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Maronite Catholic Church



April 4-5, 2020

HOSANNA SUNDAY

HAS GONE AFTER HIM" ST. JOHN 12:19

Brothers and Sisters in Christ:
Shaanini Mbaraki! Blessed Palm
Sunday to all of you!

We are near the culmination of the Holy Season of Lent. This "final approach" to the passion and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is a reminder of Jesus' great love for His people. It is also a time to remember His teachings, His compassion, and His forgiveness. Year after year as we celebrate God's great gift to humankind, we cannot help but be filled with the sorrow of His Passion, but more importantly, the joy of His resurrection. Who among us cannot be moved to tears as we remind ourselves what Jesus endured for us? We are moved for a reason--- because we believe in our Lord; we know that His life and His teachings are true. We know that this is the reason He came and sacrificed His life for us. He died for us as that we can live.

This coming week is our time to truly experience and reflect on all He has given us. It is our time to renew our love, our sorrow, and our joy in the greatest love story ever known to humankind. How can we prepare ourselves? How can we experience our inner conversion that this Holy

Season of Lent intends us to do? This Great Week of Lent is our time to embark on these possibilities. Jesus' example is what we should reflect on as we prepare ourselves for the "final approach" of this Season of Lent.

As we walk the final journey with Him, let us continually ask for His guidance and His unconditional love to help us do what is right, what is just, and what is necessary. May we be a living example of all that Jesus taught us by actions, words, and deeds. This is no easy task brothers and sisters. This takes deep prayer, faith, and understanding.

All things are possible with the help of God. As we walk the way to the cross this week with Jesus, I pray that this will be a reminder of all the possibilities given to us for our own conversions. I pray that we can become better Catholics, better people, and relying on His sacrifice to gain the peace and the love that we all need so desperately. I ask all of you to make it a priority to celebrate this "final approach" this week seeking all of these possibilities, not only in theory, but in practice. This is what I pray for you and I ask you to do the same for me. Wishing all of you a very Blessed and Holy Week of Great Lent.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)

Please know that confession is available before liturgies. You may also call to set up an appointment.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*And people were bringing children to him that he might touch them, but the disciples rebuked them. When Jesus saw this, he became indignant and said to them, "Let the children come to me; do not prevent them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Amen, I say to you, whoever does not accept the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it." Then he embraced them and blessed them, placing his hands on them.
Saint Mark 10:13-16*

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ملخص العظة

أحد الشعانين

نحتفل اليوم بفرح وبهجة أحد الشعانين. اليوم نهتف قائلين "هوشعنا في العلى، مباركُ الآتي باسم الرب". لماذا نحتفل بفرح في هذا اليوم؟

الاحتفال اليوم قد يتناقض مع ما نشعر به وما نعيشه في هذه الأيام. هذه الكنيسة كانت ستكون ممتلئة بالناس والأطفال، مزينة بالشموع وكانت الزياحات في شوارع بلازنت وفرانكلن. علينا أن نحتفل بالحدث الذي جرى منذ أكثر من 2000 سنة. واليكم الأسباب!

الثلاثاء الماضي، سمعنا في قراءة الإنجيل أنه طُلب من يسوع أن يذهب إلى اليهودية إلى عيد المظال ليظهر نفسه للعالم، لكن يسوع رفض وقال أنه لم يحن وقته بعد. لم يكن يسوع مهتمًا بأن يُظهر نفسه بل كان كل تركيزه لإعداد تلاميذه للإستمرار من دونه، لأنه كان يعلم أن موته على الصليب أصبح قريب. فيما بعد صعد يسوع بالخفاء إلى اليهودية.

وفي إنجيل اليوم، نسمع عن الكثير من الأمور المتعلقة بمسيرة يسوع نحو أورشليم ولكن هناك أمر واحد مُلفت وهو الشجاعة. إنجيل اليوم يُظهر شجاعة يسوع.

عرف يسوع أن الكثيرين أرادوا القبض عليه وإدانته، فذهب إلى مكان مقتطٍ بالناس.

انتشر خبر زيارة يسوع لأن الجمع كان قد سمع عن عجائبه وتعاليمه. كان يسوع قد أصبح نجمًا. كان الآلاف من الناس يريدون ملاقاته، رغم أن معظمه أدانوه في وقت لاحق. ومع ذلك، أتى يسوع إليهم.

رغم كل عظمتهم، لم يأت على حصان ملوكي بل أتى بتواضع ونبله على جحش أتان. لو كان يسوع خائفًا، لما ذهب إلى أورشليم بهذه الطريقة.

استقبل بالهتافات وبموكب من الرجال والنساء والأطفال وأيضًا من الوثنيين. طلب اليونانيون أن يروا يسوع، وكانوا بدايةً لاتباع يسوع من خارج شعب إسرائيل. شعر الفريسيون أنهم غير نافعين. لم يكن باستطاعتهم أن يفعلوا شيئًا لردع آلاف الناس المنجذبين نحو يسوع. وعندها عرفوا أن عليهم أن يتصرفوا. كان يتمتع يسوع بالكثير من الشجاعة وكان يعرف أن وقته قد حان. من منا يخرج إلى العلن رغم معرفته أن السلطات تريد القبض عليه والحكم عليه

بالموت بتعسف؟ هل نواجههم ونحكم على أنفسنا بالموت؟ هذا يتطلب الكثير من الشجاعة، يا إخوتي.

كان الفريسيون يشاهدون ما حدث بغيظ. كان عليهم أن يتصرفوا ويحكموا على يسوع بالموت وإلا سيخسرون كل قوتهم وسلطتهم. لا يمكن مقارنة التحديات التي نواجهها اليوم بما صادفه يسوع ولكن، في الوقت عينه، تحدياتنا حقيقية ومُنهكة في بعض الأحيان وتتطلب الشجاعة والإيمان.

يبرهن لنا يسوع مدى قوة الشجاعة ويعلن لنا الا نخاف مما ينتظرنا. إنه قدوتنا لكي لا نقع ضحية الخوف، بل لنثق بالله ويقدوته لنا. ولهذا السبب أحد الشعانين، الذي حدث منذ أكثر من 2000 سنة، له مدلول عظيم لحياتنا اليوم.

اليوم هو تحضير لنا لأسبوع الآلام العظيم. نبدأ بالسير مع يسوع خلال أيامه آلامه الأخيرة ونحن عارفين أن حتفالاً عظيم سيأتي بعدها وهو الإحتفال بالقيامة.

فليكن أسبوع الآلام العظيم نورًا لعقولنا وقلوبنا لنرى محبة وشجاعة يسوع المسيح فنسير معه جميع أيام حياتنا مدركين التوضيحية التي تحملها من أجل شعبه المؤمن به. ولناأخذة عبرة لنا لنسير بشجاعة وإيمان. شنعينية مباركة!

Prayer for Spiritual Communion

O Divine Ocean of Mercy and Compassion, be with us in our time of trial and difficulties. Today I make an act of spiritual communion with you, the Life-Giving Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. At this time, I am not able to receive the sacred body and blood of my Lord, God and Savior Jesus Christ, but I choose to live in union with him and in the unity of the Holy Spirit. I offer my day, my daily life, my joys and sorrows to you, for those around me, and for the whole world. Be with us O life-giving Triune God, for we know that nothing in this world has power over us. O Lover of all people, have mercy on us and on the whole world.

LITURGY INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 4, @ 5:00 PM, (Saturday of the Raising of Lazarus) liturgy is being offered for the souls of Michel and Anna Magaletta, Sr., Michele Jr., and Baldassare Magaletta requested by Joann, Anthony, and Lorraine David. May their souls rest in peace.
Sunday, April 5, @ 10:30 PM, (Hosanna Sunday)

Saturday, April 11, @ 5:00 PM, (Messiah Qam)
Sunday, April 12, @ 10:30 AM, (Messiah Qam)

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT ALL LITURGIES AND PRAYER SERVICES DURING THE WEEK OF GREAT LENT WILL BE AVIALABLE THROUGH ZOOM. PLEASE SEE THE SCHEDULE BELOW. I WILL SEND AN INVITATION FOR EACH SERVICE. I WILL ALSO SEND THE TEXT FOR EACH LITURGY SO THAT YOU MAY PARTICIPATE AT HOME. ALSO PLEASE BE SURE YOU PLACE YOUR PHONE OR COMPUTER ON MUTE ONCE YOU LOG INTO THE SERVICE.

WINE AND HOST OFFERINGS

This month of April, the wine and bread offerings are in memory of Joseph and Louise Dupre by their family. May their souls rest in peace.

Anyone who would like to give an offering in memory of a loved one or for a special intention for the month of September, please see Fr. Vincent. The cost for the month is \$75.00, which covers the cost of the communion bread and wine. Thank you and God bless.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR KINDNESS AND GENEROSITY BY SENDING IN YOUR WEEKLY COLLECTIONS VIA MAIL. THIS HAS BEEN VERY HELPFUL FOR THE CHURCH. GOD BLESS YOU AND YOUR FAMILY.

PALM SUNDAY DISTRIBUTION OF PALMS

Since Divine Liturgies are being offered privately, many have asked how they can obtain blessed palms. After Divine Liturgy on Sunday morning, I will have a bucket of blessed palms outside the side entrance of the Church, at the curb of the parking lot. You may stop by and help yourself to the palms at that time.

As far as the blessed oil from the Rite of the Lamp, I will have small containers of blessed oil that will be reserved once the Divine Liturgies return to public masses. If you would like to have this oil prior to that day, please let me know and I will place some on the porch table of the rectory. I know these are very difficult times for all of us and Holy Week is a very sacred and special time for us. Let us remain united in the knowledge that Jesus walks with us more so than ever before. We will still commemorate His passion, death, and resurrection with the assurance of His great love for us. We will get through this only with Him.

IN OUR PRAYERS

Fernanda Thomas, Hiam Cheiab, Leo Roderick, Anthony (Tommy) Thomas, Rose John, Theresa John, Laurette BouRamia, Annie Peter, Jeannie Francis, Mariam David, Norma Thomas, Zita Drouin, Lucienne Rodrigues, Ed DaRocha, Edmond Salameh, and Alice Daher. If anyone is missing from this list please contact the Church office.

ABOUT WHAT ARE THESE SERVICES DURING THE WEEK OF GREAT LENT?

I'm happy you asked? During Lent, we celebrate the traditions of the Universal Catholic Church, remembering the passion of Jesus Christ. However, the last week of Lent, known as "Great Lent" in the Maronite tradition, gives us the chance for a final approach for conversion. This week belongs to the Maronite "Book of Passion" of Holy Week and reflects our estrangement from God and our need for conversion. Each and every one of us are in need of this conversion, thus we walk together in prayer, fasting, and forgiveness.

The Rite of the Lamp "is to plead to the Lord to receive the contrition of the faithful repentant and to grant health to the sick according to the letters of the Apostle, St. James (5:13-15). The anointing on this day of the Rite of the Lamp is not given to those who are sick. Rather it is meant for every one of the faithful as a sign of healing and repentance during the final week of Holy Lent.

This anointing differs from the Anointing of the Sick and Dying in many ways.

- 1) The Anointing is a mystery, the fifth of the seven mysteries of the Church. The Rite of the Lamp, on the other hand is a plea to the Lord on behalf of those who repent.
- 2) The Rite of the Lamp is administered by the Eastern Churches and is not obligatory or necessary.
- 3) The oil used for the Rite of the Lamp is not a consecration of oil as is the case for the Anointing Mysteries that the Bishop performs. It is a blessing by the priest specific to the week of Holy Lent.
- 4) The Anointing with sacred oil is used only to those who are very ill or in danger of death and is not given to anyone else. The oil

blessed during the Rite of the Lamp is administered to those who are sick as well as to those who are well. It is designed to be a healing of body and soul on our final journey to the way of the cross of Jesus Christ. The whole community is anointed as it feels the need of our own healing of body and soul.

I pray that all of us may walk this week in the same tradition that we celebrate---for the finishing touches for our own personal inner conversion and healing of body and soul.

("" taken from The Passion Week: According to the Antiochene Syriac Maronite Church, +Stephen Hector Doueih, STD, Bishop Emeritus of the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn)

ANNUAL BISHOPS CHARITY APPEAL

Each year the Eparchy of St. Maron of Brooklyn appeals to each parish for the annual Bishops Charity Appeal. The money is divided as follows: 30% for priests' retirement, 25% go towards the seminarian's education and boarding, 15% goes toward our endowment fund, 15% goes to Patriarchal liturgical commission and texts, and 15% goes to Lebanon. Each parish in the eparchy is asked to send an amount based on the size of the parish and the ability to raise this money for these much-needed programs. OLOP Church must raise \$3,500.00 from February 24-April 10, 2020. All of you have been very generous in the past and I am confident we will raise the amount requested. Thus far we have collected \$1,163.00 toward that amount. I thank you for your continued generosity for this worthy cause.

WEEKLY COLLECTION FOR March 28-29, 2020

Sunday Collection	\$ 563.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$ <u>100.00</u>
Total:	\$ <u>663.00</u>

SCHEDULE FOR GREAT WEEK OF LENT

Monday, April 6	Coming to the Harbor, Divine Liturgy	7:00 PM
Tuesday, April 7	Coming to the Harbor, Divine Liturgy	7:00 PM
Wednesday, April 8	Rite of the Lamp, Divine Liturgy	7:00 PM
Thursday, April 9	The Last Supper, Divine Liturgy	7:00 PM
Friday, April 10	Signing of the Chalice, Service	11:00 AM
Friday, April 10	Crucifixion of our Lord and Procession, Service	7:00 PM
Saturday, April 11	Saturday of the Light Prayer service	10:00 AM

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