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REVEREND FATHER SERAPHIM MOSLENER

***Jesus said, "If anyone loves Me, he will keep My Word; and My Father will love him, and We will come to him and make Our home with him. (John 16:23)
When a new person is baptized or Chrismated we say to that person, "Welcome Home!" The Church is where each person voluntarily belongs as one who believes in and belongs to Christ .***

We take this opportunity to welcome those guests worshipping with us.

***Anyone wishing to request prayers for Health and Well-being, or a Trisagion prayer,
please contact Fr. Seraphim***

The Orthodox Church understands that the sacraments we experience are a fundamental part of the sacred life of a worshipping community that shares in "one body...one faith". (Eph. 4:5). Thus, we can only share Communion with those who are Orthodox and who have prepared themselves by prayer, fasting and Confession. If you are not Orthodox, or are not properly prepared, you are welcome to come forward and receive a blessing and then to take a piece of the blessed bread.

DIVINE LITURGY FOR FEAST OF PALM SUNDAY:

ENTRANCE OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST INTO JERUSALEM

****DIVINE LITURGY OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM****

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 hades 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 an ass, 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**)

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.

*After the verses of the Third Antiphon,
chant the Apolytikion of Lazarus Saturday.*

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 an ass, who sing to Thee: Alleluia.

APOLYTIKION OF LAZARUS SATURDAY IN TONE ONE

In confirming the common Resurrection, O Christ God, Thou didst raise up Lazarus from the dead before Thy Passion. Wherefore, we also, like the children, bearing the symbols of victory, cry to Thee, the Vanquisher of death: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

APOLYTIKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE FOUR

As by baptism we were buried with Thee, O Christ our God, so by Thy Resurrection we were deemed worthy of immortal life; and praising Thee, we cry: Hosanna in the highest; blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

KONTAKION OF PALM SUNDAY IN TONE SIX

Being borne upon a throne in Heaven, and upon a colt on the earth, O Christ God, Thou didst accept the praise of the angels and the laudation of the children as they cried to Thee: Blessed art Thou Who comest to recall 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 your forbearance be known to all people. The Lord is at hand. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your petitions be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are honorable, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report; if there is any virtue, and if there is any praise, think about these things. The things which you both learned and received, and heard and saw in me, these things 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 ass and sat upon it; as it is written, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass'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.

MEGALYNARION FOR PALM SUNDAY IN TONE FOUR

God is the Lord and hath appeared unto us; ordain a feast, and rejoicing, come let us magnify Christ with palms and branches, crying out with hymns: Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord, our Savior.

APRIL SERVICES

APR. 4TH SATURDAY — 5PM GREAT VESPERS FOR
PALM SUNDAY

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APR. 5TH SUNDAY — PALM SUNDAY
MATINS 9AM / DIVINE LITURGY 10AM
OF St. John Chrysostom

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APR. 5TH SUNDAY— 6PM BRIDEGROOM SERVICE

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APR. 6TH MONDAY — 6PM BRIDEGROOM SERVICE

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APR. 7TH TUESDAY — 6PM BRIDEGROOM SERVICE

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APR. 8TH WEDNESDAY— 6PM HOLY UNCTION

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APR. 9TH THURSDAY — 9AM VESPERAL DIVINE LITURGY OF
ST. BASIL for the institution of the Mystical Supper.

APR. 9TH THURSDAY — 6PM MATINS SERVICE WITH
THE 12 PASSION GOSPELS

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APR. 10TH FRIDAY — 9AM ROYAL HOURS

APR. 10TH FRIDAY — 6PM MATINS with the
LAMENTATIONS for HOLY SATURDAY

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APR. 11TH SATURDAY 9AM ST BASIL EVENING Divine Liturg

APR. 11th/12th Saturday/Sunday 10PM — VIGIL of PASCHA
(Midnight office/Rush Service followed by Pascha Matins & Paschal
Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom followed by our
Easter Fellowship Meal in the Hall.

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APR. 12TH SUNDAY — 12 NOON AGAPE VESPERS

PRAYERS ARE OFFERED FOR THE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF:

Fr. Steven, Kh. Paraskeva, Carol, Debbie, Trish, Shannon, Justin, Perry Sassic & family, Roddy, Jan, Fr. Andrew, Frank, Charlene, Cindi, Harriet, Joann, Cindy, Ray, Marlene, Julianna, Elias, Carrie, Oliver, Pauline, Despina, Julius, Jonathan, Kristen, Luca, Sam, Michael, Esteven, Phephile, Kyriel, Justin, Levon, Aiden, Kayla, Kirsten, Jonathan K., Andrew and Rosemary.

FOR THOU ARE THE RESSURECTION, THE LIFE, AND THE REPOSE OF THY SERVANTS WHO HAVE FALLEN ASLEEP ESPECIALLY:

Prayers are offered in memory of HOLDEN (REPOSE 4/2/26)

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

1) Donations for the families who have been affected by the severe humanitarian crisis in Antiochian Archdiocese of Mount Lebanon & Zahle are being accepted today. Please consider on making a financial offering to support this urgent relief efforts.

2) **PALM SUNDAY COLLECTION** — special collection to support the **PATRI-ARCHATE**. This year your generosity is indispensable. Your offering is a gesture of compassion, and a tangible expression of love toward those who endure suffering with remarkable faith. Your donation can be placed in bowl on the altar steps.

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

“Mary, as an indication of her great love, amounts Jesus’ feet and wipes his feet with her hair. By this she not only gave an indication of her devotion, but she also expressed the holy service of other souls faithful to God... By our Lord’s feet is represented the humility of His incarnation. We anoint His feet when we proclaim with due praise the mystery of the incarnation which He took upon Himself... We amount the Lord’s feet when we spread the praise of His name by living uprightly, when we revivify His poor by a word of consolation... and we wipe the feet of these same ones with our hair when we share some of what is supereflous to us to alleviate the wants of the needy.”

(St. Bede)

WHO IS THIS MAN?

While all four Evangelists offer an account of Christ's triumphant entrance into Jerusalem on the first PALM SUNDAY, St. Matthew provides a thought-provoking verse in his Gospel: "And when He had come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying: WHO IS THIS MAN?" (Matthew 21:10) Indeed, this question sets the tone for Holy Week, for everything we re-live in the coming days will hinge on Who people perceived Christ to be.

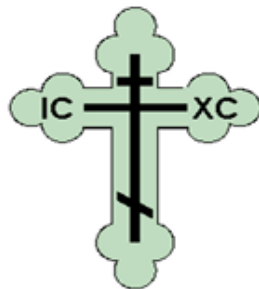
Some thought that He was a great Teacher; others a mighty Warrior, Who would lead them to victory over the Romans and establish again the ancient kingdom of Israel. The religious leaders viewed Him as a dangerous Revolutionary Who would bring the wrath of Rome down upon them if He were not stopped. Although the masses greeted Christ with palms and cheered His coming to the Holy City, we can rightly conclude that they did not really know Who He was.

For us to fully benefit from the sacred days ahead, we must be able to properly answer that question: WHO IS THIS MAN? Jesus Christ is much more than a Teacher, Healer, Prophet or Social Activist. He is our GOD. He is our SAVIOR. He is our REDEEMER. He is our Heavenly KING.

If we truly know Who Christ is, we can never be lukewarm in our feelings for Him. Christ said it Himself: "He who is not with Me is against Me." (Matthew 12:30) Yes, if we love and serve Him with our entire being, then when the sadness of Holy Week is transformed into the joy of the Resurrection, we will be able to abundantly share in Christ's triumph over death.

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