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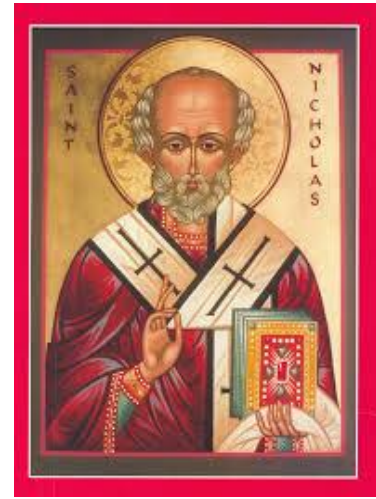
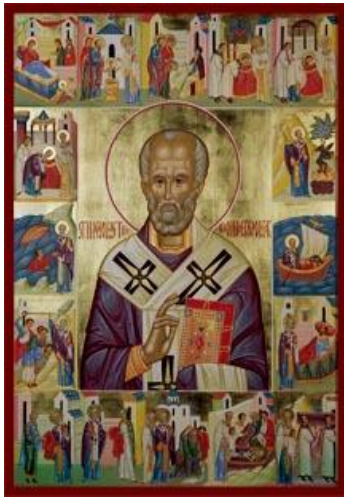
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Sunday, April 9th 2017 / PALM SUNDAY / أحد الشعانين



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 جلمكم 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 ايها 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 وتسلّمتموه وسمعتهموه ورأيتموه فيّ فبهذا 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 ايام 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 نارددين 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 يُعْ 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 فجاءوا، لا من اجل يسوع فقط، بل لينظروا ايضا لعازر الذي أقامه من بين الأموات. فأتى 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 الآتي باسم الرب، ملك اسرائيل. وان يسوع وجد جحشا فركبه كما هو مكتوب: لا تخافي يا ابنة صهيون، ها ان ملكك يأتيك 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: Fr. Paul Baba, Issa Wehab, Haytham Madanat, Lulu Rantisi, Tony Karam, Salim Qare and Ibrahim Alhaj. Happy Birthday.Many Years!

Palm Sunday Luncheon

Join us downstairs for a delicious Luncheon (Fish) after the service celebrating the Palm Sunday. **Donation: \$35. Please call the church office to reserve your seat in advance.Thanks.**

Ladies:

On April 8th the ladies will organize an Easter spiritual workshop, dedicated to our Kids we will have plenty of booths, Egg coloring, cookie decorating, Bread baking. Please bring your kids; it will be a fun event, donation \$5:00 each, lunch will be served



Good Friday Soup and Bagels

Leila Paolino & Sub. Deacon Michel & Judy 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!

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:

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

Thanks for your donations!

**Agape Service - صلاة الباعوث & children's Eggs Hunt Sunday,
April 16th 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 our families

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## **2017 SCHEDULE OF SERVICES: GREAT AND HOLY WEEK OF OUR LORD'S PASSION AND HIS GLORIOUS RESURRECTION**

### **Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup> (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 10<sup>th</sup>**

Bridegroom Matins 7:00 PM (صلاة الختن)

### **Holy and Great Tuesday April 11<sup>th</sup>**

Bridegroom Matins 7:00 PM (صلاة الختن)

### **Holy and Great Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

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

Confession Before & after the service

### **Holy and Great Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

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 14<sup>th</sup>**

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

Decoration of Bier of Christ (تزيين نعش السيد المسيح)

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

### **Holy and Great Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> (خدمة الفصح المجيد)**

Starting Service 10:00 PM (بداية الخدمة)

Rush Hour 10:30 PM (صلاة الهجمة)

Matins 11:00 PM

Divine Liturgy 11:30 PM (القديس الاله)

Followed by breakfast

### **Holy and Great Sunday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Vespers 12:00 PM (صلاة الباعوث)**

**Followed by Children Eggs Hunt**

### **❖ Three Holy Youths Camp: June 19<sup>th</sup> – June 23<sup>rd</sup> 2017**

Registration for camp begins.. February 16th- May 1<sup>st</sup> . Registration \$200.00

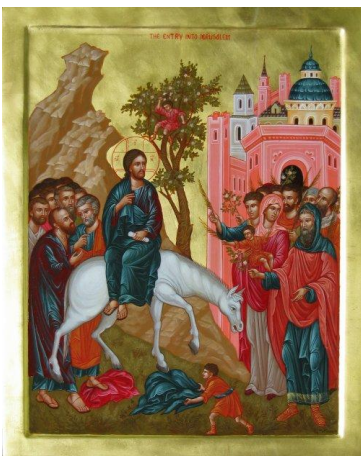
For online Registration Visit: [norcaldeanerycamp.org](http://norcaldeanerycamp.org) > Registration> Media Consent Form.

Medical Forms must be completed at your parish in person.

For more info, please contact Ilyan Baalbaki : (586) 604-5331.

- ❖ **2017 PLC:** 2017 Parish Life Conference will be held on **July 5-9, 2017** hosted by St. Michael Church in Van Nuys, CA.
- ❖ **2017 Antiochian Archdiocese Convention** will be held on **July 23-30, 2017** hosted by St. George Cathedral. Florida.
- ❖ **Save the date: October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2017, *Ball Dance Contest*:** We are having our first Ball Dance Contest in October 22<sup>nd</sup> and we need young men and young women to participate.
- ❖ For further information please call **Gladys Maalouf** @ [4158320316](tel:4158320316)

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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!

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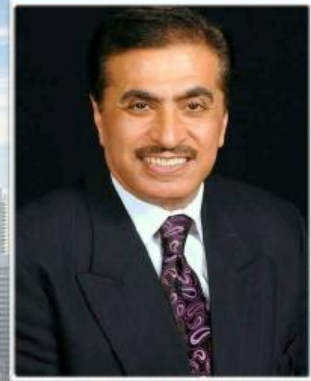


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