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ودعي التلاميذ مسيحيين في انطاكية أولاً

“And the disciples were first called
Christians in Antioch.” Acts 11:26

Daily Confession by Appointment - Call the Church Office

April 17, 2011

PALM SUNDAY

أحد الشعانين

Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem



On Sunday, five days before the Passover of the Law, the Lord came from Bethany to Jerusalem. Sending two of His disciples to bring Him a foal of an ass. He sat thereon and entered into the city. When the multitude there heard that Jesus was coming, they straightway took up the branches of palm trees in their hands, and went forth to meet Him. Others spread their garments on the ground, and yet others cut branches from the trees and strewed them in the way that Jesus was to pass; and all of them together, especially the children, went before and after Him, crying out: “Hosanna: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, the King of Israel” (John 12:13). This is the radiant and glorious festival of our Lord’s entry into Jerusalem that we celebrate today.

The branches of the palm trees symbolize Christ’s victory over the devil and death. The word Hosanna means “Save, I pray,” or “Save, now.” The foal of an ass, and Jesus’ sitting thereon, and the fact that this animal was untamed and considered unclean according to the Law, signified the former uncleanness and wildness of the nations, and their subjection thereafter to the holy Law of the Gospel.

**Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He Who
Cometh in the Name of the Lord!**
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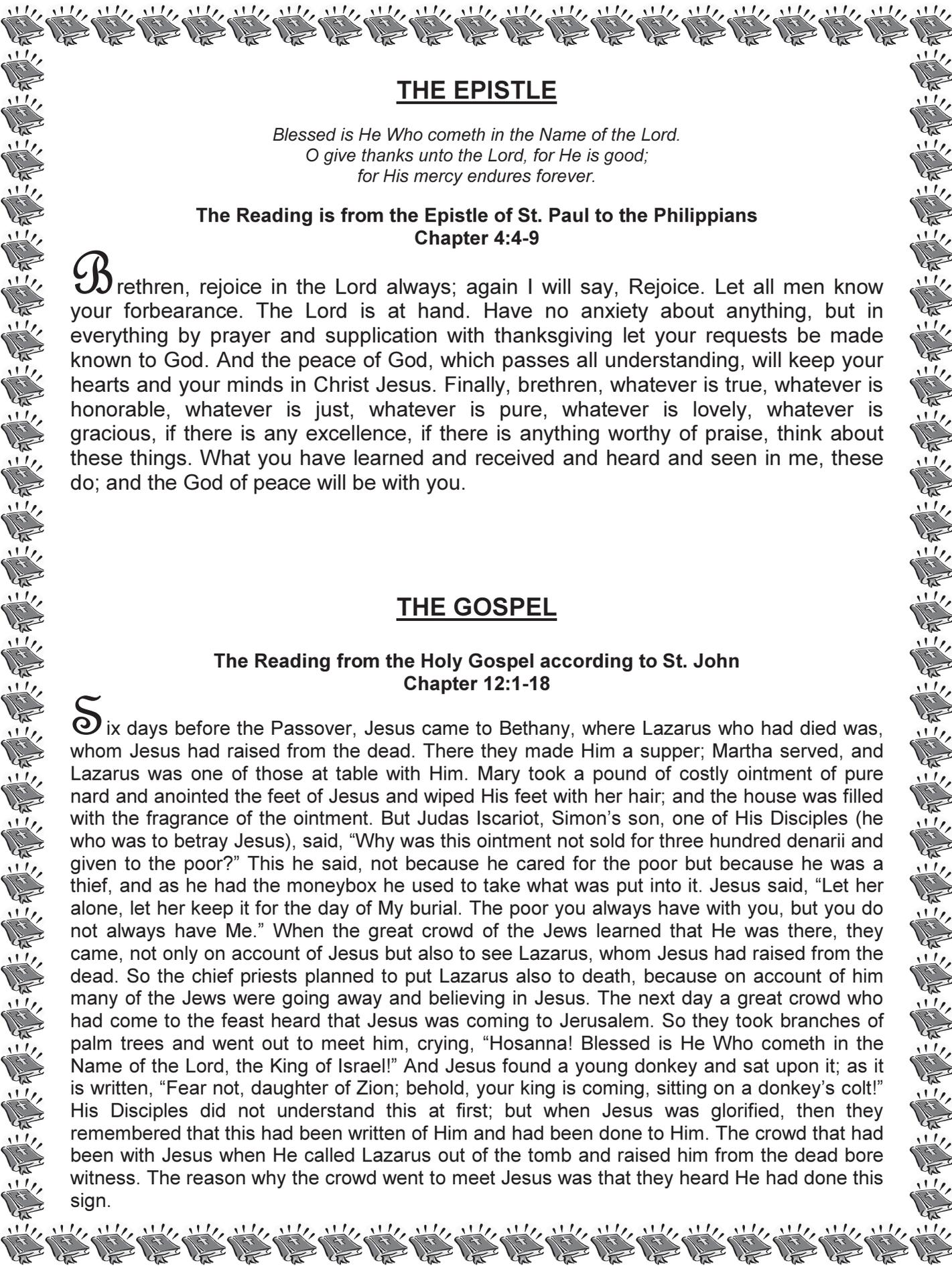
DISMISSAL HYMN. FIRST TONE

In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children bearing the symbols of victory, cry to Thee the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Due to the amount of traffic during this holiday season,
additional parking is available in the school parking lot next to the church.

The Antiochian Orthodox Basilica of St. Mary

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THE EPISTLE

*Blessed is He Who cometh 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 the Epistle of St. Paul to the Philippians Chapter 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.

THE GOSPEL

The Reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John Chapter 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.

PRAYER CORNER

Lord, you are the physician of our souls and body. We pray You grant the following parishioners good health and blessings: Nicola, Susan, Faris Kakish, Jalil, Charlie Jaghab, Mark Mancinotti, Charlie Salah, Nadim, George, Susie Ingram, Vera Ziyadeh,

HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION

Holy Bread of Oblation is offered, by the families, for the month of April for the health and well being of:

Shihadeh & Esperance Azar
 Suham Ghannam's children
 and grandchildren,
 Olivia Shalhoub

Holy Bread of Oblation is offered, by the families, for the month of April in loving memory of:

Naim Kawwas
 Ibrahim Rizkallah
 Sami Elias Harb

UPCOMING EVENTS FOR ST. MARY PARISHIONERS

April 17th - Palm Sunday
 Brunch

Condolences

The clergy and parishioners at the Basilica of St. Mary extend their deepest sympathy to Edwin Al-Anouf and family on the passing of his beloved father, Issa Al-Anouf. May his memory be eternal.

Thank You

The following parishioners and friends of the Basilica of St. Mary have given special donations to the Church in the past few weeks:

- \$50**-For the health and well being of newly churchd, Ethan Gregory Avery offered by his grandparents, Fuad and Georgette Tams,
- \$50**-In loving memory of Uncle George Ansara offered by Ronald Bashara and family,
- \$50**-For the health and well being of newly baptized Justin Kiger offered by his grandparents Johny and Nawal Kazaleh,
- \$100**-In loving memory of Yacoub Kassis offered by his wife Nadia Kassis and family,
- \$100**- In loving memory of Sami Elias Harb offered by his wife Siham Harb,
- \$100**-For the health and well being of George Khamis offered by his wife Gloria Khamis,
- \$250**-In loving memory of parents, George and Gerry Ansara offered by Denise and Shaheen Bou-Maroun and family,
- \$500**-For the health and well being of our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren offered by Shawqi and Lorice Ghannam,

MEMORIALS

قال يسوع: أنا القيامة والحياة من آمن بي يحيى الى الأبد.

I am the Resurrection and the Life. He who believes in Me shall never die." (John 11:25)

May 1st-1 year memorial in loving memory of Abdallah Harb offered by his wife, Wadad Harb and family,
May 22nd-1 year memorial in loving memory of Anwar George offered by his wife Susan George and family,

فليكن ذكرهم مؤبداً

"A Vigil Light is Burning" In Loving Devotion

For The Health and Well Being Of: Nadeem Haddad, Erin Murray,

In Memory Of: Joseph Michael Mouaikel; George Abodeely; Maxine Koury, Ken Biedron, Chakib Abboud, Wilhelm Fasshauer,

Sermon On-Line

If you missed Fr. George's sermon last Sunday, you can now listen to him on the internet at www.messagefortoday.com or you can see the full Liturgy at www.stmarylivonia.com click on multimedia and go to videos

Last few week's sermons:

The Meaning of True Leadership

A Life of Transformation
 By: Fr. Jim King

Who Do We Worship?
Christ Crucified on the Cross or Our Own Idol

Look Deeper

EASTER EGGS

WE NEED COLORED EASTER EGGS FOR THE CHILDREN'S ANNUAL EASTER EGG HUNT TO BE HELD ON EASTER SUNDAY IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE AGAPE SERVICE BEGINNING AT 1:30PM. PLEASE BRING THEM TO CHURCH ON GOOD FRIDAY.

ALSO NEEDED IS CANDY FOR EASTER SUNDAY. YOU MAY DROP CANDY OFF ANY TIME DURING THE WEEK.

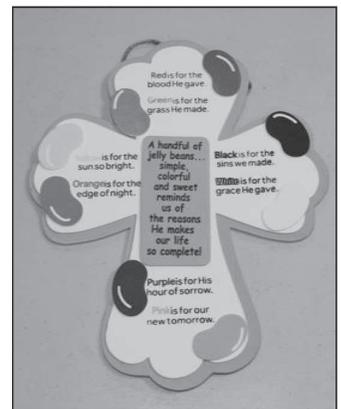
Department of Youth and Outreach

Week of April 17, 2011

The Second Graders Discover the Sacrament of Confession

On April 9, 2011, the second grade church school class gathered for the Sacrament of Confession with Fr. George. As part of their curriculum, they studied the importance of the sacrament for the five weeks leading up to this day. After confession, the children had lunch together, and were given a craft to keep in their rooms that will remind them of this day. The craft was a cross with different color jelly beans, each representing how God is important to us. For example, Red is for His blood that He gave and Black for the sins that we make. Also they each got a goodie bag filled with items to help them in their Christian journey throughout ...including their first prayer book. This was a wonderful day for the children, as it showed them how we as Christians can start over with a beautiful clean heart, only if they ask for forgiveness and repentance.

Special thanks to May Kort, Vivian Battarseh, and Nicola Matta, the second grade teachers, Fr. George, and all those who helped to make this day so special for the children.



Please visit our website for details about all the Basilica of St. Mary events and activities.
www.saintmarylivonia.com

EASTER FLOWERS



IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN CONTRIBUTING FOR FLOWERS, PALMS, OIL, CHARCOAL AND INCENSE FOR USE DURING HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SUNDAY, PLEASE FILL OUT THE FORM BELOW AND GIVE IT TO ONE OF THE USHERS OR PLACE IN THE COLLECTION TRAY.

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FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF: _____

IN MEMORY OF: _____

على كل من يرغب بالتبرع من أجل الورود, البخور, النخيل, والزيت, والفحم,
والنبيذ, خلال عيد الشعانين وجناز المسيح وعيد الكبير يرجى
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