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**Sunday, April 2, 2023**

**Palm Sunday**

**Commemoration of our Holy Father Titus the Wonderworker**

**Blessing of Palms and Procession Hymn:** *The Great Doxology (p.1) is sung with the hymn on page 85 sung between the verses.*

**Antiphon Prayer:** O Christ God, You prefigured for us Your glorious Resurrection when You raised Your friend Lazarus from the tomb. Wherefore, we Your beloved people, offer You praise with pure mouths, praying You to make us worthy participants in Your Holy Passion and Your glorious Resurrection. For it belongs to You to have mercy on us, O Christ our God, and to You we render glory, thanksgiving and worship, and to Your Eternal Father and Your All-holy, Good and Life-giving Spirit, now and always and forever and ever.

**Antiphon (p. 86):**

**Cantor:** Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

**All: Son of God who rode upon a donkey's foal, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.**

**Cantor:** Let the House of Israel say: He is good, for His mercy endures forever.

**All: Khallisna YabnAllah, ya man rakiba 'ala 'afwin, nahnu murannimeena Laka. Haleloueya.**

**Cantor:** Let those who fear the Lord say: He is good, for His mercy endures forever..

**All: O Son of God, who rode upon a donkey's foal, save us who sing to You, Alleluia.**

**Cantor:** Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit...

**All: O Only-begotten Son... (p.18)**

**Little Entrance:**

**Priest:** *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. The Lord is God and He has appeared to us.*

**All: O Son of God who rode upon a donkey's foal, save us who sing to You: Alleluia.**

**1st Troparion of the Feast: (2x) (p. 87) O Christ God, when you raised Lazarus from the dead, before the time of your passion,.. (p. 87)**

**2nd Troparion of the Feast: We have been buried with you in baptism, O Christ our God... (p. 88)**

**Kontakion of the Feast: O Christ God enthroned in heaven, and on earth riding upon a colt... (p. 89)**

**Prokimenon:** *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. God is the Lord and He has appeared to us.*

**Stichon:** *Sing to the Lord, for He is good, for His mercy endures forever!*

**Epistle: Phil. 4:4-9** (Readers: Arabic: Jeanine Antonios + English: Mirna Marji).

**Alleluia:** *Sing to the Lord a new song; for the Lord has done wonderful works.*

**Stichon:** *All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.*

**Gospel: John 12:1-18**

**Hirmos of Palm Sunday (Tone 4) The Lord is God and He has appeared to us... (p. 90)**

**Kinonikon:** *Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord... (p. 92)*

**After Communion:** 1st Troparion of the Feast: O Christ God, when You raised Lazarus from the dead, before the time of Your passion,.. (p. 87)

**THE DIVINE LITURGY WILL BE OFFERED FOR THE REPOSE OF THE SOULS OF:** ✘ CHARLES HADDAD (LARRY HADDAD); ✘ SUSAN MAKARY (SAMIRA KARAM & FAMILY); ✘ RICHARD ANTOUS (NUHAD HADDAD & FAMILY); ✘ SUZANNE BATROS AZIZ (ADELE & HALIM BOURJEILI); ✘ VIOLETTE AYOUB (JOSEPH & THERESE HANNA); ✘ KEVIN DUELL (SR. MARY AN & SR. VICTORIA)

**Holy Week Schedule**

Monday, April 3:       Bridegroom Matins @ 5:30 pm  
 Tuesday, April 4:     Bridegroom Matins @ 5:30 pm  
 Wed, April 5:         Blessing of Oils & Anointing Service @ 5:30 pm  
 Thurs, April 6:       Vesper Divine Liturgy @4pm; Potluck dinner; Gospels & Crucifixion @ 6:30  
 Fri, April 7:         Descent from Cross @ 6pm; Epitaphios Service & Procession follow  
 Sat. April 8:         Blessing of New Light @ 10am  
 Sat. April 8:         Great & Holy Pascha: Hajme/Orthros/Divine Liturgy beginning @ 8pm  
 Sun. April 9:         Divine Liturgy @ 10am

**Please note the Holy Week schedule above and the following related information:**

*The Service of Holy Anointing* on Wednesday evening includes various Psalms, Canonical Odes, and 7 Epistle Readings. Contact Fr. Tom promptly if you would like to be assigned a Psalm, Ode or Epistle reading.

*The Descent from the Cross* on Friday evening requires assistance from of the women & maidens of the parish. Any who wish to participate are asked to contact Fr. Tom for more information **and** to arrive 15 minutes early on Friday.

*The Outdoor Procession on Good Friday* All adult parishioners, men and women, as well as mature youth are welcome to participate in this solemn honor by carrying the Epitaphios in procession. Any who wish to participate are asked to contact Fr. Tom **in advance** for more information and assignment.

**Sunday Collections:**

<b>3/5/2023</b> Reg: \$1,911 Fuel/Electric: \$342	<b>3/12/2023</b> Reg: \$1,618 Spec Proj: \$20; Elec/Fuel: \$20 Easter Flowers: \$365	<b>3/19/2023</b> Reg: \$1,332 Spec Proj: \$190 Easter Flowers: \$195	<b>3/26/2023</b> Reg: \$923 Spec Proj: \$35
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**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**See Holy Week Schedule**