

Hosanna Sunday - Palm Sunday March 25, 2018

Sunday	March 25	<i>Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday)</i> <i>Feast of the Annunciation</i> 9:00 am For the Parishioners 11:30 am For the Children of the Cathedral Parish	Req. by: Clergy Req. by: Clergy
Monday	March 26	<i>Coming to the Harbor - Passion Week</i> 7:30 pm Chrism Liturgy - for the Clergy and Religious	Req. by: Sayedna Gregory
Tuesday	March 27	<i>Coming to the Harbor - Passion Week</i> 7:30 pm For Norma Halpin	Req. by: William Halpin
Wednesday	March 28	<i>Ritual of the Lamp</i> 7:30 pm For the Ill of the Parish	Req. by: Clergy
Thursday	March 29	<i>Thursday of the Mysteries - Washing of the Feet</i> 7:30 pm For Vocations to the Priesthood 9:00 pm to Midnight Adoration and Silent Prayer in Chapel	Req. by: Clergy
Friday	March 30	<i>Great Friday of the Crucifixion</i> 11:00 am Pre-Sanctified Gifts 7:30 pm Burial of the Lord	
Saturday	March 31	<i>Awaited Light Service</i> 11:00 am For Reconciliation	
Sunday	April 1	<i>The Glorious Resurrection</i> 12:00 Midnight For the Parishioners 9:00 am For the Parishioners 11:30 am For the Parishioners	Req. by: Clergy Req. by: Clergy Req. by: Clergy

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Dear Parishioners and Friends:

Today we celebrate the great entrance of our Lord into Jerusalem. The lesson of Palm Sunday helps to teach us to understand all the hurts, heartaches and the heaviness of the world, otherwise peace will never reign in us or the world. Peace comes from turning the other cheek and standing firm in our conviction of our Christianity. We must continuously give of our selves just as Christ gave freely of Himself for our salvation.

Therefore, Palm Sunday gives us the opportunity to examine our own faithfulness to Christ. Today we join in the celebration of rejoicing with each other just as they did on that first Palm Sunday. The real test comes tomorrow. Are we prepared to stay with Christ as the atmosphere changes or will we also abandon Him. Do we dare to stand by Him as He faces constant conflict with the religious leaders? Do we love Him enough to wash His weary feet? Do we stay with him in Prayer in the Garden? Are our bodies and souls drained as He dies on the Cross? All these encounters should be included in our cry of "Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord" today.

Unfortunately it is rather easy to strive towards holiness when everything seems to be going well but when we have to suffer endlessly whether through physical or spiritual and/or emotional pain, especially if it is inflicted on us by others, what then? When God seems far removed from us and all is dark and despondent, what then? When life seems empty and aimless, what then? Has our faith rooted itself deeply enough to help us cope with these situations, so that they do not control us? Can we see such situations as growing times in holiness or better still more Christ-like? Use this week as a growing time in faithfulness to Christ. Be Intentional Disciples!

Aboona James



Charities Appeal

Our Charities Appeal this year is \$6,500.00. We have until Great Friday to collect these funds. Please be as generous as possible. We have collected \$1,210.00 to date.

Chrism Liturgy

Due to the inclement weather this past Wednesday, we had to postpone the Chrism Liturgy to this Monday, March 26th at 7:30 pm. All parishioners and friends of the Cathedral are welcome to attend this special Liturgy and witness the beautiful ritual of the blessing of the Holy Oils for the Year.

Family Profile

We are constantly asking people to register in the parish. We are asking each family who attends here to fill out a profile form for our records.

We will ask you to fill them out at the Coffee Hour or before Divine Liturgy. This is very important. Out of 389 sets of envelopes only 185 use them. We only have 136 emails. Something is wrong. We need your cooperation to adequately update our records. Please do your part.

If you have not received a form in the mail fill it out at the Coffee Hour or download it from the website. Thank you for your cooperation.

Dying of Easter Eggs

We will dye the Easter Eggs following the Great Friday Burial Service while the MYO and Young Adults and others help clean and decorate the Cathedral for Easter. All children of the MCF Program as well as the other children of the Parish are welcome to assist.

Parents please make sure they have one of dad's old shirts to put on so they do not get dirty. We will have snacks for the children as well.

Formed

This week is the perfect time to watch a film about the Life and Death of Our Savior. We still have our FORMED account. Many have taken advantage of it but if you haven't yet please do so. formed is the Catholic Faith on Demand Learn more at app.formed.org. Our access Code is B78HCT.

National Apostolate of Maronites (NAM)

The children of the MCF Program are encouraged to participate in the Annual Essay and Poster and Multimedia contest for Vocations which is sponsored by NAM. All entries must be in no later than May 1, 2018.

Maronite Youth Organization

This year the Annual Summer MYO Workshop will be in Philadelphia, PA from June 26 to July 1, 2018. It is very close to use and many of our youth will not be in Lebanon for the summer. I encourage our MYO to attend this year. The fee is \$400.00 per student. All applications must be in by May 28, 2018. Applications are available in the Cathedral Office or on line at www.maroniteyouth.org.

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Divine Liturgy Schedule

Monday through Friday at 10:00 AM
Sunday at 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM
Holy Days at 10:00 AM and 7:30 PM

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Friday of the month from
10:00 AM until 12:00 Noon.

Reconciliation

10:15 AM to 10:45 Sunday
11:00 AM to 11:45 AM First Friday and
upon Request.

Initiation Rites (Baptism—Chrismation)

Parents and Godparents must meet
with the Rector for Instructions and
then a time will be set for the Baptism
and Chrismation of the child.

Mystery of Crowning (Marriage)

Rector must be notified at least six
months in advance to set up
instructions.

Hospital and Sick Calls

Notify the Rector as soon as possible.

New Parishioners

All are welcome at Our Lady of
Lebanon Cathedral. Please notify the
Rector as soon as possible.

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