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April 24, 2016

FEAST OF PALM SUNDAY

ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM

TONE:

EOTHINON:

LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM

APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY IN 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 children, carry the insignia of triumph and victory, and cry to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord.

APOLYTIKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN 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 IN TONE SIX

Upborne 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:

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 from the Epistle of St. Paul 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 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 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, these do; and the God of peace will be with you.

GOSPEL: The Reading 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 moneybox 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 cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel!" And Jesus found a young donkey and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey'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.

HOLY BREAD

Holy bread is offered for the health and welfare of Nusrallah, Sanaa, Rana, Rami, Deanna, Jumana & Jerry Jubran, Alice Woog & family, Fr. Tom & family, Fr. Duane & family, Fr. John & family, Dn. John & family and Mike, Denise, Merissa & Joseph, and all the members of the Ferraro, Haddad and Aboody families, and in memory of Tomah & Baheye Jubran, Shafiek & Nayfah Bisharat, Nadia Smith, Joe Woog, Edward, Marion, Priscilla, Frank, Helen, Paul, Joe, John, Adele and Richard.

COFFEE HOUR

Coffee hour will be hosted by the Ferraro, Jubran and Woog families. Please join us for this time of fellowship.

WELCOME to all our guests and visitors. We are delighted to have you visiting and worshipping with us this morning and hope that you return soon. We invite you to participate in the Divine Liturgy, but, sadly, due to the divisions in Christianity, **only baptized/christened members of the Orthodox Church who have made their Confession before an Orthodox priest and prepared themselves by fasting may receive Holy Communion.** Please come forward after Liturgy to venerate the Cross and partake of the *Antidoron*-Holy Bread. Please join us in the Parish Hall for Coffee Hour after the Liturgy. Also, please **turn off your cell phones and all electronic devices.**

PRAY FOR THE SICK

Please pray for Jim Etoll, Wally & Maria Golden, Allen & Nick Golden, John Etoll, Yasmin Kakish, Carol Haddad, Betty Ablan, Ted & Camille Goll, Kh. Vergin Khoury, Erma Ziton, Jackson & Hunter Golden, Mavis Aussey, Margaret Boalbey, Norm & Gracie Holmes, Phyllis Hodge, Sarah Vanlerberghe, Kh. Vera Proctor, Kh. Amy Hodge, Ellie Brynjulfson, Edgard Siouffy, Magdalen Ng, Berhane Haliemichael, Rosa Neimy, Sandi Heuer, Andree White, George & Ellie Saba, Mitch, Joe & Beverly Zaine, Rosina Schwager, Alexander, Fr. Dan & Eileen Simon, Gideon, Lamese McDowell, Delores Trisko, Carol Mihalchick and Mike Etoll.

If you are ill and wish to be remembered in the Liturgy and daily prayers of the priest, please contact Fr. Tom.

THIS WEEK

MEOCCA BRIDEGROOM SERVICE

MEOCCA Bridegroom service today will be at St. Herman's Orthodox Church, 5355 38th Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN at 4:00 P.M. A meal will follow the service. Please plan to worship with our Orthodox brothers and sisters.

CONFESSIONS

You need to make an appointment with Fr. Tom for confessions, which will be given through Wednesday, April 27. Confessions after that will only be for those who were out of town or were unable to come before Wednesday, for a good reason.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULES

Please pick-up a schedule of events from the ushers desk, it includes all the services and activities for this Special Week!

We will also have a special tray at each service for donations for candles and for flowers for Holy Friday.

PASCHAL FLOWERS: We wish to thank the Kakish family who have generously decided to donate the flowers for the Pascha service in loving memory of Jakob Kakish and John Ashton Price IV.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

To our Dear Family at Saint George,

For three and a half years we experienced a love that only comes unconditionally. We may not be family by blood, but are made a family through Christ. Words cannot begin to express the gratitude we feel in our hearts for the outpouring, you our family in Christ, did for us during Jakob's earthly trial. We truly believe, that love and outpouring gave him the courage to keep going no matter what.

The same outpouring you gave to Jakob and our family continued from the minute of his falling asleep in the Lord. We could not have made it through this time without your outpouring of support.

We thank you for everything everyone did for us during our time of grief and for touching our hearts and most importantly for touching Jakob's Heart from the day he arrived at Saint George. We love you and are glad we are all a family in Christ. We would not have it any other way.

Thank you and with much Love,

The Kakish Family

FASTING RULES FOR PALM SUNDAY & PASCHA

The Great Fast continues with the great feast of Palm Sunday (katalysis for fish, wine and olive oil) followed by the "bright sadness" of Great and Holy Week. The Great Fast comes to an end at the Paschal Midnight Office and Rush Procession (Hajmeh), followed by the celebration of Paschal Orthros and the Paschal Divine Liturgy, (after midnight) Sunday, May 1st.

CONGRATULATIONS

Our congratulations to Rawah & Teklu Bahta on the baptism of their daughter Sarah on Saturday, April 16. Her godparents are: Meley Kiflu, Simon Weldelibanos and Vicky Michaels. God grant her many years!

MENS CLUB

There will be a short meeting after the luncheon this Sunday, Palm Sunday, to discuss the upcoming Mother's Day Brunch. We are very pressed for time. Please make an effort to attend!

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN

On Monday, April 25 at 10am we will bake kaack. On April 28, Holy Thursday, we will dye Easter eggs. Please check with Nancy Etoll and Mary Rudquist if you are able to help. – Sue Perry

NAB PROJECT

The NAB Project for the month of March is to Feed the Hungry in the US and Abroad. To donate, please write check to Antiochian Women NAB project (the Coffee Cup Collection). Deb Etoil and Sue Perry are collecting after church. Thank you

CAMP SCHOLARSHIP

At our ladies meeting the ladies decided will give out 4 scholarship of \$100.00. Two will go to the Senior Division. Two will go to the Junior Division. Submit your essay, the same topic as St. Mary Greek, to Cindy Karos by June 1. Please put your name on a separate piece of paper. Thank you to our anonymous donor who donated \$200.00 to help send our children to camp.

Thank you from U of M, OCF

The U of M Orthodox Christian Fellowship would just like to thank the Saint George parish for all of the wonderful meals throughout the course of the school year. You alone have provided meals for nearly 3/4's of the meetings, which is a testament to the charitable parishioners!

God Bless, OCF Board

FOCUS

Anyone interested in helping out with our summer feeding program over the summer at FOCUS please contact Ellen Peters. We make simple bag lunches every Wednesday for a local youth shelter and are currently looking for volunteers to help us continue this service for the the months of May through August. If you might be interested in volunteering for some Wednesdays, or know of someone who might, let me know! As of now, we have every Wednesday over the summer open with the exception of [June 29](#), [July 27](#), and [August 31](#). Thank you, Ellen Peters ellenhpeters@gmail.com

BOOKSTORE NEWS - Li' PRAYER BUDDIES

The bookstore has a variety of "the Lil' Prayer Buddies," stuffed animals that say prayers. They make wonderful gifts. Prices range from \$15.00-\$20.00.

NEIGHBORS, INC FOOD SHELVES

Thank you for your donations of food and money! We received 100 lbs. of food and \$620. Donations are accepted throughout the year. You may give donations of cash or checks (made payable to Neighbor's Inc.) to George Droubie or Michelle Apman. Thank you!

FOCUS

It's More Than A Free Dinner Once a Week - FOCUS MN is Free Meals AND also Food Shelf, Clothes Closet, and is building a Mobile Clinic!. The Orthodox Community is working miracles! Please help out by bringing Shampoo, Toothpaste/Toothbrushes, Aluminum Foil, Baggies - various sizes, Paper Towels, Coffee, Tuna, Spaghetti, Sauce, Cereal, Clothing, Men's Shoes or giving of your time or money. For more info, go to <http://areyouinfoocus.weebly.com/> or contact our FOCUS liaisons Pat Percy, Sue Perry or Lisa Mikhail.

CONSTRUCTION NEWS

The floor phase of the construction project is now completed. Please watch your step, the new floors may be slippery. . Our thanks to Anthony Rezcallah who led the flooring committee and who put in so many hours. Also, thank you to Sean Rudquist and his crew who did a beautiful job. We are happy to announce that we now have most of the new lights in the nave of the church. We will complete the lighting project when the dome is repaired and the church painted.

UPCOMING EVENTS

HOLY BREAD LIST

April 28, Joannie Alevizos
April 30, Mary Rudquist
April 30, Kakish family

COFFEE HOUR LIST

NA
Mary Rudquist
(potluck)

To schedule Holy Bread and/or memorial, please contact Joannie Alevizos. It is completely proper to have more than one memorial or Holy Bread on a Sunday. *When signing up for Holy Bread, please indicate "yes" or "no" if you will also be providing coffee hour.* If you would like to host a coffee hour please contact Sanaa Jubran. It is important to *e-mail or call Fr. Tom AND Brigitte Khoury at bgkstgeorge@gmail.com by Wednesday noon prior to the Sunday of your memorial, with your information in order to print the bulletin in a timely manner.*

The 2016 Summer Camp Scholarship Contest for Grades 6-12!

Open to our entire Pan-Orthodox Community! Two Camp scholarship coupons will be awarded in memory of Presbyteria Mary Coniaris and James H. Zubulake. Camp registration fees will be rebated to two contest winners. The 2016 theme for camp is "Attitudes and Beatitudes." This year's essay question is, *"As an Orthodox Christian how can my Attitudes reflect the following Beatitude?" (Please choose one of the Beatitudes from chapter 5 of the book of Matthew.)*

There will be two divisions:

Junior Division- open to campers entering 6-8th grades fall 2016. Contestants are required to submit a 250- word (typed) essay on the theme.

Senior Division- open to campers entering 9th- 12th grades fall 2016. Contestants are required to submit a 500- word (typed) essay on the theme.

Entries must remain as close to the word limits (250 or 500) as possible.

ENTRIES ARE DUE NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MAY 22, 2016. Submit entries to: frbenjamin@stmarysoca.org

GREETINGS PARENTS OF SUMMER CAMPERS

Our brand new Summer Camp Website is open!

While we will need you to create a new profile this year we think you'll find the site a terrific improvement.

You'll find instructions on the home page www.stmaryscamp.com under Welcome to the New Website. Click on "read more."

Our thanks to Paul Hastings for his tireless work in authoring this beautiful site!
Please sign them up! Also please remember that this year all check payments are due by May 1st.
Scholarship help is available by contacting your parish priest.
Blessed Lenten Journey,

Doria Saros

Pastoral Assistant, St. Mary's Greek Orthodox Church, 3450 Irving Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55408.

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If your heart overflows with love for God, you will find a thousand ways to communicate and pass on these feelings to your children. *Bishop Irenaeus

2016 MIDWEST PARISH LIFE CONFERENCE

Save the date: Wednesday, June 22 through Sunday, June 26, 2016 Parish Life Conference - The Basilica of St. Mary Livonia <tolplc@antiochianevents.com, [Edward Village Michigan Hotel](#), 600 Town Center Drive, Dearborn, Michigan 48126, (313) 592-3622. See flyer on Bulletin Board.

Announcing the 9th Annual St. George Middle Eastern Festival – 2016

Our 9th Annual Middle Eastern Festival will be on July 15th, 16th and 17th, 2016. Please plan on joining us for a fun-filled weekend of fantastic food, great entertainment and the best hospitality in the Twin Cities! Silent auction, pastries and sweets, Middle Eastern marketplace and much, much more! Visit us online at www.mideastfest.com or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/mideastfest.

SEE YOU AT THE FESTIVAL!

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

If you would like to have an announcement published in the weekly bulletin, please note you must submit the information by **Wednesday NOON** before the Sunday you desire to have it in the bulletin. Please make sure the spelling of the names is correct.

KITCHEN USE

The Parish Council has determined that anyone wishing to use the kitchen at any time **must** contact George Khoury to reserve their date and time on the kitchen calendar.

Please remember, if you host a coffee hour you need to clean up the kitchen, take home the used linens, wash and return them, wipe the tables, take out the trash bags and put them into the dumpster. This is everyone's responsibility. Please help to preserve our beautiful hall.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! Hear Ye!

All Members of St. George and Friends

Good Friday, April 29, 2016

12 Noon

(After the 10:00 a.m. "Royal Hours" Service)

Paul Karos

Will Exclusively Address the Parish of St. George on the Topic

"Working Out Orthodox Style"

Some of us exercise daily to strengthen our muscles and tone our skin.

Paul will talk about what daily exercises we can do to strengthen our relationship with God.

Please Make Plans to Join Us for this Inspirational Presentation

(A Light Lunch Will Be Provided)