

OUR PARISH

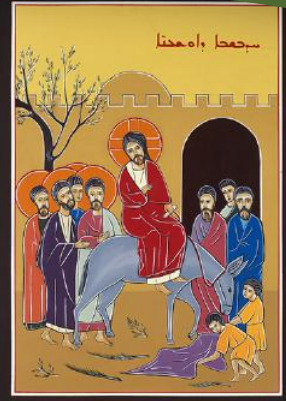
Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park

Issue 22 | Sunday 2 April 2023 | Hosanna Sunday "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord" Jn 12: 12-22



THE GOSPEL

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord — the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him. So the crowd that had been with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to testify. It was also because they heard that he had performed this sign that the crowd went to meet him. The Pharisees then said to one another, "You see, you can do nothing. Look, the world has gone after him!" Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jn 12: 12-22



Hosanna Sunday
Zech 9: 9-11, 15a, 16-17
Phil 1: 1-13
Jn 12: 12-22

Message from the Bishop

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We have now reached Hosanna Sunday, the entry into Passion (Holy) Week which will be crowned by the celebration of the great Easter, the Mystery of the Resurrection. These forthcoming days of Holy Week, the week that changed the world, give us an occasion to relive the fundamental truths of our Redemption.

On Hosanna Sunday, we proclaim Christ as King with loud and cheerful acclamation: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the king of Israel." (Jn 12:13).

Let us raise our voices and proclaim Jesus the King of kings and the Lord of lords whose kingdom will have no end. Jesus, the Son of God and the Son of David became man to show us the way to God the Father. He is the promised Messiah foretold by the prophets. For many generations, people waited for this promised Messiah, a powerful and mighty King who will lead humanity to salvation.

Although He was a King, He chose to ride a lowly donkey; although He was the Mighty One, he humbled himself. This is the great paradox. People were expecting the Messiah to rule like the Kings of the old Kingdom. But Jesus ushered in the new Kingdom of God which has shaped the course of history for ever. This was done to fulfil the prophecy we read this Sunday from the Old Testament: "Exult greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! Behold: your King is coming to you, a just saviour is He, humble, and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey" (Zech 9:9).

The liturgy unveils for us the Father's mysterious plan of salvation, inviting us to ascend the Holy City Jerusalem, the gateway to

Christ's passion and death, with the crowd of disciples, who accompany the Master with shouts of welcoming Hosannas, proclaiming "Blessed is He who comes."

We celebrate "the One who comes" as Jesus our King, King of love, of peace and compassion. The King in whom all creation lives, moves and comes to fulfilment. The King who deserves all our praise, honour and glory.

We celebrate "the One who comes" to establish His Kingdom in our hearts, in our families and in our parishes, a Kingdom of new life and new hope.

On this Hosanna Sunday, we are invited to make of this Holy Week a time of prayer, reflection and reconciliation in order to immerse ourselves in the mystery of our Redemption. May these days ahead be filled with graces as we pray, reflect, renew and reconcile ourselves to God and one another. Let us proclaim with joy and confidence:

Blessed be Jesus who comes; Hosanna, Hosanna to our King!

Palm Sunday Collection

As per our annual practice, our Eparchy with all its parishes will be holding a special collection for Caritas Lebanon during all masses this Hosanna Sunday weekend. The theme this year is: "We continue with your support...". All proceeds collected go to support our Diocesan Family Appeal through Caritas Lebanon. Volunteers will be standing outside the church doors carrying collection boxes. I am grateful for the generosity you always show towards our appeals and I assure you that your donations make a difference in the lives of many in Lebanon.

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

SUNDAY HOLY LITURGIES

OLOL Co-Cathedral, Harris Park

8am (Arabic)
9:30am (English)
11am (Ar/Eng)
5pm (Ar/Eng)
7pm (English)

Live Streaming
Through Social Media

WEEKLY HOLY LITURGIES

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri
7am, 9am & 6pm

Wed 7am, 9am & 5:30pm (Ar)
7pm (English Youth)
Sat 7:30am & 6pm (Ar/Eng)

CONFESSIONS

Before and during Saturday
6pm and Sunday Masses or by
appointment on weekdays

WEEKDAY DEVOTIONS

Rosary:
Mon - Sat
8:30am (Arabic) | 7pm (English)

Divine Mercy followed by

Rosary Fri 7:30pm

Adoration Hour & Confessions
Thur 8 pm - 9 pm

24 Hour Adoration
Every first Friday of the month
from 9:30 a.m - Saturday 7:30

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Is Jesus "KING" in your life?

After witnessing the raising of Lazarus, many began to follow Jesus and even praised Him as King. Yet, within a few days those same people would condemn Him to death, and "Hosanna to the King" would be replaced with "Crucify Him!" How many of us have done the same thing in our life - praising God in the good times, and questioning or doubting Him in the difficult times? Sadly, some have left the Church during their personal "bad times" and wander through life ignoring their need for the Sacraments that sustain us on this earthly journey, giving in to the vices and false promises of the secular world.

When I was too young to know what was going on, I remember coming face to face with a Saint - Pope Paul VI - on his visit to Sydney in 1970 and asking my parents "who is that man?" I can imagine the same question being asked by those who encountered Jesus during His earthly mission, as He preached and healed and loved along the way - "Who is that man?" If only they knew that they were really and truly in the presence of not only a King, but in the presence of God Himself. They were as unaware as I was unaware of the Saint in my presence back in the 70's.

As life's journey takes me further along the road toward my eternal destination, I am grateful for having learned and experienced much over the years. But I have never known anyone like Jesus. Who do I say He is? If I were to write all that Jesus is to me personally, there would not be enough pages or enough books to contain the words of my heart. I can only summarise my answer with this simple response: "Jesus is my hope, my strength, my Lord and my God!" Jesus is the King of my heart.

In the darkest moments of life when I couldn't find solutions to my problems, Jesus has been the light that led me out of that darkness. In the loneliest times when I've felt abandoned and rejected, Jesus has been my loving consolation and faithful companion. When pain, sorrow, and fear have consumed my days, Jesus has been my strength, my fortress, my rock. There have been situations in my life that were unbearable. Had it not been for the prayers that united my heart to His Heart, I would not have survived.

Who do I say that Jesus is? He is everything. He is the love that fills my heart with each new sunrise. He is the brightness of a flickering candle in the dark night of my soul. He is the sweetness of a friendly embrace and the gentleness of rest. Jesus is most certainly the "KING" in my life. Is He yours?

Salwa Elias

QUESTION

Who is the Holy Spirit revealed to us by Jesus Christ?

ANSWER

The Holy Spirit is the third Person of the Most Blessed Trinity. He is God, one and equal with the Father and the Son. He "proceeds from the Father" (John 15:26) who is the principle without a principle and the origin of all trinitarian life. He proceeds also from the Son (Filioque) by the eternal Gift which the Father makes of him to the Son. Sent by the Father and the Incarnate Son, the Holy Spirit guides the Church "to know all truth" (John 16:3)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Heaven on Earth's Good Friday Sleep-Out

Friday 7 April 2023
Time: 9:30pm
Meet: St John Paul II Church
826 Victoria Rd Ryde NSW 2112
Bring your own sleeping bags, pillows, blankets
Contact: Fr Robert-Pio 0414447883
or Charlie Mejalli 0410306009 to register

BLOOD donations

APRIL 2023
Tuesday 4th | 6:45 - 7:00pm
To book a time that best suits you:
Contact Elana on 0466 283 883
Rosehill Blood Service
There is the option to donate whole blood or just plasma.
FUNFACT: Your plasma can help in 18 life giving ways, just over half your blood is plasma.

21 May 2023, 10:30am
Parish Hall
Entry \$30 PP
\$8k
Australia's Biggest Morning Tea
Cancer Council
Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral

6-WEEK COURSE
THEOLOGY OF THE BODY
Awaken Your Desire
Weekly from 7pm to 10pm
Thur 11th May - Thur 15th Jun 2023
Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral
40 Alice St, Harris Park NSW 2150
Cost (Incl. dinner, refreshments and consultations):
Early Bird: \$70pp (Until April 10th)
Registrations: George @ 0423451722

A Retreat Day For Women
(English)
Sunday 18 June 2023
8:30am-4:30pm
St Joseph's Baulkham Hills
Speaker: Mrs Houda Jilwan
For ages 25 and over
Cost: \$80
SMS Juliette 0403 133 502 to register
Registrations close Sunday the 4th of June
Organised by OLOI Family Committee



OPENING HOURS

Palm Sunday 2nd of April

6:00 AM - 3:00 PM

Holy Thursday 6th of April

6:00 AM - 4:00 PM
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Good Friday 7th of April

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Easter Sunday 9th of April

Closed

Monday 10th of April

Closed

PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Sunday 2 April:

Hosanna (Palm) Sunday

8:00am Mass & Procession of Palms (Eng/Ar)

11:00am Mass & Procession of Palms (Eng/Ar)

4:00pm Mass & Procession of Palms (Eng/Ar)

7:00pm Mass & Procession of Palms (Eng)

9:30pm Rite of the Arrival at the Harbour

Passion Monday 3 April:

7:00am & 9:00am Mass (Arabic)

6:00pm Mass & Adoration of the Cross

8:00pm Stations of the Cross, Evening Prayers, Adoration of the Cross (Eng)

Passion Tuesday 4 April:

7:00am & 9:00am Mass (Arabic)

6:00pm Mass & Adoration of the Cross

8:00pm Stations of the Cross, Evening Prayers, Adoration of the Cross (Eng)

Passion (Job) Wednesday 5 April:

7:00am & 9:00am Mass & Rite of the Lamp (Eng/Ar)

6:00pm Mass & Rite of the Lamp (Eng/Ar)

8:00pm Stations of the Cross, Evening Prayers, Adoration of the Cross (Eng)

Thursday of the Mysteries 6 April:

7:00pm Mass of the Last Supper, washing of the feet

8:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (Eng/Ar) & Silent Adoration

9:30pm "Praying with Jesus in Gethsemane" (Eng/Ar)

Great (Good) Friday 7 April:

6:00am Mass & Rite of Signing of the Chalice (Eng/Ar)

8:00am Rite of Adoration of the Cross (Eng/Ar)

10:00am Way of the Cross Procession

11:00am Rite of Adoration of the Cross (Eng/Ar)

2:30pm Litany (Talbat) of the Sorrowful Mother

3:00pm Rite of Adoration of the Cross (Eng/Ar)

6:00pm Divine Mercy Novena

7:00pm Reconciliation Night

8:00pm Movie: The Passion of The Christ – CYPC

Saturday of the Light 8 April:

10:30am Prayer of Forgiveness & Litany of the Resurrection (Eng/Ar)

6:00pm Vigil Mass of the Resurrection (Eng/Ar)

7:00pm Divine Mercy Novena

11:00pm Rite of Peace and Solemn Liturgy of the Resurrection, celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

Sunday 9 April:

RESURRECTION (EASTER):

Masses 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00am, 5:00pm and 7:00pm

6:00pm Divine Mercy Novena

Easter Monday 10 April:

Masses 8:00am, 11:00 am and 6:00pm

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS For week ending: 26/03/2023

Plates: \$..... | **Donations:** \$..... | **Candles:** \$.....

PARISH LOANS

CYPC: \$3,486,142

UNITS: \$1,148,943

MONTHLY LOAN REPAYMENTS

CYPC: \$35,798 POST-COVID INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

UNITS: \$11,745 POST-COVID INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

KIDS CORNER

WHAT HAPPENED IN YOUR PARISH

What's happening in your parish? Well, it only takes a few small steps into our doors (& social media pages) to find out!

Last Saturday

Saint Joseph and OLOL Fersen Al Adra celebrated the Feast of the Annunciation at OLOL. Two Maronite parishes came together as one holy family to celebrate the most blessing feast. Thank you to all our fersen leaders from both parishes for planning a special spiritual event and to the parents who volunteered to help. We are also blessed to have our Chaplains Fr John Paul Bassil & Sr Rita (OLOL) and Deacon Mekhael (St Joseph) to have been part of the feast journey with us.

Also, on the occasion of the feast, the sodality of OLOL came together for a spiritual day retreat to Berrima. It was a beautiful day spent in prayer and reflection

On Thursday & Friday

The Sodality of our parish worked hard in preparing and baking Easter sweets in time for Easter. May God bless all who volunteered and assisted in preparing and baking. Thank you to all who came and showed support by purchasing some sweets

On Tuesday evening

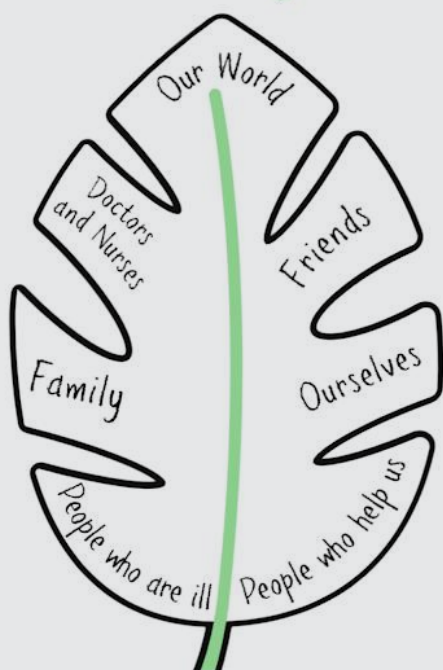
The family of divine word weekly talk was led by Fr Danny, they explored further on the topic of "take courage, I have conquered the world". It was a beautiful talk led by Father as we discussed the journey of Jesus Christ and how to live our lives in this time.

On Wednesday

The Sodality held their final Lenten lunch for the year. On behalf of the committee, we want to thank all the generous donors who supported us over the last six weeks. Your generosity was gratefully appreciated, especially your donations of food, gifts for the raffle and monetary donations. Your presence at the lunch each week makes us proud that we have such beautiful and caring people in our parish community. Without your continued support, we would not be able to help the needy and provide medications to Lebanon. In the evening the MYO had their final talk for the Lenten season which was hosted by Sr Margaret Ghosn. This week we discussed the book of revelation.

Keep up to date with all spiritual and social initiatives of your parish by checking our social media platforms, keeping your ears peeled to the latest parish announcements and being subscribed to our newsletter.

Palm Sunday Palm Leaf Prayers



Colour your Palm Leaf. You could pray for each section as you colour.

Cut out your leaf & stick it onto a door

Every day as you pass your leaf pray for one section

Thank You God that you always listen to our prayers. Sometimes we don't always know what is ahead of us, but like Jesus journeying through Jerusalem, may we always know you are with us. Amen

OUR LADY OF LEBANON CO-CATHEDRAL'S

A Grand Salute

GALA DINNER

Date & Time

Saturday, 27th May 2023 | 7pm

Venue

Doltone House | 121-133 Prairie Vale Road, Bossley Park

Dress Code

Formal

Price

\$175pp

Tickets to be pre-sold

Cause

To Support Parish Pastoral Activities & Development

Special Guest Star

Rob Shehadie

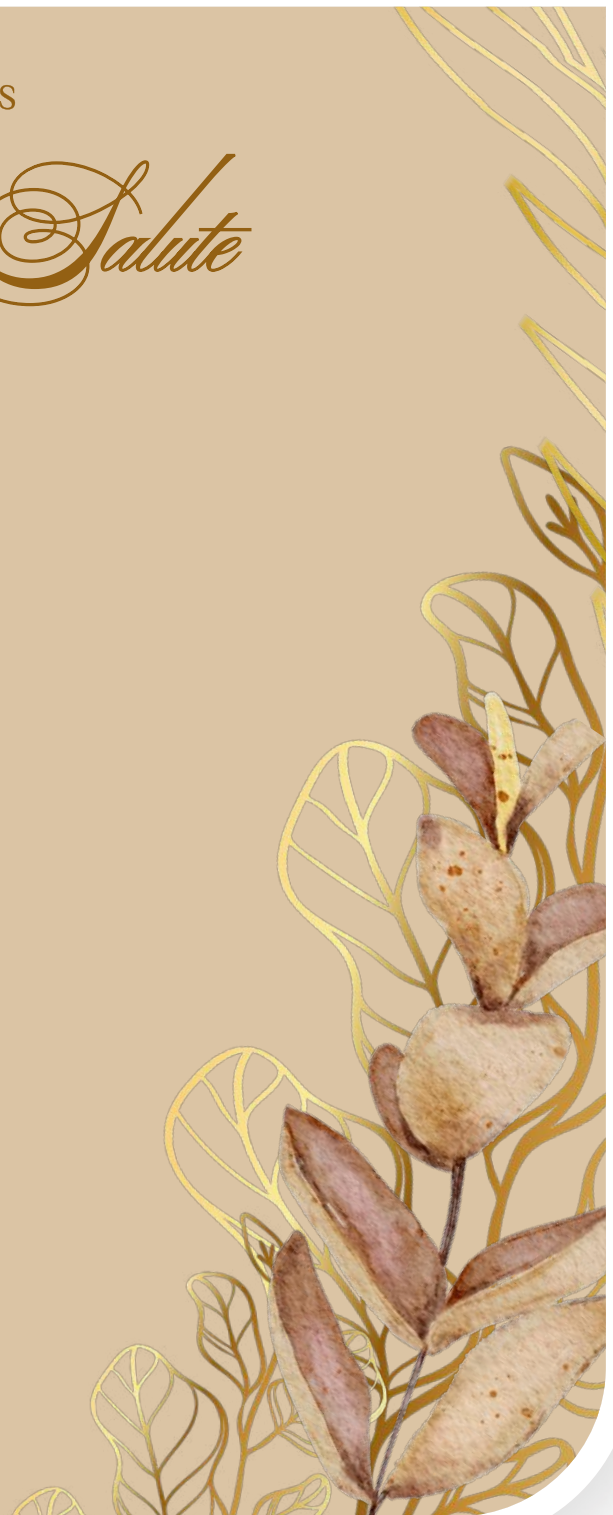
Contacts for Tickets/Tables

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Tina Salame | 0448 247 336

Church Reception | 9689 2899



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Major Prize
Partners



A Grand Salute Gala Dinner

Presenting Partner (1 only) at \$22,000

- Company Logo to appear on Official Website and Newsletter for April/May/June
- Company Logo to appear on Official Facebook page for April/May/June
- 2x Complimentary Corporate Table of 10 with company logo, valued at \$3,850 each
- Recognised as Presenting Partner in Official Program for the night
- Entitled to a full-colour page on inside front cover of Official Program
- Recognised on the Powerpoint Presentation as Presenting Partner for the Night
- Officially acknowledged by MC as Presenting Partner
- Acknowledged in any press-related and marketing material for the event

Diamond Sponsors at \$11,000

- Company Logo to appear on Official Website & Newsletter for April/May/June
- Company Logo to appear on Official Facebook Page for April/May/June
- Complimentary Corporate Table of 10 with Company Logo, valued at \$3,850
- Recognised as Diamond Sponsor in Official Program for the Night
- Entitled to half-colour page in Official Program
- Recognised on Powerpoint Presentation as Diamond Sponsor
- Officially acknowledged by MC
- Thanked as part of Main Address

Gold Sponsors at \$5,500

- Company Logo to appear on Official Website for April/May
- Complimentary Corporate Table of 10 with Company Logo, valued at \$3,850
- Recognised as Gold Sponsor in Official Program for the Night
- Entitled to quarter-colour page in Official Program
- Recognised on Powerpoint Presentation as Gold Sponsor
- Officially acknowledged by MC
- Thanked as part of Main Address

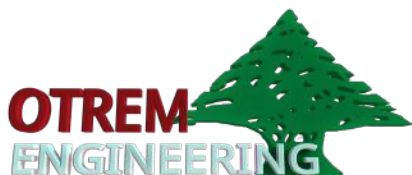
Corporate Tables at \$3,850

- 1x Table of 10
- Company Name and Logo on Powerpoint Presentation
- Recognised as Corporate Sponsor in Official Program
- Company Logo to appear on Facebook Page for May

Table of 10 at \$1,750

All prices are inclusive of GST

Diamond Sponsor



Gold Sponsors





UPCOMING EVENTS

VOLUNTEERS for Holy Week NEEDED!

Your assistance would be greatly appreciated & would make a significant impact in making our Holy Week services as meaningful and memorable as possible.

Please contact Joanne on 0427 503 008 or Charbel on 0421 187 919 for further details

Or scan the QR Code and Complete the form



LOLO MARONITE FLAME TEENS

Location: Youth Centre

Teens in Years 7-9: 4-6pm

Teens in Years 1-12: Come Alive is fortnightly Wednesdays from 7-9pm.



**Caritas
Lebanon**

Palm Sunday Caritas Lebanon Annual Appeal

As per our annual practice, we will be holding a special collection during masses on Palm Sunday on 2 April 2023, under the theme: "We continue with your support...".

All proceeds collected go to support our Diocesan Family Appeal through Caritas Lebanon.

Volunteers will be standing outside the church doors carrying collection boxes. Please be generous in your help to struggling families in Lebanon.

أحد الشعانين وحملة كاريتاس السنوية

بحسب العادة في كل سنة، تقوم أبرشيتنا بجمع التبرعات يوم أحد الشعانين دعماً لكاريتاس لبنان. شعار الحملة هذه السنة هو "ومكملين بدعمكم".

تجمع التبرعات في صناديق كاريتاس التي يحملها المتطوعون على أبواب الكنيسة لمساعدة العائلات الأكثر حاجة في لبنان.

نشكر سخائكم لدعم كاريتاس لبنان التي تعمل باسمكم وباسم الكنيسة لمساعدة المحتاجين.

COMMUNITY ADVERTISING

Mercy Health brings healthy ageing to Harris Park



Mercy Health is a trusted, leading Catholic provider of health, aged and community services with 30 residential aged care homes in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia.

In collaboration with the Maronite Catholic community, we are excited to announce the opening of our newest home, Our Lady Mercy Place Harris Park.

This 85-bed purpose-built facility, with an on-site wellness centre, café and hairdresser, offers quality aged care with a focus on family, friendship and community.

To find out more, call us on 6022 5800, email OLMPHarrisPark@mercy.com.au or visit our website mercyhealth.com.au

لوحة إعلانات الرعية

الأحد ٢ نيسان: أحد الشعانين

٨:٠٠ قداس وزياح الشعانين (عربي / إنكليزي)
١١:٠٠ قداس وزياح الشعانين (عربي / إنكليزي)
٤:٠٠ قداس وزياح الشعانين (عربي / إنكليزي)
٧:٠٠ قداس وزياح الشعانين (إنكليزي)
٩:٣٠ مساءً رتبة الوصول الى الميناء

إثنين الألام ٣ نيسان:

٦:٠٠ قداس يليه زياح الصليب
٨:٠٠ صلاة المساء، درب وزياح الصليب (إنكليزي)

ثلاثاء الألام ٤ نيسان:

٦:٠٠ قداس يليه زياح الصليب
٨:٠٠ صلاة المساء، درب وزياح الصليب (إنكليزي)

الأربعاء ٥ نيسان: أربعاء أيوب

قداس ٧:٠٠ و ٩:٠٠ صباحاً مع رتبة تبريك الزيت للمرضى
٦:٠٠ قداس يليه رتبة القنديل
٨:٠٠ صلاة المساء، درب وزياح الصليب (إنكليزي)

الخميس ٦ نيسان: خميس الأسرار

٧:٠٠ مساءً رتبة الغسل و قداس العشاء السري
٨:٣٠ مساءً زياح وصمد القربان
٩:٣٠ مساءً سهرة صلاة مع يسوع، الكنيسة مفتوحة طوال الليل

الجمعة العظيمة ٧ نيسان:

٦:٠٠ قداس رسم الكأس (عربي/إنكليزي)
رتبة سجدة الصليب ٨:٠٠ و ٣:٠٠ (عربي/إنكليزي)
١٠:٠٠ صباحاً صلاة وتأملات درب الصليب
٢:٣٠ طلبة الأم الحزينة
٦:٠٠ مساءً صلاة مسبحة الرحمة الإلهية
٧:٠٠ مساءً سهرة توبة وإعترافات
٨:٠٠ مساءً عرض فيلم Passion of the Christ

سبت النور ٨ نيسان:

١٠:٣٠ صلاة الغفران وطلبة القيامة (عربي/إنكليزي)
٦:٠٠ مساءً قداس القيامة
٧:٠٠ مساءً صلاة مسبحة الرحمة الإلهية
١١:٠٠ مساءً رتبة السلام و قداس القيامة يحتفل به صاحب السيادة المطران أنطوان - شربل طريه السامي الإحترام

أحد القيامة ٩ نيسان:

القداسات: ٨:٠٠ و ٩:٣٠ و ١١:٠٠ صباحاً، ٥:٠٠ و ٧:٠٠ مساءً
٦:٠٠ مسبحة الرحمة الإلهية

إثنين الفصح ١٠ نيسان:

القداسات ٨:٠٠ و ١١:٠٠ صباحاً و ٦:٠٠ مساءً

أسبوع الآلام : أبعاده ومعانيه

بحسب الليتورجية المارونية، يبدأ الأسبوع المقدس أو أسبوع الآلام من مساء أحد الشعانين، حيث تُقام رتبة الوصول الى الميناء؛ إذ بعد أن كنا في بحر الصوم، الذي هو زمن النعم وزمن التجارب والمحن، وبعد أن تعبنا وجاهدنا في سفينة الصوم نصل الى الميناء. ومن هنا رتبة الميناء حيث يضيء الكاهن والمؤمنون الشموع خارج الكنيسة ويدخلون بتطواف كما العذارى الحكيمات وتبدأ صلاة الآلام، أو صلاة الحاش (بالسريانية حاشو أي الآلام)، التي تستمر من مساء الأحد الى السبت ظهراً. يتخلل هذا الأسبوع الى جانب صلاة الحاش بعض الرتب تتوزع على الأيام التالية:

الأربعاء، أربعاء الآلام أو أربعاء أيوب

نستذكر في هذا اليوم إصدار الحكم الجائر التعسفي على يسوع بالاتفاق مع يهوذا الاسخريوطي للقبض على يسوع. في هذا المساء، تقام رتبة القنديل أو رتبة تبريك الزيت، حيث يحضر المؤمنون الزيت ليباركه الكاهن وهذه الرتبة بمثابة سر مسحة المرضى حيث تمسح جباه المؤمنين الأصحاء منهم والمرضى بالزيت المقدس واضعين الآلامهم مع الآلام المسيح الشافي. في ختام الرتبة يأخذ المؤمنون هذا الزيت معهم لمسح مرضاهم ويضيفونه على خوابي الزيت في بيوتهم.

خميس الأسرار

خميس الأسرار، انها الليلة الأخيرة ليسوع مع تلاميذه حيث احتفل معهم في الفصح وكان لهم القدوة عندما قام بغسل أرجلهم كما أنه أسس في هذه الليلة سر الافخارستيا وسر الكهنوت. وبحسب التقليد، يزور المؤمنون سبعة كنائس حيث يُعرض القربان للسجود شاكرين الرب يسوع على نعمة الاسرار السبعة التي ترمز لحضور يسوع الذي هو سر الأسرار:

سرّ العمد : عقدنا باسم الثالوث الأقدس فأصبنا أبناء الآب، إخوة يسوع وهياكل للروح القدس.

سرّ التثبيت : كُرسنا بقوة الروح القدس لنكون رسل وشهود للمسيح.

سرّ التوبة : أعطانا الرحمة الإلهية بمغفرة الخطايا والمصالحة معه.

سرّ الإفخارستيا : أعطانا ذاته تحت شكلي الخبز والخمر، هو الخبز النازل من السماء عربون وزاد حياتنا الابدية.

سرّ الزواج : إنه الدعوة الطبيعية للإنسان "رجل واثني خلقهما" مع

المسيح ارتقت هذه الدعوة الى سر كما شرحها بولس الى أهل أفسس " أيتها النساء، إخضعن لأزواجكن خضوعكن للرب... أيتها الرجال، أحبوا نساءكم كما أحب المسيح الكنيسة وجاد بنفسه من أجلها ليقدّسها " (أفسس ٥ : ٢٢ - ٢٥).

سرّ الكهنوت : هو الشرع الإلهي لتنظيم حياتنا الروحية بيسوع المسيح القائم من الموت.

سرّ مسحة المرضى : حضور يسوع الشافي نفساً وجسداً "هل فيكم مريض؟ فليدع شيوخ الكنيسة، ليصلوا عليه بعد أن يمسحوه بالزيت باسم الرب. إن صلاة الإيمان تُخلص المريض والرب يعافيه" (يع ٥ : ١٤ - ١٥).

في المساء، تحتفل الرعايا بالذبيحة الإلهية التي يتخللها رتبة الغسل، ويكمل المؤمنون السهر أمام القربان المقدس بالتراتيل والقراءات الروحية والتأملات فتكون بمثابة السهر مع يسوع في بستان الزيتون.

الجمعة العظيمة

يحتفل بالقداس المُسمّى رسم الكأس أو القداس السابق تقديسه حيث يحتفل الكاهن على القربان المعروض سابقاً أمام المؤمنين من دون تلاوة كلام التقديس. عند المناولة، يتم مناولة كل القربان المقدس ليبقى بيت القربان فارغاً رمزاً الى موت المسيح. وتُقام في هذا اليوم أيضاً رتبة دفن المصلوب حيث يحضر المؤمنون باقات الزهر لوضعها في النعش فيقام الزياح وتقرأ الأناجيل وتتشّد تراتيل الآلام. وعند المساء، تتلى طلبة وصلاة الآلام.

سبت النور أو السبت المقدس

إنه السبت الوحيد التي تصوم خلاله الكنيسة "فالיום الذي كان فيه الخالق تحت الثرى هو يوم بكاء ونواح، ولا يحسن فيه الإبتهاج والعيد، لأن الخالق يفوق جميع خلائقه في الطبيعة والإكرام" (قوانين الكنيسة). وظهراً يحتفل بصلاة الغفران، حيث يقترّب المؤمنون من سر التوبة ليقوموا بفصحيتهم أي ليعبروا من موت الخطيئة الى القيامة بالنعمة وتفرّج الاجراس فرحاً لأنه ليتورجياً دخلنا في مساء الأحد أي مساء القيامة فتكتمل الفرحة بصلاة طلبة القيامة مساءً لتتوجّ بقداس منتصف الليل ورتبة السلام، فيُفتح القبر ويأخذ المؤمنون من الزهور التي دفنوا بها المصلوب بركة لعائلاتهم.

أحد القيامة

من هنا يعتبر يوم الرب عند المسيحيين الأحد ذكرى قيامة المسيح من بين الأموات.

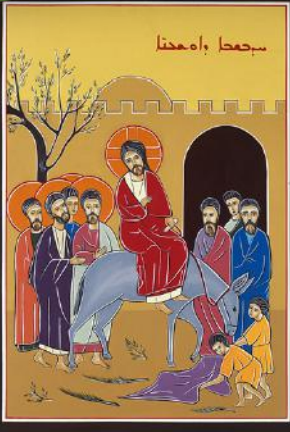
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كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس بارك

عدد ٢٢ | الأحد ٢ نيسان ٢٠٢٣ | أحد الشعانين "هُوشَعْنَا! مُبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ، مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيل" يو ١٢: ١٢ - ٢٢



لَمَّا سَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْكَثِيرَ الَّذِي أَتَى إِلَى الْعِيدِ، أَنَّ يَسُوعَ آتٍ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ، حَمَلُوا سَعْفَ النَّخْلِ، وَخَرَّبُوا إِلَى مُلَاقَاتِهِ وَهُمْ يَتَرَفَعُونَ: "هُوشَعْنَا! مُبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ، مَلِكُ إِسْرَائِيل". وَوَجَدَ يَسُوعُ جَحْشًا مُرَكَّبًا عَلَيْهِ، كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: "لَا تَخَافِي، يَا ابْنَتُ صِهْيُون، هُوَذَا مَلِكُكَ يَأْتِي زَاكِيًا عَلَى جَحْشٍ ابْنِ أَتَانٍ". وَمَا قَهَمُ تَلَامِيذُهُ ذَلِكَ، أَوَّلَ الْأَمْرِ، وَلَكِنَّهُمْ تَذَكَّرُوا، حِينَ مُجِدَّ يَسُوعَ، أَنَّ ذَلِكَ كُتِبَ عَنْهُمْ، وَأَنْهُمْ صَنَعُوهُ لَهُ. وَالْجَمْعُ الَّذِي كَانَ مَعَ يَسُوعَ، حِينَ دَعَا لِعَازَرٍ مِنَ الْقَبْرِ وَأَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، كَانَ يَشْهَدُ لَهُ. مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا أَيْضًا لَاقَاهُ الْجَمْعُ، لِأَنَّهُمْ سَمِعُوا أَنَّهُ صَنَعَ تِلْكَ الْآيَةَ. فَقَالَ الْفَرِيسِيُّونَ بَغْضِهِمْ لِبَعْضٍ: "انْظُرُوا! أَنْكُمْ لَا تَتَفَقَّهُونَ شَيْئًا! هَا هُوَ الْعَالَمُ قَدْ ذَهَبَ وَرَاءَهُ!". وَكَانَ بَيْنَ الصَّاعِدِينَ لِيَتَسَبَّحُوا فِي الْعِيدِ، بَعْضُ الْيُونَانِيِّينَ. فَمَدَّنَا هَؤُلَاءِ مِنْ فِيلِبُّسَ الَّذِي مِنْ بَيْتِ صَيْدَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَسَأَلُوهُ قَائِلِينَ: "يَا سَيِّدَ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَرَى يَسُوعَ". فَجَاءَ فِيلِبُّسَ وَقَالَ لِأَنْدَرَاوُسَ، وَجَاءَ أَنْدَرَاوُسَ وَفِيلِبُّسَ وَقَالَ لِيَسُوعَ يُو ١٢: ١٢ - ٢٢



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يو ١٢: ١٢ - ٢٢
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لنؤمن أنه الظلمة مهما اشتدت سيزيلها النور

عن ربط سعادتنا بالأمر الماديّة الفانية، لأنّ الرّبّ وحده خلاصنا وقيامتنا وهو فرحنا الحقيقيّ الذي لا يستطيع أحد أن ينزعه منا، وآلام هذا الدّهر، رغم فساوتها وشدّتها، سننتصر عليها بالثبات على كلمة الله وعلى منطق المحبّة، وبقوّة القائم سنحوّلها إلى أفراح تعكس رسالتنا في هذا العالم والتي من أجلها دُعينا "تلاميذ المسيح".

أحبائي، نحن على مشارف الأسبوع العظيم، فلنؤمن أنّ الظلمة مهما اشتدت سيزيلها النور، والشّرّ مهما تعاظم سيغلبه الخير، والحدق مهما استفحل ستتصر عليه المحبّة ولن تكون يومًا للموت الكلمة الأخيرة. آمين



صلاة

بارك يا ربّ أطفالنا الذين أتوا اليوم مبتهجين مُعَيِّدِينَ لعظمتك. وأعدّ إلى الكبار صفاء الطفولة وبراءتها وبساطتها، فنكون أهلًا لدخول ملكوتك السماوي، وأعط العالم السلام الدائم فيعرف أنّك مَلِكُ القلوب والعقول والأوطان، ويهتف بتهايل الهوشعنا : مبارك الملك الآتي باسم الرب، آمين

بفرح الـ "هوشعنا" ندخل أُورُشليم لنصل إلى أجواء الأسبوع العظيم "بالتفاف استقبالوا من أقام لعازر من القبر..."

بالهوشعنا صاحوا لِمَنْ شفى العرج، العميان والبُصر... وراء مُعطي الحياة ساروا، فازداد حقد قُساة القلوب... فضح رياء الكُتبة والفَرِيسِيِّينَ فخافوا على مراكزهم... كشف مكر علماء الشريعة وأظهر صورة الله الحقيقية، إله الرّحمة لا الدّبيعة، إله الرّوح لا الحرف، إله المحبّة والوداعة فتأمروا عليه... دخل أُورُشليم على جحش ابن أتان، فاهتزت عروش بني الأرض وبالأفتراء أسلموا ابن السّماء للعذاب وموت الصليب. إعتقدوا أنّهم بموته ينتصرون، وفاتهم أنّه لا شرّ يغلب الحياة.

أحبائي، نحتفل اليوم بدخول الرّبّ يسوع إلى أُورُشليم، "فرح" تحوّل ذات يوم "غمًا وضياء"، و"هوشعنا" انقلبت "اصلبه"، و"ياسن" غمر القلوب إلى أن شغ نور الأمل من القبر الفارغ وعمّ الفرّح بمجد "القيامة".

أحبائي، حدث أُورُشليم يضعنا أمام حقيقة أنّ الفرّح لا يؤخذ من بشر ولا يُعطيه ابنُ بشر، الفرّح الحقيقيّ مصدره الرّبّ ودرب الجبلية ليست إلا سبيلًا يوصلُ حتمًا إلى مجد القيامة.

ونحن اليوم في هذه الطّروف الصّعبة، وعلى درب دليلة نحمل فيها صلبان تحدّياتنا، علينا أن نُثبت أعيننا على الرّبّ وأن ننحلي بالصبر وننحلي

IN OUR PRAYERS

Lord, may all the faithful departed whom we entrust to Your care, be held securely in Your Loving embrace for all eternity especially those we Pray for: (A) All the departed souls, All the lost souls, All the faithful departed, All the souls in Purgatory, All souls who have no one to pray for them (B) Youssef Boutros, Milia Bou Raidan, Sharban (Shirley) Boutros (C) (D) (E) Matthew Essey, Tanious Elias Kazzi & the deceased of his family (F) (G) Helen George, Majid George (H) Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Paul & Madeline Haddad & son Joseph & daughter Colleen George (I) (J) Youssef & Ghanajeh Joseph, Jamil Kamel Mtanios Jabbour (K) Sarkis Chucri Khoudair, Genevieve Khoury and all departed of Khoury & ElZahoul Families (L) (M) Youssef Maroon & his wife Ghsoon, Therese Melhem, Betty Merhi, Bachara Botrous Moussa, Robert Bachara Moussa (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) Raymond & Atour and their son Joe Romanos, Jamil & Labibi Roumanus and all the deceased from their family (S) Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Nabih Saad & his sons Kevin & Emille, Boutros & Therese Sassine and their son Kenny, Nabih Nassim Saad & Children Kevin & Emile Saad (T) Kemil & his wife Ghorra Tanna & their son Jamil Tanna, Therese Tanna, Bernadette Tanna (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) (Z)

