Job suffered a lot, and lost his health and wealth, even his sons and daughters, but never cursed God and was known for his patience. He represents Christ who willingly received suffering and death, and committed himself into his Father’s hands. On that day, the Rite of the Lamp is celebrated. Dough with seven wicks inserted into it, represent the seven lamps envisioned by the Prophet Jeremiah and by John the Apostle in his Revelation. During the celebration, the oil is blessed and all the faithful receive the anointing.

Holy Thursday or Thursday of the Holy Mysteries is the first day of the Easter Triduum. On that day Jesus had his Last Supper with his disciples and washed their feet. After the washing of the feet, Jesus went to Mount of Olives and spent his night there praying to His Father for his disciples and his Church so they may be one as He is one with His Father. On that day, Jesus founded the Sacraments, especially the Sacrament of Eucharist and the Priesthood. It is the Thursday of the Priests *par excellence*, those servants of the Holy Sacraments and administrators of the Holy Eucharist in memory of Jesus Christ, in memory of His death and Resurrection until he returns. The custom of that day was to visit seven Churches, symbolizing the seven Sacraments, and meditating in each Church upon one of the Sacraments. The Blessed Sacrament is exposed all night and faithful are encouraged to stay in the church as much as they can praying, meditating upon the Mystery of Salvation, and participating in the “*agony of Gethsemane*” where Jesus spent his night in prayer before His crucifixion on Good Friday. The Maronite Church fulfills the commandment of the Lord Jesus Christ on that day and accomplishes the service of the washing of the feet. The priest, acting *in persona Christi*, which means in the person of Christ, washes the feet of twelve of his parishioners showing the mystery of love and compassion and performing like Christ the act of ultimate humiliation actually reserved to the slaves who were entrusted with this task to wash their master’s feet. Jesus gave himself as an example to follow, and performed that act of humiliation to fulfill the prophecies of the prophets as the Suffering Servant or slave, of whom spoke the prophet Isaiah (Is 53:1-11).

Good Friday is the greatest day of the year. Jesus was crucified and put to death. He paid the full price of our salvation: his life. He is the Son, the only begotten Son, the inheritor. In Him, through him and because of him we became sons and children of Our Father, inheritors of the Heavenly Kingdom and of the Eternal Life. Our Maronite Church invites us on this day to pray and meditate upon the mystery of Salvation: the living death of our Lord which provides salvation of our souls and Eternal Life. Jesus freed us from the impediments of sins. ...On Good Friday, two ceremonies are to be celebrated. The first Celebration is the “Signing of the Chalice” called also “the Liturgy of the Pre-Sanctified”. On Good Friday, the only sacrifice is the sacrifice of Christ, who offered himself to his Father. In fact, every Liturgy is a memorial of the sacrifice of the Cross, the Death and the Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. On Good Friday Christ himself is the sacrifice, the ultimate and the perfect oblation. The most important moment of this Liturgy is the procession with the Blessed Sacrament placed over the head of the priest reminding him his day of ordination, when the Bishop handed over to him the celebration of the Eucharist and entrusted to him the service of the people of God.

The second ceremony is the Adoration of the Cross celebrated in memory of the death of Jesus Christ crucified on the “wood of shame”. Many Christians during that day bring some flowers to honor the Holy Cross. After the Ceremony, the cross is buried until Easter Sunday.

Saturday of the Light is the last day of this Holy Week, and subsequently, the last day of Lent. It is the day the Lord had chosen to enter the tomb and to visit the Dead in their tomb. This day is a non-liturgical day. There is no Divine Liturgy that day before Vigil or Midnight. However, a beautiful ceremony is to be celebrated during that day: “the Prayer of Forgiveness”. It is an old prayer of the Maronite Church and all the Syriac Churches that celebrate the forgiveness won by the death of Jesus Christ. Saturday of the Light is the day of forgiveness *par excellence*. All Christians are invited to confess their sins during that ceremony and beseech forgiveness. Confessions are heard individually, and absolution is given to all those who confessed their sins.

The Vigil of Easter is the night before Easter spent in prayers and praises of the Resurrected Christ, and was the perfect time to restore the backsliders to faith and administer Baptism to new catechumens who prepared themselves during all Lent with prayer and fasting. One of the most important ceremonies and celebrations was the celebration of Easter at Midnight, the first hour of the day. The ceremony of Easter is the Rite of Peace celebrated at Midnight Liturgy and/or Easter Sunday morning during the Divine Liturgy when the priest blesses the congregation with the Cross. Easter Sunday is the day of Peace. May the Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ Risen from the dead be with you all: “In the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification by the Spirit, for obedience and sprinkling with the blood of Jesus Christ: may grace and peace be yours in abundance (1 Peter 1:2).

Christ is Risen. Truly is Risen Alleluia. Amen.

We Share: St Michael's on-line giving option at <https://stmichaelsmaronite.weshareonline.org>

****** HOSANNA / PALM Sunday******

Saturday, April 9- 5:00 PM: Richard Monroe (Memorial) by Frank and Marie Catalana

Sunday, April 10- 10: 30 AM: FOR THE PARISH CHILDREN by Fr. Paul



EGG HUNT after Palm Sunday Liturgy all children are

invited to the Egg Hunt event . Bring a basket for each child!

Followed by Coffee Hour in the Church Hall.

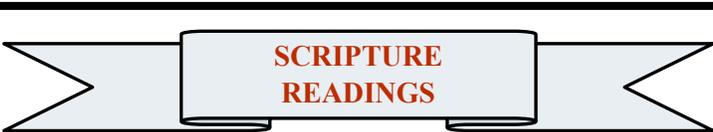


Monday	April 11	9:00 am	St. An pas	Special inten on by Fr. Paul
Tuesday	April 12	9:00 am	St. Mennas	Special inten on by Fr. Paul
Wednesday	April 13	9:00 am	St. Zosimas	Kim Nguyen (Inten ons) by Thanh and Han Vo - Nguyen

****** EASTER / RESURRECTION SUNDAY *****

Saturday, April 16- 5:00 PM: Special intention by Fr. Paul

Sunday, April 17- 10: 30 AM: for the parish inten ons by Father Paul



Hosanna Sunday

Phil 1:1-13 / Jn 12:12-22

The Glorious Resurrection

1Cor 15:12-26 / Mk 16:1-8

New Sunday (Divine Mercy Sunday)

2 Cor 5:11-21 / Jn 20:26-31



READERS

- 4/9: Darlene Darling 4/10: Ed Baez
- 4/16: Nicole Andres 4/17: Annika Nesbitt
- 4/23: Rick Criste 4/24: Ray Miller

GIFTS OF THANKSGIVING

Make a donation to offer the Incense, Candles and Wine for one month in memory or in honor of someone.

**APRIL GIFT OF THANKSGIVING
In Memory of Mildred and John Morrison**

by The Family

Sunday Collection	\$ 991.00
Candles / Altar Gifts	\$ 39.00
Easter Lilies (to date)	\$ 705.00
Bishop Appeal (to date)	\$ 4,836.00
Online –Weshare	\$ 2,880.00

Collections this year are down by 35%
God Bless You for your support

CATHOLIC SOCIAL MINISTRIES

St. Michael’s has been asked to contribute **jams/jellies and peanut butter (ANY SIZE)** . Donations were down in March. **We need your help! We appreciate you!**

We Gave ...
22 lbs in March



SUNDAY SOCIAL HOUR HOST SCHEDULE

April 10th Lucy Zahran & Patty Reynolds
 April 17 by the Parish & volunteers
 April 24 Margaret Grantonic



**ADORATION
 TEMPORARY
 CHANGE**

There will be **NO** Adoration on **GOOD FRIDAY**

Adoration will resume the week after

**GOOD FRIDAY
 FLOWERS**

REMINDER
 Do not forget to bring Flowers / Roses with you for the Burial service on Good Friday



**VOCATION
 CHALICE**

4/9: Volunteer
 4/10: Nicole Andres
 4/16 Volunteer
 4/17 Kimberly P



*Your prayers are needed to encourage vocations to the priesthood and religious life. Consider taking the Vocation Chalice into your home for a week.

PRAYER CHAIN

Please contact **Lucy Zahran** at church or call the church office to **join the prayer chain** or with **prayer requests.**



Lenten Baby Drive!

Money collected will be donated in support of the Agape Pregnancy Support Services (Crisis Pregnancy Center)!



**HOLY WEEK
 CONFESSION'S
 Schedule**

During the Holy Week Confession is offered before and after the services and masses



**ROSARY FOR PEACE
 IN UKRAINE**

Join us in praying the Rosary on Wednesday mornings following Liturgy for Peace in Ukraine



2022 HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE



PASSION Monday	April 11	9:00 am	St. An pas	Catholic Extension Donors by Fr Jack
PASSION Tuesday	April 12	9:00 am	St. Mennas	Special Inten on by Fr. Paul Damien
PASSION Wednesday	April 13	9:00 am	St. Zosimas	Kim Nguyen (Inten ons) by Thanh and Han Vo - Nguyen
PASSION Wednesday	April 13	<u>6:30</u> <u>pm</u>	Rite of the Lamp	For all the sick and su ring in our Parish by Fr. Paul
Thursday of the Mysteries	April 14	6:30 pm	Washing of the feet	Mass o ed for the Living and Departed Priests .
Great Friday	April 15	12:00 pm	Signing of the Chalice	(no Inten on on this day)
Great Friday	April 15	6:30 pm	Burial of our Lord	Adora on of the Cross and Burial service
Saturday	April 16	11 am - 12 (Noon)	Saturday of the Light	Peniten al Service (confessions)
Saturday	April 16	5:00 pm	Easter Vigil	Mass o ed for the Living and deceased parishioners
Easter Sunday	April 17	10:30 am	Easter - Resurrec n	Mass o ed for the inten ons of the parish

Christ is Risen. Truly Risen Alleluia. Amen.

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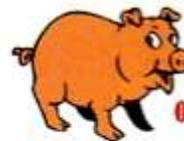
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