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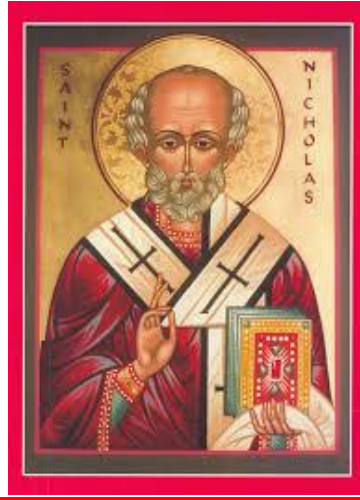
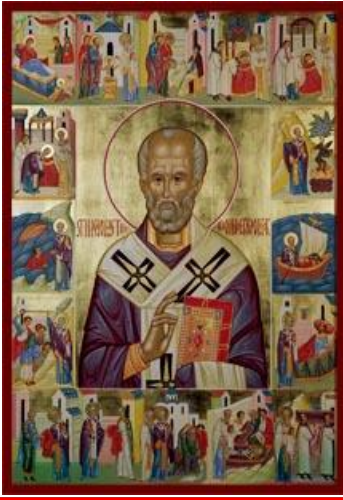
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Sunday, April 24th, 2016

HAPPY PALM SUNDAY

THE EPISTLE: Philippians 4:4-9 BRETHREN, rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. What you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, do; and the God of peace will be with you.

الرسالة: فيلبي 4:4-9 يا إخوة افرحوا في الرب كل حين وأقول أيضا افرحوا، وليظهر حلمكم لجميع الناس فإن الرب قريب. لا تهتموا البتة، بل في كل شيء فلتكن طلباتكم معلومة لدى الله بالصلاة والتضرع مع الشكر. وليحفظ سلام الله الذي يفوق كل عقل قلوبكم وبصائركم في يسوع المسيح. وبعد أيها الإخوة مهما يكن من حق، ومهما يكن من عفاف، ومهما يكن من عدل، ومهما يكن من طهارة، ومهما يكن من صفة محببة، ومهما يكن من حسن صيت، إن تكن فضيلة، وإن يكن مدح، ففي هذه افكروا. وما تعلمتموه وتسلمتموه وسمعتموه ورأيتموه فيّ فهذا اعملوا. وإله السلام يكون معكم.

THE GOSPEL: St. John Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. There they made a supper; Martha served, but 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, one of his disciples (he who was to betray him), said, "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor but because he was a thief, and as he had the money box he used to carry 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 have me always." When the great crowd of the Jews learned that he was there, they came, not only because of Jesus but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests planned to put Lazarus to death also, because on account of him many of the Jews were going away and believing 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 be he who comes in the name of the Lord, even 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 didn't 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 him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead bore witness. The reason why the crowd went to meet him was that they heard that he had done this sign.

الإنجيل: يوحنا قبل الفصح بستة أيام أتى يسوع الى بيت عنيا حيث كان لعازر الذي مات فأقامه يسوع من بين الأموات. فصنعوا له هناك عشاء، وكانت مرتا تخدم وكان لعازر احد المتكئين معه. اما مريم فأخذت رطل طيب من ناردين خالص كثير الثمن ودهنت قدمي يسوع ومسحت قدميه بشعرها، فامتأ البيت من رائحة الطيب. فقال احد تلاميذه، يهوذا بن سمعان الاسخريوطي، الذي كان مزمعا ان يسلمه: لم يُبْع هذا الطيب بثلاث مئة دينار ويُعطى للمساكين؟ وانما قال هذا لا اهتماما منه بالمساكين بل لأنه كان سارقا وكان الصندوق عنده وكان يحمل ما يُلقى فيه. فقال يسوع: دعها، انما حفظته ليوم دفني. فإن المساكين هم عندكم في كل حين، واما انا فلست عندكم في كل حين. وعلم جمع كثي ر من اليهود ان يسوع هناك فجأؤوا، لا من اجل يسوع فقط، بل لينظروا ايضا لعازر الذي أقامه من بين الأموات. فأتهم رؤساء الكهنة ان يقتلوا لعازر ايضا، لأن كثيرين من اليهود كانوا بسببه يذهبون فيؤمنون بيسوع. وفي الغد لما سمع الجمع الكثير الذين جاؤوا الى العيد بأن يسوع أت الى اورشليم اخذوا سعف النخل وخرجوا للقاءه وهم يصرخون قائلين: هوشعنا، مبارك الاتي باسم الرب، ملك اسرائيل. وان يسوع وجد جحشا فركبه كما هو مكتوب: لا تخافي يا ابنة صهيون، ها ان ملكك يأتيتك راكبا على جحش ابن أتان. وهذه الأشياء لم يفهمها تلاميذه اولاً، ولكن، لما مُجِد يسوع، حينئذ تذكروا ان هذه انما كُتبت عنه، وانهم عملوها له. وكان الجمع الذين كانوا معه حين نادى لعازر من القبر وأقامه من بين الأموات يشهدون له. ومن اجل هذا استقبله الجمع لأنهم سمعوا بأنه قد صنع هذه الآية.

Holy Bread of oblation offered by:

- ❖ St. Nicholas church for the good health of those who have celebrated their birthdays this week: Suad Husary, Anwar Halteh, Amal Michael, Hanan Zoughbaba. Happy Birthday. Many Years!

Alter candle offered by:

- ❖ Khader and Basima Atwan and family in loving memory of **Naimeh, Basem and Issam Jaghab**. May their memory be eternal!

Sponsors for Sunday's are needed. Please make checks payable St. Nicholas Church in the amount of \$25.00 or more.Thanks.

Announcements:



Palm Sunday Luncheon

There will be a delicious Luncheon (Fish) after the service! In order to reserve your seat please contact the church office. Donation:\$35 include drinks.



Bake Sale

Reminder that the our Palm Sunday BAKE SALE is this weekend, as you know this event is one of our biggest events at the church. Please remember to bring in your baked goods on Sunday April 24th, and please reach out to your family and friends to support the event.

For any questions, please reach out to Sana Jada @ [650-255-1380](tel:650-255-1380) or Janet Baqleh @ [650-438-7373](tel:650-438-7373)

Thank you everyone for your continues Support.

Good Friday Soup and Bagels

Leila Paolino & Sub. Deacon Michel Khoury are donating & preparing the Soup, Toasted Bagels and coffee after the Lamentation Service for the good health of their families. God Bless. Many Years!



**Agape Service - صلاة الباعوث & children's Eggs Hunt Sunday,
May 1st at 12:00 PM Agape (Vesper) Service**

Easter Sunday at 12:00 PM, there will be an Agape vespers and the readings of the Gospel of the Resurrection proclaimed to the four corners of the earth in the languages of all mankind. Following the Service we will have the Easter Egg Hunt donated by **Almaza Tannous, Mike Tannous, Hani Tannous, Gihan Cosentino, Christine Jekelian and their families in memory of Josef & Margarit Hanhan, Charles Tannous and Asal Tannous. Also by Almaza Tannous for the good health of her children Mike, Hani, Gihan, Christine and their families.**
Many Thanks. May God bless you and your families!



2016 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES GREAT AND HOLY WEEK OF OUR LORD'S PASSION AND HIS GLORIOUS RESURRECTION

Saturday, April 23th (سبت اليعازر)

Lazarus Saturday Divine Liturgy 11:00AM

Sunday, April 24th (أحد الشعانين)

Palm Sunday: Entrance of Our Lord into Jerusalem

Matins at 10:00 AM

Divine Liturgy & Procession with Palms at 11:00 AM

Holy and Great Monday, April 25th & Tuesday April 26th

Bridegroom Matins 7:00 PM (صلاة الختن)

Holy and Great Wednesday, April 27th

Holy Oil Service 7:00 PM (صلاة مسح المرضى بالزيت المقدس)

Confession Before & after the service

Holy and Great Thursday, April 28th

1- Divine Liturgy 10:30 AM (خميس الأسرار)

Breakfast after liturgy

2- Matins with 12 Passion Gospels 7:00 PM (صلاة اناجيل الآلام)

Holy and Great Good Friday, April 29th

The Royal Hours & Vespers Service At 11:00 AM (صلاة الغروب)

Matins with the Lamentations at the Tomb at 7:00 PM (تقاريط جناز السيد المسيح)

Holy and Great Saturday, April 30th (خدمة الفصح المجيد)

Starting Service 10:00 PM (بداية الخدمة)

Rush Hour 10:30 PM (صلاة الهجمة)

Divine Liturgy 12:00 AM (القداس الالهى) Followed by breakfast

Holy and Great Sunday, May 1st

Vespers 12:00 PM (صلاة الباعوث)

PASCHA (EASTER) BREAKFAST ITEMS NEEDED

As our custom, the Family of St. Nicholas Parish enjoys breaking the Fast together on the dawn of the Resurrection day. All the parishioners of St. Nicholas will have their breakfast together in celebration of the feast of the Resurrection of our Lord. Call church office if you would like to donate these items or money toward purchasing these items:

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| Feta Cheese | Cheese | Labneh | Olives | Ham |
| Orange Juice | Turkey | Pickles | Fruits | Napkins |
| Pita Bread | Tahini | Milk | Foam Cups | Olive Oil |
| Eggs | Sausage | Bacon | Potato | Coffee |
| Pancakes | Knives | Forks | | |

SAVE THE DATE:

2016 St. Nicholas SUMMER CAMP. From Monday, June 20th till Friday, June 24th at St. Sava Camp in Jackson, CA. More details to come in the following weeks!



Rejoice in the Lord Always!

(The Entry of the Lord into Jerusalem - Palm Sunday)

It is the Sunday of triumph which prepares us for the crowning triumph which we shall celebrate next Sunday. Today Jesus rides in glory into Jerusalem, the city of peace between God and humanity. The people acclaim Him to be Who He really is - the Messiah, sent by the Heavenly Father to save the world. As the events unfold it is clear that this is not the final victory. Jesus still has enormous trials to undergo. He has before Him the most ferocious battle that can be imagined. There are: the betrayal by His disciple, the trial, the unjust condemnation, the torments, the cross, the incredible weight of all the sins of humanity.

Yet these are but the consequences of the choice He has already made: to fulfil the Father's will - to redeem humans from slavery to sin, death, their alienation from God, each other and their own selves. If we look at things the way they really are, we shall understand why, even in the Services which convey the pain and suffering of the Saviour, we find notes of joy and victory. It is because we celebrate our Hero's VICTORY. Step by painful step He WINS each contest and, finally, with His victory shout upon the Cross proclaims that indeed "It is finished". He has won!

Thus, as Saint Paul calls us in today's Epistle: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. Have no anxiety about anything..." Alleluia!

في استقبال يسوع

نحن اليوم في بهجة استقبال يسوع إذ نقيم ذكرى دخوله إلى اورشليم. قد أرادته دخول احتفاء، ولكنه ما أرادته دخول فاتح بالرغم من السرور، بل دخول إنسان مُعدّ للموت. ولهذا بعد أن أقام العازر في بيت عنيا، وبعد أن انكفأ في بيت عنيا القريبة من اورشليم عند أصدقائه، كان لا بدّ له أن يكمل الشوط وأن يدخل في سرّ آلامه.

لم يدخل فاتحاً ولم يركب حصاناً ولكنه ركب حماراً صغيراً كما يقول الكتاب، «جحشاً ابن أتان»، حتى تتم الكلمة المكتوبة في النبي قديماً: «يا ابنة صهيون - أي يا اورشليم - هوذا ملكك ياتيئك راكباً على جحش ابن أتان» (زكريا ٩: ٩). والقوم يستقبلونه مرتلين قول داود: «مبارك الآتي باسم الرب»، والآتي باسم الرب دائماً يدخل متواضعاً، والجحش يرمز إلى فقر يسوع وتواضعه.

ثم يقول الإنجيل مردداً أيضاً آية من داود: «من أفواه الأطفال والرضع هيأت التسبيح»، هيأت هذه التسبيحة التي يرددها الأطفال: «أوصنا» أو «هوشعنا»، أي الله خلّصنا، وكأنهم عرفوا أن الله مخلصهم الآن بهذا الفادي الذي سيُعطي العالم النجاة. الأطفال يعرفون الخلاص، أي الذين تنقّت قلوبهم ليصيروا كالأطفال، هؤلاء الذين انسحقوا وذابوا، هؤلاء الذين أرادوا من الله البقاء معه بعد أن عرفوا معاصيهم، هؤلاء يستطيعون الآن أن يرتنموا: يا الله خلّصنا فقد هلكنا. وأنت إذ تدخل، ليس اورشليم، بل تدخل قلوبنا، تدخلها متواضعاً لكي تُدرّبنا على التواضع العظيم.

فيما العالم في حروب وفتال، وفيما الناس يُبغضون الناس ويظلمون الناس، تبقى هذه الأمثلة أن الخلاص يأتي به الفقراء إلى ربهم، الذين لا يظلمون أحداً ولا يتعدّون، ولكنهم يروّضون أنفسهم على طاعة الله وعلى المحبة.

عند المحنة يُعرّف المؤمن. المؤمن هو الذي يحبّ بالرغم من كلّ ما جرى من سيّئات، هو الذي يغفر للظالمين والمعتدين لأن شأنه أن يغفر. نحن لا نركب خيلاً، أي لا نستكبر ولا نتعظم، ولكننا نقبل الموت ونقبل الانسحاق في سبيل الله الذي قَبِلَ كلّ ظلم من أجلنا نحن.

اليوم سوف يُطهر المسيح الهيكل. دخل لأجل ذلك. وهو يُطهر هياكل نفوسنا من باعة الحمام والصيارفة، أي يُطهر نفوسنا من الشهوات التي بها نبيع الله ونخون الله. والمهم أن يتراءى لنا الأقدوم الذي انبج على صليب يسوع وعند القيامة. بالصليب سوف نتعلّم أن النصر هو على مستوى القلب، وأن الإنسان لا ينتصر بالقوّة، وأن أتباع يسوع ما كُتب لهم أن ينتصروا ولكنهم ظافرون بالحبّ وظافرون بالغفران في كلّ وقت وبنوع خاص اليوم. ولهذا سوف نكمل الدرب بعد أن قال لنا: «أحبّوا بعضكم بعضاً كما أنا أحببكم»، وهذه الوصية ننفّذها اليوم.

إن لم ينتصر يسوع فينا في نفوس خاشعة، متواضعة، منسحقة أمامه وأمام الناس، تكُن ديانتنا مجرد كلام.

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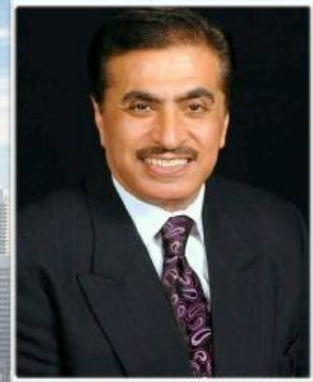


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