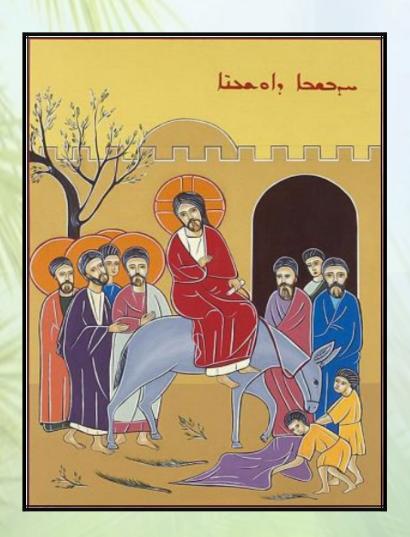
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# Hosanna Sunday



#### Hosanna Sunday March 24th, 2024

Sunday, Mar. 24 Hosanna Sunday (Palm Sunday) / St. Artemon, Bishop of Seleucia

9 am for the Intentions of the Children of the Cathedral

11: 30 am for the Intentions of the Children of the Cathedral

#### PASSION WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday of Passion Week, Mar. 25 7:30 pm Divine Liturgy

Feast of the Annunciation to the Virgin Mary

Tuesday of Passion Week, Mar. 26 7:30 pm Divine Liturgy of the Coming to the Harbor

St. Gabriel the Archangel

Wednesday of Passion Week, Mar. 27 7:30 pm Liturgy and Rite of the Lamp (Blessing & Imposition of Oil)

> For Ikbal Nassar by Subdeacon & Mrs. Norbert Vogl

St. Matrona of Thessalonica

Thursday of the Mysteries, Mar. 28 7:30 pm Divine Liturgy of the Rite of the Washing of the Feet

Confession & Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament until 12 Midnight

St. Philetus and his wife, St. Lydia, and their children

Great Friday of the Crucifixion, Mar. 29 10 am Liturgy of the Anaphora of the Signing of the Chalice

7:30 pm Liturgy of the Adoration of the Cross

St. Cyril of Baalbek

Great Saturday of the Light, Mar. 30 11 am Prayer of Forgiveness

St. John Climacus

Midnight Liturgy of the Glorious Resurrection and the Rite of Peace

Sunday, Mar. 31 Sunday of the Glorious Resurrection and the Rite of Peace

11:30 am for the Intentions of the Parishioners

### Season of the Glorious Resurrection White Week

**NO LITURGY** Mon., April 1

St. Mary of Egypt

Tues., April 2 10 am Divine Liturgy for Jorge Felix Leon

by Mrs. Barbara Leon

St. Antipas

Wed., April 3 10 am Divine Liturgy

Isaiah & Ezekiel the Prophets

Thurs., April 4 10 am Divine Liturgy

Pope St. Anicetus

Fri., April 5 10 am Divine Liturgy

St. Robert

Sat., April 6 10 am Divine Liturgy for Sonia Njeim by the Njeim Family

St. Marcellinus

New Sunday / Divine Mercy Sunday / St. John Baptist de la Salle Sun., April 7

9 am for the living & deceased of the Perun & Mansour Families

by Mr. & Mrs. Jorge Leon

11: 30 am George Jebaily, Laurice Jebaily, Allen Stellato & Diane Stephan

by the Jebaily Family

#### **CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **Palm Sunday Candles**

Decorated candles are available for \$25 after the liturgy on Sunday. The MYO will have a table in the hall. Quantities are limited.

#### **Beatification of Estephan El Douaihy**

His Holiness Pope Francis has authorized the Dicastery for the Causes of Saints to promulgate the decree regarding the miracle attributed to the intercession of the Venerable Servant of God Estephan El Douaihy, Patriarch of Antioch of the Maronite Church (1670-1704). This decree will pave the way for his beatification which will be held in Lebanon some time in the coming months.

#### Egg Hunt

Sponsored by the MCF, the children of the Cathedral are invited to participate in the Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday after the 11:30 am Divine Liturgy. Weather permitting, it will take place inside the Cathedral's fence on Remsen St. Do not forget to bring your baskets.

#### **Interested in Joining the Choir?**

The choir of the Cathedral would like to welcome anyone interested in joining them to praise the Lord in a more dedicated way. We are also looking for someone who knows the Maronite music to play the organ. Members of the Choir meet on Zoom every Wednesday to plan for Sunday. Please make sure to see Christiane Merhej after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy if you would like to join.

#### **Promoting Vocations**

The Eparchy is trying to bring more awareness to the different vocations in life: priesthood, consecrated life, diaconate, married life and generous single life. For this reason, an icon of the Holy Family along with a prayer will be given to a different family each week for prayer every night so God may guide us to discern and promote the various vocations. Please register <a href="here">here</a> and see Fr. Chuck for more information.

#### The 2024 Eparchial Lenten Appeal

A second collection for the Eparchial Charities Appeal will be taken up every Sunday during the Season of Great Lent. We are asked to raise \$8,000 to participate in this awesome mission of the Eparchy. We have collected \$3,342 so far. Thank you for your generosity.

#### **Knights Easter Raffle**

The Knights are sponsoring an Easter Raffle. Tickets are available from Edgard Abi Daher, William Abou Chrouch, Roger Shammas and Georges El Hage. The drawing will take place on Sunday, April 14th, after the 11:30 Divine Liturgy.

#### Catholic Relief Services Lenten Rice Bowl

Join our faith community and more than 12,000 Catholic communities across the United States in a life-changing Lenten journey with the CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's Rice Bowl in the vestibule of the Cathedral. During the 40 days of Lent, let us reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Click here to learn more.

#### **Traditional Fasting & Abstinence Observance**

Those who wish to observe the traditional Maronite practice of fasting and abstinence are invited to follow this practice. According to the Synod of Mount Lebanon of 1736, every weekday of Lent (Monday through Friday) is a day of fasting and abstinence from meat and dairy products (eggs, butter, milk, etc.). Fasting involves eating and drinking nothing at all (except water and medicine) from midnight until noon. The rest of the day, normal meals can be taken but without meat or dairy products. Saturdays and Sundays are exempt from fasting and abstaining as are the following feast days: St. Maron on Feb. 9th if it falls during Lent, the 40 Martyrs on March 9th and St. Joseph on March 19th.

#### **Arab Bankers Association of North America Fellowship Award**

Fellowships are open to students pursuing graduate studies in business at an American university. Applications will be taken annually for 5 fellowships to be granted annually for \$15,000 each year for two consecutive years for a total of \$30,000. Please apply here by April 2nd, 2024.

#### St. Sharbel Spiritual Life Center

The Grand Opening of the Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center in Pittsburgh will take place on Saturday, April 13, 2024! The Center is located in the former Epiphany Center and was recently acquired by and is operated under the direction of the Eparchy of Saint Maron of Brooklyn. The Cathedral contributed \$5000 to acquire the Center. Doctor Anne Borik serves as Director and Subdeacon Vincent Michael as Assistant Director. To register online for the Dedication and Open House, or to purchase tickets for the Dinner and Concert (\$50 per person), please click <a href="here">here</a>.

**Easter Flower Donations** 

Mrs. Marion Ciaccia In memory of the Sahadi & Ciaccia families

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Elena Diamontopulos In memory of Daisy Diamontopulos

Mr. Joseph Nassif

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#### FROM THE BISHOP'S OFFICE ON THE YEAR OF PRAYER

5 March 2024

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Dear Brother Priests, Deacons and Subdeacons, Consecrated Men and Women, Lay Faithful,

On January 21, 2024, Pope Francis opened the **Year of Prayer** in anticipation of the Jubilee Year 2025. The Holy Father's intention is to have us look closely at how we relate to the Church, to the family, and to the world, according to the wisdom of the Second Vatican Council, and then apply this practically to our own life of prayer.

As you know, Pope Saint Paul VI beatified Saint Sharbel at the end of the Second Vatican Council in 1965, along with a missionary priest martyr, Jacques Berthieu, who served in Madagascar. What an honor for us as Maronites, to have shared in this spotlight, and what a message the Saintly Pontiff gave to the world (and to us!) that prayer, silence, sacrifice, and a missionary spirit are the ways forward to the renewal of the Church, the family, and the world!

In the Apostolic Letter by which Sharbel was declared blessed, we read this:

"We should mention that we recently decreed the same honors (Beatification) for Jacques Berthieu, who won the prize by struggling in the action of life as though in a spiritual combat. Now, a monk, removed from all human association and given over to contemplation of divine things in solitude, is extolled. Both lives are commended by the Church.... Sharbel who represented anew the life, distinguished by the sanctity of the ancient hermits, kept his mind unperturbed... so that from the happiness of his soul would flow the cheerfulness of his countenance."

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, during this Year of Prayer, let us use this opportunity, in the same spirit that animated Pope Saint Paul VI at the end of the Second Vatican Council when he pointed to Saint Sharbel as a model of prayer and devotion, so that we may keep our "minds unperturbed" and thus from the "happiness of our soul" God will cause to "flow the cheerfulness of our countenance."

+ Gregory

PS: Please see the link below for some of the offerings of our new Saint Sharbel Spiritual Life Center on prayer and a life of holiness. <a href="https://saintsharbelcenter.org/">https://saintsharbelcenter.org/</a>





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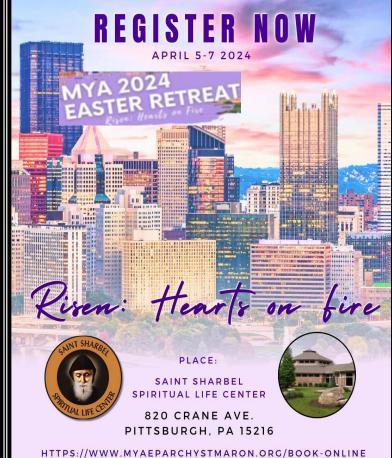
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#### **Sunday Readings** قر اءات الأحد

#### **Hosanna Sunday**

#### Letter to the Philippians 1: 1-13

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.

I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.

For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God. I want you to know, beloved, that what has happened to me has actually helped to spread the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ.

#### The Gospel according to Saint John12: 12-22

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.

#### أحد الشعانين

#### رسالة القديس بولس إلى أهل فيلبّى 1:1-13

يا إخوَتِي، مِنْ بُولُسَ وطِيمُوتَاوُس، عَبْدَي الْمَسْيِح يَسُوع، إلى جَميع القِدِيسِينَ في المَسْيح يَسُوع، الَّذِينَ في فِيلِيِّي، مع الأَسَاقِفَةِ والشَّمَامِسَة : النِّعْمَةُ لَكُم، والسَّلامُ منَ اللهِ أَبِينَا والرَّبِّ يَسُوعَ

المسيح! أَشْكُرُ إِلهِي، كُلَّمَا ذَكَرْتُكُم، ضَارِعًا بِفَرَحٍ على الدَّوامِ في كُلِّ صَلَواتِي مِنْ أَجْلِكُم جَمِيعًا، لِمُشَارَكَتِكُم في الإنجيلِ مُنْذُ أُوَّلِ يَومٍ إِلى الآن. وإنِّي لَوَاثِقٌ أَنَّ الَّذِي بَدَأَ فِيكُم هذَا الْعَمَلَ الصَّالِحَ سَيُكَمِّلُهُ حتَّى يَومٍ

المَسِيح يَسُوع. فَإِنَّهُ مِنَ الْعَدْلِ أَنْ يَكُونَ لِي هَذَا الشُّعُورُ نَحْوَكُم جَمِيعًا، لأَنِّي أَحْمِلُكُم في قَلبي، أَنْتُم جَميعًا شُركائِي في نِعْمَتِي، سَواءً في قُيُودِي أَو في دِفَاعِي عَنِ الإِنْجِيلِ وَتَثْبِينِهِ، فَإِنَّ اللهَ شَاهِدُ لِي كُمْ أَتَشَوَّقُ إِلَيْكُم جَمِيعًا في أَحْشَاءِ المَسِيح يَسُوع. وهذه صَلاتي أَنْ تَرْدَادَ مَحَبَّتُكُم أَكْثَرَ فَأَكْثَرَ في كُلِّ فَهُم ومَعْرِفَة، لِنُمَيِّرُوا مَا هُوَ الأَفْضَلَ، فَتَكُونُوا أَنْقِيَاءَ وبِغَيْرٍ عِنَارٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ

مُمْتَلِئِينَ مِن ثَمَر البِرِّ بِيَسُوعَ المَسِيحِ لِمَجْدِ اللهِ ومَدْحِهِ. أُرِيدُ أَنْ تَعْلَمُوا، أَيُّهَا الإِخْوَة، أَنَّ مَا حَدَثَ لِي قَد أَدَّى بِالحَرِيِّ إِلَى

حَنَّى إِنَّ أَفُودِي مِن أَجْلِ المَسِيحِ صَارَتْ مَشْهُورَةً في دَارِ الوِلايَةِ كُلِّهَا، وفي كُلِّ مَكَانِ آخَر.

إنجيل القديس يوحنًا 12:12-22 لَمَّا سَمِعَ الجَمْعُ الكَثِيرِ، الَّذي أَنَى إلى العِيد، أَنَّ يَسُوعَ آتٍ إلى

حَمَّلُوا سَعَفَ النَّخْل، وخَرَجُوا إلى مُلاقَاتِهِ وهُمْ يَصِرْخُون: »هُو شَعْنَا! مُبَارَكٌ الآتِي بالسُّم الرَّبّ، مَلِكُ إسرائِيل. «

»هوسعت؛ مبارت ، ديي بِ سم ، ترب ميت ميت ميت ميت ... و وَجَدَ يَسُوعُ جَحْشًا فَرَكِبَ عَلَيْه، كَمَا هُوَ مَكْتُوبَ: »لا تِخَافِي، يَا ٱبْنَةَ صِهْيُون، هُوذَا مَلِكُكِ يَأْتِي رَاكِبًا عَلَى جَحْشٍ

ابن ادان. ﴿
وَمَا فَهُمَ تَلَامِيذُهُ ذَلِكَ، أَوَّلَ الأَمْرِ، ولكِنَّهُم تَذَكَّرُوا، حِينَ مُجِّدَ يَسُوع، أَنَّ ذَلِكَ كُتِبَ عَنْهُ، وأَنَّهُم صَنَعُوهُ لَهُ.
والجَمْعُ الذي كَانَ مَعَ يَسُوع، حِينَ دَعَا لَعَازَرَ مِنَ القَبْرِ وأَقَامَهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَات، كَانَ يَشْهَدُ لَهُ.
مِنْ بَيْنِ الأَمْوَات، كَانَ يَشْهَدُ لَهُ.
مِنْ أَجْلِ هَذَا أَيْضًا لاقَاهُ الجَمْع، لأَنَّهُم سَمِعُوا أَنَّهُ صَنَعَ تِلْكَ الآية.
فَقَالَ الْفَرِّيسِيُّونَ بَعْضُهُم لِبَعْضٍ: »أَنْظُرُوا: إِنَّكُم لا تَتْفَعُونَ شَيْئًا! هَا هُوَ الْعَالَمُ قَدُّ ذَهَبَ وِرَاءَهُ. ﴿!

لعا هو المعام لم المعبّ ورا المعرّب: وكَانَ بَينَ الصّاعِدِينَ لِيَسْجُدُوا في العِيد، بَعْضُ اليُونَانِيّين. فَدَنَا هؤُلاءٍ مِنْ فِيلِبُسَ الّذي مِنْ بَيْتَ صَيْدَا الْجَلِيل، وسَأَلُوهُ قَائِلين: »يَا سَيِّد، نَر يَدُ أَنْ نَرَى يَسُوع. «
 فَجَاءَ فِيلِبُّسُ وقالَ لأَنْدرَاوُس، وجَاءَ أَنْدرَاوُسُ وفِيلِبُّسُ وقالاً

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