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ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH

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"And the Disciples were first called Christians in Antioch". Acts 11:26

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Divine Liturgy Variables for Feast of Palm Sunday

Entrance of Our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem

Saturday Service: Vesper 5:00P.M.

Sunday Service: Orthros (Matins) 9:15 AM, **Followed by the Divine Liturgy**

Epistle: Noel Shaheen

Ushers: Tiffany Joudi, Geoffrey Borsheva, Salah Al-Hanna, Tony Dayoub

Altar Boys: All are welcome to serve.

THE FIRST ANTIPHON

I am filled with joy, for the Lord will hear the voice of my supplication. The anguish of death encompassed me; the perils of hell beset me.

Refrain: *Through the intercessions of the Theotokos, O Savior, save us.*

I found tribulation and anguish, and I called upon the Name of the Lord. I will walk acceptably before the Lord in the land of the living. (**Refrain**)

Glory... Both now... (Refrain)

THE SECOND ANTIPHON

I believed, and therefore have I spoken: but I was deeply humiliated. What shall I render unto the Lord, for all His benefits unto me?

Refrain: *Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of a donkey, who sing to Thee, Alleluia.*

I will take the cup of Salvation, and call upon the Name of the Lord. (**Refrain**)

I will pay my vows unto the Lord in the presence of all His people. (**Refrain**)

"And they were called Christians first in Antioch" (Acts 11:26)

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Glory... Both now... O, only begotten Son and Word of God...

THE THIRD ANTIPHON

O, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Israel now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let the house of Aaron now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever. Let all that fear the Lord now say that He is good: for His mercy endureth forever.

- *During the Little Entrance, after the verses of the Third Antiphon, chant the Apolytikion of **Lazarus Saturday**. Then, the following:*

THE EISODIKON (ENTRANCE HYMN) OF PALM SUNDAY

Blessed is He Who cometh in the Name of the Lord: God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us. Save us, O Son of God, Who didst sit upon the foal of a donkey; who sing to Thee. Alleluia.

- *After the Little Entrance (Eisodos), sing these Apolytikia in the following order.*

APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY IN TONE ONE

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 IN TONE FOUR

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.

KONTAKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE SIX

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.

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.

THE SYNAXARION

On this day in the Holy Orthodox Church, the Sunday of Palms, we celebrate the radiant and glorious festival of the Entrance of our Lord Jesus Christ into Jerusalem.

Jesus came to Bethany on the Sunday falling before the six days of the Mosaic Passover. On the following day He sent two of His Disciples, who brought Him a donkey on which He sat to enter the city. And when the great multitude heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, they immediately took palm branches in their hands and went out to meet Him. All cried, "Hosanna! Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, King of Israel!" The branches of palm trees were a symbol of Christ's victory over Satan and Death. And the meaning of "Hosanna" is, "We pray Thee, save." The donkey's colt, which was still an untamed animal, and impure according to the law, as well as Christ's sitting thereon, symbolize the former savagery and impurity of the Gentiles; and their subsequent taming and obedience to the holy law of the Gospel.

By Thine ineffable compassion, O Christ our God, make us victors over our deceitful passions, and deem us worthy to behold Thy brilliant victory over death and Thy radiant and life-bringing Resurrection, and have mercy on us. Amen.

His Eminence
The Most Reverend
Metropolitan JOSEPH



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**ANTIOCHIAN ORTHODOX CHRISTIAN ARCHDIOCESE
OF NORTH AMERICA**

Palm Sunday 2018

To Be Read from the Pulpit and Printed in the Bulletin

Beloved in the Lord:

A blessed feast of our Lord's triumphant entry into Jerusalem to you and your families. I pray you all completed a spiritually rewarding Fast and are now ready to enter into Passion Week which culminates with our Lord's glorious resurrection from the dead next Sunday as we celebrate Great and Holy Pascha.

Today, as we rejoice in this feast, we also pause to take time to remember our beloved Mother Church headed by our Patriarch, His Beatitude JOHN X. We were blessed to have him make a short visit to us last fall to bring the message of peace and love to our government leaders in the United States. We pray that our Lord will bless him and all the people of that area of the world that continues to endure suffering and pain on a daily basis.

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. His Beatitude faces an enormous challenge as he tries to alleviate the pain and suffering of those affected by the war in Syria and the effects of the same war on his flock in Lebanon, Iraq and other areas. With hundreds of thousands of displaced people as a result of the civil war, the needs and demands on our Patriarchate are great. Churches have been destroyed and vandalized by terrorists and families have been driven from their homes and are in desperate need of our help. With that in mind, we hope you will be as generous as possible.

Wishing you a prayerful Holy Week and a most joyous Pascha, I remain,

Your Father in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Metropolitan Joseph". The signature is written in a cursive style and is underlined.

+JOSEPH

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"The disciples were first called Christians in Antioch" (Acts 11: 26)

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A Second Tray will be Collected for our Patriarch John X

Condolences

St. George would like to offer her sincerest condolences to **Dalal Young and her family** on the passing of her father **Suleiman Elias**, who past away last Saturday in Joueikhat, Syria. **May his memory be Eternal!**

Lazarus Saturday Breakfast

"The St. George Sunday School is, once again, hosting their annual Lazarus Saturday Breakfast, on Saturday, March 31, immediately following Liturgy. All parishioners are invited to attend and join the Sunday School in this annual event.

Annunciation Luncheon

Many thanks to all who supported this special feast luncheon. Thank to St. George Parish Council for sponsoring this event and donating all the expenses. Special thanks to the following ladies: Sylvana Aldouri, Hend Odeh, Layla Salloum, Layla Joudi, Suha Jarjour, Salma Isaac and Nada Al-Hanna who helped in the preparation and cooking the food. It was delicious. **We raised \$1175**

Donations for Palms and Easter Flowers

Donations accepted through the Lent season to cover the cost of Palms and flowers. Your donations given for the health of your family and/or in memory of your beloved departed family members.

Donors

Raed & Sylvana Aldouri —Palms & Flowers; for the health of our family.

Bryan & Annette Haddad—Easter Flowers

Martin & Sharon Madsen—Palms & Flowers for the good health of our family

Phillip & Edwina Youngblood—Pascha flowers.

Festival Baking

Thursday March 29, 2018 will be the start of baking sweets for the festival starting at 4PM until done. All ladies and men help is needed for this worthy cause and to support your church.

Palm Sunday Refreshments

Hosted by the St. George Ladies

Parish Council meeting

This coming Thursday March 29, 2018 at 7PM.

The Festival Committee

The committee is now accepting sponsorships. The letter/form can be picked up from Jamie Isaac. Please make an effort to take copies of the Sponsorship letters to your neighbors, businesses and friends.

St. George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church 2018 Annual Festival Sponsor Request Form

I would like to contribute to St. George Antiochian Orthodox Christian Church Annual Festival for 2018 as a sponsor of the event.

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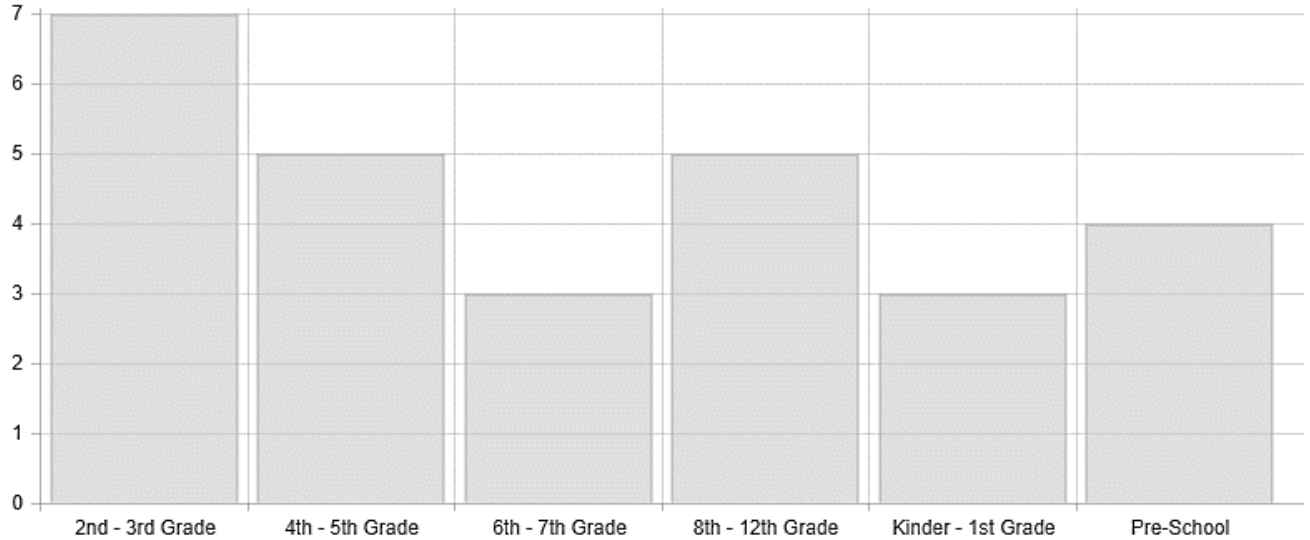
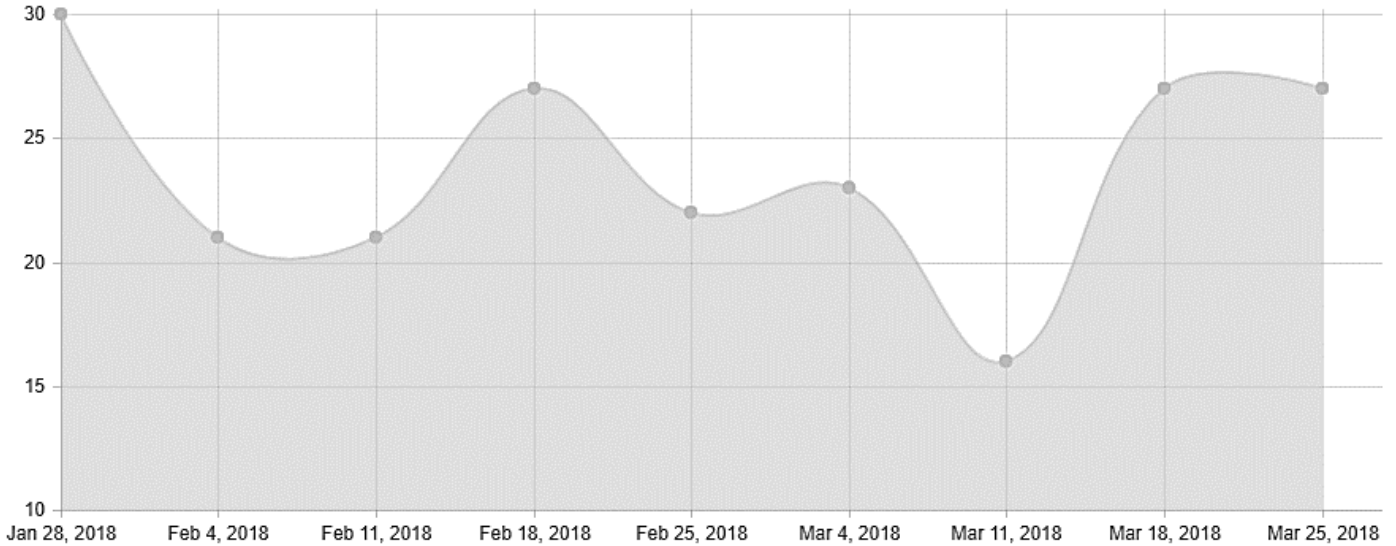
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Sunday School News

Attendance is up by 35%

Compared to the Past 3 Months

People Attended This Event



Pre- School	Kinder – 1 st	2nd – 3rd	4th – 5th	6th – 7th	8th – 12th
Caleb Crawford Jace Gerena Anastasia Salinas Joshua Soliman	Giselle Gerena Nia Isaac Larissa Alyoussef	Wik Brooke Nigel Rangel Ophelia Adkins Binyam Eyasu Abel Eyasu Atticus Denny Karma Soliman	Finlay Adkins Nahum Eyasu Christiana Crawford Judah Denny Kendall Olivas	Andrew Crawford Sami Odeh Rediet Eyasu	James Shaheen Boris Salinas Anthony Jarjour Joseph Odeh Johnny Odeh

Outstanding! Great Job parents and Sunday School students for such great attendance!

Great Lent & Holy Week 2018 Schedule of Services

6th Week of Great Lent

Monday March 26	Great Compline Service (Ya rab Al Qouwwat)	6:30 p.m.
Wednesday March 28	Presanctified Liturgy 5 th Week of Great Lent	6:30 p.m.
Friday March 30	Canon of St. Lazarus	6:30 p.m.
Saturday March 31	Divine Liturgy (St. Lazarus Saturday)	10:00 a.m.
Saturday March 31	Great Vespers	5:00 p.m.
Sunday April 1	Palm Sunday (Entrance of the Lord to Jerusalem)	10:30 a.m.
Great & Holy Week		
Sunday April 1	1 st Bridegroom Service (Al-Khatan)	7:00 p.m.
Monday April 2	2 nd Bridegroom Service (Al-Khatan)	7:00 p.m.
Tuesday April 3	3 rd Bridegroom Service (Al-Khatan)	7:00 p.m.
Wednesday April 4	Service for the Sacrament of the Holy Unction Salat I Zeit	7:00 p.m.
Thursday April 5	Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil (Mystical Supper)	9:30 a.m.
Thursday April 5	Service of the Twelve Passions Gospels	7:00 p.m.
Friday April 6	Royal Hours	9:30 a.m.
Friday April 6	Great Vespers (Taking Down from the Cross)	3:00 p.m.
Friday April 6	Service of the Lamentation followed by All-Night Vigil	7:00 p.m.
Saturday April 7	Vesperal Divine Liturgy of St. Basil (Qum Ya Rab!)	9:30 a.m.
Saturday April 7	Paschal Divine Liturgy	9:30 p.m.
Sunday April 8	Agape Vespers (Gospel in Multiple Languages)	4:00 p.m.

CONTACT INFORMATION

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OFFICE HOURS: Tuesday – Friday: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Hospital & Pastoral Visits (During the morning or evenings – Please contact Fr. Joseph to schedule the visits or in case of any emergency at any time).

Confessions: Saturdays from 3:00 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. (or during the week by appointment).

Deadline for Holy Bread Offering and any Bulletin Announcement is Thursday.