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### PALM SUNDAY, 2018

Epistle: Philippians 4:4-9  
Gospel: John 12:1-18  
Tone: For The Feast Day

St. Lazarus the Righteous

### THE EPISTLE

Prokeimenon: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His mercy endures for ever.

The reading is from Saint Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

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, do: and the God of peace will be with you.

### THE EUCHARISTIC OFFERINGS

The Holy Oblations are offered at the offertory of the Great Entrance for the health and welfare of those living members, and for those departed this life of the Murtechaly and Tsoukaris Families.

The Assile, Eliopoulos, Joseph and Ziemba families offer the Coffee Hour today. We ask our parishioners **NOT TO WAIT** to sign up for offering the Coffee Reception; this is a vital part of our parish life! The Chart is posted in the "Coffee Room" and the items needed are both in that room and on our web site (see our web page address above). The Coffee Reception does not need to be "fancy;" just "Coffee'n." See Barbara DiNovi or Sandy Eliopoulos for information, but please take your turn, perhaps with another family.

### PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Today, after the final Blessing of the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, we will celebrate the Procession and Blessing of the Palms. This **will** be done in an orderly manner, as follows: (A) The Clergy and Altar Boys will lead the procession around the Church; (B) then the Choir; (C) then the Church School students, and finally (D) the congregation. When we return and enter the Church, we will read the Matins (Orthros) Gospel, and bless and distribute the Palms. But PLEASE: let us do this in an orderly fashion.
2. There will be a SECOND COLLECTION today for the work of the Greek Orthodox Patriarchate of Antioch under whose jurisdiction our parish and Archdiocese works. Please be generous. Of course, the first collection in your weekly pledge of stewardship to God's Altar.

3. **HOLY WEEK FLOWERS:** For Good Friday and Holy Pascha, the Alar area, Iconostasis and Epitaphios will be adorned with special flowers and plants. The names of all who contribute toward these flowers will be published in the Easter Bulletin as a way of greeting fellow parishioners. Please see either Eve Meyer or Helen Chimel today!

### 4. HOLY WEEK SERVICES

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| April 1 | PALM SUNDAY – PROCESSION WITH THE PALMS  |
| April 1 | Palm Sunday evening – 8:00 PM – Bridegroom ( <i>NYMPHIOS</i> ) Service   |
| April 2 | Holy Monday – 8:00 PM – Bridegroom Service   |
| April 3 | Holy Tuesday – 8:00 PM – Bridegroom Service ( <i>HYMN OF KASSIANI</i> )  |
| April 4 | Holy Wednesday – 8:00 PM – HOLY OIL ANOINTING – Bishop JOHN will preside.  |
| April 5 | Holy Thursday – 9:00 AM – MORNING LITURGY ( <i>"Eucharist of the Last Supper"</i> )                              |
| April 5 | Holy Thursday – 8:00 PM – EVENING <i>passion Gospels, Washing of the Feet, Carrying of the Cross to Golgotha</i> |
| April 6 | Holy Friday – 4:00 PM AFTERNOON – <i>vespers and Placing of the Epitaphios (Apokathelosis)</i>                   |
| April 6 | Holy Friday – 8:00 PM EVENING – <i>Lamentation at the Tomb</i>   |
| April 7 | Holy Saturday – 10:00 AM MORNING LITURGY – <i>celebration of Christ's Victory Over Death</i>                     |
| April 7 | Holy Saturday – 10:15 PM NIGHT PASCHA – <i>Rush Procession and Liturgy</i>                                       |
| April 8 | EASTER, AGAPE VESPERS – 11:00 AM - reading of the Gospel in Many Tongues   |
5. PLEASE DO NOT FORGET: our weekly pledge is indeed "weekly." That is, it is a pledge to God for one week at a time! Is there a week in our life when we should not thank God? Each of our families receive our envelopes every month, so we do get them early enough to PLAN: if for some reason you are not in Church on a given Sunday, still please return your pledge offering for those days, and therefore stay up to date on your stewardship and care for our beloved St. Anthony's parish.
  6. Tonight we will gather quietly for the first evening service of Our Lord's Holy and Passion Week. This is the Bridegroom (Nymphios) Service beginning at 8:00 PM. There is no more beautiful way to begin Holy Week than to chant together these hymns unique to Orthodox Christianity: "Alleluia, behold the Bridegroom comes at midnight..." and "I behold thy Bridal Chamber..." These beautiful hymns carry us through Holy Monday and Tuesday evening.
  7. We are pleased to announce that His Grace Bishop JOHN of the Diocese of New England will be with us on Holy Wednesday and will anoint the entire parish with the blessed oil (unction). Please be on time, 8:00 PM.
  8. We are also pleased to welcome the students from St. Vladimir's Seminary who, with their mentor, Father Nicholas (Belcher) will chant the Bridegroom Service this evening, also 8:00 PM. We welcome our Seminarians!
  9. Have you returned your **LENTEN ENVELOPES**? It was sent to the entire parish at the beginning of Great Lent, and may be returned at any service this week.
  10. As we draw nearer to the Feast Day of Holy Pascha (Easter). Please remember to purchase your scrip. We all need to buy food for that day and by taking only an extra second of our day, St. Anthony's gains 5% of your cost at the food market. It costs us nothing, but our parish gains. Please see Betty Gakos.
  11. **SPRING YARD SALE - MAY 17, 18, 19: Costume Jewelry Needed.** Last year, the sale of costume jewelry proved to be very profitable. If you have any costume jewelry that you will be donating this year, it will be collected on the following Sundays: **April 8, 15, and 22**. There is a committee who will price and organize the jewelry prior to set-up week which will save us valuable time. Please bring your jewelry donations in small boxes or zip lock plastic bags to coffee hour. **All other Yard Sale items are to be brought to church on Sunday, May 13.** Please contact Valerie Joseph if you have any questions.
  12. **YOUNG AT HEART** – The next meeting of the YAH will be on Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM. Our guest will be Mr. Bill Ervolino of *The Record*. Please attempt to arrive on time thus allowing our guests the time needed for their presentation.
  13. **Don DiNovi Memorial Golf Outing** on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Please see Ed Assile and Jim Watkins with any questions.

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