

OUR PARISH

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-cathedral - Harris Park

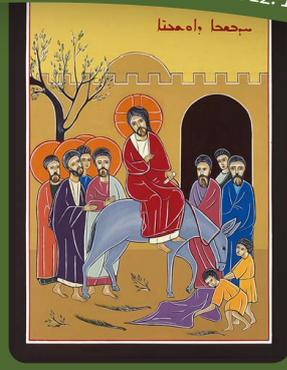


Issue 21 | Sunday 24 March 2024 | Hosanna Sunday "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord — the King of Israel!" Jn 12: 12-22



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



As we gather to celebrate Hosanna Sunday, we stand at the threshold of Passion Week, the sacred journey that leads our Lord Jesus Christ to the pinnacle of His earthly mission. It is a week of profound significance, where Jesus, our Saviour, fulfils the Scriptures and willingly ascends the Cross, the instrument of our redemption.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we witness Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, fulfilling the prophecy of the Messiah's arrival. Riding on a humble donkey, the Lord was welcomed by the crowds. They adorned His path with their cloaks, then they cut branches from the trees and began to shout from Psalm 118: "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming! Hosanna in the highest!" (v. 9-10). This festive acclamation, recorded by all four evangelists, is a cry of blessing, a hymn of exultation: it expresses the unanimous conviction that, in Jesus, God has visited his people and the longed-for Messiah has finally come. And everyone is there, growing in expectation of the work that Christ will accomplish once he has entered the city (Pope Benedict XVI, 1 April 2012).

Amidst the jubilation, there lay a profound question: Who is Jesus of Nazareth for us? The crowd hailed Him as King of Israel, yet their expectations were soon shattered when Jesus chose the path of humility and sacrifice rather than earthly power and glory. Similarly, we are challenged to examine our own perception of Christ. Do we seek a Messiah who fulfils our worldly desires, or do we embrace the true essence of His kingship, which is not attached to earthly things and leads us to eternal happiness?

During this Passion Week, let us allow two sentiments to resonate within our hearts: praise and thanksgiving. Like those who welcomed Jesus with shouts of "Hosanna!", may our lips be filled with adoration for our Saviour. And in gratitude, let us remember that this week culminates in the greatest gift of all—the sacrifice of Christ's life for our redemption. May our souls wave the branches of victory, acknowledging Jesus as the King of Israel, the conqueror of death.

Hosanna Sunday Caritas Lebanon Annual Appeal

As we anticipate the joy of Easter, let us remember our brothers and sisters in Lebanon facing immense hardships. This Hosanna Sunday, and as per our annual practice, our Maronite parishes will hold a special collection during Masses to support Caritas Lebanon's vital work. Through your generous donations, we can provide essential assistance to families in need, offering them hope and dignity in their struggles. Volunteers will be standing outside the church doors with collection boxes, or you can donate online at www.maronite.org.au/appeals. Your kindness will make a tangible difference in the lives of those experiencing hardship. Thank you for your generosity and compassion.

I wish you a blessed Hosanna Sunday!

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

PARISH CLERGY CONTACTS

Fr Youwakim Noujaim (Acting Dean): 0406 060 445
Fr Charbel Dib: 0410 759 795
Fr John-Paul Bassil: 0401 545 454
Fr Alain Fares: 0433 507 389
Fr Sam Wehbe: 0417 171 737
Fr Ron Hassarati: 0403 504 384
Fr Joseph Maatouk: 0413 245 501
Dcn Ghassan Nakhoul: 0410 524 335
Dcn Sayed Isaac: 0422 886 062

Safeguarding Officers:
Younan Friefer: 0400 080 000
Joanne Elias: 0427 503 008

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9689 2899

Opening Hours:
Monday to Friday
9am - 4:30pm
Saturday
9am - 1pm

Fax: 9689 2068
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Website: www.lol.org.au

"Walking through hell for a heavenly cause"

Whenever I found myself struggling with difficult situations in life, my Spiritual Director would often encourage me to persevere with these words: "walk through hell, for a heavenly cause." This could also sum up the journey that Christ was about to endure for our sake, although the entry into Jerusalem was seen as a triumph and stresses the glory of Christ. The earlier raising of Lazarus had provoked the crowd's enthusiasm, and for the first time Jesus allows himself to be acclaimed "King of Israel." It would have been unimaginable for the apostles to even think of what Christ had foretold them, but they would soon know with certainty as we enter upon Holy Week. Today we celebrate with shouts of 'Hosanna' but let's not forget the temptations that Jesus had to overcome in the wilderness as we attempt to follow his example, for a heavenly cause.

There can be no greater sorrow in life than to lose a loved one, and to lose one's child is the most unbearable sorrow of all. Our Blessed Mother Mary stood at the foot of the Cross and watched in unspeakable agony as her beloved Son suffered and died before her very eyes...and she could do nothing to console Him. The pain that Jesus endured in His bitter Passion can be compared only to the pain Mary endured in watching the "flesh of her flesh" extinguish.

But, that was only the beginning of Mary's own passion and death...her greater cross would be to live without the love of her life, the very breath of her breath, and the core and purpose of her existence. To live without Jesus, without his physical presence, was death to her. Spiritually they could never be separated, but she was now the mother of a crucified criminal in the eyes of her patriots. Alone, without a husband and without her son, she would wait in silence for the day of their eternal reunion. This had to be her greatest cross of all...living for the lack of death, without Him.

Many years ago, I worked as a florist in Rookwood Cemetery, sharing my faith and consoling mourners. Death was all around me, but my attention was drawn to parents, especially mothers, who were grieving the loss of a child, even decades after they had passed. The pain of loss never diminished over time. It's difficult to imagine the cross that Our Lady had to bear, watching Jesus humiliated, scourged almost to death, and crucified mercilessly. His pain was equalled by her own pain, as in her heart she prayed and begged that she could be the one hanging on that cross, in place of her Son. The agony of remembering His Passion, the agony of living without Him, the agony of the public persecution that followed her and the apostles - these were the daily splinters she bore, even after the wood of the Cross had disappeared. Did she stop believing that Christ had to die for our redemption? Did she turn away from God as though abandoned and rejected? No! Mary, and Jesus, walked through hell for our heavenly cause, so that death would have no sting.

Mary, Queen of Martyrs, pray for us.

Salwa Elias

QUESTION

In what way is God the truth?

God is Truth itself and as such he can neither deceive nor be deceived. He is "light, and in him there is no darkness" (1 John 1:5). The eternal Son of God, the incarnation of wisdom, was sent into the world "to bear witness to the Truth" (John 18:37)

ANSWER



UPCOMING EVENTS

OLOL VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT GROUP
Do you feel called to serve the Lord?
We Welcome Both Men and Women To This Discernment Night

Talk Followed by Adoration
 Date: 5th of April 2024
 Time: 6:30pm
 Speaker: Fr. Alain
 Location: OLOL Co-Cathedral

CONTACT
 Subdeacon Joseph Khoury
 0405 122 064

"Behold The Lamb Of God"- John 1:29

OUR LADY OF LEBANON CO-CATHEDRAL

Mother's day

DELUXE SYDNEY HARBOUR CRUISE LUNCH

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8TH

DEPARTURE 9AM SHARP FROM OLOL. RETURN 3 PM

\$150 PER PERSON INCLUDES:

DELUXE LUNCH & SOFT DRINKS - 4 HOURS HARBOUR CRUISE
 BUS TRANSPORT FROM OLOL TO CRUISE BOAT & RETURN - ENGLISH & ARABIC ENTERTAINMENT
ALCOHOL CAN BE PURCHASED.

TICKET PURCHASE FROM CHURCH OFFICE & OLOL GIFTSHOP - PH 02 9689 2899

TO FACILITATE SEATING ARRANGEMENT, WE RECOMMEND PURCHASING A TABLE OF 10 FOR A GROUP OF FRIENDS
 FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL MARIA 0433 182 246 OR JOAN 0411 709 249

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral

CARPARK VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

FRIDAYS OF LENT FROM 5PM TO 8:30PM

Contact Anthony: 0437 653 674

HEAVEN ON EARTH GOOD FRIDAY WALK AND SLEEP-OUT

FRIDAY 29 MARCH 2024

Meet at Grotto at Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral, Harris Park

TIME: 9:15PM

Walk to and sleep at the Courtyard at **ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL PARRAMATTA**

Bring: Own blankets, pillows, sleeping bags

Contact: Ramona 0402 917 079
 Charlie 0410 306 009

PARISH NOTICE BOARD

Sunday 24 March:

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 25 March:

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 26 March:

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

6:00pm Mass for All Living and Departed of Mazraat Al Naher for the Feast of St Joseph & Adoration of the Cross

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

Passion (Job) Wednesday 27 March:

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 28 March:

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 29 March:

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 30 March:

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 31 March:

RESURRECTION (EASTER):

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

6:00pm Divine Mercy Novena

Easter Monday 1 April:

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

PARISH WEEKLY COLLECTION & LOANS REPAYMENTS

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS For week ending: 17/03/2024

Plates: \$12,591 | **Donations:** \$200 | **Candles:** \$355

PARISH LOANS

MONTHLY LOAN REPAYMENTS

CYPC: \$3,316,421

CYPC: \$38,152 INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

UNITS: \$1,084,125

UNITS: \$12,652 INTEREST + PRINCIPAL

KIDS CORNER

Palm Sunday

Find the Hidden Word

Word Bank

- Jerusalem
- Disciples
- Village
- Donkey
- Master
- Jesus
- Cloaks
- People
- Road
- Hosanna
- David
- Palm
- Olives
- Glory
- Colt

www.biblekids.eu

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!

On Tuesday

FDW came together for their weekly talk with Father Youssef Elias.

They explored on the topic of God's Grace in St Joseph's Life: Righteous Joseph's slumber was vigilance and prayer. The chaste husband of Mary, lived and worked in silence, obeying God's commands brought to him by the angel in sleep. He did so and took Mary into his home after she was found with a child from the Holy Spirit, and when the life of Jesus was in danger, he took him and his wife and fled to Egypt.

The only word that he could have uttered according to an exegesis of the Gospel was "Jesus", when he named him (Matt 1:25). How much silence is in our lives? And when we talk do we talk about Jesus? St Joseph is the protector of the church and families. We continue to implore him to enlighten our Church and families to fully submit to God's will for our own salvation. Amen.

On Friday

Our parishioners came together for Arabic & English stations of the cross followed by evening prayers and ziyeh. Let us continue to walk with Jesus to His Resurrection and prepare our hearts in the lead up to Holy Week

Seniors Committee

The Seniors' Committee enjoyed a delightful gathering with our cherished seniors at Saint Nemetallah's church last Thursday. We are looking forwarded to their presence at our Annual Easter party on April 4th

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.



UPCOMING EVENTS



LEBANESE SCHOOL *appeal*

IN COLLABORATION WITH MARONITES ON MISSION



The future of Lebanon passes first through the school.

In the face of crises in Lebanon, children are being forced out of school. This represents the biggest threat to the education of an entire generation. Please donate to the Lebanese School Appeal

DONATIONS CAN BE MADE ON WWW.MARONITE.ORG.AU/APPEALS
CONTACT THE MARONITE CHANCERY ON 02 8831 0000 SHOULD YOU REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION



Do you know anyone in our community who's served in conflicts on Australia's behalf?

If you do, we need your help to remember & honour them this ANZAC DAY 2024

Contact Mrs Cathy Saad with details by Friday 5 April:

✉ sodality@lol.org.au

☎ 0408 669 138



MARONITE

Sports Day 2024

EASTER MONDAY | APRIL 1 | 7 AM

George
0423 451 722



Jacinta
0478 661 735

**BANKSTOWN BASKETBALL STADIUM,
KINCH RESERVE, CONDELL PARK**

**\$30 PLAYERS | \$5 SPECTATORS
REGISTER WITH PARISH REPRESENTATIVE**

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday
18 | 5 | 24
10am - 1pm

LOVE & LAUGHTER

A Mother - Daughter Brunch Bliss

LOL Church Hall

A Generational Brunch for all Mother-Daughter Figures
Grandmothers - Granddaughters
Godmothers - Goddaughters
Aunties - Nieces



FAMILY COMMITTEE
familycommittee@lol.org.au

Dear Parishioners,

In November 2022, I established an independent inquiry in regard to certain matters, pertaining to Fr Tony Sarkis, then Dean of Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral Harris Park, that had been brought to my attention, and relating to his behaviour in regard to obligations he undertook when he was ordained.

I placed Fr Sarkis on administrative leave whilst that process was undertaken.

With the completion of the process, I have determined that, in regard to some of his personal relationships, the conduct of Fr Sarkis was contrary to his obligations as a priest in the Maronite Catholic Church, and in breach of the Church's Integrity in Ministry.

Accordingly, Fr Sarkis will not be undertaking any public ministry and he will be required to undertake an extensive period of personal and ministerial formation.

Our primary concern has been and will continue to be for the persons affected by these events. We offer our unwavering support, compassion, and resources.

The Maronite Eparchy continues to work toward ensuring rigorous protocols for responding to allegations of misconduct, and has been in contact with the complainants to offer support which is provided to all those who have come forward.

We keep all parties involved in our prayers.

In God's Love,

+ Antoine-Charbel Tarabay,
Maronite Bishop of Australia, New Zealand and Oceania



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 24 March 2024, 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 أبرشيّتنا 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER

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

Please let us know if you are available to volunteer by filling out the form at www.olol.org.au/volunteers or for further details please contact Joanne on 0427 503 008 or Charbel on 0421 187 919.

Our Lady of Lebanon Co-Cathedral Holy Week & Easter Program 2024

"Get up and Pray, so that you will not fall into temptation"
Luke 22:46



LAZARUS SATURDAY & HOSANNA (PALM) SUNDAY VIGIL 23 March

6:00 pm MASS & PROCESSION of PALMS (Eng/Ar)

HOSANNA (PALM) SUNDAY 24 March

MASS & PROCESSION of PALMS (Eng/Ar)

8:00 am, 11:00 am, 4:00 pm & 7:00 pm.

9:30 pm Rite of the ARRIVAL AT THE HARBOUR

Celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel Tarabay

PASSION MONDAY 25 March

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

6:00 pm Mass & Adoration of the Cross (Eng/Ar)

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

PASSION TUESDAY 26 March

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

6:00 pm Mass & Adoration of the Cross (Eng/Ar)

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

PASSION (JOB) WEDNESDAY 27 March

7:00 & 9:00 am Mass

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

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

THURSDAY OF THE MYSTERIES 28 March

7:00 & 9:00 am Mass

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

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

9:30 pm "Praying with Jesus in Gethsemane" (Eng/Ar)
Church is Open All Night

GREAT (GOOD) FRIDAY 29 March

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

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

10:00 am Way of the Cross Procession (Experiment Farm, Ruse St)

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

Celebrated by His Excellency Bishop Antoine-Charbel
Tarabay

2:30 pm Litany (Talbat) of the Passion

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

6:00 pm Divine Mercy Novena

7:00 pm - 11:00 pm Reconciliation Night

8:00 pm Movie "Passion of the Christ" - CYPC

SATURDAY OF THE LIGHT 30 March

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

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

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

RESURRECTION (EASTER) SUNDAY 31 March

8:00 am, 9:30 am, 11:00 am, 5:00 pm, 7:00 pm
Easter MASS (Eng/Ar)

EASTER MONDAY 1 April

8:00 am MASS (Arabic)

11:00 am MASS (Arabic & English)

6:00 pm MASS (Arabic & English)

CONFESSION TIMES

During all Evening Masses of Passsion Week.

Holy Thursday 28 March: 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Great Friday 29 March: 7:00 pm - 11:00 pm

Holy Saturday 30 March: 11:00 am -12:00 pm

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm & 10 pm - 11 pm

Divine Mercy Novena

Great Friday 29 March 6:00 pm

Saturday of the Light 30 March 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday 31 March 6:00 pm

Easter Monday 1 April 7:00 pm

Tuesday 2 April 7:00 pm

Wednesday 3 April 6:15 pm

Thursday 4 April 7:00 pm

Friday 5 April 7:00 pm

Saturday 6 April 7:00 pm

Sunday 7 April 3:00 pm

Feast of the Divine Mercy

PLEASE NOTE: Church Hall & Youth Centre are open with direct live broadcast and powerpoint for all major Liturgies. For your safety & the safety of others, please respect & follow traffic controllers and volunteers directions. Please park respectfully. **DO NOT PARK IN NEIGHBOURS DRIVEWAYS.**

لوحة إعلانات الرعية

الأحد ١٧ آذار:

أحد شفاء الأعْمى

سيّدة لبنان

٨:٠٠ قَدّاس وزياح الشعانيين (عربي / إنكليزي)

١١:٠٠ قَدّاس وزياح الشعانيين (عربي / إنكليزي)

٤:٠٠ قَدّاس وزياح الشعانيين (عربي / إنكليزي)

٧:٠٠ قَدّاس وزياح الشعانيين (إنكليزي)

٩:٣٠ مساءً رتبة الوصول الى الميناء

إثنين الآلام ٢٥ آذار:

٦:٠٠ قداس يليه زياح الصليب

٨:٠٠ صلاة المساء، درب وزياح الصليب (إنكليزي)

ثلاثاء الآلام ٢٦ آذار:

٦:٠٠ قداس على نية أحياء وأموات مزرعة النهر بمناسبة عيد القديس

يوسف، يليه زياح الصليب

٨:٠٠ صلاة المساء، درب وزياح الصليب (إنكليزي)

الأربعاء ٢٧ آذار:

أربعاء أيوب

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 ٢٨ آذار:

خميس الأسرار

٧:٠٠ صباحاً قداس فقط

٧:٠٠ مساءً رتبة الغسل و قداس العشاء السري

٨:٣٠ مساءً زياح و صمد القربان

٩:٣٠ مساءً سهرة صلاة مع يسوع، الكنيسة مفتوحة طوال الليل

الجمعة العظيمة ٢٩ آذار:

٦:٠٠ قَدّاس رسم الكأس (عربي / إنكليزي)

رتبة سجدة الصليب ٨:٠٠، ١١:٠٠ و ٣:٠٠ (عربي / إنكليزي)

١٠:٠٠ صباحاً صلاة وتأمّلات درب الصليب

٢:٣٠ طلبية الأم الحزينة

٦:٠٠ مساءً صلاة مسبحة الرحمة الإلهية

٧:٠٠ مساءً سهرة توبة وإعترافات

٨:٠٠ مساءً عرض فيلم Passion of the Christ The

سبت النور ٣٠ آذار:

١٠:٣٠ صلاة الغفران و طلبية القيامة (عربي / إنكليزي)

٦:٠٠ مساءً قَدّاس القيامة

٧:٠٠ مساءً صلاة مسبحة الرحمة الإلهية

١١:٠٠ مساءً رتبة السلام و قدّاس القيامة يحتفل به صاحب السيادة

المطران أنطوان - شربل طريبه السامي الإحترام

أحد القيامة ٣١ آذار:

القداسات: ٨:٠٠، ٩:٣٠ و ١١:٠٠ صباحاً، ٥:٠٠ و ٧:٠٠ مساءً

٦:٠٠ مسبحة الرحمة الإلهية

إثنين الفصح انيسان:

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

خميس الأسرار: خميس الأسرار، إنها الليلة الأخيرة ليسوع مع تلاميذه حيث إحتفل معهم في الفصح وكان لهم القدوة عندما قام بغسل أرجلهم كما أنه أسّس في هذه الليلة سير الافخارستيا و سير الكهنوت. وبحسب التقليد، يزور المؤمنون سبعة كنائس حيث يُعرض القربان للسجود شاكرين الرب يسوع على نعمة الاسرار السبعة (العماد، التثبيت، التوبة، الإفخارستيا، الزواج، الكهنوت، مسحة المرضى) التي ترمز لحضور يسوع الذي هو سير الأسرار.

الجمعة العظيمة: فيه تذكّار آلام المسيح وموته ودفنه، بإنتظار القيامة. وفيه تمام الخلاص. ويُستبدل فيه القداس بالقداس السابق تقديسه أو ما يُسمّى بقداس رسم الكأس الذي لا يتم فيه تقديس الخبز والخمر، بل تكون فيه المناولة من القربان المقدّس سابقاً. وفيه تُقام رتبة السجدة وزياح ودفن المصلوب و طلبية الآلام وتقبيل الصليب. وفيه تُعرى الكنائس من الزينة والمذابح من الأغطية. وفيه وجوب الصوم والقطاع.

سبت النور: إنه اليوم الوحيد في السنة الذي لا نحتفل فيه بالقداس، والسبت الوحيد التي نصوم لأن فيه كان الخالق تحت الثرى. ويُدعى سبت النور لأنه فيه فاض نور القيامة من قبر المسيح. ويُدعى سبت الغفران لأنه فيه تُقام رتبة الغفران وتتمّ المصالحة بين الناس.

أحد القيامة: من هنا يعتبر يوم الأحد، يوم الرب ذكرى قيامة المسيح من بين الأموات.

الاسبوع العظيم لأُنْبِ الربّ صنع فيه العظائم



أسبوع الآلام، هو تذكّار أيام يسوع الأخيرة. إنه الأسبوع الذي نقضي أكبر وقت منه في إحياء الرتب الليتورجية. نسمّيه الأسبوع العظيم لأن الربّ صنع فيه العظائم يبدأ مساءً أحد الشعانيين بصلاة رتبة الوصول الى الميناء. والكنيسة تركّز طيلة الاسبوع، ومن خلال الرتب والصلوات، على سرّ ملوكية المسيح التي تجلت في دخوله الى اورشليم، وعلى سر الآمه الخلاصية وموته المحبّي على الصليب.

إثنين الآلام: تكّرّس الكنيسة المارونية القومة الثالثة من ليل الإثنين للتأمل بالصوم كزمن تجربة وكعاصفة في قلب البحر، وبالآلام الموصولة بالقيامة كنجاة من التجربة ووصول الى الميناء. وفيه يُقام درب وزياح الصليب.

ثلاثاء الآلام: وفيه الدعوة للدخول من الباب الضيق، فلا خلاص إلا بالربّ يسوع، والمسيح هو الباب، والباب الأكيد الحقيقي للخلاص هو صليب الربّ يسوع. وفيه أيضاً يُقام درب وزياح الصليب.

أربعاء أيوب: هو يوم الحكم على يسوع، ولهذا هو يوم صوم وقطاع كيوم الجمعة. وفيه تُقيم الكنيسة رتبة القنديل وتُبارك الزيت وتمسح به جباه المرضى والمؤمنين. ويُسمى بأربعاء أيوب، وتنتأمل فيه بالآلم كجسر عبور الى الله: عريانا خرجت من بطن أمي وعريانا أعود الى بطن الارض؛ فالآلم لا يجد جوابه إلا مع المسيح المتألم كطريق للعبور إلى فرح ومجد القيامة.

عَيْتِنَا

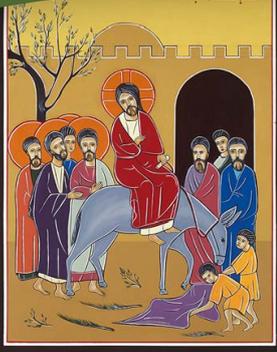
كاتدرائية سيدة لبنان - هاريس بارك

عدد ٢١ | الأحد ٢٤ آذار ٢٠٢٤ | أحد الشعانين "هُوشَعْنَا! مُبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ، مَلِكِ إِسْرَائِيلِ" يو ١٢: ١٢-٢٢

الإنجيل



لَمَّا سَمِعَ الْجَمْعُ الْكَثِيرَ الَّذِي أَتَى إِلَى الْعِيدِ، أَنَّ يَسُوعَ آتٍ إِلَى أُورُشَلِيمَ، حَمَلُوا سَعْفَ النَّخْلِ، وَخَرَجُوا إِلَى مُلَاقَاتِهِ وَهُمْ يَصْرُخُونَ: "هُوشَعْنَا! مُبَارَكُ الْآتِي بِاسْمِ الرَّبِّ، مَلِكِ إِسْرَائِيلِ". وَوَجَدَ يَسُوعُ جَحْشًا مَرْكَبَ عَلَيْهِ، كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبٌ: "لَا تَخَافِي، يَا ابْنَةُ صَهْيُونَ، هُوَذَا مَلِكُكَ يَأْتِي زَاكِيًا عَلَى جَحْشٍ ابْنِ أَتَانَ". وَمَا هَمَّ تَلَامِيذُهُ ذَلِكَ، أَوَّلَ الْأَمْرِ، وَلَكِنَّهُمْ تَذَكَّرُوا، حِينَ مَجَّدَ يَسُوعَ، أَنَّ ذَلِكَ كُتِبَ عَنْهُ، وَأَنَّهُمْ صَنَعُوهُ لَهُ. وَالْجَمْعُ الَّذِي كَانَ مَعَ يَسُوعَ، حِينَ دَعَا لِعَازَرَ مِنَ الْقَبْرِ وَأَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الْأَمْوَاتِ، كَانَ يَشْهَدُ لَهُ. مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا أَيْضًا لَاقَاهُ الْجَمْعُ، لِأَنَّهُمْ سَمِعُوا أَنَّهُ صَنَعَ تِلْكَ الْآيَةَ. فَقَالَ الْمَرْيَسِيُّونَ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ: "أَنْظُرُوا! أَنْتُمْ لَا تَتَمَقَّوْنَ شَيْئًا! هَا هُوَ الْعَالَمُ قَدْ ذَهَبَ وَرَاءَهُ!". وَكَانَ بَيْنَ الصَّاعِدِينَ لِيَسْبُخُوا فِي الْعِيدِ، بَعْضُ الْيُونَانِيِّينَ. قَدْنَا هُوَ لَا مِنْ فِيلِئُسَ الَّذِي مِنْ بَيْتِ صَيْدَا الْجَلِيلِ، وَسَأَلُوهُ قَائِلِينَ: "يَا سَيِّدَ، نُرِيدُ أَنْ نَرَى يَسُوعَ". فَجَاءَ فِيلِئُسُ وَقَالَ لِأَنْدَرَاوُسَ، وَجَاءَ أَنْدَرَاوُسُ وَفِيلِئُسُ وَقَالَا لِيَسُوعَ. يو ١٢: ١٢-٢٢



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سفر زكريا
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يو ١٢: ١٢-٢٢

"هُوشَعْنَا" فَلَصْرَ يَا رَبِّ

بدأنا الصّوم الكبير بعريس في قانا الجليل، وبعرس الـ "هُوشَعْنَا!" نبدأ أسبوع الآلام. بالهتاف استقبلوا مَنْ أقام لعازر من القبر... بالهُوشَعْنَا صاحوا لِمَنْ شفى العرج، العميان والبُصر...

استقبل يسوع استقبال الملوك لكنّه مختلف عن كلّ الملوك. دخل أورشليم بوداعةٍ وتواضعٍ على جحش ابن أتان، ففرشوا له ثيابهم محبّةً وطاعةً ورفعوا له سعف النّخل إنتصارًا وتعالى صراخهم إحتفاءً به "هُوشَعْنَا! تبارك الآتي باسم الربّ!" (يو ١٢: ١٣)، هو الذي شفى الجسد والنفس وغفر الخطايا. هتفوا له كما للملوك الأرضيين، لكن هذا الفرح تحوّل غمًا وضياع. لقد ظنّ الشعب أن يسوع جاء مخلصًا يريحهم من أثقال النير الرومانيّ ومن الضرائب القاسية. أرادوه أمير حرب فجاء أمير سلام، أرادوه رجل سيف فأعلن أنّه يلقي نار الحبّ في الأرض وكما كانت رغبته أن تشتعل الأرض حبًا.

لم يكن يسوع المخلص المطلوب، وكان من الأفضل له أن يرحل. فانقلبت الـ "هُوشَعْنَا" إلى "أصلبه، أصلبه".

ونحن اليوم كيف نجد كلام يسوع الذي يدعونا الى التضحية، الى المغفرة، الى المحبّة، يدعونا الى حمل صلبان حياتنا، الى السير في الطريق الضيق. ونحن نفتش عن الحلول السهلة، نسمح للحقد أن يملك في قلوبنا، نعتنق منطق الإنتقام ونريد أن نحلّ مشاكلنا بسيف قوتنا الذاتية نحيا انقسامًا بين ما نؤمن به وما نطبّقه.

إن حدث أورشليم يضعنا أمام حقيقة أنّ الفرح الحقيقيّ مصدره الربّ ودرّب الجلجلة ليست إلا سبيلًا يوصلُ حتمًا إلى مجد القيامة. فلنثبّت أعيننا على الربّ ولنتحلّى بالصبر ونتخلّى عن ربط سعادتنا بالأمر الماديّة الفانية، لأنّ الربّ وحده خلاصنا وقيامتنا وهو فرحنا الحقيقيّ الذي لا يستطيع أحد أن ينزعه منا، وآلام هذا الدّهر، رغم قساوتها وشدّتها، سننتصر عليها بالنّبات على كلمة الله وعلى منطق المحبّة، وبقوّة القائم سنحوّلها إلى أفراح تعكس رسالتنا في هذا العالم والتي من أجلها دُعينا "تلاميذ المسيح".



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 ملك القلوب والعقول والأوطان، ويهتف بتهاليل الهوشعنا: مبارك الملك الآتي باسم الرب.

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) Milia Bou Raidan (C) (D) (E) Matthew Essey (F) (G) Helen George, Majid George (H) Maurice & Martha Jamil Haddad, Paul & Madeline Haddad & Son Joseph & daughter Colleen George (I) (J) Jamil Kamel Mtanios Jabbour (K) Baraban Georges Karam, Sarkis Chucri Khoudair, Tanious Elias Kassi and the deceased of his family, Genevieve Khoury and all the departed of Khoury & Elzahoul families (L) Peter & Mary Lichaa, Arthur Lichaa (M) Youssef Maroon & his wife Ghsoun, Therese Melhem, Betty Merhi, Bechara Boutrous Moussa, Robert Bechara Moussa (N) (O) (P) (Q) (R) Jamil & Labibi Roumanus and all their deceased family & friends (S) Youssef Mikhael Shaheen, Nabih Nassim Saad & Children Kevin & Emile Saad (T) (U) (V) (W) (X) (Y) (Z)

