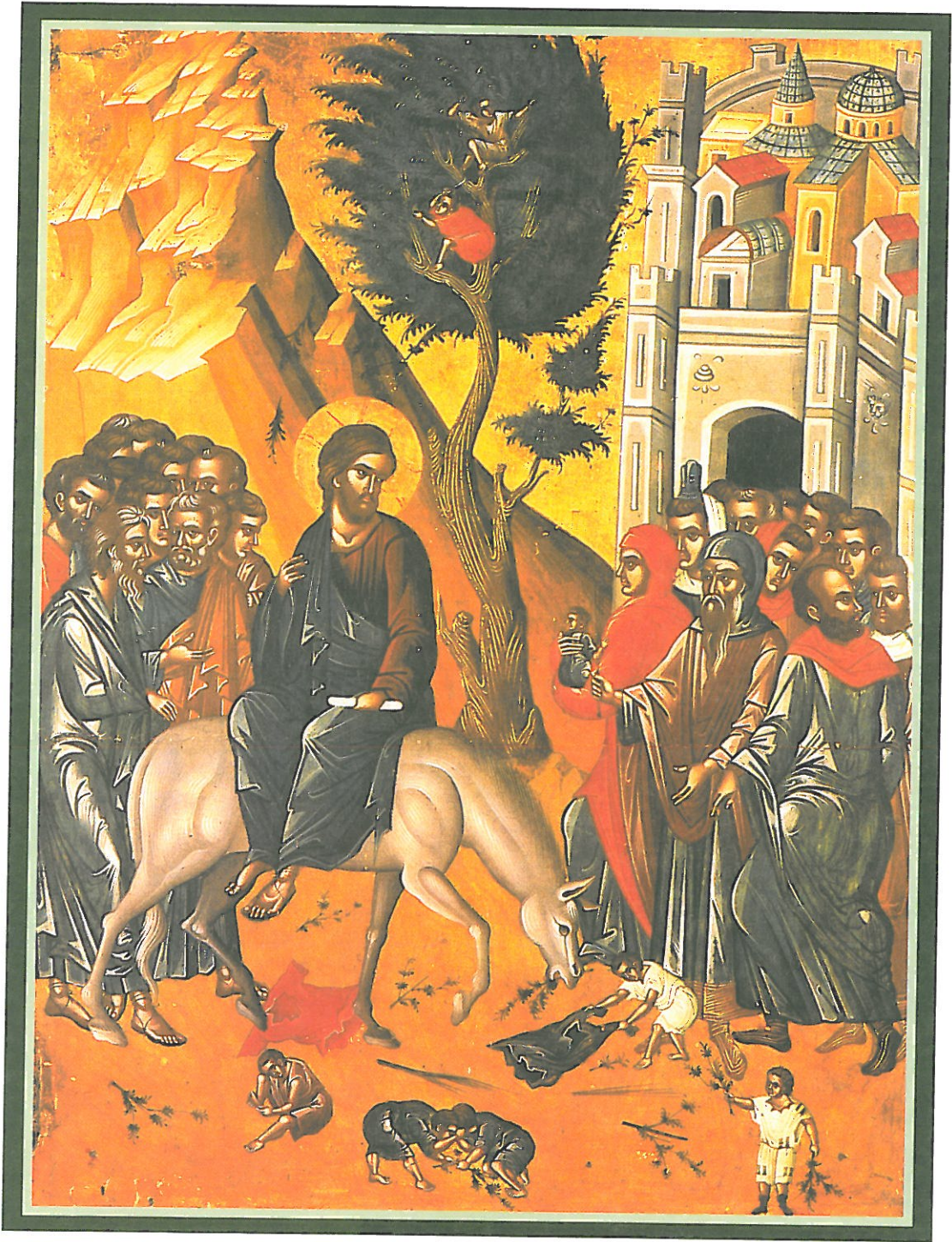


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Sunday, April 13, 2014

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Feast of Palm Sunday:

Entrance of Our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

APOLYTIKION of Lazarus Saturday (Tone 1)

O Christ God, when Thou didst raise Lazarus from the dead,
before Thy Passion, Thou didst confirm the universal resurrection.
Wherefore, we, like children, carry the insignia of triumph and victory,
and cry to Thee, O Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He Who 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.

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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.

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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 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.

THE 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 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.

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Orthodox Christians

Faithful Orthodox fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when they receive Holy Communion in fulfillment of Christ's command to eat His Body and drink His Blood. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, communicants should not be conscious of grave sin, have fasted from the night before taking communion, and seek to live in charity and love with their neighbors. Persons conscious of grave sin must first be reconciled with God and the Church through the Sacrament of Penance (Confession and Absolution). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

Non-Orthodox

We welcome to this celebration of the Eucharist those Christians who are not fully united with us. It is a consequence of the sad divisions in Christianity that we cannot extend to them a general invitation to receive Communion. Orthodox believe that the Eucharist is an action of the celebrating community signifying a oneness in faith, life, and worship of the community. Reception of the Eucharist by Christians not fully united with us would imply a oneness which does not yet exist, and for which we must all pray.

Not Receiving Communion

Those not receiving sacramental communion are encouraged to express in their hearts a prayerful desire for unity with the Lord Jesus and with one another by receiving a piece of blessed bread following the dismissal prayers.

Welcome to Ss. Peter and Paul

To encourage our worship in a proper spirit of prayer and devotion, we respectfully ask you enter the sanctuary quietly during the Divine Liturgy.

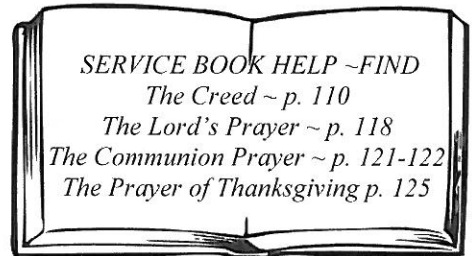
PLEASE DO NOT ENTER OR EXIT THE SANCTUARY AS

- the clergy censes the sanctuary
 - the congregation is standing, or
 - during the Little Entrance with the Gospel
 - during the Reading of the Epistle and the Gospel
- Please enter the sanctuary upon the completion of
- the sermon
 - the Great Entrance with the Holy Gifts
 - the Prayers of Consecration p. 112-113
 - the Hymn to the Theotokos "It is Truly Meet"

Please follow the directions of the ushers during Communion and dismissal; refrain from using cell phones in the narthex; and be considerate of those praying and converse in the hall, outside or downstairs.

Visitors

If you are visiting our parish, please let us get to know you. Complete a visitor card you will find in your pew, and drop it in the ushers tray or the collection box.



HOLY BREAD OF OBLATION: is offered by Nahla George

Churching: Child of God Tamara Sophia Manasseh (newborn daughter of
Dn. Christian & Zeina Manasseh)

JELLOWSHIP HOUR: is offered by Mary Misleh



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Palm Sunday April 13th , 2014

Beloved in the Lord:

Greetings to you and your families on this Great Feast of the Church. As we have completed the 40-day Fast and prepare to enter into the most solemn week of the Church year, we pause this weekend to celebrate the raising of Lazarus and our Lord's triumphant and brilliant entry into the holy city of Jerusalem.

Today, as we celebrate this sacred and joyous feast, we also take time remember our beloved Mother Church headed by our father in Christ, His Beatitude, Patriarch JOHN X. The situation in our mother church continues to be one of tragedy as the war in Syria rages on. Thanks be to God that, in the midst of this tragedy, there are some miracles and small rays of hope, including the release of our nuns from Ma'alouloula in early March. At the same time, we continue to pray for the release from captivity our two brother bishops, Metropolitan Boulos and Archbishop Youhanna and all those held captive.

Each year on this special day, we ask you, the faithful of our God-protected Archdiocese for an offering of love to send to His Beatitude from his spiritual children here in North America. This year, we especially ask that you are generous in your contributions so that our Church can continue to be a beacon of hope for those in need. Through the efforts of His Beatitude and dedicated clergy and lay people, a large effort has been underway since the beginning of the war to help those in need. Your generosity today will aid the Patriarchate to continue those efforts.

Wishing you in advance a prayerful Holy Week and a most joyous Pascha, I remain,
Your Father in Christ,

+ SILOUAN
Metropolitan of Buenos Aires and all Argentina,
Patriarchal Vicar of New York and all North America

Commemorations

For the Servants of God that they may have mercy, peace, health, salvation and visitation, pardon and remission of sin; the Lord God remember them in his Kingdom always: now and ever, and unto ages of ages

Parishioners who remain
in our prayers continually

Margaret Ashley
Lulu & George Brown
Issa & Suad Shammias
Edmond Neam

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Dn. Christian & Zeina Manasseh
Child of God Tamara Manasseh

Richie Kogok
Nawal Musleh
Bassem Haddad
Ziad Deeb

Bassem El-Hage
Khalil Haddad

Mary, Justin, Marc, Elizabeth, Robert
Mike and Samar & family
Lillian and Mike & family
Judy and Gene & family

For the Servants of God
departed this life: the Lord God remember
them in his kingdom always: now and ever,
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DEPARTED

HE Metropolitan PHILIP Mar 19

Isam Naim Ibrahim Apr 6

Evelyn Hier Apr 2

Farida Khalil Mansur Mar 31

Abraham Brown Mar 27

JoAnne Ibrahim Mar 8

Ezzat Kazzi Mar 5

Ralph Farha Feb 28

Katheryn Carras

Rey George

Aziz George

Suham George

Essa & Ellen Rafeedie

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CHARITY COLLECTION

Every year on Palm Sunday, a special Patriarchal tray offering is collected for the benefit of the Patriarchate of Antioch, and used at the discretion of the Patriarch to benefit people, churches, and programs of the Patriarchate of Antioch in the Middle East. Now, more than ever, this material support is crucial, as our brothers and sisters in Syria are suffering such great hardship because of the violence that has gripped the country. Please support the Patriarchate and our Patriarch, His Beatitude John X, with a contribution payable to Ss. Peter and Paul, memo line: Patriarchal Tray. Thank you for your generosity.

TEEN SOYO HOLY FRIDAY LOCK-IN

Happening this Friday, April 18th, immediately following evening Lamentations (@10pm) until the next morning (@10am), the vigil begins with a Lenten potluck, followed by stuffing eggs for the parish Easter egg hunt, 'sprucing up' the church, a Christian-themed movie, psalms and prayer by the Naach, then sleep, hopefully—all sprinkled with fellowship. Teens are encouraged to attend Lazarus Saturday morning Liturgy (10am-12pm). High school students, consider this opportunity to get closer to God and each other. Your participation provides several hundred Easter eggs for Sunday's hunt for the little ones. Please register by Tuesday, April 15th and contact Stephen Zolnerowich at 301-335-4578, Anees Mokhiber at aneesmokhiber@gmail.com or Reema Guegel at reemajg@aol.com.

BYZANTINE MUSIC WORKSHOP

The next Byzantine Music workshop will be held Saturday, May 3rd from 1:00-4:00pm and is open to all. Registration forms are available in the vestibule.



STICHERA OF SIS. PETER AND PAUL, JUNE 29

Second Tone. The original melody.

NAACH FLOWER DONATE & DECORATE

Today is the last day to donate flowers to decorate the Naach on Good Friday, April 18th at 10:00am. All women of the parish are invited. Bring a dish to share for lunch and bring your pruning shears. Forms and donations will be collected by Marie Khalil, Leila Ayoub and Ann Marie Moses.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN APRIL 27TH

The Antiochian Women or Ladies Auxiliary of Ss. Peter & Paul will meet Sunday, April 27th immediately after Liturgy in the lower level hall. We meet for fellowship, encouragement and lunch—bring a dish to share! All ladies are welcome.

ANTIOCHIAN WOMEN FASHION SHOW

Our 11th Annual show and luncheon is Saturday, May 10th at 11:30am at the Congressional Country Club. Tickets are \$50; proceeds to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. For more information contact Rida Boulos at frita18@aol.com.

THE THOUGHTS OF METROPOLITAN PHILIP ON ECCLESIOLOGY

Charity, or *philanthropia*, is also critical to our Ecclesiology. In the *Didache* (an early Christian document), we read the following: "Thou must not refuse the needy but share everything with thy brethren. Say not that this is thy property, for if we enjoy together the eternal blessings it should be the more so with temporal ones."

St. John Chrysostom and St. Basil the Great were among the outspoken Fathers against social injustice and the monopoly of wealth:

Say not I am spending what is my own, I am enjoying what is my own. No, not your own, but other people's. Precisely because you make an inhuman use of it and say I have a right for my

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personal enjoyment that which belongs to me. I maintain that those possessions do not belong to you. They belong together to you and your neighbors, just as sunshine, air, earth and all the rest. (St. Chrysostom, Homily 10 on Corinthians 1)

To this St. Basil the Great adds:

Who is covetous? He who is not content with what is sufficient. Who is a robber? He who takes away other people's property. Are you not covetous? Are you not a robber if you make your own that which has been given you in stewardship? He who takes another's clothing is called a thief, he who does not clothe the naked, although he could do so, deserves no better name. The corn which you store belongs to the hungry; the cloak which you keep in your trunk belongs to the naked; the shoes which are rotting in your house belong to those who go barefoot; the silver you hid in the ground belongs to the needy. (St. Basil, Homily 6:7)

The courage of the early Fathers in speaking against the indifferent and affluent upper class and injustice in society is quite amazing.

Our Ecclesiology must also include the relationship of our faith and our works. To St. James our faith is not something abstract, nor is it an intellectual adventure, nor can it be reduced to a mere philosophy. In James' own words: "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world." Jas 1:27

To this he quickly adds: "Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." Jas 1:22. Therefore, if you have faith, translate it into concrete actions on behalf of your neighbor, for a dead faith can save no one.

What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is ill-clad and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, go in peace, be warmed and filled, without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead (James 2:14-17).

In his explanation of the Orthodox Faith, St. John of Damascus says: "Because faith without works is dead, likewise works without faith are dead, because true faith is tested through works." Some Christian denominations, unjustifiably, find contradictions between James and Paul. The Church, however, does not find any such contradictions. It is inconceivable that the emphasis of James on good works excludes faith, and by the same token, it is inconceivable that St. Paul's emphasis on faith in his letter to the Romans, Chapter 5, excludes good works. James and Paul wrote to two different communities with different needs. Concerning the "faith only" issue, I read and reread St. Paul's letter to the Romans and discovered, once again, that St. Paul never said that we are saved by faith alone. This is a critical distinction in our Ecclesiology.

Edited by Father Joseph Allen, Th.D.

To be continued...

LOOKING AHEAD Upcoming events...

- Apr 13-18 - Holy Week Services @7:30pm
- Apr 17 - Divine Liturgy of St. Basil @9am
- Apr 18 - Ladies Decorate Naach @10am
- Apr 18—Unnailing Vespers @3pm
- Apr 18 - Teen SOYO Lock-In Vigil follows Vespers
- Apr 19 - Holy Saturday Liturgy @10am and Rush Service & Paschal Liturgy @ 11pm
- Apr 19 - Baptism of Alexandra Hawkins @ 12pm
- Apr 20 - Great & Holy Pascha Agape Vespers @3pm
- Apr 26 - Wedding Downing/Getahun @ 1pm
- Apr 27 - Antiochian Women lunch meeting @ 12p
- Apr 27 - Baptism Shereen & Nicole Hani @ 1pm
- Apr 29 - Men's Club Meeting @ 7:30pm
- May 3 - Byzantine Music Workshop @ 1pm
Wedding Asfaw/Davis @ 2pm
Arabic Liturgy @ 5pm
- May 4 - 40-Day Memorial Metropolitan PHILIP
- May 6 - Adult Education Forum @ 7:15pm
- May 13 - Parish Council Meeting @ 7pm

LET US FOLLOW CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM

We have come to the last week in Christ's earthly life, the time referred to as Holy Week. It was time for the Lamb of God to be offered up, to "take away the sins of the world." For more than three years, the Lord had gone from town to town proclaiming the Word of God. Now He was to be inaugurated and proclaim His Kingdom.

As that historic Sunday dawned, the Lord was set to enter Jerusalem. It was clear that Christ on this day finally presented Himself to the nation of Israel as its King. Up to this time, the Lord had consistently rejected the many attempts to proclaim Him. But now His time was at hand, and Jesus Himself arranged the acclamation. He directed His disciples to obtain the donkey -- never ridden before -- that was to bare Him in royal fashion.

The multitude responded to the awesomeness of the occasion. They recognized the fulfillment of prophecy: "Behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass. . ." (Zachariah 9:9). Now He was acknowledged as the Messiah and Redeemer of Israel.

Many took off their coats and spread them along the way of the procession. Still others broke branches from the trees and waved them in joy. All raised their voices in proclaiming: "Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest."

As the procession made its way to Jerusalem, "all the city was moved, saying, Who is this? And the multitude said, This is Jesus, the prophet of Nazareth of Galilee."

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FELLOWSHIP HOUR AND BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION

	BREAD OF HOLY OBLATION	FELLOWSHIP HOUR
Apr 20	Zakieh Jweied	~Paschal Agape Breakfast~
27	Fellowship of St. John the Divine	Fellowship of St. John the Divine
May 4	Debi Abdow-Addis	George Abdow Family
11		
18	Sunday School (Buchko & Zolnerowich)	
25		
Jun 1		
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Baking or ordering the Holy Bread of Oblation or providing and serving the refreshments for Fellowship Hour following the Liturgy on Sundays is a great way to practice Christian fellowship among our fellow parishioners. Notice the openings to the left and consider contributing to this vital ministry. Sign-up in the vestibule.

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