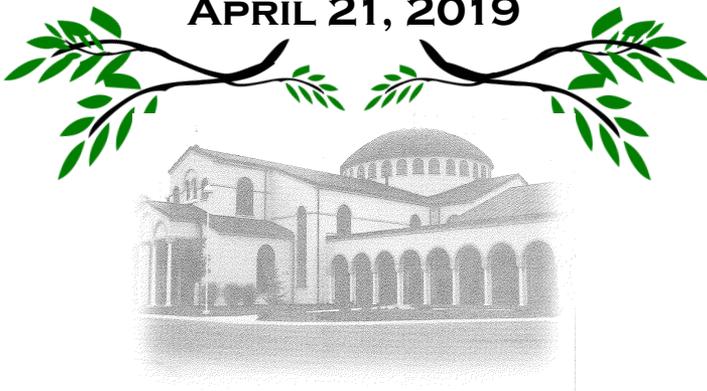


**ST. NICHOLAS
ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH**

**FEAST OF PALM SUNDAY
ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD
JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM**

APRIL 21, 2019



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WELCOME TO OUR GUESTS

Thank you for attending today's Divine Liturgy. Please register your visit by completing the guest book located on the table in the narthex. We would appreciate getting to meet you, so feel free to join us for refreshments & fellowship in the Cultural Center.

We believe **Holy Communion** to be a sign that in Christ we have all things in common, share an identical faith, and are united fully to the Orthodox Church. Anyone interested in learning more about our faith is encouraged to speak with one of our clergy. Orthodox Christians who have prepared themselves through prayer, fasting, & regular confession are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

WHO WE ARE

St. Nicholas is a worshipping community in the Antiochian Orthodox Christian tradition that preserves, proclaims, and practices the Faith given by Christ to the Apostles, serving Him, one another and our neighbors. We manifest His love through sacramental and liturgical life, education, hospitality, works of mercy, and fellowship.

We would love to share more about our Orthodox Faith with you. Our website and our bookstore are great resources to assist you in learning more about us and what we believe! Also, feel free to make an appointment with our pastor.

We trust that you will experience Christ's presence as you worship with us today.



HYMNS AND READINGS OF THE DAY

HYMNS

***APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY** (TONE 1)*

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.

***APOLYTIKION OF PALM SUNDAY** (TONE 4)*

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 6)*

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 cometh 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 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.

SYNAXARION

(LIVES OF THE SAINTS OF THE DAY)

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.

Verses

Riding a colt, He that with a word stretched out Heaven,
Seeketh to loose mortals from brutish want of reason.

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 our deceitful passions, and deem us worthy to behold Thy brilliant victory over death and Thy radiant and life-bringing Resurrection, and have mercy on us. Amen.

HOLY OBLATION IS OFFERED

For the health and blessings of Lindsey McCloskey on her birthday, with love from Patrick, Luke, and William. May God grant her many years and shine His radiant love on her always!

For the health and blessings of Gretchen Zahn on her birthday by Ana Bosma. May God grant her many years!

In memory of the four-year anniversary for the Servant of God, Wade Abraham, by Dan & Kathy, Dave & Marilyn, Pat & Diane, Linda, Mark & Janet and families. May his Memory be Eternal! *“I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live” John 11:25*

In memory of the Servant of God Edward Khorey by Dan & Kathy, Dave & Marilyn, Pat & Diane, Linda, and Mark & Janet. May his Memory be Eternal!

In memory of Claudia Azkoul by by Rob and Beth Rinvelt. May his Memory be Eternal!

In memory of the nine-day falling asleep of Ramon Jarquio by Hatem and Nadira Karadsheh. May his Memory be Eternal!

SERVING MINISTRIES

	<u>Today</u>	<u>Next Week</u>
Epistle Readers:	Gresham Olson	Gresham Olson
Coffee Hour:	Palm Sunday Luncheon	Pascal Breakfast

REMEMBER IN YOUR DAILY PRAYERS

LIVING

Vera Mijatovic	LaVerne Audy	Cheri Donahue
Audrey Nicoloff	Eva Rose Saseen	Barbara Sielaff
Ralph Thomas	Dennis Hattem	Adele Trimble
David Corey	Richard Traxler	
Mary Martin	Kh. Cynthia Hogg	

If you desire a name to be added to this prayer list, Holy Oblations may be offered, with the option of being added to the bulletin Prayer List for 40 days.

DEPARTED

Victims of the continued conflicts in the Middle East, and the natural disaster in Southern Africa.

PARISHIONERS DEPARTED IN THE MONTH OF APRIL

4/04/2007	Alem Berih
4/07/2015	Margaret Salhaney
4/10/1968	Albert Yared
4/12/1981	Alexander Koory
4/12/2012	Jodi Longstreet
4/13/1957	Jennie Bander
4/14/2009	James Abraham
4/15/2003	Nicholas Wawee
4/17/1947	Saied Bohysic
4/18/2010	Josephine Orange
4/22/1972	Mary Salhaney
4/23/1981	Minerva Bashara
4/24/1978	Elizabeth Thomas
4/25/1971	Louis Simon
4/25/2015	Wade Abraham
4/28/1959	Mansour Simon
4/30/1964	V. Rev. John Mickel
4/30/1980	George Amash
4/30/1989	Edward David