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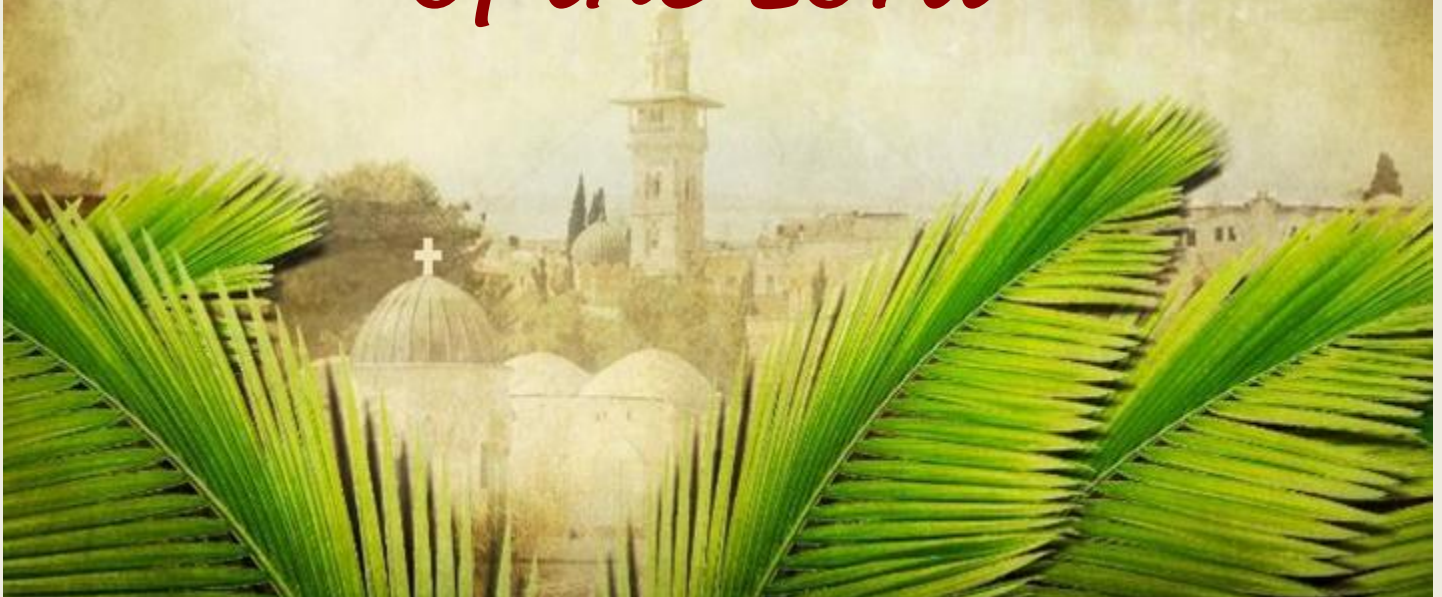
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## **Hosanna Sunday**

**March 20, 2016**

# ***HOSANNA!***

*Blessed is He who  
comes in the Name  
of the Lord*



# **Hosanna Psalm**

## **Psalm 118**

**Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, his mercy endures forever.**

**Let the people say: His mercy endures forever.**

**Let those who fear the LORD say, His mercy endures forever.**

**In danger I called on the LORD;  
The LORD answered me and set me free.  
The LORD is with me; I am not afraid;  
What can mortals do against me?  
The LORD is with me as my helper;  
I shall look in triumph on my foes.**

**The LORD, my strength and might,  
He has become my Savior.  
The LORD's right hand is raised;  
The LORD's right hand works valiantly.  
I shall not die but live  
And declare the deeds of the LORD.**

**The stone the builders rejected  
Has become the cornerstone.  
This is the day the LORD has made;  
Let us rejoice in it and be glad.  
LORD, grant salvation! LORD, grant good fortune!  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.**

**We bless you from the house of the LORD.  
The LORD is God and has enlightened us.  
Join in procession with leafy branches  
Up to the horns of the altar.  
You are my God, I give you thanks;  
My God, I offer you praise.**

**Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
His mercy endures forever.**

## إنجيل القديس يوحنا 12

لَمَّا سَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْكَثِيرُ، الَّذِي أَتَى إِلَى الْعِيدِ، أَنَّ يَسُوعَ آتٍ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ، حَمَلُوا سَعَفَ النَّخْلِ، وَخَرَجُوا إِلَى مُلَاقَاتِهِ وَهُمْ يَصْرُخُونَ: «هُوشَعْنَا! مُبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ، مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيلَ». وَوَجَدَ يَسُوعُ جَحْشًا فَرَكَبَ عَلَيْهِ، كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: «لَا تَخَافِي، يَا ابْنَةُ صِهْيُون، هُوَذَا مَلِكُكَ يَأْتِي رَاكِبًا عَلَى جَحْشٍ أَبْنِ أَتَان». وَمَا فَهَمَ تَلَامِيذُهُ ذَلِكَ، أَوَّلَ الْأَمْرِ، وَلَكِنَّهُمْ تَذَكَّرُوا، حِينَ مُجِدَّ يَسُوعَ، أَنَّ ذَلِكَ كُتِبَ عَنْهُ، وَأَنَّهُمْ صَنَعُوهُ لَهُ.

### Gospel according to John 12:12-22

On the next day, when the great crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, 13they took palm branches and went out to meet him, and cried out: “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel.” Jesus found an ass and sat upon it, as is written: “Fear no more, O daughter Zion; see, your king comes, seated upon an ass’s colt.” His disciples did not understand this at first, but when Jesus had been glorified they remembered that these things were written about him and that they had done this for him.

### Reflection

Today we celebrate the day called “Hosanna Sunday,” or “Palm Sunday”, the day of Jesus’ triumphal entry into Jerusalem one week prior to his crucifixion and death.

Jesus of Nazareth rode into Jerusalem seated on a donkey and was hailed by the crowds who had come to Jerusalem to celebrate the Passover feast with shouts of “Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,” as they anticipated the coming of the kingdom of God. Jesus has awakened great hopes.

But The Jews were expecting a king who would be a great military leader like David, who would throw off the yoke of Rome, and establish God’s kingdom by force. But Jesus was radically different than their expectations. He chose a donkey, a lowly beast, as his royal mount. He came humbly and bringing peace. But this was not the kingdom which the people expected or wanted, and so they rejected Jesus as their Lord.

So many of us seem to think that if Christ doesn’t fit our expectations, then we’ll just reject Him, as the crowds in Jerusalem did. Christ never promised his followers a happy life. The disciple is not above his master, and the Master has chosen the road to Golgotha.

Jesus does not enter the Holy City to receive the honors reserved to earthly kings, to the powerful, to rulers; he enters to be scourged, insulted and abused. He enters to receive a crown of thorns, a staff, and a purple robe: his kingship becomes an object of mockery.

He enters to climb Calvary, carrying his burden of wood. Jesus enters Jerusalem in order to die on the Cross. His royal throne is the wood of the Cross! We are princes, but of a king crucified. That is the throne of Jesus. Jesus enters Jerusalem and our lives to take upon himself the evil, the filth, the sin of the world, including the sin of all of us, and he cleanses it with his blood.

### **REMEMBER IT**

They took palm branches and went out to meet him,  
and cried out: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes  
in the name of the Lord! The king of Israel."

**John 12:13**

### **Deacon's Corner**

In the gospel of John, chapter 14, Jesus said; "if anyone loves me, he will keep my word. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him. He who does not love me, will not obey my teaching". After reading this we think to ourselves; "Oh, I do love you Jesus. I do obey your teaching". BUT DO WE REALLY?

The truth is that we do not. In the busyness of our lives with so many things to do, so many places to go, and so many people to see, Jesus and His teachings take a back seat to our everyday lives. What we really fail to see are the real priorities of our lives.

Our busy schedules lead us to believe that these are the priorities in our lives, when in fact, Jesus Christ and His Commandments should be our main priority. By keeping Jesus Christ involved in all that we do every day, our daily priorities will become less burdensome, easier to perform and more satisfying on a daily basis. We can find joy in those things we found challenging and happiness in that which made us sad.

### **Mass Intentions for EASTER Sunday March 27, 2016**

**For all the priests who served at our Lady of Lebanon  
And for our Church Community**

## Mass Celebration



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## Sunday Readings



**Reading:** Philippians 10: 1-7 (*Serving God*)  
**Holy Gospel:** John 12:12-22 (*Jesus enters Jerusalem*)

## Mass Intentions



### 9:30 AM

**Edward Jage** (Req. by Bill & Cheryl Blum)

**Abigail Lopez** (Req. by Adriana Ballines)

### 11:30 AM

**Fred Balesh - Dennis & Elvire Balesh Cisarik** (Req. by Salem Rogers)

**Rev. Joseph Mikhael Ziadé** (Req by Tony Ziadé)

Schedules	9:30 A.M. Mass	11:30 A.M. Mass
Altar Servers	Joseph and George Estephan, Andres Ballines, Leila Nehra	Estifan Azzo, Cassandra Chahoud, Yasmina Mulcahey, Ramez Sayegh
Readers	Cheryl Blum	Dr. Zeina Abboud (English) Rania Lutfallah (Arabic)
Ushers	Nabil Zahra Frank Kermend	Elie Massoud, Ed Kneip, Henry Abboud, William harb, Tony Boumitri, John Albani Sami tabet, Naji Abiad



## **Announcements**

✳️ Congratulations to Tonia Khouri who has won her election for the Republican Nomination in the 11th Congressional District of the U.S. House of Representatives.

### ✳️ **BAKE SALE**

Today is our annual Easter Bake sale. We appreciate your generosity, your donations and your support. Looking forward to serve you in the Shaker Hall.

### ✳️ **Palm Sunday candles**

The Youth group are selling decorated Candles for Palm Sunday. To purchase your candles please see Mrs. Micheline Dwyer.

### ✳️ **Holy week Celebrations**

Monday – Tuesday – Wednesday: **Liturgy at 7:00 PM**

Thursday (washing feet) & Good Friday: **Liturgy at 7:30 PM**

**Saturday March 26:** Easter Egg Hunt and Egg coloring (Pizza): **10:30 AM – 2 PM**

Easter Sunday March 27: **Midnight Mass – 9:30 Mass and 11:30 Mass.**

### ✳️ **Christian Formation Study and Discussion**

Coming Tuesday after 7 PM Mass, we will have a small talk and discussion about The East–West Schism: The Split and separation between Western Catholic and Eastern Orthodox. What is the difference between Catholic and Orthodox? And why can't we celebrate Easter together?

## **Let us remember**

and pray for our Beloved Ones who died during the month of March

✠ Peter Dumit  
✠ Maurice Zayek  
✠ Robert Basil

✠ Louis Haddad  
✠ Dixie Lee Haddad  
✠ James C. Bomrad

✠ Nabiha Farris  
✠ Mary Bouzide  
✠ Fredia Saige

## **COLLECTION**

**Sunday March 13, 2016: \$ 2,290.00**

Lent is a Time of Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving!