

The background of the image is a vibrant, artistic illustration. It depicts a stone path or courtyard. The path is composed of large, light-colored, rectangular stone blocks. Interspersed among these stones are several green palm fronds, their long, pointed leaves extending across the scene. The lighting is bright and natural, casting soft shadows and highlighting the textures of the stones and the lush green of the palm leaves. The overall composition is balanced and visually appealing, serving as a backdrop for the religious text.

HOSANNA!

Blessed is the
one who comes
in the name of
the Lord!

Matthew 21:9



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The Self-Ruled Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

“The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch.” (Acts 11:26)

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April 5th, 2015

A Blessed Palm Sunday to All!



Weekly Schedule of Services

Saturday: 5:00p.m. -- Great Vespers
Sunday: 8:45 a.m. Matins -- 10:00 a.m. Divine Liturgy
Wednesday: 10:00 a.m. Matins -- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study
(Confessions by Appointment)

Welcome to St. Mary Orthodox Church! We extend our warmest and heartfelt greetings to you and your family. If this is your first time with us, we pray that you feel at home. After all, we are gathered together in our Father's house. For more information, please see one of the ushers at the end of the service for a "Welcome Packet." May God bless you and give you many healthy years in His service.

Changes in the Liturgy

First Antiphon

I am well content: For the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication. The anguish of death encompassed me, the perils of hell beset me.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Tribulations and sorrow have I found. And I called on the name of the Lord. I will walk acceptably before the Lord in the Land of living.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior save us!

Second Antiphon

I believed, and therefore have I spoken; but I was deeply humiliated. What shall I render unto the Lord, for all His benefits unto me?

Save us, O Son of God, who didst sit upon the foal of an donkey, who sing unto thee, Alleluia!

I will take the cup of salvation, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord.

Save us, O Son of God, who didst sit upon the foal of an donkey, who sing unto thee, Alleluia!

I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Save us, O Son of God, who didst sit upon the foal of an donkey, who sing unto thee, Alleluia!

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

O only-begotten Son and Word of God...

Third Antiphon

O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

Troparion of Lazarus (Tone One)

O Christ God, when thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead, before thy Passion, thou didst confirm the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we like babes, carry the insignia of triumph and victory, and cry out unto thee, O Vanquisher of death, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord!

Changes in the Liturgy

Entrance Hymn (Tone Two)

Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God and hath appeared unto us. Save us O Son of God, who didst sit upon the foal of an ass, who sing unto thee, Alleluia!

Troparion of Lazarus (Tone One)

O Christ God, when thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead, before thy Passion, thou didst confirm the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we like babes, carry the insignia of triumph and victory, and cry out unto thee, O Vanquisher of death, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord!

Troparion of Palm Sunday (Tone Four)

O Christ God, when we were buried with thee in baptism, we became deserving of thy Resurrection to immortal life. Wherefore, we praise thee, crying, Hosanna in the highest, blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord!

Kontakion of Palm Sunday (Tone Six)

Unborn upon the heavenly throne, and seated upon the earthly foal, O Christ our God, receive the praises of angels and the hymns of men, exclaiming before thee, Blessed is he that cometh to restore Adam!

Epistle of Palm Sunday

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good; for His mercy endures forever!

The Reading is from St. Paul's Letter to the Philippians (4:4-9).

Brethren, 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, but in everything by prayer and supplications with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your 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.

Gospel of Palm Sunday

The Reading is from the Holy Gospel according to St. John (12:1-18).

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

Changes in the Liturgy

Megalynarion for Palm Sunday (Tone Four)

God the Lord hath appeared unto us; let us celebrate the Feast, and let us rejoice and magnify Christ; and with palms and branches let us raise our voices unto him with praise, saying, Blessed is he that cometh in the Name of the Lord our Savior.

Koinonikon for Palm Sunday (Tone Eight)

Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord. Alleluia!

Instead of “We have seen the true light...”, sing the Troparion of Lazarus (Tone One)

O Christ God, when thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead, before thy Passion, thou didst confirm the universal resurrection. Wherefore, we like babes, carry the insignia of triumph and victory, and cry out unto thee, O Vanquisher of death, Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord!

Procession of Palms

During the Palm Sunday procession after the Divine Liturgy we will sing the Troparion of Lazarus, the Troparion of Palm Sunday, and “Holy God...” (many times).



Blessing of Palms

Let us Pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy!



O Lord our God, that sittest upon the Cherubim, who hast raised up the might of thine Only-begotten Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, that through his Cross and Grave and Resurrection he might save the world; and at whose coming today to Jerusalem, unto his voluntary Passion, the people that sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, taking the symbols of victory, the boughs of trees and branches of palms, did go forth and proclaim the Resurrection, by anticipation. Do thou, the same Lord, preserve and keep us also who in imitation of them do bear our hands palm and boughs of trees, on this day of the feast. And like unto those multitudes and children who offered unto thee Hosanna, may we also in hymns and spiritual songs, attain unto the Life-giving Resurrection on the third day, in the same Christ Jesus our Lord, with whom thou art blessed, together with thine all-holy, and good, and life-giving Spirit: now and ever, and unto ages of ages. Amen.

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
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ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
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Pastoral Message for the Triumphant Entry of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem
Palm Sunday - April 5, 2015

Sitting on Your throne in heaven, Carried on a foal on earth, O Christ God! Accept the praise of angels and the songs of children who sing: Blessed is He that comes to recall Adam! (Kontakion for Palm Sunday)

We greet you with love and joy on this Palm Sunday which celebrates the Triumphant Entry of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.

The Kontakion for the feast which is quoted above expresses with great eloquence the worship and praise which are due to our Lord and God and Savior Jesus Christ by His children. Today He enters Jerusalem not majestically as an earthly king, but as a humble servant. He who is the mightiest King of all deigns to sit on the back of a lowly beast so that He might teach us humility. It was only yesterday that He raised Lazarus from the dead and today the people meet Him with palm branches, laying their garments on the ground before Him and exclaiming “Hosanna! Blessed is He that comes in the Name of the Lord.” His time for the performing of miracles and teaching in the synagogues is completed. The time has come to confront the authorities in Jerusalem and to prepare to willingly become a sacrifice for many.

We are called today to receive our King as we celebrate this triumphant entry which is the prelude to the victories which we will witness during Holy Week; the victory of the Cross and the victory of the Empty Tomb. We are called to receive our King who is ever present in His Church and among His people, granting us hope, peace, consolation and salvation.

The great joy of this feast brings to us the transition from the struggle of the completed Great Fast to the journey through Holy Week. To those who have struggled with sincerity to this day, you are called to persevere. To those who may have come late to the struggle, there is still time.

May our journey through Holy Week uplift us spiritually and guide us to worthily experience the brightness of the Empty Tomb.

Yours in Christ,

+JOSEPH
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of All North America
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

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**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
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Palm Sunday, 2015

To Be Read from the Pulpit and Printed in the Bulletin

**St. Mary Orthodox Church
Rev. Fr. Mousa Haddad
6330 West 127th St.
Palos Heights, IL 60463-2300**

Beloved in the Lord:

Greetings to you and your families on this Great Feast of the Church. As we have completed the 40-day Fast and prepare to enter into the most solemn week of the Church year, we pause today to celebrate our Lord's triumphant and brilliant entry into the holy city of Jerusalem.

Today, as we pause to celebrate this feast amidst our Fast, we also pause to remember our beloved Mother Church headed by His Beatitude, Patriarch JOHN X. We were fortunate to be blessed by his visit in December of 2014 and we look forward to his apostolic blessings as he presides at our archdiocese convention in Boston this summer.

Each year on this special day, we ask you, the faithful of our God-protected Archdiocese for an offering of love to send to His Beatitude from his spiritual children here in America. Just as in our own families, we remember our parents on their birthdays and anniversaries; we too, as a Church family, remember our spiritual father and our Mother Church each year on this great feast. As you give, please be generous so that our Church in the Middle East can continue to be a beacon of light in the midst of the darkness of war and turmoil that lingers in the lands where our Lord and the holy Apostles walked.

Wishing you in advance a prayerful Holy Week and a most joyous Pascha, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

+Metropolitan JOSEPH, Primate
Archbishop of New York and Metropolitan of all North America

*** There will be a second collection today for the Patriarchate of Antioch ***

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Triumphal Entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday)
April 5, 2015

Dear Faithful of the Toledo and Midwest Diocese,

Palm Sunday is a great feast. It is also a preview of coming attractions. This is the first time Jesus Christ will enter the City of Jerusalem. Those who welcomed Him with "festal branches" (Ps. 118:26-28) at this procession into the city knew what they were singing. The people were chanting the closing verse of Ps. 118, the psalm that welcomes the Messiah into Jerusalem. It is this psalm which completes a series of psalms following the Passover meal they would celebrate seven days later. And if, you remember, it is part of the hymns Jesus sang with his disciples after the Last Supper and before His betrayal by Judas.

But this first time He came in humility on the white colt of a donkey. He would climb not the Mount of Olives where the Messiah was supposed to go, but the hill of Golgotha. He rode in on Palm Sunday to finish His spiritual, invisible mission by delivering us from the bondage of sin and death and to conquer the Devil.

The next time He comes He will come on a "white horse" when the "heavens will open" like a swinging gate and Jesus Christ will be wearing not a crown of thorns but a crown with "gold and diamonds and diadems." He will be all in white escorted by a host on white horses, like emperors coming in triumph to the capital city in a chariot pulled by white horses and "on his robe and on His thigh he has a name inscribed, King of kings and Lord of lords".

In fact, my beloved in Christ, as many Orthodox Churches have in their iconography, the "four living creatures," the angels, guarding the gate, perfectly depicts this Second Coming of our Lord into the City of the New Jerusalem that comes out of Heaven from God. (Rev. 19:11-15)

Have a wonderful Palm Sunday!

Your Father in Christ,

+ Bishop Anthony

Bishop of Toledo
Antiochian Orthodox Christian Archdiocese of North America

PARISH NEWS



Honoring your loved ones: Please consider signing up for one or more Sundays to provide Holy Bread and Coffee hour.

It's this gift of Holy Bread that we use to prepare communion and to share with our parishioners at the end of the service. *What better way to honor your loved ones on their birthday, anniversary, graduation or memorial.* It takes minimal effort, and it encourages fellowship among our community.

Holy Bread and Coffee Hour

04/05: Philip and Grace Riske & Family

04/12: Rashid and Suzan Sweis & Family

04/19: Emile and Wajih Haddad & Family

Epistle Reading

04/05: Awan Sweis & Lana Sweis

04/12: Faris Samawi & Sasha Rascia

“Bible Verse of the Week”

He is despised and rejected by men, A Man of sorrows and acquainted with grief. And we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we did not esteem Him. Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

Isaiah 53:3-4



Churching

Sophia

Parents: Sam & Reem Sweis
Congratulations!



Churching

Princeton Nabih

Parents: Nail & Lubna Tadros
Congratulations!



Newborn

Jon

Parents: Andrew & Huda Zaghlul
Congratulations!

Mother's Day Raffle Ticket Sale

Tickets are being sold from
Palm Sunday thru Mother's Day

5 tickets for \$10

Buy your tickets from any of the
Antiochian Women today!

Palm Sunday Candles

Today, Sunday, April 5th, the ladies will be selling
decorated Palm Sunday Candles!



\$5 each



To purchase your candle or if you have any questions please see
Magida Abudayyeh or any of the ladies.

Kaek and Mamoul Sale

*****Today*****

April 5th, 2015

Antiochian Women
Kaek & Mamoul Sale

Large Tray: \$40

Small Tray: \$25



You are invited to our Annual Teen SOYO

Great Friday Vigil

Friday April 10, 2015 @ 10:00pm

All Teens are invited

Participants must have a signed permission slip.

If you are 15 years old or younger, you must have a chaperone who is a least 18 years of age.

Hope to see you all there!

This is a potluck event so please remember only Lenten food

If you have any questions please see Lilly Tadros

Agape Service



Sunday, April 12th (Easter Day) at 1:30pm we will have the Agape Vespers service at St. Mary Orthodox Church. This is the service in which the Gospel is read in as many languages as possible. If you know a language other than English and Arabic, and would like to read the Gospel in that language, please let Fr. Mousa know. Mark your calendars!

خدمات الصيام والاسبوع العظيم 2015 Lent & Holy Week Services

نيسان 3 April	الجمعة: القداس السابق تقديسه Friday: Pre-Sanctified Liturgy	مساء 7:00pm
نيسان 4 April	السبت: القداس لسبت اليعازر Saturday: Lazarus Saturday Liturgy	صباحا 10:00am
نيسان 5 April	الاحد: خدمة القداس لعيد الشعانين Sunday: Palm Sunday Liturgy	صباحا 10:00am
	الاحد: الختن الأولى Sunday: 1st Bridegroom Service	مساء 7:00pm
نيسان 6 April	الإثنين: الختن الثانية Monday: 2nd Bridegroom Service	مساء 7:00pm
نيسان 7 April	الثلاثاء: الختن الثالثة Tuesday: 3rd Bridegroom Service	مساء 7:00pm
نيسان 8 April	الأربعاء: صلاة الزيت المقدس Wednesday: Holy Unction Service	مساء 7:00pm
نيسان 9 April	الخميس: قداس باسيليوس العظيم Thursday: Divine Liturgy of St. Basil	صباحا 10:00am
	الخميس: خدمة ١٢ انجيل والصلب Thursday: 12 Passion Gospels	مساء 7:00pm
نيسان 10 April	الجمعة: خدمة الساعات Friday: Royal Hours	صباحا 10:00am
	الجمعة: خدمة انزال المصلوب Friday: Taking Down From the Cross	مساء 3:00pm
	الجمعة: جناز المسيح Friday: Lamentations	مساء 7:00pm
	(سهرانية العيد GOOD FRIDAY All-Night VIGIL to follow)	
نيسان 11 April	السبت: قداس سبت النور Saturday: Vesperal Liturgy of St. Basil	صباحا 10:00am
	السبت: سحرية العيد، الهجمة وقداس القيامة Saturday: Rush Procession & Matins followed by Paschal Liturgy	مساء 10:00pm
نيسان 12 April	الاحد: صلاة الباعوث Sunday: AGAPE VESPERS	ظهرا 1:00pm

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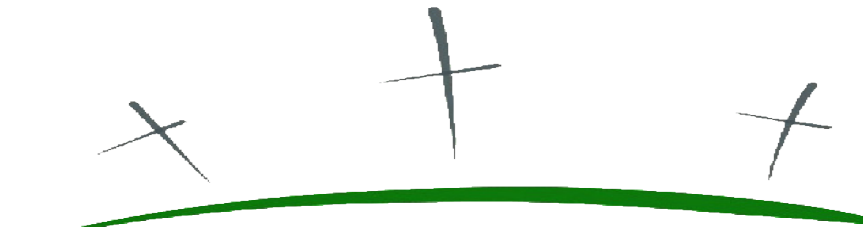
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Friday, April 10th * 10AM-4PM

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Open to all youth in 1st through 8th Grades*

(there will be 2 separate groups with age appropriate activities)

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Questions or Concerns? See Preyma Grace or Angela





St. Mary's Men's Basketball League



The time has finally come for family, friends, and lots of fun! We are pleased to present the 4th Annual Men's Basketball League. The games will be held in the gymnasium of St. Mary's Orthodox Church. This league will be open to members of the community and to our sister churches. The timing of this league couldn't be better as we try to come together as a community to enjoy companionship and some friendly competition. We ask that you all spread the word as much as possible, as we get things started to have another successful season! There will be sign-ups held during coffee hour and open gyms.

Season begins on June 2nd 2015

***Forms, Teams, and Fees due by May 17th 2015**

Requirements:

- Signed waiver
- Team registration sheet
- Fees
- \$75/ person- No Purchase of Jersey
- \$100/ person- With Purchase of Jersey

Information:

- Ages 16 and up
- Make your own team
- Min members per team -- 7
- Max members per team – 9

Contact: athletics@stmaryoc.org

Nidal Haddad 708-691-8849 or Melad Qodsi 708-692-0561



ST. MARY'S ATHLETIC'S

6330 West 127th St. Palos Heights, IL

3-on-3 Basketball Tournament

St. Mary is hosting their annual 3-on-3 basketball tournament! Get your starting line-ups ready for a weekend full of family, friends and FUN!!! Come support your community and enjoy some friendly competition.

The tournament will be held on **Saturday, May 9th 2015 at 10:00am.**

SEE YOU THERE!



Requirements:

- Completed Registration/Waiver Form
- Registration Fee \$25/person
- Ages 14+
- 3 players per team
Men's and women's bracket
- All forms and fees due by:
May 3rd 2015

For questions contact:

Melad Qodsi
708-692-0561
athletics@stmaryoc.org

Nidal Haddad
708-691-8849

Fabiola Sweis
708-715-3229

DodgeBall

- What:** Dodge Ball Tournament Presented by St. Mary's Orthodox Athletic Ministry
- Who:** Ages 14 and up, 5 players per team; *1 must be female*
- Fee:** \$20 per person/\$100 per team
- When:** Sunday, September 6th 2015 at 3:00 PM
- Where:** The Gymnasium of St. Mary Orthodox Church at 6330 W, 127th St., Palos Heights, IL, 60463



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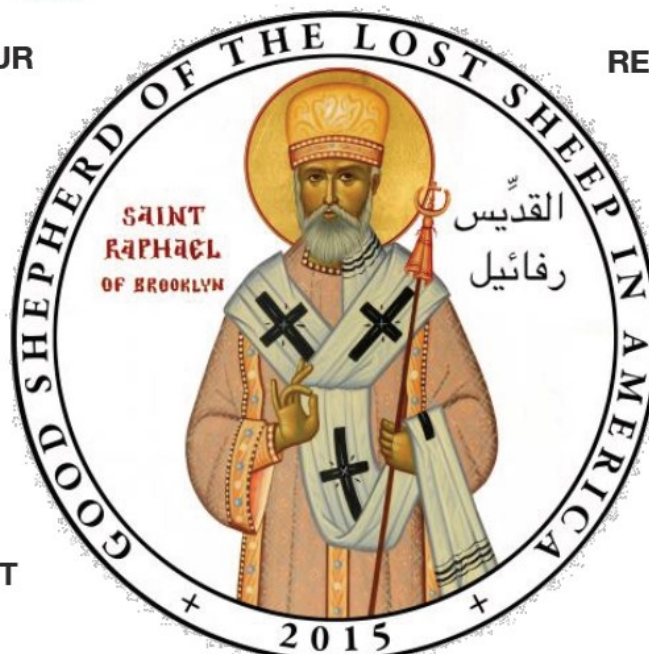
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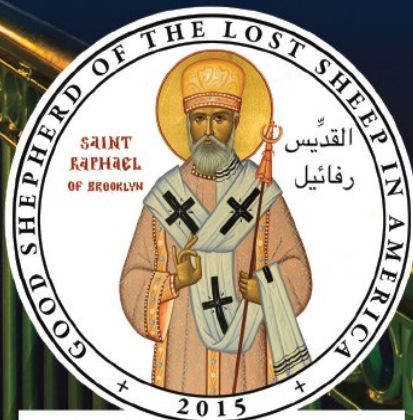
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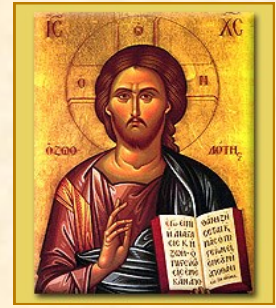
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- Oratorical Festival
- Enliven to Christ
- Daily Bible Study
- Department Meetings
- An Enchanting Evening over Boston
- A Night to Celebrate our Archdiocese
- Cabaret & Hufi
- Grand Banquet
- Teen Banquet/Pool Party
- 21/40 Event

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Weekly Synaxarion



On this day in the Holy Orthodox Church, the Sunday of Palms, we celebrate the radiant and glorious festival of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem. Jesus came to Bethany on the Sunday falling before the six days of the Mosaic Passover. On the following day He sent two of His Disciples, who brought Him a donkey on which He sat to enter the city. And when the great multitude heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they immediately took palm branches in their hands and went out to meet Him. All cried, “Hosanna! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, King of Israel!” The branches of palm trees were a symbol of Christ’s victory over Satan and Death. And the meaning of “Hosanna” is, “We pray Thee, save.” The donkey’s colt, which was still an untamed animal, and impure according to the law, as well as Christ’s sitting thereon, symbolize the former savagery and impurity of the Gentiles; and their subsequent taming and obedience to the holy law of the Gospel. By Thine ineffable compassion, O Christ our God, make us victors over the irrational passions, and make us worthy to see Thy tangible victory over death, Thy radiant and life-bearing Resurrection, and have mercy on us. Amen.